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VOLUNTEERING – A LOCAL AFFAIR

Local people, volunteering their time to assist others in their community, have been the driving force enabling Interchange Outer East's steady growth.

Originally, back in 1982, the Volunteer Host Carer Program was the only service offered by Interchange. This program, where a child is matched to, and then cared for by a volunteer host one weekend a month, offered vital respite and support to children with a disability and their families.

Nowadays, Ferntree Gully based Interchange Outer East offers a wide range of respite and recreational programs, services and flexible options which support all family members and provide lots of volunteering opportunities. With approximately 800 families currently accessing our programs, we are continually seeking ways to maintain and grow the services we provide.

Volunteering with Interchange is a great way of getting involved with others in the local community. It's a positive experience for everyone – volunteers, families, children and the community ... and it keeps Interchange growing!

For more information about Interchange Outer East and the volunteering opportunities we offer please call 9758 5522 or visit www.ioe.org.au.