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# Volunteer Opportunity – Transportation Support

## Role Description

#### **ABOUT US**

The Fraser Valley Community Corrections Volunteer Program offers meaningful and challenging roles for volunteers interested in working with adult males serving federal sentences. In partnership with Connective, this program allows citizens from our communities to be involved with and contribute to the correctional process. The offenders that we work with are adult male parolees serving the remainder of their federal sentences in the community.

### **LOCATIONS**

Abbotsford, Mission, Chilliwack, Maple Ridge, and/or Agassiz (depending on preferences of the volunteer). Pick up locations and destinations will vary and will be clearly communicated by the Volunteer Coordinator.

## **ROLE PURPOSE**

This position will participate as part of a broader community support network by providing transportation support for federally sentenced adult males who are living on conditional release in a Community Residential Facility (CRF). These men often do not have transportation to attend to these important tasks, making community reintegration a challenge.







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Volunteers will be provided with a Correctional Services Canada vehicle to use while volunteering. Transportation support may include driving residents to medical appointments, meetings with parole officers, to the bank or grocery store, to access community resources, etc.

### TIME COMMITMENT AND SUPERVISION

This is an on-call position for a period of 12 months. Times may vary weekly and monthly according to need and volunteer's availability.

Volunteers are supervised by and accountable to the Volunteer Coordinator. Your volunteer coordinator is Fatima Zaidi. She can be reached at <a href="mailto:fatima.zaidi@connective.ca">fatima.zaidi@connective.ca</a> or 604-226-9836.

Supervision will include regular check-ins, coaching and feedback, recognition, and a mutual evaluation meeting after 60 days of volunteering.

#### **KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES**

- Interacts with residents one-on-one while in the community
- Provides safe transportation assistance to residents
- Reports concerns to Volunteer Coordinator/Program Manager immediately
- Attends volunteer orientation session prior to working with clients
- Attends other trainings and meetings as available
- Submits monthly activity and hours report to Volunteer Coordinator
- Offers ideas and feedback to Volunteer Coordinator to help improve services
- Checks in with Volunteer Coordinator upon starting and finishing volunteer shifts











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- Communicates with the Volunteer Coordinator to inform them of their availability, or disclose relevant changes in their personal situation
- Is dependable to maintain a consistent level of commitment throughout their volunteer obligation
- Is punctual and organized in coordinating their schedule to ensure they are on time for all shifts
- Models behaviour that respects the dignity of all persons, regardless of their age, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or past history

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Has strong interpersonal, communication, and active listening skills
- Is self-directed in identifying problems and facilitating creative, responsible problem-solving
- Has a non-judgmental attitude, confidence, patience, be assertive in setting boundaries
- Is resourceful, flexible, and organized
- Is willing to work with all individuals and their families, regardless of their age, ethnicity, religion, beliefs or values
- Is able to maintain strict confidentiality requirements
- Adheres to CSC's policies and procedures







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### **REQUIREMENTS**

- Ability to successfully complete a Security Clearance and Criminal Records Check
- Minimum class 5 driver's license
- Clean driver's abstract within past five years
- Minimum \$1 000 000 liability insurance
- Cell phone with reliable service
- Emergency First Aid and CPR certification (up-to-date)
- Age 19 or older
- Canadian citizen or permanent resident

#### **BENEFITS**

- Positively contribute to public safety and the correctional process
- Gain valuable workplace experience
- Help isolated individuals to adjust to life in the community

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Please submit your completed Volunteer Application form, cover letter and resume to fatima.zaidi@connective.ca.







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