



## Friendly Visitor Program Volunteer

**The Organization:** QMUNITY is BC's Queer Resource Center - the hub for lesbian, gay, bi, trans and queer community programs, training and advocacy. We envision a world where all queer people are included and free from discrimination.

**The program:** The Older Adults Program delivers an exciting and innovative approach to age specific service delivery, education and community development for older adults. QMUNITY Older Adults is aligned with QMUNITY's four pillars of safe space for connection, advocacy, information and referral and training and education.

### Responsibilities:

The Friendly Visitors project trains LGTBQ (Lesbian, Gay, Trans, Bisexual, Queer) volunteers and allies to visit isolated LGTBQ seniors (55+) in their homes, independent living, assisted living and residential care facilities. The Friendly Visitor team conducts home visits to seniors with limited mobility or who are unable to leave their residential care or assisted living facilities. For senior clients who are able to leave their homes, the Friendly Visitor volunteer will accompany them to community events, medical and other appointments and connect them to LGBTQ friendly services.

### Qualifications:

This is an unpaid volunteering position; volunteers must be:

- 19 years of age or over
- Consent to a Criminal Records Check
- Can coordinate social, cultural and recreational activities
- Is able to accompany LGBTQ seniors to medical appointments
- Is available for social visiting
- Is able to assist with correspondence
- Is patient and can accompany seniors on short walks
- Provides information and referral as needed
- Approachable/Flexible/Good listener.
- Long term availability (Commitment to a minimum of three months).

### Benefits:

- An opportunity to give back

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- Flexible volunteer hours
- Gain experience working in an established local non-profit
- Inclusion in QMUNITY Volunteer team events and professional development
- Eligibility for Volunteer of the Month and Volunteer of the Year
- Potential for letters of recommendation and references

## Accountability:

Friendly Visitor volunteers are supported by and report directly to QMUNITY Seniors Coordinator.

## Accessibility:

Please note, QMUNITY's main office space is located on the second level of the building. Applicants should be aware that there is a flight of 23 stairs to reach the office.

## Diversity:

QMUNITY is committed to employment equity and prioritizes applications from underrepresented groups including trans and gender variant persons, Indigenous persons, persons of colour, and persons with disabilities.

## How to apply:

If you are a **new** volunteer:

1. Email an updated resume and a cover letter, with the subject "Friendly Visitor Program Volunteer," to our Volunteer Coordinator at [volunteers@qmunity.ca](mailto:volunteers@qmunity.ca)
2. Create an account in our [online volunteer platform](#)
3. Follow instructions, fill in your information and submit your application

If you **have already** volunteered with us:

1. Email an updated resume and a cover letter, with the subject "Friendly Visitor Program Volunteer," to our Volunteer Coordinator at [volunteers@qmunity.ca](mailto:volunteers@qmunity.ca)

Thank you for your interest in this position, we will get in touch with you soon.