



## Find the Information You Need as a Volunteer

Check the new 'Volunteer' page on the Dawson Creek Better at Home Website for links to information on topics that may be helpful for you as you work with seniors. We're still working on the page, but there are already several good links posted.

To save you the time and frustration of having to sift through the massive amounts of information on the web, we have done the research to find the best information from the most trusted sources on topics such as

Alzheimer's Disease, Hearing Impairments, Elder Abuse Prevention, and more.

Let us know if there's a topic about which you need more information and we'll do our best to find it for you.

We'd also like to know if you'd like to attend any special training workshops on these types of topics, and what sort of time slots would work with your schedule. Even if we can get a few volunteers interested in a specific topic, we'll put on a training session especially for you!

### Seniors Speak...

*"Thanks so much for your fast, wonderful help."  
Madeline*

*"Thank you so much for all the help you've lined up for me; shovelling, cleaning my driveway, cleaning my house. It is so appreciated."  
Marilyn*

*"I am very happy. I couldn't have done this and stayed independent on my own. Thank you."  
Margaret*

### Quote of the Month!

*We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give.*

*Winston Churchill*



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## Criminal Records Checks; Now Faster and Transferable

We are now registered to do volunteer criminal record checks online! We are told that the turn around time for these checks are 48 to 72 hours (compared to the 3 or more weeks it takes now!) What this means is that when someone wants to volunteer with Better at Home, there won't be that annoying time lag while we wait for the records checks to come back.

Why do we do criminal record checks? Because our volunteers (and staff and contractors) are working with seniors, who are deemed to be a 'vulnerable' population, we must do whatever we can to ensure their safety. Granted, criminal record checks aren't perfect or infallible, but to do our 'due diligence' we have all our volunteers submit one.

Anyone who likes to volunteer is sure to have come up against this scenario - "Why do I need ANOTHER criminal record check? I just did one for the ABC non-profit that I volunteer with."

The crazy duplication that happens when you volunteer with more than one organization can be very frustrating. This new system will allow you to share your original criminal record check with other organizations with whom you volunteer. In short, it will make it easier to volunteer - and that's a really good thing !

This will also make it faster and easier when it comes time to renew your records checks, which some of our volunteers will need to do in 2015 to comply with the three year renewal policy.

## New Years Resolutions!

Starting in January we're going to set aside an afternoon a month for our volunteers, and potential volunteers, to drop in, meet each other, visit, share experiences and ask questions. We know it'll probably be impossible to set a time that will work for everyone, but maybe with your input, we can find the best time for most of you. Or perhaps we can alternate days, or occasionally have an evening Drop In. We're open to your input!



## Volunteer Job Postings



We're looking for someone who enjoys hunting and fishing, who would like to visit with a senior gentleman with like interests.



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