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Grab your shovels, warm your heart and help a neighbour: Sign up to become a Snow Angel!

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PIN – The People and Information Network is welcoming residents in Guelph to volunteer as a Snow Angel. In partnership with the City of Guelph, PIN offers a volunteer snow removal service for eligible seniors and persons living with physical disabilities. As we enter into our 14th year, we are seeing a great need for volunteers in our community as more and more residents are in need of this service.

The Snow Angels program is vital program to many seniors and those living with disabilities in our community. For each resident that requests support, there is a Snow Angel that is matched with them. The volunteer support is specifically “during a significant snow event, after the residential streets are plowed,” says Emily Vincent, Program Coordinator, “volunteers (Snow Angels) visit their assigned resident within 24 hours to clear the windrow (the accumulation of snow left at the end of a driveway).”

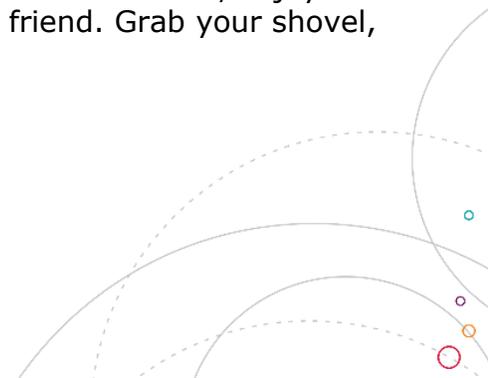
“This valuable program contributed almost 1400 hours of snow shoveling support to our local community” shares Emily, “residents who need support and benefit from knowing their driveway is safe and accessible” for themselves or vital services coming to their home

“Without the help of our Snow Angel it would be difficult for us to stay in our home.” says one of the Snow Angel recipients. Residents eligible to receive this service must be a senior citizen (aged 65 years or older) and/or have a physical disability and reside in the City of Guelph in a single dwelling or semi-detached house with private driveway. In addition, residents have no able-bodied person living in the household to shovel snow, they are unable to remove their own snow and cannot afford to pay for snow removal.

“It is beneficial program for members of our community” says Emily, “and we need to recruit 75 volunteers at minimum to meet the demand for this winter season; we know the snow will soon be here.” One resident also notes that “this service is not only helpful in a practice sense, but it also engenders a feeling of being connected to the community. Knowing that others care about my well-being is immensely important. My Snow Angel lending a helping hand when I most needed it, makes all the difference in the world.”

Volunteering as a Snow Angel is a great way to keep active during the winter months, enjoy the fresh winter air and can be done as an individual, as a family or with a friend. Grab your shovel, warm your heart and help a neighbour! PINnetwork.ca

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