



S.U.C.C.E.S.S.



United Way helping seniors remain independent.

# Volunteer Opportunities

Better at Home Program is designed to help seniors remain independent at home with a healthy lifestyle and stay connected with their community. As one of the nonprofits to operate Better at Home in BC, S.U.C.C.E.S.S. provides non-medical services to seniors living in Vancouver (Hasting-Sunrise Area) and the City of Surrey.

We recognize that seniors are an important and growing part of communities, if you like visiting or working with seniors, we have wonderful volunteer opportunities for you! Under this program, you can support seniors to age in place with dignity, stay socially connected and prevent social isolation by volunteering one of the following services. Upon completion of 30 hours volunteering hours, we would issue a reference letter acknowledging your hard work and contribution to the program and S.U.C.C.E.S.S.

## Volunteer positions:

- **Friendly Visits:** provide accompaniment to seniors, sharing interests & experiences
  - Time Commitment: 6 months for friendly visiting, and one year for transportation.
  - Volunteer # needed: 4 for Vancouver & 6 for Surrey
- **Transportation:** drive seniors to and from their home to various appointments
  - Time Commitment: 1-2 times/week (one year)
  - Subsidy: bus fare or mileage claim reimbursement
  - Volunteer # needed: 3 for Vancouver, 4 for Surrey
  - Copy of vehicle insurance; safe driver with clean driver abstract, or no more than 2 traffic violations in the past 3 years.

## Required skills and knowledge:

- Language: English (Fluency in languages other than English would be an asset especially Cantonese, Mandarin )
- Personality: Caring, compassionate, non-judgmental, and willing to establish a rapport with seniors, patience
- Experience: Working with seniors, knowledge of dementia would be an asset
- Training: Training in crisis lines or community counseling would be an asset

If you are interested in being a Better at Home volunteer, please contact Better at Home Coordinators for more information:

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