

National Volunteer Week 2021



- THE VALUE OF ONE, THE POWER OF MANY-



Friendly Visiting

It's so heart-warming to know the impact that the Friendly visiting program has on NYSC clients during the pandemic. Friendly visiting is a volunteer position that provides emotional support to a senior who is lonely and feeling isolated in the community. Volunteers are carefully matched with a client and enjoy sharing their time and talents. Due the pandemic, volunteers have changed in the way they connect with clients as in-person interaction have changed to phone calls or virtually via Zoom or Skype, if possible. We are grateful for the meaningful relationships that are created between the client and the volunteer. In 2020, over 4,000 calls have been made for Friendly Visiting. That is astounding!

It is the value of one Friendly visiting volunteer who provides a social connection with a senior experiencing loneliness, and the power of many where seniors stay connected to the community and help reduce their social isolation and loneliness.

Thank you, Friendly Visiting volunteers who were able to connect with the clients to bring them joy during these challenging times. Namely, Cherrie Kwok, Eni Mema, Gary Fishlock, Gulshan Virani, and Khorshed Patel.