

Volunteering with Island Health—South Island Long-Term Care Homes



Volunteering is a valued gift and a privilege.

Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds make a special contribution to our residents by supporting their dignity, security and quality of care. Individuals as volunteers can apply their skills in a setting where all staff are involved in volunteer support and recognition.

Volunteers are an important piece of the health care team, and they provide residents with a caring connection to the community.

## South Island Long-Term Care Homes

**Glengarry Hospital**  
1780 Fairfield Road

**Aberdeen Hospital / Piercy Respite Hotel**  
1450 Hillside Road

**Gorge Road Hospital**  
63 Gorge Road East

**Mt. Tolmie Hospital (closing April 2020)**  
3690 Richmond Road

**Oak Bay Lodge (closing April 2020)**  
2251 Cadboro Bay Rd

**The Priory Hospital**  
567 Goldstream Avenue

**The Summit (opening April 2020)**  
955 Hillside Ave

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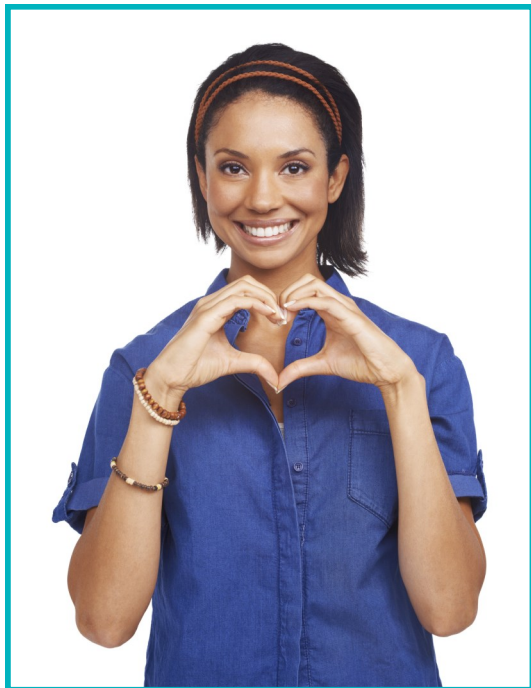
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Become a  
**VOLUNTEER**  
with Island Health's  
South Island Long-Term Care Homes



<https://www.islandhealth.ca/volunteer-resources/>



## Benefits of Volunteering

As a Volunteer, you will:

- Receive valuable training
- Have opportunities to share your talents
- Be eligible to request an official letter of reference after completing 60 volunteer hours
- Gain experience in healthcare
- Be offered free parking while you are volunteering
- Make someone's life better just by being there!

## Here are a few of our many Volunteer Opportunities:

**Activity Assistant Volunteer** – assist residents to engage in activities happening within the building.

**Friendly Visitor Volunteer** – visit and engage socially with residents.



**Gardening Volunteer** – spend time outside and help residents as they tend to the gardens.

**Medical Appointment Volunteer** – accompany a resident to their specialist appointment, to provide support.

**Exercise Support Volunteer** – encourage and support residents as they participate in exercise class.

**Reading Volunteer** – read stories, articles, or even a novel to a resident.

**Bus Outing Volunteer** – assist the staff as they accompany residents on a bus outing.

## Application Requirements

We require a minimum volunteer commitment of 60 hours over six months.

Most volunteers choose a weekly two-hour shift, and together we can plan your shifts to fit your schedule.

All volunteer applicants must:

- Complete an application form and attend an interview
- Complete a Ministry of Justice Criminal Record Check (including vulnerable sector check). Forms provided by our department.
- Complete on-line training (2 hours) and additional reading (1 hour)
- Obtain a flu shot during flu season (or wear a mask)
- Attend an Assignment Orientation

## How to Apply

Please email [VolunteerNow@viha.ca](mailto:VolunteerNow@viha.ca) to obtain your Application Package. After you have completed and submitted your application, you will be contacted to set up an interview for the South Island Long-Term Care Homes.