

March 29, 2018

To: Hamilton Community Agencies

From: Flamborough Connects – Flamborough Information & Community Services

Re: Volunteer Hamilton database update

Dear Community Partners,

As you know, Volunteer Hamilton closed its doors in December. The closure of such a profoundly important service has made it difficult for many agencies to recruit and fill their volunteer needs.

Flamborough Connects agreed to incorporate the Volunteer Hamilton database into its new website as part of a rebrand campaign. Though we have been working with several volunteers to try to make the shift, ongoing technical complications have made it too time consuming to pursue – and we recognize that many of you, like us, need a solution now.

In consultation with Christopher McIntosh at Gigit and Ann Coburn at Volunteer Halton, we believe there are services and supports available that can assist in filling gaps.

Gigit is a social media platform for non-profit organizations where you can

- 1. Attract and monitor volunteers
- 2. Increase fundraising through donations and ticket sales
- 3. Promote your work in the community

Contact: Christopher McIntosh chris@gigitmarketplace.com

Volunteer Halton is currently working with Community Information partners to enhance the Volunteer Halton Database to include volunteer opportunities in Hamilton. This would allow Volunteer Halton to serve Hamilton agencies with online recruitment.

Contact: Ann Coburn acoburn@cdhalton.ca

Information sessions to learn about Gigit services can be arranged for individual organizations or groups of organizations. Please feel free to contact me if you'd like to arrange a session. I will keep you posted on developments with Volunteer Halton.

Best Regards,

Amelia Steinbring Executive Director