

Save the Date

**Thursday
June 14, 2018**



**2018 Volunteer
Appreciation
Evening**

Our Values:

- *Respect*
- *Compassion*
- *Commitment*
- *Ethics*
- *Service*



Message from the Volunteer Coordinator- Kate Merkowsky

Happy Spring?

I know it has been a long, long cold winter and it has to end sometime - right??? Thanks to all of you for your ongoing commitment to volunteering at our Care Centres in the face of challenging temperatures and road conditions. Our residents, staff, and organization are all truly grateful.

April 15 - 21 is National Volunteer Week. This is a time to recognize all those who give so much of their time and efforts to those who need that extra attention. You brighten even the dreariest days for so many. We appreciate all that you do and extend a heartfelt "thank you".

While we traditionally formally celebrate our volunteers with an annual appreciation evening in June, please know we recognize your efforts and the difference that you make, each and every day.

Please see below the exciting new details for this year's Volunteer Appreciation event. Posters and email invitations are coming soon. Please RSVP as soon as possible.

Volunteer Appreciation Evening

Thursday, June 14, 2018

New Location!

We are moving the event to the **MacDougall United Church Celebration Hall.**

8516 Athabasca St SE, Calgary

This year we are featuring
"A taste of the orient"!

Be prepared for great food, entertainment and the usual door prizes and gifts.

National Volunteer Week– April 15-21 2018

“All that we send into the lives of others comes back to our own.” Anonymous

The Intercare Hospices are extremely fortunate to have a dedicated group of volunteers who work tirelessly to provide our residents with care and compassion at end of life. Volunteers can be found providing comfort and companionship as they provide refreshment carts, foot massages, visits, diversional activities and tea time. The respect, compassion, commitment and service demonstrated by our volunteers bring added quality of life to our residents, new energy and talents to our team.

Each year we celebrate the gifts of our volunteers with an appreciation event in June. We look forward to celebrating with you. Watch for your invitation :)

There are a few volunteer opportunities on our units. At Chinook Hospice we have an opportunity for an individual to join the team that offers Tea Social on Thursday afternoon. At Southwood, we are looking for an individual or two to assist with our refreshment cart on Wednesday afternoons. Our next training program is April 20, 21 and 28.

If you would like to be involved in these or other opportunities, please contact Jennifer at:
403-252-0620 Ext 190.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

2018 will see many changes and the biggest will involve the opening of the new addition to our Brentwood Care Centre facility. By the end of July, we will be adding 109 new beds to the facility, which means that we will have an even greater need for volunteers there.

We will be holding a volunteer fair at Brentwood sometime in early June so I would ask all of you to reach out to family, friends, churches and social groups to have them consider joining our volunteer groups.

There will be new opportunities for existing volunteers and of course we will still need more volunteers at all facilities. Please watch for the posters of the Volunteer Fair time and date.

If you would like to nominate a fellow volunteer for going above and beyond please do so by emailing me @ kmerkowsky@intercarealberta.com. I would like to introduce an new award this year called "Peer cheers" and everyone is eligible . Each of you go above and beyond so often that I expect a lot of recommendations.