

Société Alzheimer Society

BRANT, HALDIMAND NORFOLK,
HAMILTON HALTON

H.A.C Canvas and Mocktails Program Volunteer Volunteer Position Description

Overview

The H.A.C Canvas and Mocktails Program Volunteer supports a creative and social program offered by the Alzheimer Society through the H.A.C. The *Canvas and Mocktails* program provides participants with a fun, relaxing, and engaging space to explore art, enjoy non-alcoholic beverages (“mocktails”), and connect socially. Volunteers play a key role in fostering a welcoming, inclusive, and supportive environment by assisting with setup, cleanup, and direct participant engagement.

This program runs Bi-Weekly from 10:30am -12:30pm on Tuesdays.

Objective

To provide program support to staff and clients attending the weekly H.A.C. *Canvas and Mocktails* program, ensuring a smooth, enjoyable, and meaningful experience for all participants.

Roles in this Category Include (but are not limited to):

- Assisting staff with all aspects of the *Canvas and Mocktails* program.
- Supporting program logistics, preparation, and client engagement.
- Helping create a positive, creative, and social atmosphere for participants.

Responsibilities & Tasks

- Room Setup and Take Down: Assist with setting up tables, chairs, and art supplies; help restore the space afterward (light lifting required).
- Program Supply Management: Prepare art materials, canvases, and mocktail ingredients prior to the session; ensure all items are organized and replenished as needed.
- Cleanup Duties: Wash and sanitize cups, paintbrushes, and tables to maintain a clean and safe environment.
- Client Engagement: Welcome participants, encourage involvement in painting activities and conversation, and help create a warm and friendly social setting.
- 1:1 Client Support: Provide individualized assistance during the program based on client needs, under staff direction.
- Program Flow Support: Follow staff guidance to help the session run smoothly and efficiently, maintaining safety and respect at all times.

Qualities and Skills

- Physically able to perform light lifting and setup tasks.
- Interest in or familiarity with painting, art, or creative expression (no formal training required).

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- Friendly, patient, and supportive attitude.
- Strong communication, teamwork, and active listening skills.
- Ability to encourage and engage participants in a positive manner.
- Experience or comfort working with individuals living with dementia or other varying populations is an asset.

Training Provided

All volunteers receive training and orientation to ensure confidence in their role:

- Volunteer Orientation Session
- AODA Certificate of Training
- ALZeducate Volunteer Training Modules
- Program-specific job/task training provided by Alzheimer Society staff

Benefits of Volunteering

- Develop and enhance teamwork, communication, and creative facilitation skills.
- Gain hands-on experience in community-based arts and social programming.
- Meet new people and create meaningful connections.
- Contribute to a program that enriches the lives of participants through creativity and social engagement.
- Increase knowledge about dementia and person-centered care.
- Receive support in achieving your personal and professional goals.
- Give back to your community in a rewarding and enjoyable setting.

Boundaries

To ensure professionalism and participant safety:

- Volunteers will not have unsupervised contact with clients or caregivers unless incidental within the assigned task.
- Maintain confidentiality at all times; share information only with Alzheimer Society staff as appropriate.
- Do not provide medical advice, treatment recommendations, or professional referrals.
- Do not share personal contact information with clients or caregivers.

Commitment

- Approximately 2–4 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months, or
- Approximately 5 hours per month for a minimum of 6 months, depending on program scheduling and volunteer availability.

Preliminary Screening Requirements

- Completed volunteer application
- Two references
- Police record check / vulnerable sector screening

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- Signed Confidentiality Agreement
- Signed Conflict of Interest Agreement

Supervision and Support

This volunteer position reports directly to and is supervised by a designated Alzheimer Society staff member, who provides guidance, supervision, and ongoing feedback to ensure a positive and supported volunteer experience.

How to apply:

Interested candidates are asked to submit your resume to volunteers@alzda.ca We are committed to inclusive, barrier-free recruitment and selection processes in accordance with the Human Rights Code and AODA and encourage applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available on request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process.

We thank all applicants for their interest however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.