

## Our Mission

Guided by Catholic values and teachings; a fundamental belief in strengthening families; and the mandate of the laws of Ontario, the mission of the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton is to protect and advocate for the well-being of children within the City of Hamilton.

## Philosophy of Service

Volunteers provide a vital link between the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton and the communities we serve. Your contributions extend and enrich the programs and services that we provide to children and families. The greatest satisfaction of volunteering is knowing that you have made a difference in the life of a child.



Catholic  
Children's Aid Society  
of Hamilton

*Join our team of  
extraordinary Volunteers  
and learn why so many  
say: "I get back so much  
more than I give."*

*Care beyond belief*



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For more information on how you can make a difference in the life of a child today, please contact us.

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## Volunteer Programs



## Who we are

The role of the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton is to protect and care for children who are at risk of harm and neglect in Hamilton. Our **volunteers** consider this mission both a privilege and an honour. Seeing children suffer is painful — but for all the stories of pain and suffering, there are so **many more stories of success, hope and healing among our children and families.** The children we serve reward us through their courage, their hopefulness, and their gratitude; their capacity to heal from physical and emotional scars, to develop their talents and give back to those who care for them. So much of what our staff, foster parents and **volunteers** accomplish is motivated by our desire to improve the lives of the children and families we serve. And our belief that this can happen. Making the love of Christ visible through our work is our goal.



*I love being a volunteer driver. It makes me feel warm inside. My main objective is to be a friend to each and every child. They inspire me to be a better person.*

Dennis — Volunteer Driver

## Volunteer Opportunities

Our volunteers are extraordinary people who share their time and talents, bringing meaning and purpose to their own lives, and to the lives of the children with whom they work.

### Drivers

Join our team of volunteer drivers—last year they drove children more than 1,000,000 kms! Flexible schedule and mileage reimbursement.

### Tutors

Assist children and youth with reading, writing, and arithmetic in a one-to-one group setting. Program runs from October to May. One evening a week requirement.



### Administrative

Assist with a broad range of clerical support services.

### Clothing Depot

Often children come into care with just the clothing they're wearing. Our Clothing Depot provides emergency clothing and you can assist with the organization and packaging of clothes for children.

### Special Events

Help out at special events or take part on a planning committee as we raise funds to support children.

## Why Volunteer

- You provide an integral service to children in our community.
- Volunteers are answering God's call to act with compassion and foster healing for the most vulnerable children;
- A chance to meet new people;
- Volunteering provides challenge and potential for growth and learning.
- Make a difference in a child's life...as well as your own!

### How much time is it?

- The choice is yours.
- A minimum one-year commitment is necessary for roles where a personal relationship is developed, such as special friends and tutors.



### Who Volunteers?

Our volunteers come from all walks of life. They are men and women, young and old, single and partnered, students, working people and retirees. They also come from diverse cultural, racial, ethnic and religious groups. You have the ability to support Christian values and the importance of Catholic traditions to children in care.

