

Volunteer Spotlight

Meet Anna!



A proud mother of three and grandmother to five wonderful grandchildren, Anna also shares her home with Tori, a cat she describes as “not exactly the friendliest.”

Anna loves cross-stitching, jigsaw puzzles, reading romance novels, and—most of all—baking! She also enjoys playing solitaire on her phone and admits she’s a big fan of Asian dramas. Her favourite movies are *Pretty Woman* and *The American President*.

One day, she dreams of taking a trip on the Rocky Mountaineer, though she also treasures returning home to Croatia.

Before retiring, Anna and her husband ran a home-building company for 42 years, a career she truly enjoyed. Her volunteering journey at Trinity Village began when her husband was a resident on Cherry Orchard. She started by helping feed residents and spending time with them. After her husband passed, Anna returned to Cherry Orchard, visiting other residents and sharing time with them. When COVID hit, volunteering paused while she cared for her mother. Later, Judy McKnight invited her to join the Adult Day Program, and Anna happily accepted.

“Volunteering has truly been a gift in my life” Anna says. Her warmth, kindness, and sense of humor continue to brighten the days of everyone in our Trinity Village community.

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Meet Parker!



Parker is a dedicated volunteer at Trinity Village who brings enthusiasm, compassion, and a strong sense of community to his role. He grew up in Waterloo, Ontario, in a family rooted in education, with both parents working in the field. He also has a younger brother who is currently attending college and aspiring to become a police officer.

In 2023, Parker graduated from the University of Guelph with a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Science. He hopes to pursue a future career in Occupational Therapy, building on his passion for helping others improve their quality of life. He currently works as an ophthalmic technician, a role that allows him to collaborate with a wide range of patients and colleagues in a fast-paced, patient-focused environment.

Outside of work, Parker has a deep appreciation for the outdoors and staying active. He enjoys camping, backpacking, canoeing, and spending time in nature. When he is not exploring the outdoors, he can often be found playing volleyball, running, swimming, or taking on a challenging game of squash.

Parker is passionate about community involvement and is excited to give back through his volunteer work here at Trinity Village. His energy, commitment, and positive attitude make him a valued member of the volunteer team in our community.

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Meet Simone!



Simone, one of our cherished volunteers at Trinity Village, is deeply committed to giving back to the community. She was motivated to volunteer in a way that felt meaningful and purposeful.

Simone helps porter residents from their rooms or the dining room to the Gathering Place for Mass. Supporting residents as they begin their day with lifted spirits is something she finds especially rewarding. Every smile, conversation, and moment of connection reinforces the value of her work as a volunteer in our community.

Volunteering has brought Simone a strong sense of accomplishment and joy, particularly when seeing residents come together for the Mass service. Working alongside other volunteers to include as many residents as possible has been a very positive experience. Through this role, she has also grown socially, gaining confidence and feeling more comfortable in social settings.

Outside of volunteering, Simone enjoys reading, listening to pop music, and going to the gym. Encouraged by her mother, who works as a PSW, Simone found that volunteering had a positive impact on her mental well-being and overall well-being.

She describes Trinity Village as a peaceful and caring place, where the staff, volunteers, and residents create a welcoming and supportive environment. Volunteering in our community has become something Simone genuinely looks forward to each week.

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Meet Jake!



For the past year, Jake has been volunteering in our community, supporting residents through friendly visits, the Men's Group, and special events. He often spends quality time with residents by portering, dancing, or engaging in friendly conversation. His commitment to long-term care is rooted in a strong belief that every individual's story matters and deserves to be heard.

Originally from a quiet town in Northern Ontario, Jake now lives in Kitchener and attended Algonquin College. What he values most about volunteering at Trinity Village is the opportunity to make a positive impact while building meaningful connections with residents, staff, and other volunteers. For Jake, volunteering has become an important way to give back to the community.

Outside of volunteering, Jake enjoys staying active and trying new experiences. His interests include skydiving, paddle boarding, and hiking, which reflect his love for adventure and the outdoors. He also enjoys playing board games, appreciating the opportunity they provide to connect with others.

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Meet Irene!



Irene began volunteering at Trinity Village after her mother lived in the long term care for four years before passing away in 2021. During that time, Irene spent several days each week visiting her, and after her mother's passing, she missed being part of the community. Volunteering became a meaningful way for her to stay connected with residents.

