



## **Volunteer Opportunity Community Dining Representative**

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### **About Access Alliance:**

Access Alliance Multicultural Health and Community Services is a multi-service community agency that works to improve health outcomes for the most vulnerable immigrants, refugees, and their communities. We do this by facilitating access to services and addressing systemic barriers and poverty. The Centre envisions a future in which Toronto's diverse communities achieve health with dignity.

**Focus area:** Community Service Programs

### **Volunteer Position Description:**

This volunteer position will support Access Alliance's Community Dining Program. The successful candidate will provide support in the set-up, cooking and clean-up duties in the kitchen. They will help serve nutritious meals to community members while simultaneously helping to combat food insecurity in the Danforth East neighbourhood. They will also engage courteously with community members, and provide a welcoming, safe space from program attendees.

### **Tasks:**

#### **Program Host:**

- Set up tables and chairs
- Decorate space and ensure it is tidy and clean
- welcome community members
- facilitate crowd control
- clean up.

#### **Culinary Representative:**

- Cooking, chopping, slicing
- Cleaning and washing
- Serving/plating
- Lifting (cooked stews in big pots, food from storage rooms, etc.)
- Snack and cutlery prep
- Meal container prep
- Use hot appliances such as oven and stove
- handle raw meat
- Use sharp knives and other kitchen utensils.

### **General:**

Ensure health and safety protocols are followed at all times

Engage with community members in a pleasant, welcoming manner

**Location:** AccessPoint Danforth. 3079 Danforth Ave, Scarborough, ON M1L 1A8

**Time Commitment: On going program with weekly shifts**

- Friday: 10am – 3:00pm

**Format:** In-person

**Qualification and Requirements:**

- Experience cooking for a large group of people
- Ability to work in a high-pace, high-energy environment and be on your feet for an extended period of time
- Comfortable with prepping/cooking/serving meals
- Ability to work in a team and take initiative
- Good communication skills
- Open and willing to work with an underserved community
- Be able to complete New Volunteer Orientation and onboarding

**Assets, but not required:**

- Food Handlers Certified
- Culinary skills
- Experience cooking for a large group

**Benefits to the Volunteer:**

- Opportunity to interact with fellow volunteers & members of the community
- Gain leadership skills
- Gain experience volunteering in a community setting
- Gain experience volunteering for a non-profit organization
- Be involved in shaping your community
- Opportunities for training such as Food Handler's Certificate
- Gain firsthand experience working with newcomers

**Number of positions available: 5**

**Start date:** Immediately

**To apply:** Email [volunteer@accessalliance.ca](mailto:volunteer@accessalliance.ca) expressing your interest as “**Kitchen Assistant Danforth**”

**For more information about this program contact Hema Subramaniam – [hsubramaniam@accessalliance.ca](mailto:hsubramaniam@accessalliance.ca) – Community Services Program Worker.**

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**Please note:** Due to public health guidelines and organizational precautions around COVID-19, Access Alliance requires all staff, volunteers and students to be fully vaccinated.

We welcome and encourage immigrants and refugees to volunteer with us! We encourage applications from volunteers who reflect the broad diversity of communities we work with, including those from racialized and LGBTQ2+ communities.