

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

"I was a Communications and Research Coordinator at Unisphere Canada (UC), and one of the events I attended was a food handling certification program organized by UC in partnership with Toronto Public Health. During the training I was able to speak with a number of participants and carry out a qualitative (focus group discussion) and quantitative (set of questionnaires) research to obtain their feedback on program implementation and how the program would help them to achieve their long-term goals.

In summary, the participants believed that a food handling certification, knowledge and skills would enable them to start their home-based business.

In my volunteer role with Unisphere Canada, I was able to learn and network with community organizations as well as women entrepreneurs from low-income communities. Before UC, I worked in the insurance industry in communications so I felt that my position with UC would support my learning and add to my experience. My current role is in litigation with TD Bank. My experience with UC helped me to be more productive and to contribute my time to a worthwhile cause. Overall, it was a positive experience and I was able to give back to the community and support marginalized women. I felt good helping low-income families. It was great to meet other women in the community and network with other organizations. "



Laurie Di Brina

"Volunteering with Unisphere Canada was a very positive and rewarding experience."