

## Small loans Big ideas

### **Volunteer Opportunities at ACCESS Community Capital Fund**

**ACCESS** is a registered charitable organization that helps people facing financial barriers in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) to obtain low-interest loans of up to \$5,000 for small business and professional development. Economic barriers include; low-income, poor or limited credit history and lack of collateral (few or no assets). Most of our clients have difficulty obtaining loans from banks. Individual loans are evaluated using a character-based lending model, where the abilities, plans, skills and commitment of the applicant are key decision criteria.

Our clients encompass under-served and marginalized communities such as visible minorities, newcomers, women and others that face barriers to realizing their goals of self-employment and meaningful employment.

ACCESS supports individuals through the application process and after receiving loans, by providing consultation, coaching, referrals and resources.

### **Special Projects Volunteers**

Depending on our current needs, we may have opportunities to help with activities or projects which support the strategic priorities of the organization and volunteer resources initiatives.

Opportunities may include:

- Research
- Evaluation
- Marketing (preparing videos, interviewing clients and volunteers and writing short highlights for our web site, annual report and newsletters)
- Technology (advising, research, assisting with related technology needs)

Related Skills & Experience:

- Business, technology or marketing experience specific to the project role.
- Strong organizational and project management skills.
- Good team work skills.
- The ability to work independently on project specific activities.
- Creative and innovative.
- Excellent written communication skills.

**Commitment:** The length of commitment will vary and is generally project specific.

Special project roles can be completed virtually, on a flexible schedule and are coordinated based on the project or activity timelines.

**For further information,** please contact Michael Fliess, Coordinator of Volunteer Engagement at [volunteers@accessccf.com](mailto:volunteers@accessccf.com) or 416-462-0496.