

Annual Report

VOLUNTEERS AND PLACEMENT STUDENTS

2024-2025

SUMMARY

The Langs Volunteer and Student Placement Program continues to thrive, building on the strong momentum and achievements of the past year. Engagement by community members of all ages continues to increase while programs, special events and committees are stronger than ever because of our passionate volunteers.

This year marked significant growth in volunteer hours contributed, increasing by 22%. The number of student placements from local colleges and universities also increased. Volunteers are helping lead new initiatives, such as Chair Yoga, which had great success, and the Youth Council showcased the importance of acting on youth voices by offering a Soccer, Snacks and Shirts special event. Volunteers are helping in more programs than ever.

Through this program, Langs furthers its mission by actively involving volunteers in meaningful roles. At the same time, it offers individuals valuable opportunities for personal growth, skill development, and meaningful contributions to the community.

HIGHLIGHTS

185 Adult volunteers
22 Placement students
75 Youth volunteers
9,831 Volunteers hours

34 Leaders in Training supporting
Summer Camps over **1,290** hours

25 Cambridge Neighbourhood Table
Volunteers supporting food
security programs for over
990 hours



"VOLUNTEERING IN LITTLE JUMPING BEANS HAS BEEN A SOURCE OF HAPPINESS AND I LOOK FORWARD TO IT EVERY WEEK!" - VOLUNTEER

61 Programs with volunteer support
31 Children & Youth Programs
19 Adult Programs
11 Special Events & Action Teams

8 Volunteer-Led Programs including:

- Clothing Giveaways
- Emergency Food Outreach
- Landscaping
- Community Table Dinners
- Bingo nights
- Yoga & Chair Yoga
- S.T.E.A.M.
- Youth Council - Soccer & Snacks



IMPACT

Kai was a 7th Inning student over the 2023-2024 school year and showed an interest in the LIT Program and doing some volunteering over the summer. During the 7 weeks of Summer Camp, Kai took a bus from Kitchener weekly and volunteered in both Grow and Langs Summer Camps. They developed supportive relationships with the participants and won the HIGH FIVE award for Participation in August. One camper at Grow cried on Kai's final day because they would miss them so much. Kai showed immense growth and engagement over the 7 weeks they volunteered.