

TITLE:

CULTURAL COMPANION

MAJOR FUNCTION:

Provide regular support and companionship for a resident in his/her native language

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Compile a variety of topics suitable for discussion and reminiscence
- Be aware of safety needs
- Facilitate interaction between self, companion and others
- Maintain confidentiality
- Communicate new information learned about the companion to staff in order to expand their knowledge of the resident as a unique person and add to quality of care they are able to provide

QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS REQUIRED:

- Must be reliable and patient and enjoy the company of seniors
- Able to work independently while respecting facility and volunteer policies and procedures
- Mature, outgoing person with good communication and interpersonal beliefs
- A belief that culture and language are a major part of a person's existence and are important to well-being and health

COMMITMENT REQUIRED:

- Minimum 3 month term
- 1-2 Hours per day, One day(s) per week

BENEFITS:

- Develop valuable work and personal skills
- Reference on request

TRAINING AND SUPERVISION:

- Orientation, training and ongoing support will be provided by the Volunteer Coordinator and the Foyer team
- Access to onsite workshops and online education