

National Volunteer Week 2021

April 18-24, 2021

"The Value of One, the Power of Many" is the theme of 2021 National Volunteer Week. It's a celebration of all those who have stepped up to help others and also recognition of those who have stepped back from volunteering to protect themselves and others. This annual special section honours the value of volunteers. Join this community-wide thank you and let volunteers know their efforts are appreciated.



Thank you, Osler volunteers, for going beyond during the COVID-19 pandemic to support our staff, physicians, patients and families. You are valued members of the Osler community and we are grateful for all that you do.

Happy National Volunteer Week!



St. Joe's has been able to keep its Promise to look after this community for the past 100 years thanks to you!

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month and we'd like to say a special thank you to the hundreds of volunteers who support us in so many ways, including donating their time on one of our committees:

Foundation Board of Directors
Cycle 4 St. Joe's Committee
Fall Classic Committee
Ladies' Lunch Committee
St. Joe's Plate Committee
Bloor West Community Committee

Roncesvalles Community Centre
Women Promise100
St. Joseph's Society Advisors Council
St. Joseph's Society Advisors Network
St. Joe's Neighbourhood Throwdown
St. Joseph's Young Professionals

Thank you for supporting us, especially during this pandemic!
We know westenders stick together and we thank you for being there for us. It's this spirit and passion that will help us keep our Promise to meet the healthcare needs of this community for another 100 years.

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This is Diana.

Diana delivers food to the Etobicoke community.

Can you help Diana?

ESS is in need of committed volunteers to help deliver weekly groceries and food to individuals in Etobicoke.

- Volunteers needed during business hours Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
- No vehicle required, you will accompany an ESS driver.
- Enhanced safety precautions in effect.

Apply today:

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The value and power of volunteers celebrated

The National Volunteer Week theme for 2021, "The value of one, the power of many" reflects on the abundant acts of kindness by millions of individuals and the positive results when we work together towards a common purpose.

According to Volunteer Canada, during the past year, people have been supporting family, friends, neighbours, and strangers, people standing up to systemic racism, and people sharing insights on how to create a more just and equitable society.

The organizers of National Volunteer Week, April 18 to 24, recognize the value of the caring and compassion that each one has shown another, and the power of people, organizations, and sectors working together.

"The power of people working together can bring about monumental changes. We have

seen people work together on legislative changes related to impaired driving, same sex marriage, and assisted dying," states the organizing body.

"The theme is a nod to Volunteer Canada's past, a reflection of its present, and a wink to the future." The value of one, the power of many" was the theme for National Volunteer Week in 2001, The International Year of Volunteers. It reflects the individual and collective efforts, being seen during the pandemic, and it sets the tone for re-imagining the next 20 years as the value of one act and the power of many enables us to thrive together, according to Volunteer Canada's promotion of the week.

As part of the celebration of volunteers, organizers are inviting submissions related to the theme. Here are some examples...

*"The value of one person calling another to check in.
The power of many people working to prevent social isolation."*

*"The value of one person volunteering at a food bank.
The power of many people volunteering on a Food Security Advisory Committee."*

*"The value of one person standing up to transphobia.
The power of many people calling for the protection of gender diversity."*

"Send your theme-related couplet to info@volunteer.ca."

Finch West LRT

Driving around Finch Avenue West is changing!

The first section of Light Rail Transit guideway and track is being installed down the centre of Finch Avenue West between Sentinel Road and Norfinch Drive. There will be important changes to how motorists use intersections and lanes in this area.

U-turns and Dedicated Left-turn Signal

- Signalized intersections will have a dedicated signal phase with left-turn signal and lane

Mid-Block Destinations

- Mid-block destinations will become right-in/right-out only onto Finch
- To access mid-block entrances on the other side of the road, motorists can

make U-turns at signalized intersections when the left-turn signal is illuminated

Temporary Traffic Restrictions beginning in late April

- York Gate Boulevard north of Finch will be closed for two months
- Driftwood Avenue will be limited to right-in/right-out only movements from Finch for three weeks
- Follow signed detours to access your destination

For more information on the Finch West LRT project, please visit www.metrolinx.com/finchwest and on Twitter @finchwestlrt

