

Thank you, Peel CAS Volunteers.

This past year more than 200 direct service volunteers and 247 seasonal volunteers donated their time, talents and provided much needed support to Peel Children's Aid programs and services that enriched the lives of the children and families.

This year's National Theme for National Volunteer Week is "Volunteers are part of the ripple effect." Like a pebble that gets thrown in the water, volunteers at Peel CAS create ripples with their invaluable contribution to supporting children and families. "In my role as volunteer coordinator, I am constantly aware of the

impact these ripples make. Volunteers become connected to a child or a family and over a period of time they form long lasting relationships," says Carol-Ann Fox, Volunteer Coordinator, Volunteer Programs, Peel CAS.

"Both professionally and personally, I am inspired by the wonderful volunteers at Peel CAS," adds Carol-Ann. "They give their gift of time and talent in their own unique way. We are blessed to have such an amazing team of volunteers."

Peel CAS volunteers are board members, committee members, tutors, mentors, drivers and more. Each of

them brings a unique and special talent and work together with staff to provide service to more than 10,000 families in the community. Volunteers at Peel CAS make a difference by:

- Driving children over 600,000 km in 2014 safely to appointments, parental visits and other outings and events
- Supporting Peel CAS youth by safely driving them to meetings like the Village, Saya, Youth Council, Financial Literacy and Group Tutoring
- Spending over 1200 hours supervising visits between parents and their children in a neutral setting

- Mentoring and developing a personal relationship with a child in order to build their self esteem and get him/her involved in the community
- Assisting children that are experiencing difficulty in school by tutoring
- Shopping for 3840 children and families through our Holiday Wishes Program
- Supporting over 708 children who attended summer camp
- Ensuring appropriate governance of our performance as a child protection agency
- Performing many other services and administrative tasks to enhance our services

Driver Supervised visits Tutor Mentor Clerical Support Parent Aide Special Events

Our volunteers are making more than ripples, they are making an impact!

Bill Green, Volunteer Driver



Before becoming a volunteer my wife and I were foster parents with Peel Children's Aid. I started volunteering

as a driver when the children we were caring for needed a ride to and from appointments. I enjoyed driving and being with the children so much that I began volunteering on the weekends on a regular basis. Twenty years later, after retiring from my job, I am now a full-time volunteer driver for the agency.

For me, making sure children get a safe ride to and from their appointments or wherever they need to go is a labour of love. I really enjoy being around kids and interacting with them keeps me young. I feel like in my own little way that I am giving back to the community and making a difference. Hopefully the time we spend together makes the children feel comfortable and means as much to them as it does to me.

Bill, who started volunteering with Peel Children's Aid in October 1994, always makes sure "kids are taken care of, week after week." If there is a drive to school, or a drive to the other side of Toronto and beyond, he will be there. If the agency calls on him for emergencies or on-going drives, rarely is he unavailable.

Harry Mann, President, Board of Directors



I believe in helping and giving back to others. One way that I do this is by volunteering my time, knowledge and experience.

I think that if you are going to volunteer it is important to believe in the cause of the organization you are volunteering for. I believe in children and youth. I feel that all children and youth need and deserve the very best care and it is this belief that has led me to volunteer for Peel Children's Aid.

Volunteering is a win-win situation. It is a chance for me to contribute to my community and be a good citizen. By sharing my time, I help the organization I am volunteering for and give back to my community. At the same time, I get personal satisfaction from volunteering and serving others. My work on the Board of Directors at Peel CAS gives me an opportunity to work with people from different backgrounds who like me, believe in working together for children and families in Peel.

Harry has been practicing law for more than 30 years. Among his many community involvements he has previously served as Board Chair and Director of the United Way of Peel Region. He was awarded the Golden Jubilee and Diamond Jubilee Medals of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II by the Governor General of Canada for his significant contribution to fellow citizens, the community and to Canada.

Carmen Valentine, Volunteer Driver



A friend of mine is a volunteer driver for Peel Children's Aid and she encouraged me to get involved. At first I was reluctant to make

a commitment but then I finally decided to give it a try. I haven't looked back since. I started out driving once a week and now I do it on a full time basis. I think I love it so much because kids are my life. I come from a big family and really enjoy being around children.

Now that I am retired, there are days that I might be tempted to stay in. Then I think to myself that the kids I work with need me and that's all the motivation I need to start my day. Where I come from family and neighbours take care of each others' kids and there's not such a strong need for volunteers. But there is

definitely a need at Peel CAS and I don't regret one minute of the time I've spent volunteering over the past 10 years. In fact, I've encouraged a friend of mine to get involved and now she and her husband are also volunteers and they enjoy it too.

Carmen has been a volunteer driver since March 2004. She is a dedicated volunteer who goes beyond the call of duty for the children she drives. She is also a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She is passionate about her involvement as a volunteer and the agency is happy to have her as a part of the volunteer team.



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