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Welcome to A Wish to Wed Society

First of all, thank you! We are truly honored that you're considering A Wish to Wed for your volunteering services. From its earliest beginnings the society has relied exclusively on volunteers, so all of us know all too well what kind of commitment volunteering is. It's thanks to amazing people like yourself that we can make our wish recipients' wedding wishes come true. So from all of us at A Wish to Wed Society, thank you!

With this guide we'd like to give you a short introduction to the culture and mission of the society. Next you'll find more information about the different task categories that are available for volunteers.

OVERVIEW:

- Welcome
- Our history
- Mission and goals of AWW
- Why do we do this?
- Wish options
- Vendor
volunteer categories
- Formal commitments

**we believe that
people should be
able to get
married when
faced with a
terminal illness**

A WISH TO WED CORE VALUE #1

ABOUT A WISH TO WED

Our history

A Wish to Wed Society was founded in early 2014 by 5 Vancouver wedding professionals, who wanted to provide charitous wedding services to couples faced with a terminal illness.

Since at the time no Canadian not-for-profit corporation with a similar mission existed, the group decided to establish the Society.

Mission

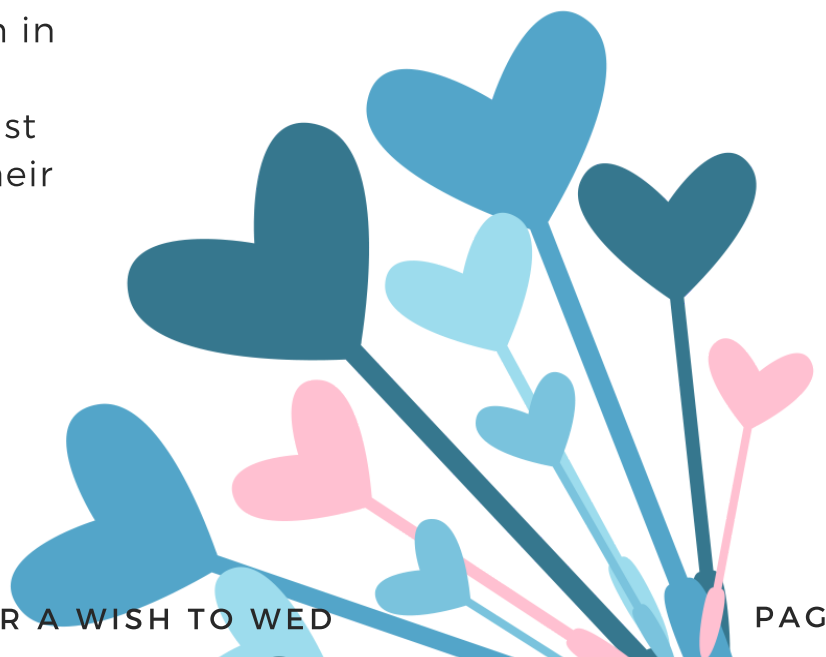
Throughout the years the Society has undergone many changes, but the core mission remained the same: "to grant the union of marriage celebrated through a wedding to those faced with a terminal illness."

Goals

On this mission we have built our 3 main goals, which are:

- to join people faced with terminal illness in the union of marriage;
- to provide a wedding celebration that brings joy and strength in challenging times;
- to support people to see past their illness and focus on their love.

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**we believe in
bringing joy and
strength to people
through a wedding
celebration**

A WISH TO WED CORE VALUE #2

WHY DO WE DO WHAT WE DO?

Simply put, because we love it. But more important because all of us at A Wish to Wed have a profound believe in the values of the Society. You can find these 3 values throughout this brochure.

And what better way to celebrate these values, than organizing a wedding?

WISH OPTIONS

Currently we offer wish applicants 2 types of wedding wishes:

- elopements, which can be planned in 6 months or less (even on extremely short notice such as 1 to 2 weeks);
- weddings, which require 6 to 12 months of planning, but come with some more perks. And of course, even though we say weddings, these events can just as much be a vow renewal.

SO WHO IS BEHIND ALL THIS?

The Board of Directors, which currently holds 5 directors is the core and engine of AWW. They're the ones who meet frequently and keep things running smoothly.

But organizing a wedding takes more than 5 enthusiastic individuals. Much more. Which is why we are humbled by the support we receive from the community around us. Whether they are generous sponsors, wedding professionals donating their services or volunteers giving us their precious time. We simply couldn't do it without them.

**we believe that
people are not
defined by their
illness**

A WISH TO WED CORE VALUE #3

VENDOR VOLUNTEER CATEGORIES

A Wish to Wed is always looking for volunteering vendors in the following categories.

- * Wedding coordinator
- * Venue
- * Catering
- * Officiant
- * Photographer
- * Videographer
- * Makeup and/or hair artist
- * Cake designer
- * Florist
- * Decor designer/rental
- * Wedding stationery designer
- * Bridal dress and/or groom suit/tuxedo store/rental
- * DJ
- * Wedding photo album designer/creator

FORMAL COMMITMENTS

Once you sign up as a volunteer for AWW, we ask that you make a few formal commitments.

First the general culture and rules of conduct:

- First, a commitment to the Society's mission, values and goals.

You've read them in the previous pages and they are the foundations on which our society is built. We want you to feel comfortable working with us.

- Second, a commitment to the team of AWW.

A team is only as strong as each of its members. All of us are counting on each other. If you've agreed to participate in an event, or taken on a task, it's important that we can rely on you for doing so.

