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## **Amazing Volunteers at Brunswick Street Mission**

Be Kind - this is something we see on social media almost daily, and it turns out that people are walking the walk when is comes to volunteering. This is the last day of National Volunteer Week and the staff of Brunswick Street Mission would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has shared their time and talent with us over the last year.

Brunswick Street Mission is a volunteer driven charity and we would not be able to run our programs without the support of volunteers, they are an invaluable resource.

Volunteers improve us as a charity by filling positions that would otherwise remain empty, allowing us to run much needed programming. They make a meaningful contribution to our day to day operations. Running our front desk and being the first point of contact for clients. Managing and running our food bank and clothing bank, including sorting, setting up and distributing the food and clothing. Managing the Benevolent Program, connecting with those in a financial crisis and helping where possible. And setting up, running and managing our Christmas Programs to ensure that all families have an opportunity to celebrate in December.

Let us not forget the Board of Directors, volunteers who give their time and talent, helping govern Brunswick Street Mission through the good times and bad.

Each day our volunteers keep us going; helping us support people struggling with poverty. And now, with COVID-19, new volunteers are stepping up to support our essential services.

Our Breakfast and Shelter Meals Program could not continue without the help of 23 fearless volunteers working two difference shifts seven days a week to cook and deliver food. Our food bank program also relies on volunteers to set-up and distribute food to our clients.

With volunteers waiting to help we feel fortunate, appreciative and humbled. And so, to all our volunteers, who donate over 7,600 hours annually - <u>THANK YOU</u>! Stay safe and we look forward to the next time we get to see you.