

MISSION STATEMENT

The overall mission of this program is to improve the quality of interactions experienced by hospitalized Aboriginal patients and their families. This will be done by providing individual support for long term or short term patients. Patients will have a more positive experience if their stress level is reduced by having a compassionate, caring, understanding individual visit to listen, or share stories

What is a volunteer?

A volunteer performs tasks with the direction of the Patient Liaison worker. The volunteer is not a paid staff member. The volunteer has the right to turn down any assignment, that may jeopardize their well-being.



In partnership; to bring the **Aunties and Uncles, in Action** program to PGRH are;

Women Health of BC, Carrier Sekani Family Services, Prince George, BC, Prince George Regional Hospital (PGRH).



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**AUNTIES AND
UNCLES IN ACTION
A VOLUNTEER
PROGRAM AT PRINCE
GEORGE REGIONAL
HOSPITAL**



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Aunties and Uncles in Action

Is a voluntary visiting program for Aboriginal patients admitted to PGRH. The programs name has been selected to honor Aboriginal Women and men who serve as the communities natural helpers.

This program is in partnership with CSFS, The Children and Women's Health Center of BC, and Prince George Regional Hospital (NHA).

Every year thousands of Aboriginal people are hospitalized throughout BC. For many, a hospital stay can be a confusing and lonely experience. These feelings are a mixture of institutionalization historically experienced by Aboriginal people.



Volunteer Job description:

Purpose; To visit and support Aboriginal people who are admitted to PGRH.

Responsibilities; To visit with Aboriginal patients and their families. Activities can include reading, music, playing games, doing crafts, storytelling, writing letters, just being a listener.



Confidentiality; a confidentially form must be completed.

Time Commitment; 2 hours a week.

Training; training will be facilitated by the Patient Liaison worker, Carrier Sekani, and PGRH. **Evaluation;** will be done according to hospital policies.

Benefits or Challenges; This program will benefit individuals because they will learn about the hospital setting, helping patients have a positive experience while in hospital. There will be challenges that will foster a personal growth and an awareness of First Nation people.

Applicants; must have a criminal record search completed. The cost is free because you will be a volunteer. The applicant must be updated on their immunization shots.



References; applicant must have at least one reference, the Patient Liaison Worker will check.

Skills, Attitude, Knowledge; individuals applying must have knowledge of First Nations culture, Bands, and being familiar with different, diverse nations. Must be compassionate, calm, caring, understanding, patient, honest and a good listener. Being fluent in an Aboriginal language will be an asset.

Relationship; volunteers will report to the Aboriginal Patient Liaison Worker at PGRH

