
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Individuals interested in supporting the work of Beginnings Woodstock can partner with us by volunteering in any of the following functions and/or roles:

A. Advisory Committee (AC) Member

AC Members have the opportunity to build the organization, expand our reach and impact in the community, as well as steer the priorities, focus and direction of the Woodstock Care Centre. Since BFS Woodstock is privately funded, financial capacity is heavily dependent on fundraising efforts, grants, private and corporate donations, but most especially on the support of the local Oxford County community.

The following skills would positively contribute to the organization's health and long-term sustainability:

- Marketing & Donor Development
- Event Planning, specifically fundraisers and donor stewardship events
- Finance & Administration
- Strategic Planning

At present, we are seeking a volunteer bookkeeper and Treasurer. The Treasurer sits on the AC as the one who ensures the stability of the organization's financial health. The bookkeeper is responsible for the monthly bookkeeping and financial reports, and will be collaborating with our Director of Finance from our Hamilton head office.

B. Childminding Volunteers

Beginnings Woodstock regularly runs programs and events that need the assistance of childminding volunteers to help us watch over the infants and toddlers while the moms are attending the programs/events. Those interested in this role need to have available police check clearance for the vulnerable sector.

C. Fundraising Committee Volunteers

Beginnings Family Services Woodstock's operations are heavily dependent on private and corporate donations, church support, and grants. We have at least two (2) annual fundraising events organized by two (2) separate event committees every year to meet the increasing needs for our services and expand our reach to impact more families in the community.

At present, two fundraising events have been scheduled for February and September. **We are inviting those who are passionate about planning events, soliciting sponsorships and**

looking after the nitty gritty details all for the cause of helping families and individuals in crisis access the resources of our Care Centre, to partner with us in this worthwhile endeavor.

D. Baby Smarts Education Volunteers

Our Baby Smarts Education is a popular program among local high schools --- from Christian schools to Public, Catholic and Alternative. Baby Smarts volunteers bring a huge impact in the community by focusing on prevention and encouraging teens to slow down and think through some of the most challenging decisions they face.

Volunteers for this program must be comfortable speaking in front of classrooms in a respectful and nonjudgmental manner. They will facilitate groups of 15-30 students in a classroom setting. Sessions are 75 minutes long, during the school day and happen across 3 consecutive days. This role is perfect for stay-at-home parents who have children in school, self-employed people, those who work evening and those with otherwise flexible daytime schedules.

NEXT STEPS

If you are interested in any of the above volunteer opportunities, we invite you to send us a letter of application along with a brief CV or resume to woodstock@beginnings.ca. If you wish to learn more, please do not hesitate to contact us at 519-763-7980. We would love to chat with you and work with you in finding the best fit for your skills and passion.