

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Co-Facilitator – Parkinson Support Group in Downtown Toronto

About Parkinson Canada:

Parkinson Canada is the national voice of Canadians living with Parkinson's disease. From diagnosis to discovery, we guide the way for Canadians to live well with Parkinson's disease through education, advocacy and support services. Our National Research Program funds innovative research to search for better treatments and a cure. A national registered charity, Parkinson Canada fulfils its mission through the generosity of donors and is an accredited organization under the Imagine Canada Standards Program.

We are looking for someone to help the Parkinson Support Group facilitator coordinate and run the monthly Support Group meetings. The group meets the third Tuesday of each month from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Davenport Senior Living (877 Yonge Street), Toronto, Ontario.

POSITION SUMMARY:

To provide education and support at monthly group meetings to persons with Parkinson's, members of their families, and/or their caregivers in dealing with the challenges of living with the condition. The support group facilitator provides current information on Parkinson's disease and encourages group members to share experiences, exchange ideas and knowledge about coping and living well with Parkinson's disease.

Duties include: co-facilitate monthly support group meeting, including planning and sourcing speakers.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Experience in facilitation of support groups or meetings an asset
- Interested in learning about Parkinson's
- Comfort and ability to discuss issues regarding Parkinson's
- Active listening and communication skills
- Sensitivity and compassion
- Strong organizational skills
- Background in nursing, social work, physiotherapy, speech language pathology, and/or other medical aspect of Parkinson's disease an asset but not necessary

TIME COMMITMENT:

- 3-5 hours per month, (includes two hour meeting and one hour preparation time) for a minimum of one year
- Training will be provided

If you are interested in joining a team that makes a tremendous difference in the lives of Canadians living with Parkinson's, please submit your résumé, quoting reference **CSGF-Toronto** to elisabeth.schoep@parkinson.ca.