

Position Title:	Labour Support Volunteer
Role Description:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For every participant the volunteer is matched with, the volunteer will work as part of a labour support partnership taking on the role of either 1st on-call or 2nd on-call. This partnership will provide the following in collaboration with June's Centre staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prenatal support: including attending medical appointments and prenatal groups with participant ○ Provide support, comfort measures and act as an advocate for the participant during labour and delivery ○ Provide postpartum support for up to 48 hours after birth, reconnecting participant with June's Centre upon the termination of the labour support relationship • Labour support volunteers will participate in pre-natal programs offered at June's Centre, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Belly casting ○ Birth art ○ Pre-natal facilitation • Labour support volunteers are expected to attend bi-monthly trainings during which time they will have the opportunity to share experiences and provide support to each other
Required Commitment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labour Support Volunteers must commit to consistently taking on births and participating in other labour support program opportunities for a minimum of one year
The Successful Candidate:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will have previous experience providing labour support or equivalent training, education or experience • Will have knowledge of labour and delivery including physiology, comfort measures, common interventions and breast-feeding • Will have a flexible schedule to be able to accommodate being on call and responding at all hours • Will be able to lift 45lbs • Will be able to initiate conversation and able to understand and engage in active listening • Will have strong communication skills which will allow them to advocate for the participant in challenging situations • Will have an ability to work independently while supporting participant in community setting • Will have good problem solving skills • Must be 19 years of age or over • Must be available to attend two-day weekend training in November 2009 • May be fluent in a language in addition to English

Agreement

Reports to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Primary contact is Health Counselor at June's Centre Counsellor .• Volunteer coordinator – administration that is responsible for matching participants and labour support volunteers.
Number of Hours:	
Responsibilities:	
Requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Knowledge of labour and delivery• Knowledge of breast-feeding• Ability to work independently supporting participant in community setting• Good problem solving skills• Ability and willingness to be on call and to respond at all hours of the day• Completion of the June's Centre Labour Support training two-day workshop•