

FOR MORE INFORMATION WHETHER YOU ARE A NEWCOMER, INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING, OR AN EMPLOYER
CALL 403-844-8462

West
Country
Welcoming
Community



Easing the Transition
for Newcomers to
The West Country

Volunteer Opportunities

Enrich your life and that of a newcomer by volunteering.

The "WCWC" volunteer Host Program links newcomers with volunteers for friendship and support.

Call 403-844-8462 and become part of this exciting program.

Mission Statement

The West Country Welcoming Community initiative was formed to promote and facilitate the full participation of newcomers in the social, cultural and economic life in this area by providing local information, social support and access to community networks. Engaging newcomers in our communities increases integration and participation so they can contribute to and enjoy the benefits of our communities. We also strive to strengthen communication between the community and business sectors that work closely with newcomers. We want our communities to be welcoming so people stay to live, learn, play and work.

What is the West Country Welcoming Community Volunteer Host Program?

This program helps adult newcomers to the Rocky Mountain House area adjust to their new surroundings, making them feel more at home.

West Country Welcoming Community hosts/host families are just that. They become "friends" of the newcomers by lending support and introducing them to their new community and area and what it has to offer. The hosts become the guides to their community!

The hosts also have an opportunity to make new friends and learn about another part of Alberta or Canada and possibly about a new country, a different language and/or a new culture.

The program recruits the volunteer hosts/host families and then makes compatible matches with people or families who are new to Rocky Mountain House. The matches are based on similar interests, family size, ages, etc.

It does NOT COST anything to join the West Country Welcoming Community Volunteer Host Program but it DOES have some wonderful benefits!

As a West Country Welcoming Community Hosts/Host family, you:

- Are at least 18 years of age and currently live in the Rocky Mountain House area.
- Are available for 1-3 hours per week for about a 6 month term.
- And would be willing to:
 1. Share your knowledge of Rocky Mountain House and area by sharing information on education, recreation, employment, programs, and other community services and activities, and by providing assistance as required.
 2. Attend some events with your 'family'.
 3. Provide friendship and support.
 4. Assist with registering children in school as required.
 5. Assist with social and cultural orientation as required.
 6. Assist your family with learning English (if required).

Join the West Country Welcoming Community Volunteer Host Program:

1: As a Friend (Host or Host Family)

or

2: As one who would like to be matched to a "Friend" in Rocky Mountain House.

To become a West Country Welcoming Community Host or Host Family and make a difference in a newcomer's life, contact your coordinator at: 403-844-8462

As a NEWCOMER to the Rocky Mountain House area, you can be matched to a "Friend" in Rocky Mountain House hosts/host family by contacting your local co-o 403-844-8462

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Volunteers who would like to help with events
or in other capacities are also welcome.