

Qwalayu House garden care volunteers

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Are you looking forward to spring? Fresh flowers, warmer weather, longer days! Do you enjoy being outside in the fresh air? Then this position may be right for you! Help in the gardens of Qwalayu House completing light tasks such as weeding, maintaining the garden beds, planting, and watering.

This is also a wonderful opportunity for community or business groups to help in your community!

Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island has invested in the health of Island kids for more than 95 years. Our vision is to ensure all Island families have access to the health care they need.

Qwalayu House is a home where families from the north Island and surrounding islands can stay while their children receive health care in the region, and where pregnant individuals from remote communities can stay close to hospital as their due date approaches.

Owned and operated by Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island, Qwalayu House is located at 565 2nd Avenue on the North Island Hospital – Campbell River campus, behind Yucalta Lodge. The home has 10 bedrooms, a large kitchen, dining, living, quiet rooms, and playrooms; and a backyard where kids can feel at home.

Responsibilities

 Work with staff and other volunteers to carry out yard work such as weeding, maintenance of garden beds, and watering.

Skills required

- Reliable and committed.
- Able to work both independently and as part of a team.
- Some basic knowledge of gardening principles (but not a requirement)

Time commitment

• Time commitment can be as little as a one time experience or regular weekly, bi-weekly or monthly shifts!

What we hope you will gain from your volunteer experience

- Engagement in fulfilling community work
- Opportunity to meet new people
- Hands on practical experience
- Learning new skills and knowledge that may be helpful in other areas of your life.
- Taking pride in helping to maintain the important upkeep of Qwalayu House so our families can continue to use the outdoor space.

For more information about this opportunity, please contact Aimee Kapil at aimee.kapil@islandkidsfirst.com.