

Youth Who Care – Canada's First Foundation Youth Board

What is Youth Who Care?

In 1997 Prince County Hospital Foundation launched Canada's first-ever foundation youth board. The teen volunteer directors comprising the Board, work to promote positive images for youth and bring health-oriented messages to the community.

Meeting on a monthly basis throughout the school year, these dedicated students from the 3 high schools in our hospital catchment area strive to meet the stated goals of Youth Who Care. These goals are:

- Health Promotion
- Skill Development
- Community Service
- Voice for Youth
- Fund Raising

A commonly held generalization is that youth today are a problem. The volunteer directors of Youth Who Care wish to help the community to see young people in a different light – as being part of the solution, not part of the problem. This is accomplished by their presence in the community as role models for community service and promotion of good health.

These young people are the volunteers and leaders of tomorrow. They will acquire skills through their association with the hospital Foundation and will take these skills into adulthood and build on them to become integral members of their communities, through the planning & execution of various events and projects.

Youth Who Care directors will participate in various fund-raising activities throughout the year. While this component of their volunteer service carries less emphasis, it is nonetheless seen as an expression of their commitment to helping Prince County Hospital.

Prince County Hospital Foundation seeks dedicated, committed youth volunteers to hold positions on the Youth Who Care board. Candidates will be selected on the basis of a personal interview and references. A certain level of commitment is required to be an effective, responsible volunteer and minimum attendance and other requirements are laid out in the board's by-laws (a copy of which is available on request).

Thank you for your interest in Youth Who Care. If you have any questions, please call (902) 432-2547 or e-mail us at: kmarsenault@ihis.org Also find YWC on Facebook – search their group – Youth Who Care

Thanks!