

## Volunteers Needed by REAL and the REAL Deal – November 2023

Here are a few of the more pressing volunteer needs we have.

### Tool Person

- At least one half day a week (Wed. Thurs Fri or Sat 10-1 or 1 – 4.
- Keep tool library organized, test tools that come back from loan, assess incoming tools to see if they should be added to tool library or sold, advise what tools we need, check out tools for members and accept returns, if comfortable make improvement to our system
- Need: knowledge of tools

### Board Member

- 10 - 20 hours per month year round for a two year term. Prepare for meetings, attend monthly and special meetings, committee participation and correspondence
- Board members provide direction, guidance and support to the board, committees, membership and volunteers of REAL in fulfilling the mission, vision and goals of the organization.
- Need: interest in environmental issues and the desire to work for positive environmental change

### Gardener – Butterfly and Pollinator Gardens

- The butterfly committee oversees the planting and maintenance of the butterfly and pollinator gardens in two locations - The Real Deal store and the downtown town square.
- This involves weekly work sessions during the growing season - usually once a week at a scheduled time - this year it was Wednesday mornings however that will likely change to whatever time works best for members next season. We may decide to choose two different scheduled times that members can choose from depending on what works best for them..... and it is not essential that everyone comes every time.
- In 2023 we added two raised beds that will require planting next year - herbs and medicinal plants are our chosen plants for these beds- we will be working planning this more during winter / early spring and welcome input and ideas.
- Need: physically capable, no specialized garden knowledge required
- If you have an interest in pollinator and native gardens, herbs and medicinal plants, working outside, building support for our butterflies and bees we would love to have you join us.

### Social Media Person

- Two hours a week or so
- Take photos of interesting items at store

- Create some interest for shoppers
- Post on Facebook and Instagram

#### Delivery Person

- One trip every three weeks or so
- Occasionally REAL needs someone to deliver recyclable materials elsewhere, e.g. pens to Staples, pill bottles to North Gower, bags to a local retirement home, fabric and clothing to a bin or other local store
- Need: Access to a car
- Mileage will not be provided, we are hoping that with lead time you can include these deliveries in your own activities as dropoff times are not set

#### Volunteer Volunteer Coordinator

- Roughly two hours every week
- REAL has policies, procedures and forms for a volunteer program but need a dedicated person to administer it
- There would be some volunteer recruitment, meeting with potential volunteers, getting them placed in a role, checking in with them, doing some REAL orientation etc.
- Needed: must like to work with people

#### Handyperson

- 2 hours a week or special projects
- Do minor repairs at the REAL Deal store
- Build shelves or other simple structures to suit REAL's needs
- Need: some experience in repairs and building

#### Truck Driver

- Occasional
- While REAL does not normally offer pickups and drop-offs to customers, sometimes we would like to take advantage of opportunities that arise, or need large items picked up (shelving, plants etc.)
- Need: Access to a truck
- Mileage would be provided for out of town trips