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.