



Happy National Volunteer Week! Join our team at the Huron Country Playhouse in Grand Bend

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Happy National Volunteer Week! For 50 years, volunteers have been an integral part of the success of the Huron Country Playhouse, and this year will be no exception. With five productions on stage from late June to early September, the popular summer theatre will require many helping hands to assist the thousands of theatregoers that will attend more than 100 performances over the course of this milestone season. [Join the volunteer team in Grand Bend for the 50th Anniversary Season.](#)

“The Huron Country Playhouse was founded on volunteerism, and that spirit of generosity still flourishes today. Quite simply, we couldn’t do what we do without our volunteers’ support and commitment to the arts,” says **Alex Mustakas**, Artistic Director of Drayton Entertainment. “We’re looking for enthusiastic people who want to donate their time and energy to provide a positive experience for everyone who visits the theatre in Grand Bend.”

Do you have a passion for theatre? If so, becoming a volunteer at the Huron Country Playhouse is a fantastic opportunity to learn what it’s like to work behind-the-scenes, while helping others to discover the exciting experience of attending a live performance. Whether you’re retired and looking for interesting social activities that can also help others, or looking to expand the customer service experience on your résumé, volunteering at the theatre is a rewarding activity that allows you to make a positive contribution to your community.

Volunteers do a variety of tasks including acting as ambassadors for the theatre by ushering at performances – duties include welcoming patrons, checking tickets, leading audience members to their seats, and more. They may also assist with special events or help spread the word about upcoming shows through local distribution of promotional materials.

The theatre is also supported by the Huron Country Playhouse Guild, a dedicated volunteer group working at arms-length who generate awareness for the Huron Country Playhouse through marketing and networking initiatives. For almost fifty seasons, the dedicated Guild volunteers have been active in raising funds, operating the Gift Shoppe, and providing ongoing support to the Huron Country Playhouse. Each year the Guild holds many events and fundraisers such as the Huron Country Playhouse Guild Gala and the Guild Fashion Show.

National Volunteer Week was established in 1974 and has grown exponentially each year, with thousands of volunteer projects and special events scheduled throughout the week. The week is an annual celebration recognizing that volunteers provide vital support to their communities. The initiative also encourages more people to consider volunteering. This year's theme for National Volunteer Week is *Volunteering Is Empathy In Action* – it affirms the strong connection between volunteerism and empathy. This profoundly human connection is at the heart of healthier individuals and stronger communities.

For more information about volunteer opportunities at the Huron Country Playhouse in Grand Bend, contact **Ellen Berwick**, Director of Audience Services by email at ellenb@draytonentertainment.com, phone at 519-621-5511 ext. 253, or visit www.draytonentertainment.com/Online/article/volunteer.

The 2022 Season at the Huron Country Playhouse in Grand Bend includes *Fiddler on the Loose* (June 23 to July 9), *It Runs in the Family* (July 20 to Aug 6), and *The Sound of Music* (Aug 17 to Sept 4) on the Mainstage, and *Good Ol' Country Gospel* (July 20 to Aug 6) and *The Sweet Delilah Swim Club* (Aug 18 to Sept 4) on the newly named South Huron Stage (formerly Playhouse II). For more information about the 50th Anniversary season, please visit www.huroncountryplayhouse.com.

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