

## Volunteer Opportunity: Financial Empowerment Program

The **John Howard Society of PEI (JHSPEI)** is seeking dedicated and compassionate volunteers to join our **Financial Empowerment Program**. This program helps vulnerable and marginalized individuals across Prince Edward Island gain the knowledge, skills, and confidence to improve their financial well-being. If you have a passion for empowering others and want to make a tangible difference in your community, we encourage you to apply.

### Key Volunteer Roles

We are looking for individuals to fill one or more of the following essential roles:

1. **Financial Literacy Group Facilitator:** Lead engaging group sessions on foundational financial literacy topics (e.g., budgeting, debt management, saving).
2. **One-to-One Financial Coach:** Provide personalized, confidential coaching and support to individuals working toward specific financial goals.
3. **Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) Preparer:** Prepare and file simple income tax returns for eligible clients through the Canada Revenue Agency's CVITP.

### Why Volunteer with JHSPEI?

- **Make a Direct Impact:** Help individuals achieve financial stability and reduce stress in their lives.
- **Skill Development:** Gain experience in facilitation, coaching, and tax preparation.
- **Comprehensive Training:** Receive **full training** and support for all program aspects, including financial literacy content, coaching methods, and CVITP procedures. No prior financial expertise is required - just a willingness to learn!
- **Flexibility:** **Hours are flexible** and can be scheduled based on your availability and client/group needs.
- **Serve Your Community:** We are seeking volunteers in **different areas of PEI** to ensure province-wide access to the program.

### What We Are Looking For

Successful volunteers will possess the following qualities:

- **Empathy and Non-Judgment:** A genuine interest in helping others and the ability to work comfortably and respectfully with **vulnerable and marginalized individuals**.
- **Communication Skills:** Comfortable **facilitating group sessions** and engaging in one-to-one discussions with clarity and patience.
- **Reliability:** A commitment to maintaining client confidentiality and honoring scheduled appointments.

- **Openness to Learning:** Eagerness to complete the provided training and adhere to program guidelines and ethical standards.
- **Professionalism:** Maintaining a supportive and professional demeanor when interacting with clients and staff.

### **Commitment Details**

- **Location:** Various locations across PEI, with some opportunities for virtual support.
- **Time Commitment:** Flexible, to be determined upon acceptance into the program.

### **How to Apply**

To learn more or express your interest in becoming a vital part of the Financial Empowerment Program, please contact Tanner MacLean at (902)626-6743 or [tanner@jhspei.ca](mailto:tanner@jhspei.ca).

**Help us empower Islanders to build a better future.**