



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

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VOLUNTEERS	OPENING MINDS THROUGH ART <i>Building Bridges Across Age and Cognitive Barriers through Art</i>	

Opening Minds through Art (OMA) is an award-winning, evidence-based, intergenerational art-making program for people living with dementia. It was developed at Scripps Gerontology Center, an Ohio Center of Excellence at Miami University, in 2007. Opening Minds through Art (OMA)'s goal is to help build a society that values all people, including older adults living with dementia. We achieve this by building genuine friendships between people living with dementia and volunteers as they engage in artmaking.

ROLE DESCRIPTION and RESPONSIBILITIES

People living with dementia (artists) are paired with volunteers (students, families, caregivers) who are trained to rely on imagination instead of memory and focus on remaining strengths instead of lost skills. OMA enables people living with dementia to assume new roles as artists and teachers and leave a legacy of beautiful artwork.

This is a time sensitive volunteer role.

- From September 27th, 2023 for 6 to 8 weeks.
- Wednesday Afternoons
- 1:00pm – 3:00pm
- Bow View Manor, 4628 Montgomery Blvd. NW, Calgary, AB

You will need:

- Good communication and interpersonal skills
- **No art experience or ability is needed**
- Understand the safety requirements and rules of the Brenda Stafford Foundation
- Sign in and out and track your hours
- Arrive on time and maintain a professional demeanor with residents and staff.
- In a timely manner, let your supervisor know if you are running late or unable to fulfill your commitment

REQUIREMENTS

- Completed application
- Successful completion of the interview process
- Positive reference checks
- Pass a Police Information Check and Vulnerable Sector Search
- Complete the orientation and screening process

SUPERVISED BY

Adult Day Program Manager

August 2023
Date of Origin