



Autumn 2014

Volunteers *in action*

When Gerry met Saba

Gerry Posner is a newly matched volunteer. He takes his visually impaired client, who lives on her own, for long walks each week.

It's tough to decipher who enjoys the weekly walks more! Gerry says, "she's given me more rewards than I provide to her." Gerry's client was a freedom fighter in Ethiopia and says she's incredibly interesting and energizing. They are both learning so much from each other. Another reason Gerry loves his volunteer visiting role is to provide an example to his grandchildren. "I'm an involved senior and I'm showing my grandkids that there's no limit what I can do and what my client can do as a disabled person."

Gerry and his client love their walks so much that when the weather turns colder, they will keep walking in the

nearest mall. We hope that all our volunteer visitors and clients enjoy their visits as much as Gerry and his client!



Finding love

It was not planned. The year doesn't matter, nor do the names of the individuals. We just know that finding love through volunteering with Kasher Meals on Wheels (KMOW) has happened more than once. Here's one story from Susan Shiffman, Circle of Care's Accounts Payable/Receivable Coordinator, and a past KMOW Coordinator.

Susan had a widower volunteering as a KMOW driver. Let's call her "Freda". A newly widowed gentleman, we're calling "Sam", signed on to

volunteer. Susan thought it would be a good idea for Sam to deliver with a veteran volunteer like Freda a few times. It was more common in those days for pairs of volunteers to go out to deliver meals, one a driver and the other a "runner".

This pair continued to volunteer together. Susan thought nothing of it. Six months later, Freda and Sam shared their news with Susan. They were getting married!

Not to speak less of J-Date but KMOW volunteering can have its' unexpected benefits!



Volunteer Recognition & Highlights of the Year Event

Tuesday,
September 16th, 2014
7:00 PM

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue
100 Elder Street, Toronto

Please RSVP by September 5th

Call 416-635-2900 ext. 588

or E-mail:

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Wishing our Jewish Volunteers A Happy New Year



WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS!

June 1— August 31

Yelena Akhundova
Bonnie Baker
Jillian Bessner
Nancy De Villon
Stacey Dickson
Alicia Erbity
Joao Graca
Mariana Grinblat
Pamela Grischan
Howie Ho
Makeda Joefield-
Jacob
Bernie Katzberg
Elena Kirevicheva
Evan Kleiner
Valerie Luxenberg
Paul Neuherz
Jason Panovka
Jack Papoff
Peter Papp
Tetyana Rudeshko
Volodymyr Rudeshko
Renee Sandler
Shiv Talwar
Sairan Vijayahumar
Aldrin Villamayor
Akshita Vincent
Julia Volkova
Mark Waldman
Reva Waldman
Stephanie Wong
Etta Zieleniec

Volunteer Profile: Gavin Lewis

How did you get started? Four years ago my Reena Support Worker spoke to Lysa and set up an interview.

What do you do at Circle of Care: I help co-workers with things like organizing files, preparing the hand soap and sanitizer for the home care staff .

What do you like about your work? Helping others. It feels good to come to the Circle of Care office.

What would you tell others to encourage them to volunteer? We're here on earth to help other people. That brings happiness to others.



From Lysa's Desk

A special thank you to Harry Wu who has been doing his student placement here since May 2014. Your sense of humour, creative outlook, dedication and perseverance will be missed a lot! You have been a wonderful team player and have brought the volunteer department to new heights. We all wish you well and hope you continue to volunteer with us so we can keep tabs on you!

Thank you!! 

At our recognition event, help us celebrate your volunteering and those volunteers receiving awards:

Eva Higson, Gloria Korson, Gavin Lewis, Jackie Lincoln, Alia Pota, Wendy Papernick, Carol Wiener, Bea Weiss, Kerry Black, Michael Diamond and Steven Garelick

We hope you join us

Learning and Development Seminars

Healthy Active Living
Sept. 10 (12:00—1:00 pm)

Creating Balance in Your Life
Oct. 8 (12:00—1:00 pm)

Effective Communication at Work
Nov. 5 (12:00—1:00 pm)

Establishing Good Nutrition for You and Your Family
Dec. 3 (12:00—1:00 pm)

Continuing Education For Volunteers

Caring and Sharing for all volunteers
Nov. 20 (7:00 pm-8:30pm)

Hospice Continuing Education
Dec. 9, 2014

Hospice Continuing Education
Feb. 3, 2015

Events

Volunteer Recognition Event
Sept. 16, 2014 (at 7:00 pm)

Lolly Hospice Event
May 6, 2015

To register for these events please call 416 635-2900 ext. 588 or e-mail

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