

# Cheers to Volunteers

The work that we do, could not be done without the commitment and dedication of dozens of volunteers that help us deliver our services. COVID forced us to stay out of the office, but from our homes, we keep helping newcomers start their life in Canada, we continue to support the community, and we still rely on volunteers to carry on with our (now online) programs.

## Riding with Volunteers

Some volunteers start as clients that come back to help others like them once they are settled and moving forward. Others join us because they believe in our cause and see the impact of the work they can help us do. There are many kinds of volunteers, all with different motivations. This group is committed to promoting safe cycling in their communities.

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## Listen, Read, Speak

Volunteers are special creatures that offer their time to listen, offer advice and help complete strangers. They happily make themselves available to our newcomer clients and contribute to their journey with their own knowledge and experience. One of the ways they do this is allowing them to practice English in a relaxed environment, all while learning about relevant topics.

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## Become a Volunteer

Volunteers have been at the core of our business from the very beginning. But why do they choose to work with us and what is it that they gain from their experience with our programs and clients?

We asked one of them to answer those questions. Her name is Sarah. She has since joined our staff to collaborate with the team of Settlement Workers in School. Welcome to CultureLink, Sarah!





## EAT at Home to Learn at Home

A Fundraising Campaign to feed the children of Parkdale and West Toronto Families in need.

## Donations Received

Our campaign to provide food for school-aged children raised a total of \$7,417.87 in a three-week period. We are happy to report that Gift Cards have been purchased and are currently being delivered to families in need. Thank you to everyone who donated or helped spread the word.

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## Keep Them Company

Quarantine has been especially hard on seniors. Being the most vulnerable to the virus added a sense of fear and loneliness to their isolation. Luckily, we taught them how to use their phones for video-calls before the lockdown. They continue to receive information, services, and even meet once a week in a virtual room.

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