

Be a Lookout Volunteer

1. Complete and submit an application form (for yourself or your group) to our volunteer coordinator, Janice Lovick at volunteer@lookoutsociety.ca.
2. Volunteer forms can be found on our website or by emailing Janice.
3. The volunteer coordinator will arrange a meeting and orientation with onsite personnel to match your skills and interests.
4. After your initial meet and greet you will be ready to start volunteering. Thank you for helping some of the most vulnerable people in our society!

Donate Now

Donations are a simple way to make an impact on someone who is homeless.

Yes! I want to make a donation to Lookout. Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____. If you choose to pay by cheque please make payable to the **Lookout Foundation**.

OR visit our website to set up a one-time or recurring donation that fits your budget!

For more information go to www.lookoutsociety.ca



ABOUT LOOKOUT SOCIETY

We offer housing & health resources for people in eleven communities across the Lower Mainland.

Lookout's Mandate:

We are a "social safety-net" that provides housing and a range of support services to adults with low or no income who have few, if any, housing or support options.

Our Mission:

We respectfully provide caring non-judgmental, non-sectarian, flexible services. Through advocacy, support and minimal-barriers we reduce harm to people who have a diversity of challenges. We assist them to regain and maintain stability and achieve a greater quality of life.

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Volunteer Opportunities

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We believe helping people help themselves is essential in addressing homelessness and all the issues that surround it.

Securing appropriate housing is the first and most essential step in helping individuals achieve responsible independence.



About Lookout Society

A regional approach to finding solutions to homelessness. Lookout Society operates over 30 buildings across the Lower Mainland. We offer a wide range of opportunities to volunteer in your local community and make a difference in the lives of people in need.

Emergency Shelters (448 spaces)

- 5 permanent 24/7 shelters
- 4 temporary 24/7 shelters
- 5 extreme weather



Supportive Housing (805 units)

- 14 permanent residences
- 9 transitional residences
- 3 abstinence-based living



Community Services

- 10 outreach teams
- 3 drop in resource centres
- 2 social enterprises
- 1 employment program
- 1 needle cleanup program
- 1 community training garden
- 1 offender reintegration program



Health Services

- 5 health programs
- 1 medical + 1 dental clinic
- 1 HIV & Hep C food bank
- 1 needle distribution



A volunteer story

In 2007 Michael was diagnosed with sarcoma cancer, linked to his HIV infection. His doctors estimated that he had just a few months to live. But Michael was determined to beat cancer and proceeded with several rounds of chemotherapy.

While under the chemotherapy treatment he connected to Positive Haven Drop In in Surrey, where he began accessing high protein foods through the Djaef Mahler Grocery. The Djaef Mahler grocer is a specialized food bank for people experiencing compromised immune systems, primarily HIV and Hepatitis C. As Michael proceed with his treatments his HIV treatments also improved due to his improved diet which supported the nutritional needs required to make the HIV antiretroviral therapy more effective.

In 2012 Michael was pronounced cancer free!

Michael has now been a regular volunteer in Surrey for over 4 years. Most of his volunteering is spent supporting efforts at the Djaef Mahler Grocery—so Michael is now able to help people with similar challenges he has faced.

“I felt I was really fortunate to have fought and defeated that cancer,” says Michael. “Now I’m free of cancer—so why stand still? I can help people and give them advice because of what I’ve been through.”



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are many ways to volunteer at Lookout:

Volunteers are an essential part of what we do. We had over 4,200 people volunteer with us last year!

Activities

- Assisting staff hosting events such as bingo, card tournaments, art lessons or community activities

Skill Building

- Teaching people how to use a computer, budgeting and financial management, or nutrition and cooking

Maintenance

- Assisting with minor repairs & maintenance

Housekeeping

- Helping to make beds, laundry, disinfecting sleeping areas, sweeping and mopping

Kitchen Help

- Assist with preparing, serving and cleaning up

Special Events & Holidays

- Help with fundraising, including setting up and hosting booths
- Spring and fall cleanups
- Painting, landscaping, gardening
- Christmas events

Donation Room

- Organizing clothing and other essential donations & helping fill gaps by calling around the community

Office Help, Specialized & Technical

- Database and record management
- Special assignments such as photography, video creation and editing

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