She enjoys supporting outings, helping porter residents to events on site, and taking time to chat with them along the way. Irene is retired after many years caring for her six grandchildren and other children through daycare. She also worked as an Educational Assistant in elementary schools and volunteered regularly in her children's classrooms.

Born and raised in the Kitchener-Waterloo area, Irene is fluent in both German and English, with German being the first language spoken in her home. She has also travelled extensively around the world with family and groups.

Through her volunteer work, Irene continues to bring kindness, conversation, and support to the Trinity Village community.

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Meet Arthur!



Meet Arthur, a dedicated young volunteer who joined Trinity Village in May 2025. He sees volunteering as a meaningful responsibility that calls for commitment, and truly values the time he spends connecting with residents.

One of his favourite memories so far is a simple one, enjoying unlimited ice cream after a volunteer visit at the Care Centre. Moments like these make his experience even more special.

Outside of volunteering, Arthur enjoys staying active. From cycling and motorbiking to climbing and other outdoor activities, he's always on the move. He is currently studying at the University of Waterloo, where he's part of the outdoor club and learned how to canoe along the Grand River.

Arthur also enjoys playing and watching tennis. He lists Fresh Start as one of his favourite songs and Animal Farm as a favourite read. Originally from Shanghai, China, he speaks both Mandarin and English. He also has a talent for crafting, especially when it comes to creating small, precise parts.

Looking ahead, Arthur hopes to contribute to helping his future company reach a leading position in its industry.

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Meet Maryann!



Maryann was born and raised in Kitchener, where she still lives today. As the oldest in her family, she grew up closely connected with her sister, a bond that has remained an important part of her life. She also shares her home with her cat and is especially close to her nephew, who plays a meaningful role in her life.

Growing up, Maryann attended St. Teresa and later Laurel Vocational School. Some of her favourite memories come from simple moments, including a family trip to Florida that she still remembers fondly.

Outside of work and volunteering, Maryann enjoys doing crafts and spending time at toy shows, activities that reflect her creative side. She also enjoys listening to country and rock-and-roll music.

Maryann's connection to Trinity Village began through a personal experience when her father was a resident. During that time, she noticed there were moments when residents needed more support getting from place to place. That experience stayed with her and eventually led her to volunteer, as a way to give back and support older adults in a meaningful way.

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Meet Maya!



Maya began volunteering at Trinity Village because she genuinely enjoys connecting with people and being someone residents look forward to spending time with. As a Friendly Visitor volunteer, she values the opportunity to listen to residents' stories, have meaningful and lighthearted conversations, and help create warm, comfortable moments during each visit. For her, volunteering has been deeply fulfilling, showing how even small gestures of kindness and presence can make a real difference in someone's day.

What Maya enjoys most is the sense of community and the relationships that naturally grow over time. No two visits are ever the same, and she appreciates the connections she has built through her time at Trinity Village.

Maya is currently studying social work at the University of Waterloo, and this experience has been especially meaningful to her as it allows her to gain hands-on experience in a field she is passionate about. Her interest in social work comes from a desire to better understand people and support them through their experiences. Through both her studies and volunteering, she hopes to continue developing her empathy, communication, and trust-building skills.

Outside of school and volunteering, Maya enjoys spending time with friends and family, listening to music, and going to concerts. She also enjoys exploring her interests and recently spent three weeks in Portugal visiting her hometowns and family.

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Meet Diane!



Diane began volunteering at Trinity Village after experiencing firsthand the compassionate care her mother received as a resident on the Pinewoods floor for five years.

As her mother's essential caregiver, Diane witnessed the dedication, kindness, and support shown by the staff every day. After her mother's passing, she found herself missing the sense of community at Trinity Village, where both residents and staff had come to feel like an extended family. Volunteering became her way of giving back and expressing her appreciation.

Today, Diane serves as a porter, helping residents get to church each week. She has enjoyed getting to know the residents, fellow volunteers, and staff, and appreciates the connections she has made along the way. As a retired elementary school teacher, Diane has always loved being around people and building relationships.

Outside of volunteering, she is a member of a Probus Club, sings in two choirs, and enjoys travelling. Diane looks forward to continuing her volunteer journey at Trinity Village, where she is grateful for the opportunity to spend time with residents, staff, and fellow volunteers while giving back to a community that means so much to her.