

Call for Volunteers for Fall 2011

Pathways to Education is a community program offered throughout Canada that is designed to reduce poverty and its effect by lowering the dropout rate among high-school students from economically disadvantaged communities. **YouthLink** is proud to sponsor this program in Scarborough Village.

The program offers academic, social, financial and advocacy support to youth in order to increase their opportunity for success in high-school and beyond. This fall, over 250 youth will be enrolled from Scarborough Village.

Our volunteers are an essential aspect of this award-winning program, providing support and positive role modeling for youth during program time. Volunteers not only help individual students succeed both academically and socially, they also bring benefits to the whole community by supporting the success of their youth. Successful volunteers will be able to work effectively within a team environment and lead small groups of youth, and be culturally sensitive and competent, non-judgmental and open-minded.

Volunteers also receive the benefit of gaining expertise and skills in mentoring youth and facilitating youth groups and learning about youth development and the challenges facing them in their community.

Volunteer Mentor

As a mentor, you will help provide grade 9 and 10 youth enrolled in the program with a strong support system including positive role modeling, group culture, enhanced learning opportunities and skills building to ensure their success in completing high-school with confidence to continue beyond. You will participate in planning and delivering group mentoring sessions to assist high school students to gain social skills, new competencies and personal growth. You should have previous activity and group facilitation experience and/or an interest in working with youth and have some knowledge of youth issues and the challenges in the Scarborough priority areas.

Time commitment: 3 hours each week during the school year

For more info, contact: Lorna Richards, Program Supervisor - Mentoring
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Volunteer Tutor

You will provide academic support through group tutoring sessions, working individually and in small groups assisting students in developing learning strategies and with their homework and school assignments. You should have a passion for working with youth, have your high school diploma (or higher) and have expertise in one of the following core subjects; English, French, Math, Social Sciences, Science.

Time commitment: 2 hours each week during the school year

For more info, contact: Hussein Jadavji, Program Supervisor - Tutoring
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To learn more about Pathways to Education - Scarborough Village,
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