

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Support Group Co-Facilitator - Burlington

The vision of Parkinson Canada is a better life today for people living with Parkinson's and a world without Parkinson's tomorrow. Our mission is to transform the lives of people living with Parkinson's through: research leading to the end of Parkinson's; advocacy bringing the voices of Parkinson's to the forefront; and support helping people living with Parkinson's live well through education.

At Parkinson Canada, we strive to cultivate a collaborative environment among an integrated work force of volunteers and staff. The role of Support Group Facilitator provides the opportunity to have a direct positive impact of those impacted by Parkinson's and their caregivers. Support Group Facilitators occupy a leadership role in the set up and running of support groups in communities across the country.

Support Group Co-Facilitators are responsible for the logistical, administrative, and promotional aspects of Parkinson's support groups. At the heart of our community support groups and the core of the Support Group Co-Facilitator's role is the creation of a safe space for those impacted by Parkinson's where they can find a sense of inclusion, connection and support, as well as access to credible information and education about Parkinson's and the many areas of their lives that are impacted by Parkinson's.

Training is provided to Support Group Facilitators before they step fully into the role, and support and supervision is provided by Parkinson's Canada Community Development Coordinators with backup from a variety of Parkinson's Canada national staff. **Co-Facilitators share agreed upon responsibilities to lighten the load and allow each to focus on areas where they have strengths that will most benefit the group.**

A detailed role description is available upon request.

If you have strong organizational, communications and active listening skills with a desire to make a difference in the lives of those impacted by Parkinson's and would like to grow and share the knowledge you have gained from nursing or social work, or related volunteer work please contact your local Community Development Coordinator. The commitment involves an average of 2 hours a week with one support group meeting each month, for a minimum period of 1 year. A Police Check is required and available through Parkinson Canada at no cost to applicants.

If you are interested in learning more about this volunteer opportunity please contact:

Community Development Coordinator Hayley Chapman; hayley.chapman@parkinson.ca; 416-227-3376.

If you would like to move forward with applying for this position please attach a copy of your application and resume to the above email with a note about the role you are applying for – Support Group Co-Facilitator and the community the support group is located in.