

**Ve'ahavta: The Canadian Jewish Humanitarian Relief Committee**  
**Guyana**  
**Volunteer Posting – Ve'ahavta-Lions Kinder Kit Youth Program**



**Program Purpose:** To provide up to 10 volunteers with the opportunity to engage in hands-on Tikun Olam in Guyana, South America and distribute 2,500 Kinder Kits in Region 7, Guyana while supporting the Ve'ahavta-Lions Club of Bartica youth programs for children in the local community.

**Program Description**

The Kinder Kits program aims to provide educational supplies to underprivileged children. Without the proper tools to learn, a child's success is dramatically decreased. 150,000,000 children around the world leave school illiterate and 1 in 6 children live in poverty in Canada. Ve'ahavta has committed to providing Kinder Education Kits containing the necessary supplies for a child's academic year to impoverished communities around the world through our local and international partners.

Ve'ahavta has been working in Guyana since 1997 in partnership with the Lions Club of Bartica. The Ve'ahavta-Lions Kinder Kit Youth Program 2011 is recruiting volunteers to support in developing and providing creative educational programs for youth aged 7-14 of Bartica and the surrounding areas. Key areas of programming include: arts and crafts, literacy and creative-writing, music (guitar, keyboard, singing), sports (football, cricket, volleyball), mathematics, and computer skills.

**Program Period:** Two-week placement

**Time Commitment:** Two weeks

**Session Date:** August 7<sup>th</sup> – August 21<sup>st</sup>

**\*Program Donation\*:** \$3000 CAD

**Qualifications/Requirements**

Volunteers aged 18+ with international experience and/or a vested personal interest in the destination country. Volunteers must participate in pre-trip orientation, work in-country within the leadership and in cooperation with the Ve'ahavta Site Coordinator and partner representatives, and attend a post-trip Kinder Kits assembly event at the Ve'ahavta office (date to be determined).

**Desired Experience**

- Ability to work well as part of a team
- Responsible, positive, flexible and dedicated
- Cross-cultural exposure
- Ability to work well under supervision
- Experience working with individuals from diverse backgrounds
- Comfort in different or difficult cultural/socio-economic environments
- Interest in travelling and learning about different cultures and peoples
- Preparedness, flexibility and resilience of character to handle pressures of working in different cultures with a foreign set of cultural/professional codes of conduct
- Previous volunteer experience with Ve'ahavta an asset (though not a requirement)

**Ve'ahavta will provide flights, accommodation, ground-transportation, logistical support, pre-departure training, assistance with travel, full orientation and supervision in the field.**

*All applicants must complete a volunteer application form, which includes a CV, two letters of reference, a personal statement, and a deposit donation of \$500 (fee is non refundable upon your acceptance). **Volunteers are eligible to apply for a stipend and/or payment plan if required.** All applicants must attend an in-person interview. For further inquiries, or to receive an application form, please contact:*

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***\*Ve'ahavta's program donation is a charitable donation for which an official donation receipt can be issued.\****