

## **Welcome Committee Member Volunteer Description**

PARC is the housing operator for 11 Brock Avenue, 42 new units of supportive housing built by the City of Toronto as part of the Rapid Housing Initiative. The units will house 42 individuals who have previously experienced homelessness.

## **About the Welcome Committee**

Help build a welcoming, connected community in Parkdale! The Welcome Committee at 11 Brock Ave is a neighbour-led group of volunteers that will support the successful integration of a new supportive housing building into the Parkdale community at 11 Brock Avenue, just north of Queen Street. The focus of the committee is based on the belief that communities are strongest when people feel welcomed, supported, and connected. The committee builds on the successful work of the Dunn House Welcome Committee at 90 Dunn Ave, where neighbours, tenants, community organizations, and institutional partners came together to offer welcome kits, host community gatherings, and create opportunities for connection.

Welcome Committee volunteers can help build a sense of belonging for new residents while strengthening relationships between tenants, neighbours, and the wider community.

## **Key Responsibilities**

- Participating in monthly Welcome Committee meetings to plan and coordinate activities
- Help gather and assemble items for welcome kits for new residents
- Support a welcome event at 11 Brock Ave in Fall 2026
- Host or support small info sessions or informal coffee chats for neighbours and local businesses
- Act as a liaison between PARC and the local community
- Attend consultations or community events and share information through personal networks.
- Contribute quotes or reflections for PARC newsletters, website, or media, when comfortable.

## **Skills and Qualifications**

We welcome volunteers with a range of lived experiences and skills. You do not need prior experience in housing or community organizing.

## **Ideal volunteers bring:**

- A belief in housing as a human right
- An interest in community-building and inclusive neighbourhoods
- Respect for people with lived experiences of mental health and substance use challenges, homelessness
- Strong listening and collaboration skills
- Reliability and openness to shared leadership

## **Commitment**

The commitment for the Welcome Committee is flexible, but reliability and consistency are important for building trust with new tenants and neighbours. Volunteers can expect to contribute approximately 3–4 hours per month, with additional involvement during key activities like the preparation of welcome kits or the opening day events.

Most of the work will take place in the months leading up to and following the opening of 11 Brock Avenue in Fall 2026. Committee meetings will be held approximately once per month, and volunteers can take part in further activities like attending community gatherings, supporting outreach to neighbours and local businesses, or participating in engagement sessions where they are able to contribute additional hours.

We understand that people’s availability may shift over time, and the committee is structured to allow for that. The most essential piece is a shared commitment to creating a connected community for the new residents of 11 Brock Avenue.

## **Support and Orientation**

Volunteers will be supported by PARC and experienced community members.

Orientation will include:

- An introduction to the Parkdale Model and lessons from Dunn House
- Guidance on trauma-informed practices and engagement
- Clear roles, expectations, and points of contact

## **Volunteers will:**

- Help create a warm welcome for new neighbours
- Be part of a community-led approach to supportive housing
- Build relationships across Parkdale
- Contribute to a community grounded in belonging

To sign up, follow the link and fill out the form: [Welcome Committee Sign Up](#)

**A PARC staff member will follow up with you on next steps.**