

Ross Paterson

VOLUNTEER ROLE: GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (GED) TUTOR

STARTED VOLUNTEERING: 2012

What brought you to West NH?

I was looking for a role that would give me personal satisfaction through helping others. I was a Big Brother for 16 years before coming to West NH.

What do you enjoy most about your role?

Being able to contribute to someone's path and educational foundation. Watching people awaken to their own potential and take a leap of faith in themselves.

What keeps you volunteering year after year?

It gives me personal satisfaction to volunteer here. the resources for proper social resources are lacking; volunteering allows me to pick up some of the slack.

What could you not have anticipated before starting?

I didn't fully grasp how difficult some people's lives have been to date - and despite that, they invest in making their lives better.

What would you like to share with a new volunteer?

Listen to your student. Pick up on their queues of interest/disinterest. the connection to the GED material will be more successfully taken up if you're speaking their language.

