**Name of community agency/organization:**

With a Thousand Cranes

**Description of community agency/organization:**

**YOUR MISSION:** Create a thousand origami paper cranes (senbazuru).

**OUR GOAL:** *With a Thousand Cranes* is an initiative aimed at creating hope, belonging, and connection amongst both receivers and volunteers.

**A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY:** According to Japanese legend, folding a thousand paper cranes brings a person happiness and good luck. In some versions of the story, the person may be granted a wish by the gods. In Japan, the crane is a bird of happiness – a symbol of luck and longevity. It lives a thousand years; and each crane in the senbazuru symbolizes one year of happiness. Hence, gifting a thousand cranes to a person lets them know that they are loved.

**OUR PHILOSOPHY:** We want to spark hope, belonging, and connection.

Our volunteers are working toward a collective goal – to make a thousand cranes for someone in need. We hope that by donating this gift, the receiver feels loved and acknowledged. There are many charities that raise funds, but sometimes that is not enough. We need to look holistically at a person’s situation. Human beings strive on belonging and connection. In certain times of our lives though, this may become difficult. We hope that whenever the receiver looks at this gift, he or she knows that there is someone out there who cares. We hope that the receiver can feel connected with the community.

As for the volunteers, each member is collaborating to achieve this goal. Whether volunteers work individually, or work in teams with their friends and family, each person is important. We hope volunteers have a fun time in the process!

**Position title:** Volunteer aka A WING

Our project would not be able to fly without its wings. And hence, we like to call our volunteers the WINGS.

**What will the student do:** Fold a thousand origami paper cranes individually or in a team to donate to someone in need

**Skills required:**

- Ability to follow instructions
- Compassion
Skills student will learn:

- Appreciation of culture and art
- Creativity
- Patience
- Problem Solving
- Teamwork
- Time Management

Length of time required:

Any time the volunteer wishes to give (e.g. it could be anywhere from one day to one year depending on the time span over which this project occurs).

What is the registration deadline for volunteer positions? (If the volunteer position is a year-round opportunity, organizations will need to resubmit every September)

Year-round Opportunity

Location:

No physical location yet. To increase the fun, we plan to hold weekly meetings, but the logistics are still under progress.

How students can get involved/How to apply:

Visit [www.withathousandcranes.com](http://www.withathousandcranes.com) to find the volunteer form.

Contact person:

If you have any questions/concerns and/or wish to volunteer, please contact us on our project’s email: [withathousandcranes@gmail.com](mailto:withathousandcranes@gmail.com).

The email below is a personal email.

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*The Peel board has reviewed this volunteer posting to make sure it meets the criteria for the community involvement requirement. However, this posting is provided as a service to students, it is not intended to be an endorsement by the Peel District School Board of any specific organization or program.*