

MEET CHARLAINE POWER, OUR OPERATIONS LEAD!



1. How long have you worked at NHA and how did you find yourself here?

I have been here for over 6 years now.... My goodness. As a newbie right out of university, I heard through the grapevine, of a job opening as an Admin Assistant at this amazing organization with a great team. I've never looked back. While here, I have developed a strong passion for housing and have been honoured to get to know our residents over the years.

2. What does 'home' mean to you?

Home is my safe space and my security. It is truly my place of refuge and place of freedom. When I think of 'home', it is where my family is – when I am around my kids and my husband, I feel like I can truly be the best version of myself.

3. What's your go-to recipe when it's your turn to cook?

I have quite a few go-to recipes, but one thing that I have perfected over the years is my banana bread. I love making it and it is delicious!

4. Who is your favourite superhero and why?

I'm going to be honest, and please don't hate me, but I definitely don't have a favourite superhero. I barely know any superheroes, so instead I am going to say Sherlock Holmes (the Benedict Cumberbatch kind). I love his ability to own his uniqueness and his intelligence. I also love a good mystery.

5. Do you have a favourite quote?

What is it and what does it mean to you? I have always liked the saying "Have courage and be kind". I try to lead a life that is first and foremost, rooted in kindness and humility, which isn't always easy to do. It also isn't the most accepted way to approach life, particularly in a world where many believe 'oneself' should come first. It is important for me to constantly be learning, take ownership of my short-comings and always show love to others regardless of the circumstances.

6. What is your secret talent or skill?

I would like to think one of my hidden talents is that I am a good gift giver. I enjoy picking items for people that I think they will truly appreciate. I like to make others feel special, so I put a lot of effort into finding something unique.

7. How do you de-stress after a tough day?

There is nothing better than putting on some good smelling candles, cuddling up with a blanket and sitting in silence. I know. I'm weird, but I like turning the world off for a while. I could also throw some chips in there and be very content.

8. What's the closest thing you've seen to real magic?

I have always been in awe of the ocean. Its vastness and mysterious nature has always intrigued me. It's a whole other world that we are only beginning to understand so I guess it is kind of like a magical place. Also terrifying; who knows what is actually in there....

9. What's one thing you wish people knew about you?

I don't have a lot, if any, hobbies, I never have but I do collect teapots. Each one that I own has very specific meaning to me whether it was gifted from a particular person or brought back from a specific trip.

10. Coffee or tea?

Mornings – 100% coffee. Evenings – 100% tea. I am a 50/50 split. I enjoy both, but I can't mix them. One is solely for mornings and the other for evenings.