

## Why we value volunteers

*Volunteers.....*are the common thread that binds and keeps CFS Western's family strengthening programs alive and valuable for those who attend.

*Volunteers.....*are vital to the success of the services the Agency offers to Westman families and children.

*Volunteers.....*are extra resources that help the Agency bring over 150 different family strengthening programs to community members.

*Volunteers.....*can be any age or gender and from any walk of life or ethnic background.

*Volunteers.....*bring enthusiasm, a willingness to help with whatever is needed, and a uniqueness that enhances and strengthens whatever program they are helping with.

*Volunteers.....*reap countless emotional and personal rewards.

*Volunteers.....*make a positive difference in the life of a child, teenager, adult or family.

*You make a living by  
what you get. You make  
a life by what you give.*

*winston churchill*



## Where to get more information

For more information or to join our Volunteer\* team, contact:

Volunteer Coordinator

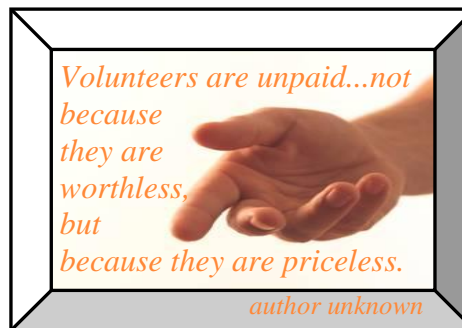
Telephone: (204) 726-6114

Toll free in MB 1-800-483-8980

Email: [volunteer@cfswestern.mb.ca](mailto:volunteer@cfswestern.mb.ca)

Our Volunteer Services office is located at our Family and Community Development Centre, Unit 4—613 10th Street (corner of 10th St. and McTavish Ave.), Brandon.

*\*All volunteer applicants must undergo a Criminal Record Check, a Child Abuse Registry Check and a Prior Contact Check. Applicants must also provide references.*



## How to reach our main office

Child and Family Services of Western Manitoba's main office is located at:

800 McTavish Avenue

Brandon MB R7A 7L4

Telephone: (204) 726-6030

Toll free in MB 1-800-483-8980

Fax: (204) 726-6775

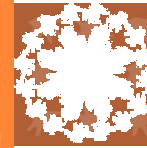
Email: [info@cfswestern.mb.ca](mailto:info@cfswestern.mb.ca)

Website: [www.cfswestern.mb.ca](http://www.cfswestern.mb.ca)

Our office operates Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We also have a 24-hour seven-days-a-week emergency service available through our toll free number listed above.

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# Volunteer with...



## CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES OF WESTERN MANITOBA



We exist so that children are safe and nurtured in strong, loving families within a community of caring people



strengthening families and protecting children since 1899



## Who we are

Child and Family Services of Western Manitoba (CFS Western) is a private, non-profit, community-based charitable agency, directed by a community-elected and community-represented Board of Directors.

Our goals are to:

*Strengthen and support families*

*Protect children from neglect, abuse and exploitation*

*Ensure children in our care are parented appropriately*

*Work in partnership with communities*

*Be a recognized leader*

*Support our staff in meeting our Agency mission*

We accomplish these goals by:

- Offering effective family strengthening programs and preventative resources to Westman communities with services that seek to support families as well as protect children.
- Ensuring our staff receive the utmost in training and professional development opportunities so they can stay up-to-date on the latest information and issues in these areas.

We believe providing families with healthy and positive resources can help lead to fewer of them in crisis with fewer children coming into our care. Our goal is to help make families stronger *before* situations reach a crisis point.

*CFS Western... investing in children, families and communities*



CFS Western volunteers play a vital role in providing personal, caring support in a variety of ways to families and children. Our volunteers help keep our programs alive and valuable for those who attend them.

## How our volunteers help

CFS Western volunteers provide a direct link between the agency and the communities we serve. They expand our resources by reaching out to help build stronger families and healthier communities.

Volunteers make positive differences in the lives of children, teenagers and adults. They also get a chance to expand or develop their skills and meet a variety of new people. Most importantly, volunteers gain personal satisfaction from making a contribution to their community.

*A hundred years from now, it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in or what kind of car I drove...but the world may be a better place because I was important in the life of a child.*

*anonymous*

Volunteer opportunities at CFS Western include:

- Mentoring or tutoring a child or teen
- Being an in-home visitor who works with parents and preschoolers in the family home
- Giving extra and special attention to a child at our daycare, preschool or family resource centre
- Offering support to a troubled child, teenager or adult
- Providing administrative support and office assistance
- Being a resource assistant for family strengthening programs, child care, literacy programs, used goods store or special activities and events
- Other roles and tasks as assigned

## What volunteers offer

- An opportunity to help families enhance and strengthen their family unit
- Patience and understanding
- A desire to help others succeed
- Positive role modeling
- Selfless time and energy

## What CFS Western offers

- Full program training
- A variety of volunteer positions in a range of different areas and programs
- Ongoing support
- Recognition

