



## **Volunteer posting – Volunteer Community Interpreter 2737 Keele St. Toronto, ON**

The Mennonite New Life Centre is a place of welcome, friendship and community, where newcomers and neighbors gather to support each other, learn from each other and take action together for a more just and compassionate society.

As part of our services we maintain a community volunteer interpreter roster that provides high quality interpreter services to newcomers to Canada with basic command of English, breaking the sense of isolation newcomer experience as a result of language barriers.

We are looking for **Volunteer Community Interpreters (Spanish/English)** to join our roster of community interpreters. This is a flexible position, in which we contact volunteers on a case-by-case basis, to escort clients to appointments, and interpret for them in various settings. Volunteers can expect to commit between 3-4 hours per appointment. We request a commitment to volunteer for at least 3-6 months.

### **Main Responsibilities:**

- Escort clients to appointments with doctors, lawyers, social services or immigration offices.
- Provide consecutive interpretation with accuracy and fidelity.
- Maintain an impartial and professional attitude towards all parties, always keeping role boundaries.
- Treat clients and service providers with respect.
- Maintain confidentiality and discretion, but share any concern with staff from the Centre.
- Be punctual.

### **Requirements:**

- Excellent command of English and Spanish.
- Experience in consecutive interpretation is an asset.
- Ability to work independently, with minimal supervision.
- Must be friendly, open, reliable, patient, non-judgmental and non-discriminating
- Must have cross-cultural sensitivity

### **Benefits:**

- Training twice a year with a reputable institution.
- Free parking
- Letter of reference upon completion of 3 months of volunteer work.
- Opportunities to network and socialize.

If you are interested in this position send your resume to **Gabriela Martinez** at [gmartinez@mnlct.org](mailto:gmartinez@mnlct.org) or call (647) 776-2057 x 303.