**VOLUNTEER PROGRAM REPORT**

**April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023**

The object of the Purpose Volunteer Program is to provide meaningful volunteer opportunities that enhance the mission of the society.

*“The Purpose Society aims to enhance personal well-being, strengthen family functioning and increase personal responsibility, confidence and healthy decision making”.*

Staff and volunteers work together to create healthy environments and positive experiences for clients.

Purpose Society volunteers and practicum students donated 6243.56, hours in the Purpose School, Family Programs, Youth Programs, Health Contact Center Program, Harm Reduction Program and the Childcare Centres from April 1st, 2022 to March 31st, 2023. This number was down by 228.25 hours from the previous year.

Every year a survey is distributed to volunteers to learn what we are doing right and what needs to be improved. Purpose’s goals are to provide volunteers with meaningful positions, show them appreciation, and welcome them as part of the team. The surveys help to achieve our goals. This year, 42 surveys were sent to current volunteers, and 23 were returned completed.

100% of the volunteers feel welcome, 100% feel like they are making a difference, and 100% feel that they are given enough direction and support from staff. This survey shows that the volunteers want more interactive volunteer opportunities in Outreach, Health Van and reception and Community Events.

We showed our appreciation for volunteers by giving them thank you cards, purpose keychains and vanilla pre-paid gift cards.

The 2022 Christmas Hamper Program ran smoothly with staff working alongside volunteers. 14 volunteers contributed 49.0 hours to help receive, move, organize and deliver over 151 hampers.

**A Few Volunteer Comments from Staff**

**From the Food Hamper Team:**

We had so many volunteers working with the Purpose Food Hamper Program this year. All of the volunteers have shown adherence to their time commitments with the Purpose Food Hamper. All of them have presented positive attitudes when here and have been open to doing whatever work we needed assistance with from Preparing the hampers, receiving food bank delivery, and making sandwiches to helping us by coming up with new helpful ideas and delivering the food hamper to our clients.

All of our volunteers have been wonderful!

**From our Administrative Team:**

I must say that all of the volunteers that come to work at Purpose are very friendly, respectful, enthusiastic, and they are always ready for extra help when needed. They always have a smile on their faces when they come for their volunteer shifts. A joy to be around! ☺

The new volunteers that I have worked with are so excited to help the community and become a part of our organization.

**From Our Harm Reduction Team:**

I am really thankful and grateful to all the volunteers that helped us in our Harm Reduction Program, they helped us to keep our harm reduction kits always ready to go. Our Volunteers have empowered and supported people to be safer and healthier by assembling these kits.

**Purpose Volunteers are the best!**