- Third, a commitment to the all-inclusive and positive culture of AWW.

From the start the Society was built on a culture of all-inclusiveness. We feel strong about treating every human being as equal, regardless of religion, sex, race, background, sexual preference or whatever other aspect you can think of.

We cultivate this culture both internally (within the AWW team of directors and volunteers) and externally (wedding wishes from both straight and LGBT couples are accepted). It's important that you feel comfortable with this.

And second, a commitment to a few vendor-specific requirements:

- volunteering subcontractor

You'll be a volunteer donating your services on behalf of the Society. That means all communications with the wish recipients go through the Society. If you'd like the wish recipient to accept any of your contractual obligations or requirements, you can send these to us and we'll take care of it.

Direct contact between yourself and the wish recipient, is only allowed with the explicit permission of the Society.

- your commitment to the project

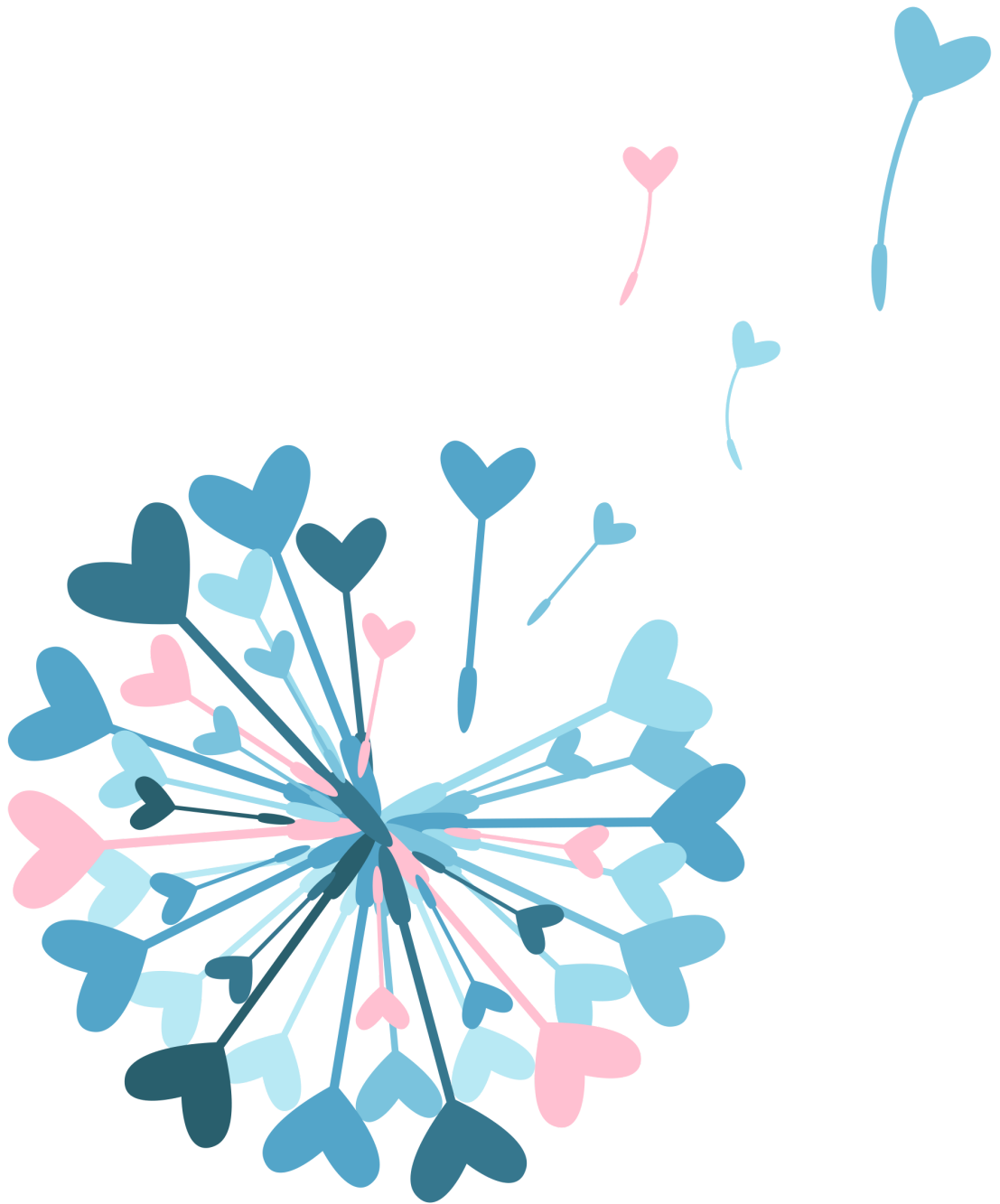
Once you commit to volunteer for a wedding, we trust you to act professionally and responsibly both before and during the wedding. Treat the gig it as if it's one of your own paying clients.

For instance, if for any reason you should have to back out of the wedding, we ask you to give us notice as soon as possible, and find a suitable replacement yourself. We'll do our best to help you fill the spot by tapping into our vendor volunteer pool, however the closer to the wedding date the harder this may get.

- our publicity for your business

Even though it's volunteer work, we'd love to return the favor to you by giving you as much return on your 'investment' as possible, in the form of publicity. Here's how you can help us, help you. For publication on the media of A Wish to Wed: send us your logo, social media handles and business information. Our social media team will make sure this gets promoted through the Society's platforms.

READY TO START VOLUNTEERING?



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