

## ALIAN'T PIONEERS

The Aliant Pioneer Volunteers is the largest corporate-based volunteer organization in Atlantic Canada. The close to 9,000 members is comprised of current and former Aliant employees and its predecessor companies. They focus on education and technology-related projects within their communities.

Clarenville's Aliant Pioneers are doing their part to make Clarenville an Age-Friendly place to live and work. The Clarenville group has 40 members (both male & female). They meet on the second Thursday of the month in the Aliant Building.

These energetic and innovative volunteers often offer their support at a moment's notice. They have assisted a wide variety of community service efforts in Clarenville and the surrounding area such as Backpacks for Kids, Computers for Schools and Community Groups including our seniors, School Lunch Program, Highway Cleanup, Guider Dog Unit Collections, and Youth & Seniors Bowling.



They have supported various charities, the Salvation Army Christmas Stockings, and the food banks in Bonavista and Clarendville. They make and donate Hug-A-Bears and Finger Puppets. Their “Life Member Club” in St. John’s makes “Red Heart Pillows.” These pillows have proven to be effective therapy for those recovering from surgery.

“Red Heart Pillows” are supplied free of charge to every person in Atlantic Canada, young and old alike, that undergoes a heart operation. These pillows ease the pain of coughing after the operation. Many of them have been distributed in the Clarendville area.

Although the Aliant Pioneers volunteer a tremendous number of hours to community efforts, they still find time to enjoy themselves as they share fun and fellowship at a pot-luck dinner, barbecue, sing-a-long, or a game of darts or cards.

The Aliant Pioneer motto, “People helping People” is a motto that citizens of all ages must follow to make our communities Age-Friendly.

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