

National Volunteer Week 2021



- THE VALUE OF ONE, THE POWER OF MANY-



Income Tax

At the Active Living Centre, one of the services that changed in the way it was delivered because of the pandemic is the Income Tax Clinic. For the months of March and April, a qualified volunteer would file tax returns for low-income seniors living in North York. The clinic had transitioned from in-person one-to-one appointments to a virtual or a drop-off and pick-up system. Majority of appointments were drop-off and pick up whereby the volunteer would do the tax return, and the client will pick it up at a later scheduled time. For everyone's safety, a specific process was implemented to ensure the safety protocols were followed, yet maintaining the professionalism and confidentiality of the clients' information. In the month of March, fourteen tax returns were filed by one volunteer who was able to do so safely. Thank you to Alice Shukla for sharing her time and expertise so that seniors can still access this valued service. It is the value of one volunteer who files tax returns by phoning the seniors and using e-file and the power of many seniors who would not have had the means to file it themselves during these times of hardship, and to increase their financial security.

Thank you!

Direct Mail

“*In times of COVID, our more than special volunteers came together in December to help us out with the Direct Mail Campaign. In a very difficult time and following all the safety protocols they finalized their assignment before the deadline and very proud to still being part of the organization. Without these 6 volunteers would not be possible to put out our most important annual fundraising campaign which raises funds to support the seniors` community.”*

-Perla L., NYSC Staff

It is the value of one volunteer to assemble and organize envelopes for a mass mail- out to solicit donations, and the power of many donations that come through from this campaign to support the seniors in our community.

Thank you to following volunteers for their hard work to put out the Direct Mail: Carleen Adler, Dietmar Seelenmayer, Mary Salib, Nabil Salib, Nadia Sampayan and Sylvia Ip.