

# Volunteers needed for Peel Children's Aid



Clerical volunteers



Mentor



Special friend



Drivers - Mississauga



Tutor

Volunteers are an integral part of the lives of children and families served by Peel Children's Aid. Volunteers provide nurturing care and enrich the lives of children and families through the generous contribution of their time, talents and skills.

"At Peel Children's Aid, we are fortunate to have an incredibly dedicated group of volunteers that enriches the lives of children and families every day, 52 weeks each year," says Anna Olsen, Manager, Volunteer Programs. "They are the unsung community heroes whose efforts improve the quality of life for Peel citizens."

Volunteers enhance the work of staff through their support as tutors, mentors to children and teens who require extra assistance to help them achieve their goals and as drivers to get children to scheduled appointments. Volunteers also assist with access visits and special events.

"Individuals who choose to volunteer with our agency demonstrate a remarkable sense of commitment," says Fil Fernandes, Department Administrator at Peel Children's Aid. "They share their time, knowledge and their expertise, and we get to know and appreciate some truly amazing individuals."

In 2008, Peel Children Aid Volunteers contributed more than 30,000 hours of service and Volunteer Drivers made approximately 30,000 trips, travelling more than one million kilometers. Volunteers with Peel Children's Aid Foundation's Holiday Wishes Program made the holidays more enjoyable by sorting, packaging and delivering gifts to more than 1,700 children, 70 teens and 500 families.

Current volunteer opportunities at Peel Children's Aid include:

## Drivers - Mississauga area

Volunteers drive children to and from therapy appointments, parental visits and other outings and events. The volunteer driver also ensures that the child reaches their scheduled appointment on time and is left in the care of a responsible adult at the appointment location.

## Tutors

Volunteer tutors assist children with their schoolwork and are supported by the child's social worker and teacher to plan work and activities to help the child learn.

## Special friends

Volunteers spend time in a one-to-one recreational relationship and act as a role model to provide support, understanding and guidance to a child or teen. The volunteer plans regular outings and activities with the child or teen, and helps to build and strengthen self-esteem and self-confidence.

## Clerical/administrative

Volunteers support various departments with clerical tasks and projects. Volunteers also assist in the areas of Adoption Disclosure, Criminal Injuries Compensation and the Toy Library.

## Contact us now - make a difference as a volunteer

Other opportunities include assisting with special events, parent aides, running group mentors and corporate and group volunteer activities. If you are interested in volunteering with Peel Children's Aid, please contact Monique Armstrong at 905-363-6131, ext. 1423 or visit [www.peelcas.org](http://www.peelcas.org).

## A word from our volunteers...

Volunteers work alongside Peel Children's Aid employees to help support the children and families in our care.

Here is a sample of their experiences:

Volunteering for Peel Children's Aid gives me great satisfaction. It is a rare opportunity to offer my skills from everyday life to a worthy cause and to feel part of a wider community. There is a wide range of volunteer work at Peel Children's Aid and I would encourage others to get involved.

*James Michael (Clerical)*

I really enjoy the experience of working with Peel CAS staff. I also notice that getting involved in the volunteering activities actually makes me a happier person.

*Sidney Qui (Special Friend and Running Mentor)*

My volunteer experience has shown me that with encouragement and support everyone has the chance to succeed in life. It has also taught me to be less judgmental of others.

*Ingrid Glyn-Williams (Pathways volunteer)*

Volunteering at Peel Children's Aid has been such a valuable experience, allowing me to become involved in the lives of children in

the community in more ways than one. Participating in the Holiday Wishes Campaign, in particular, not only helped me enjoy the Christmas season but also educated me on the circumstances of the community. Overall, volunteering with various tasks within the office and with special events has allowed me to stay connected to the community and has helped me learn that even small gestures make huge differences.

*Barbara de Dios (Clerical)*

### National Volunteer Week April 19 - 25, 2009

Peel Children's Aid gratefully thanks each and every volunteer for helping make a difference in the lives of children and families in our community.

### Our Mission

To protect children and strengthen families and communities through partnership

### Our Vision

Every child cherished

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