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Dear Lord Roberts Community,

Spring is almost here and the board is busy planning events and programs to offer to you and your neighbours! As you know, the success of our events and programs hangs directly on the shoulders of our volunteers - their dedication and support is so important to keep our centre buzzing with activity! To our volunteers over the past year, we want to say a BIG THANK-YOU! If you haven't had a chance to volunteer, please feel free to reach out and ask how you can get involved (insert LRCC email here). Volunteering is much more than giving a helping hand to a centre or organization, it really does provide an opportunity for you to see old friends, reconnect, and meet new people in the neighbourhood, some becoming long-term friends. This human side of volunteering establishes a sense of community, provides us opportunity to create connections between long-time residents and those recently moved in, and overtime, the unique personal benefit of recognizing many of your new friends while strolling about in your community.

We also wanted to take this time to bring up something new the board is talking about: Over the past few years, it's been harder to fill our volunteer needs for some of the events. This is likely due to many reasons, and unique reasons for each family. The board has spent some time considering the potential reasons for falling volunteer numbers as we think of ways to ask for your help. Lately, our board discussed the idea of adopting a concept used in other communities to ask for help from volunteers - it's called a Volunteer Bond. The only goal of this is to improve our connection with you and your neighbours, and encourage you to volunteer with us. There is no profit from this Bond.

This is how it works: Families using the LRCC programs would agree to committing 4 hours over 12 months when they enroll themselves or their children into a LRCC program, such as dance or soccer. For example, parents could work 2 hours at the Breakfast with Santa, 1 hour at the Fall Festival, and 1 hour at the Valentines social - for a total of 4 hours; or they could work all 4 at one event; it really depends on your schedule. If you're not able to commit the 4 hours throughout the 12 months, we'd ask that you pay an additional \$100 fee at the end of the 12 month period (not upfront) to help us pay our staff to fill those volunteer needs. The LRCC doesn't profit from this.

We will start this program for the Spring 2020 registrations. The complete details of this program are on our website here.

Please feel free to email [info@lordrobertscc.ca](mailto:info@lordrobertscc.ca) with your questions.

Sincerely,  
LRCC Board of Directors