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Subject: Upcoming NR: Volunteer Week Gathering Place volunteers

Dear Mayor and Council,

In recognition of National Volunteer Week, the City will this week be highlighting the vital contribution made by volunteers at The Gathering Place.

Volunteers contribute approximately 30,000 hours of their time to The Gathering Place each year and play an important role in many of the centres most popular programs including the provision of hot meals, showers and laundry, as well as supporting community members through programming and services. Many of the volunteers are people who have been marginalized and volunteering at the centre has helped them build connections and develop new skills.

The City will be issuing a news release about the importance of the volunteers to the centre, as well as sharing the stories of four volunteers via social media.

Best,
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