

Kindness and dedication go a long way when volunteering

Our volunteers never cease to amaze us with their dedication and commitment; and their generosity is always appreciated.

Linan and Susie are no exceptions. As international students from China, they have called Melbourne home for the past couple of years.

Susie has graduated from Monash University, majoring in accounting with Linan recently graduating from Melbourne University in the field of Data Analysis.

Living in the city, it is not the easiest commute to get to MannaCare. And this is where their enthusiasm shines through. Depending on traffic and the bus timetable, they travel approximately 2 hours as a round trip to get to MannaCare and then back home again. That is commitment!

Both Linan and Susie volunteer at Doncaster Rehabilitation Services and assist clients with their rehabilitation exercise every Thursday morning.

“It is simple but meaningful work, and I think the best part of it, is that the work gives me a sense of fulfilment. I feel happy when I see elderly people happy,” states Linan.

When Susie was asked by a job supervisor, why she volunteered in aged care as it was not relevant to her study, she responded by saying, “I like to help people. Elderly people also like to talk to young people which can assist in refreshing their memory. I can communicate a lot with them and share stories. I think it is very meaningful work.”

Linan initially volunteered because he wanted “To have more interaction with Australian society. But as times goes by, he thinks it is simply “because it makes me happy since I’m able to help other people during the volunteer work.”

At the moment, they are both enjoying volunteering as well as meeting numerous people from different countries and backgrounds along with learning many things in the process. The final word goes to Susie “Just join us! You will find that volunteering is easy and interesting, and you get a lot more out of it than you think.”

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