



## **Celebrating October: The Pillars of Community Support at OWCS**

October, with its vibrant foliage and crisp air, brings along a distinctive energy. At Ottawa West Community Support (OWCS), this energy is even more profound. Why? Because October is Community Support (CSS) Month in Ontario. It's a time of reflection, gratitude, and celebration of the immense contributions made by volunteers. Let's take a walk down memory lane and also spotlight the invaluable role of volunteers at OWCS.

### **The Heart of OWCS: Our Volunteers**

At the core of every activity and every Community Support program at OWCS are our volunteers. These selfless individuals breathe life into our endeavors. As a not-for-profit community organization, volunteers aren't just a part of OWCS - they are the lifeline. They bridge gaps, create connections, and build a network of support and care that helps countless individuals.

Their impact isn't measured merely in hours contributed but in the smiles they bring to faces, the comfort they provide, and the community spirit they foster. In a realm where resources can be limited, the generosity of time and spirit from our volunteers is a priceless asset.

### **Our Volunteer-Led Milestones**

**June's Blooms and Bakes:** Our Annual Plant & Bake Sale, a tradition made possible by the undying support of Jennifer, Karl, Marion Reid, and many others.

**Summertime BBQs:** Aging in Place's summertime delights, amplified by the hard work of our passionate volunteers.

**Billings Bridge Estate Adventure:** A day of history and mystery, powered by volunteers who ensured every client had a memorable day.

**Harvest Deliveries:** Heartfelt gestures like the Apple Harvest bags delivery, characterizing care beyond boundaries.

**Collecting Feedback:** Our program surveys distribution, a huge task undertaken by dedicated volunteers, helping shape the future of OWCS.

**Engaging the Community:** Events like 'Taste of Wellington' where volunteers help spread the word about OWCS, shaping stronger community connections.

### **Stepping into October and Beyond**

October's Community Support Month is not just about recognizing the role volunteers play but also about amplifying the importance of community-driven initiatives. With volunteers contributing a remarkable 3 million service hours annually in Ontario, imagine the collective impact on community well-being!

And as we move forward, the need for volunteers grows. We're reaching out to those with a spirit of community and a heart full of kindness. Whether you can spare a few hours a week or a month, your contribution can make a world of difference.

At OWCS, our volunteers are the mosaic pieces that come together to paint a beautiful picture of community, compassion, and connection. Every month, and especially this October, we celebrate this spirit and the remarkable tales of togetherness at OWCS.

### **Join Our Epic Volunteer Family!**

If the stories of impact and unity resonate with you, and you have the passion to make a difference, we invite you to be part of our journey. Your time, energy, and spirit can help us weave more tales of togetherness and change.

Interested in joining our epic volunteer family? Reach out to us 613-728-6016; [info@owcs.ca](mailto:info@owcs.ca) and be a part of the transformative experiences at OWCS. We look forward to welcoming you aboard!