



## **Our Community**

## .... about YOUR volunteer contributions!

Volunteer Waterloo Region is a community hub that was established by the community in 1984. We support over 170 local charities and nonprofit organizations with their volunteer programs, and we advocate for volunteers and volunteerism throughout the Region of Waterloo and beyond.

We appreciate the over 200,000 volunteers who share their skills and time with the many organizations who provide service in our region. We are exceptionally grateful for the dedicated individuals and groups who make this community a place where people want to live, work and play.

December 5<sup>th</sup> is **International Volunteer Day.** This day is set aside by the United Nations to share the importance of volunteer efforts around the world. The theme for this year is "if everyone did..." which encapsulates the many facets of volunteer contributions at home, and around the world. Just like Our Community Cares, it shows off how it is the collective contribution of volunteers that makes our communities stronger.

We also extend special appreciation to THEMUSEUM for being a major sponsor of the event this year. Most Importantly, we would like to show our gratitude to YOU for being an outstanding volunteer and for everything you have done to help those around you.

With gratitude,

Jane Hennig **Executive Director** 

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"If our hopes of building a better and safer world are to become more than wishful thinking, we will need the engagement of volunteers more than

ever." – Kofi Annan.



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