



## **Call for volunteers for Community Connect Day 2017**

### **Can you volunteer?**

The Nelson Committee on Homelessness is seeking volunteers for **Community Connect Day**,

Nelson's Community Connect Day happens once a year. It's an opportunity for families and individuals who may struggle to make ends meet and who need to spend the majority of their incomes on rent and groceries to get services they may not otherwise afford or know about, and to learn what agencies might have services to help them with a specific problem.

Whether it is a haircut, a lightly-used winter coat or boots, a dental, eye or medical assessment and referral, a physio or chiropractic treatment or other bodywork, a warm meal on a cold day, socks, foot care or information and support on where to turn with a problem...this is a happening event. Everyone – service provider, volunteer and guest alike, takes something great away from the day!

Each year we have found that the need grows and therefore we need more support to put on this valuable event. [Last year](#) Community Connect Day served more than 400 guests (individuals, couples and families). This is [made possible by the incredible support](#) of service providers, community and business sponsors, donors and a team of amazing volunteers—and you could be one of them!

**DATE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH**  
**Open to guests from 10AM - 3PM**

**LOCATION: CENTRAL SCHOOL GYM** – Entrance off of Ward Street at Silica

## **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:**

- **LEADING UP TO THE EVENT:** tasks include stock-taking; lining up donated equipment and scheduling pick-ups, deliveries and returns; liaising with local businesses; poster and leafletting; picking up items and delivering them to storage and/or the event site; making signs, packaging items, preparing name tags and paperwork for the day, and other office work.)

- **FOR SET-UP FRIDAY AFTERNOON/EVE, NOVEMBER 17TH :** (*Shifts between 12 noon and 7 pm*) Set-up volunteers help turn the gym into a "marketplace", with a café, health area, haircutting area, information area, bodywork areas and others - moving and setting up chairs, tables, screens, tents, signs and other equipment and items as needed

- **ON EVENT DAY, SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18TH** – (*Shifts between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm*) Roles include: helping with final set-up; greeting & directing volunteers, service providers and guests; monitoring outside smoking; reception & information table, booking appointments for service providers; accompanying people to appointments; managing coat & boot line-up and access; assisting service providers directly (e.g. at the café; errands, cleaning, re-supplying; etc.) hair-stylists (sweeping, accompanying guest to available stylist); and generally assisting service providers and other volunteers (getting water/relieving/getting food for); face-painting; first aid, and more. We also require take-down volunteers to return the gym to its original state from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

**A volunteer package will be sent out to those interested in volunteering, with more information.**

Food and beverages will be available to everyone on Saturday (e.g. coffee, juice, muffins, veggie soup, some pizza, some fruit, cookies, veggie tray(s)). But food is in great demand and the day is very busy. **We recommend you bring some water and a snack or lunch, if you are able, just to have on hand when you are busy.**

**IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER, PLEASE GO TO:** <https://goo.gl/forms/VCa62lOFIbz43Eom1>  
**We will be back in touch with more info after you fill in the sign-up sheet on line.**

OR contact Ann Harvey at [ncoh@nelsoncares.ca](mailto:ncoh@nelsoncares.ca) 250-352-6011 ext. 19. Thank you!

Community Connect Day would not be a reality without the incredible volunteers!