

## Winter 2012 @ Place Maillardville - Looking for Volunteers

Our **adult fitness & dance** programs need child care providers. The children will always be in sight of their parents, so volunteers are never left on their own. Child care has been cited as the #1 reason adults cannot participate in our evening programs, so volunteers would be doing their community an amazing service;

Our **French language** classes for children and adults could always use an extra sounding board. In fact our **French Conversation Club** is looking for French speaking "mentors", who can work with the participants on proper pronunciation and local idioms;

If you're available Monday through Friday from 9:15 to 11:15am, our **Pre-School** teachers would be glad to have you join in the fun. They need help with set up, take down, bathroom breaks, and generally helping to keep the kids attentive and involved. Some knowledge of French would be helpful but is not necessary;

We run programs for 3 to 5 year olds immediately after our French Pre-School. These are Let's Make Music, Move It, Mini Chefs, Story Time, Junk Art and Soccer Tots;

We have several family programs that need as many qualified volunteers as we can get. Family Drop-In runs Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:15 to 11:15am, and Saturdays from 10am to 12 noon. Baby's First Year takes place every Friday between 1:45 and 3:15pm. Children's Birthday Parties happen every Sunday, either from 10am to 12:30pm or from 1pm to 3:30pm. These are our most popular programs;

**Youth Drop-In** runs Monday to Friday between 3 and 5pm, and Saturdays from 1 to 4pm. Under the supervision of staff, volunteers hang out, play pool, foosball, air hockey, cards, board games and generally interact with the drop-in kids;

Have talent in arts, science, dance and/or sports? Consider helping during our **After-School programs**. Activities run Monday to Friday from 2:30pm to 4:35pm and sometimes 12noon to 1pm, at five local schools: Maillard Middle, Lord Baden Powell, Rochester, Alderson and Cape Horn;

Between March 12 and 23 we are running a Children & Youth **Spring Break Camp**, Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm. We will also be running a mini camp for our French Pre-School students, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 12pm during this same two week period.

### **To volunteer at Place Maillardville you need to**

- Be 13 years or older
- Meet with the Coordinator of Community Programs & Volunteers
- Provide a copy of a photo I.D.
- Complete a Waiver Form
- Complete a Criminal Records Check (for volunteers 16 years and old) - or -
- Provide two references who are non family or friends (for volunteers 13 to 15 years old)

### **Benefits of Volunteering**

Aside from practicing your French, volunteering has a meaningful, positive impact on your community. But did you know that it can have many benefits for you too? Here are some reasons to volunteer:

- Learn or develop a new skill
- Be part of your community
- Motivation and sense of achievement
- Boost your career options
- Develop new interests and hobbies
- Have new experiences
- Meet a diverse range of people

- Send a signal to your employer, teachers, friends and family...

Thank you so much for being such fabulous supporters of your community and this centre!

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3 great ways to find out what is happening at Place Maillardville

**Our Web Site -** [www.placemaillardville.ca](http://www.placemaillardville.ca)

On Twitter @pmccjim

On Facebook - Search "Place Maillardville Community Centre" or follow this link

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