

About the AAIA

Created over 40 years ago, the Allergy/Asthma Information Association (AAIA) is a member-based registered charity with a national office in Toronto and regional offices across Canada.

Our mission:

To develop societal awareness of the seriousness of allergic disease, including asthma, and to enable allergic individuals, their families and caregivers to increase control over allergy symptoms by providing leadership in information, education and advocacy...

Our programs and activities:

- Newsletters, brochures and other publications
Information and support by phone, e-mail and Web site
Community support groups
Workshops, seminars and conferences
Nationwide training with the AAIA Asthma Reference Kit and the AAIA Anaphylaxis Reference Kit
Special events and activities
Public education and media relations
Representation on key government and industry study groups and committees

Volunteers are the heart and soul of the AAIA!

Volunteer because:

- You believe in our cause.
You or your children are personally affected by allergy, asthma or anaphylaxis.
You want to put your experience to good use.
You want to explore your own strengths.
You would like to develop new skills.

Our commitment to you:

- We will do our best to offer volunteering opportunities to match your expectations and interests.
We will provide you with information, orientation and support, starting with the AAIA Volunteer Handbook.
We will make every effort to make volunteering an enriching experience.

According to Health Canada, "AAIA is the best (or most popular) Canadian resource. It appears to be one of the few organizations that deals with the majority of allergy issues and not just one specific element." Source: Canadian Health Network (CHN) Resource Mapping Report: Allergies, Oct. '99

Charitable registration number: 131-765-174-RR0001

Yes, I wish to volunteer for the AAIA

Name

Address

Phone

E-mail

Are you a member of the AAIA? Yes No

What is of interest to you? (Please check one or more.)

Allergy Asthma Anaphylaxis

What is your principal reason for volunteering?

What is your age group?

Teen Adult Senior

When would you be available? (Please check one or more.)

Week days Weekends

Mornings Afternoons Evenings

Other, specify:

What is your past experience as a volunteer? (Please check one or more.)

Booth presentations Support groups

School presentations Media relations

Newsletters Telephone support

Special events Board and committees

Information Programs None

Other volunteer activity, specify:

What languages do you speak?

English French

Other, specify:

What skills are you volunteering? (Please check one or more.)

- Basic office work
Community support
Computer skills (data, graphics, technical)
Coordination (events, programs)
Fundraising
Media relations
Marketing (advertising, promotions)
Public speaking/presentations
Telephone support (for information, referrals, recruitment, meetings, etc.)
Training
Web page creation or application
Writing Translation
Organizational skills
Able to work independently
Leadership potential
Other, specify:

Do you have access to a computer? Yes No

Do you have preferences/limitations? (Please indicate any special requirements or limitations, e.g., you may prefer to work in a team, to have specific tasks or fit a specific framework such as only asthma or only anaphylaxis work.)

Signature

Date

Please mail to your AAIA regional office (see addresses on the back) or to: AAIA Volunteers Program Allergy/Asthma Information Association P.O. Box 100, Toronto, ON M9W 5K9