

VOLUNTEERS MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE TO FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

“A volunteer action is like a stone thrown in a lake: its effect has a direct impact. At the same time, like ripples, volunteer efforts reach out far and wide to improve communities.”

Volunteer Canada

During National Volunteer Week, April 12- 18th, 2015, we recognize and celebrate the generous contributions made by volunteers whose efforts have a vital and lasting impact on our communities.

Historically, volunteers have always played an essential role at Children's Aid Societies and today thousands of individuals lend their time to Societies across the province.

Whether it involves driving children to school or appointments, offering guidance as a mentor to a child or youth, providing their expertise as Board or committee members, or assisting with the planning or execution of a fundraising event each volunteer is important and their contributions are vital to helping Societies be successful in the work they do.

Last fiscal year, approximately 80 individuals volunteered for the Kawartha-Haliburton CAS. This included volunteer drivers who logged over 590,000 kms assisting children, youth and families. Jennifer Wilson, Executive Director of the KHCAS commented, “We are so grateful to have wonderful volunteers who give of their time and energy to make a difference in the lives of the families we serve. They are an important part of our agency and are vital to the success of the work we do each and every day.”

At Highland Shores Children's Aid, which serves communities within Hastings, Northumberland and Prince Edward counties, 72 individuals donated their time as either board members or volunteer drivers. In fiscal 2014-15 those volunteer drivers logged over 800,000 kms serving children, youth and families. “Children's Aid Societies are only one of the many organizations who rely on the energy and commitment of volunteers. The importance of their contributions can't be underestimated”, said Mark Kartusch, Executive Director of Highland Shores Children's Aid.

Find out how you can make a difference by volunteering for a Children's Aid Society call:
Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society at: 705-743-9751, ext. 1221 or
Highland Shores Children's Aid at: 800-267-0570, ext. 2600

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