

GEORGETOWN'S COMMUNITY UNITY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS OF ALL AGES

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Have you ever wondered how you can be involved in bringing joy to someone else's life?

When we moved back to Ontario, we opted to settle in Georgetown. The first thing we noticed was the community spirit in this wonderful town. It wasn't long before we found out about Community Unity.

Community Unity is an arm of the Georgetown Ministerial. Initially, we began by doing spring and autumn yard cleanup for seniors and others, unable to do their own due to physical challenges.

At the beginning of these seasons, a group of volunteers gather at the Christian Reformed Church on Trafalgar Road on a Saturday morning where we find out which

team we will work with and go out to lend a helping hand. We also have other volunteers visiting the homeowners. Many of the seniors we serve live alone and welcome someone to talk to.

One recipient, Barb Huggins wrote, "I am so grateful to Community Unity for all the volunteers that willingly come to homes for us seniors who cannot for some reason or another do our own yards anymore. This past spring, I was so surprised one Saturday morning when there was a knock on my door, asking me if they could clean up my yard. After having a new knee replacement in March, I was so appreciative of their giving their time to help others. I felt very blessed that I live in a community that cares about their seniors."

Barb is just one of many we help each year. With more volunteers we could do so much more, not just in yard cleanups but many other areas.

After the cleanup, we are invited back to one of the churches where we enjoy fellowship over a barbecue lunch. There, we can share the positive experiences we had. Our next fall cleanup is on Nov. 10 at 8:15 a.m. Please come and join us.

Another volunteer opportunity is helping prepare a hot meal which is given out twice a month at the Georgetown Bread Basket. A group of people prepare the meal and others go and serve it to the clients after they pick up their groceries.

We have another group, an arm of Community Unity, called Jubilee. They work one on one with indi-

viduals, getting them hooked up with agencies that can help them.

Before my husband John passed away, he spoke to the group saying how we need to do more in the community, such as helping seniors in the marketplace, either carrying their groceries, or any other needs they have. Before he could fulfil his dream, he passed

away. However, this summer, his dream started to take root as a team from Community Unity went out and made their presence known at the farmers market every Saturday morning.

We are looking for volunteers to help us with cleanup and administration as well. If you can spare a few hours a month to help,

we invite you to join us at St. John's United Church (11 Guelph St. in Georgetown) on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

For further information about what we do, visit www.communityunityhaltonhills.com. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact heinoclaesens@gmail.com.



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