

The Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre CIA is seeking volunteers

services is actively searching for volunteers to help facilitate the distribution of information in best informing the senior population in the regions of Magog, Stanstead, Ayer's Cliff, Eastman and Mansonville.

The "Carrefour d'information pour aînés" (CIA) was created in order to respond to a growing demand from seniors, especially the most vulnerable ones, to improve the access to information regarding government programs and services.

Some members of the community were not able to benefit from programs because of difficulties searching for information. In 2008, the "Ministere de la Famille et des Aînés" created a network by establishing projects in six different locations. In 2012, additional

funding allowed the creation of 20 new establishments in 13 regions including two in the Eastern Townships with one in Mansonville.

Lucie Bedard, Coordinator of the project based in Mansonville at the CAB offices works to:

- Respond to individual requests by phone or in person.
- Inform on specific important issues through conferences and workshops.

She also works to recruit and train volunteers and develop partnerships to promote the CIA project.

"Presently, I am looking for volunteers with a few hours to offer each week," explained Lucie. "I need volunteers who possess good communication and computer skills," she added. "We will offer the volunteers training and

work closely with them to assure that they understand their role and have the information necessary to best aid the senior's living in the area."

This program strives to increase the support available to the senior population and those who have volunteered thus far have expressed a feeling of pride and accomplishment in being able to help others.

For more information about the CIA project or any of the services offered by the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CAB), visit their website at www.cabmn.org and for more information about the CIA program specifically or to sign up as a volunteer, contact the project coordinator, Lucie Bedard at: 1-855-813-3114.



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