

Volunteering with CFS GE

If it were not for the efforts, expertise and commitment of our volunteers, Child and Family Services of Grand Erie could not provide the children and families who need our help with the supportive programs currently offered.

Volunteers are valued and integral members of the society's team, playing a very important role. They enrich and enhance the programs and services we provide by working collaboratively with staff, foster parents and other volunteers.

Volunteers' contributions are invaluable, providing a vital link between our agency and the communities we serve.

It truly does take a caring community
to raise a child.



"I believe that life gives us no more precious gift than time. And when I volunteer my time, I also share who I am—my story. Over decades of doing so, I have always received so much more in return. Volunteering is the gift that keeps on giving!"

- John R., CFS GE Volunteer

Volunteers come from all Walks of Life

Volunteers are caring people who choose to share their time, energy and special skills with the children and families we serve.

They are younger and older, single and partnered, students, working, and retired, and of all gender identities.

They come from diverse cultural, racial, ethnic and religious groups.

Volunteers work with children, youth, single adults, parents and foster parents in a variety of programs.

Volunteers are People Like You!



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One of the greatest satisfactions of volunteering with Child and Family Services of Grand Erie is **knowing that you have helped to assist in the life of a child and their family.**

You will meet interesting people, including other volunteers, staff, foster parents and the children and families served by our agency.

Volunteering helps uncover and develop many skills you may not know you have—**valuable skills you can add to your resume if you are looking for employment, starting your career or thinking about changing careers.**

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call our Coordinator of Volunteer Services to discuss more information at 519-753-8681 x1298.

An interview, police and personal reference session are all parts of the approval process. This process will determine whether volunteering for CFS GE is right for you.

Thank you for sharing your talents and your time—time that can greatly impact the number of opportunities available to children, and vastly improve their lives today and for the future.



Volunteers Provide a Wide Range of Services

Volunteers can get involved in a wide range of services. We try to match assignments to the skills, interests and availability of each volunteer.

Volunteer drivers transport children / youth to access visits, treatment groups, meetings, appointments, recreational sports or extracurricular activities, and respond to short-term school transportation requests. (Mileage is reimbursed)

Some volunteers develop supportive relationships with children and families by becoming special friends or tutors, providing encouragement, support and guidance to children and youth who are at risk socially or academically. Others participate in children's groups or take part in ongoing programs that benefit both children and their parents, including programs that focus on the development of independence skills such as budgeting, resume writing, cooking, etc.

Many help with picking up, sorting and delivering food donations. Others serve in an administrative capacity helping with mailings, special projects, fundraising and other events (e.g. children's parties, holiday events).

And a few volunteers use their time, skills and knowledge serving on our Board and/or Committees to ensure our programs and services are in compliance with the law, Ministry guidelines, and meeting the needs of the communities we serve.



You are a part of our community. We offer a positive and anti-oppressive space where every individual, regardless of age, is valued and respected whatever their culture, faith, ethnicity, race, ancestry, class, ability, sexual orientation and gender identity.

Time Commitments

Volunteering opportunities are available for whatever time commitment you are able to give. Some volunteers donate a few hours each week or month. Others donate a large part of their leisure time.

Training

As a volunteer, you will be provided with a complete orientation on the agency's programs and services. You are also encouraged to take part in numerous ongoing training opportunities offered by Child and Family Services of Grand Erie—**training that provides valuable life skills and experience**, enriching your own life as well as those around you. As a valued member of our team, you will be invited to attend a variety of programs and events throughout the year and be recognized for your efforts.

No matter how you volunteer with us, you will be part of a team that includes staff, foster parents, children and families.

Thank you for sharing your time and talents!



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