

SPRINTNews

A newsletter for SPRINT clients – April 2011

Helping People Live at Home Safely

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National Volunteer Week April 10-16th

SPRINT celebrates volunteers at all levels of our organization

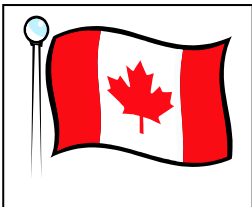
By Jane Moore, Executive Director

We are absolutely delighted to host our Annual Volunteer Recognition Event at Villa Columbo near Lawrence Avenue and Dufferin Street on Thursday April 14th. As I write this, we look forward to spending a wonderful evening together with about 100 volunteers who will enjoy dinner with our Board of Directors and staff.

At SPRINT, volunteers are engaged at every level of our organization. Our Board of Directors provides governance and leadership to our agency. Our Advisory Network is an amazing group of professionals, working in many different disciplines, who give of their time freely to support our staff. When we face complex care issues, members of the Advisory Network provide specialized knowledge and experience when needed.

Many of you meet our program volunteers on a regular basis. Without these dedicated people, our community programs simply couldn't operate. Especially this week, our volunteers will love to hear from you that you appreciate their work. If you would like to share with me a special word of praise about a volunteer, please don't hesitate to contact me at (416) 481-6411, ext. 244. -- Jane Moore

SPRINT to host all-candidates meeting April 29th



Our federal general election will take place on May 2nd and SPRINT has invited all candidates running in the St.Paul riding

to a seniors' forum at 140 Merton Street on April 29th. We will start with a 'meet & greet' the candidates at 10 a.m. At 10:30 we will provide all candidates a

formal opportunity to respond to questions about home health care for older adults. The audience will be invited to ask questions as well.

Candidates Carolyn Bennett (Liberals), James McGarva (Green), William Molls (NDP) and Maureen Harquail

(Conservatives) have been invited to the event.

Please join us! Refreshments will be provided. If you need a ride to the event, please call the SPRINT transportation Department at (416) 481-6411, ext. 223.

Do you have a question you would like to ask the candidates, but you know it won't be possible to attend the event? Don't hesitate to contact Nandy Heule at (416) 481-6411, ext 248. We can ask your question on your behalf and will report back to you.

Hope to see you there. Please don't hesitate to call our transportation department as well if you need a ride to the polls on May 2nd.

SPRINT hosting forum about sexuality, aging



Older adults who are Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual or Transgender (LGBT) are warmly invited to join a community conversation hosted by SPRINT on April 27th at 140 Merton Street. We will talk about topics such as how to build community, sexuality and aging, and how we are cared for where we live. The conversation will help shape a conference to be organized by the Senior Pride Network in the fall. The evening starts at 6:30 p.m. and you can call SPRINT if you need a ride. If you are part of the LGBT community or a friend of the community, please join us.

Clients thank SPRINT volunteers

Did you know that 12.5 million volunteers dedicate their skills and time to organizations across Canada this year? At SPRINT, over 300 volunteers each year make a huge difference in the lives of older adults in North Toronto.

Many of our SPRINT clients are planning special activities to express their appreciation for our volunteers. For example, at our Adult Day Services, they will host a special lunch for volunteers and everybody in attendance will receive flowers. At Ewart Angus Home, our dementia care home, residents will bake cupcakes for our volunteers and the bulletin boards are filled with wonderful words of thanks. Other programs will also provide special tokens of appreciation during Volunteer Week.

Individuals from all walks of life remember SPRINT in their Last Wills

SPRINT deeply appreciates it when a client remembers our agency in a Last Will. If your situation should change in the future, you can always modify your Will. Funds allocated to SPRINT in this way are urgently needed to continue our work to help seniors remain living at home. We are always pleased to meet with you and your family to discuss how your bequest or donation can be used in a way that is special to you. For example, clients have provided funds to buy vehicles for our transportation program.

Your support is needed. Please do not hesitate to contact Executive Director Jane Moore at (416) 481-0669, ext 244 or Senior Director Nandy Heule at ext 248 for more information. Thank you!



Please give this newsletter to a friend or neighbour who doesn't know yet how SPRINT can make it easier to keep living at home!

