



**Volunteer with MCC**  
and make a difference

## Blanket Making Volunteer Volunteer Position Description

*Remas\*, age 5, and her family, who are refugees from Syria, received MCC blankets through MCC partner Caritas in Amman, Jordan.*

*She, her parents, older brothers and sister were able to choose from among the MCC blankets.*

*Remas' mother Ghada\* says, "When we received this, it was a relief." Before, the family needed to share covers and now each person has their own comforter.*

*"MCC blankets provide not only warmth, but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten."*

**Volunteer Position Title:** Blanket Making Volunteer

**Program/Department:** Material Resources

**Purpose of Assignment:** Create high quality knotted comforters for MCC's relief programs.

**Geographic Location:** Blankets are created at local churches, homes or community sites.

**Skills/Knowledge/Attitude Requirements:**

- some knowledge of sewing or willingness to learn
- ability to purchase or access suitable fabric, batting, thread and crochet cotton for blankets
- own or have access to a sewing machine
- fine motor skills for hand knotting essential
- transportation may be required if joining a church group

**Tasks and Responsibilities:**

- cut fabric into squares
- sew squares together into 60"x 80" top
- cut backing to 64" x 84", and layer under batting (use of a quilt frame may be helpful)
- knot comforters at 4"-6" intervals
- bind edges of comforter
- deliver to drop off location for MCC Ontario or to Material Resources in Kitchener
- see <http://mcccanada.ca/kits/comforter> for more information

**Time Commitment**

- expected number of hours per week or month varies depending on availability
- length of commitment required varies – can be a one-time volunteer or ongoing
- available for high school community service hours, providing a local church group or other supervising agency can accommodate the request.

**Supervision:**

- largely unsupervised, but Material Resources Coordinator can be consulted for questions or guidelines/specifications for blanket making. If working in a church group, leadership is often provided by a member of the group.

**Training and Development offered:**

- training can be provided by volunteering at the Material Resources Workroom in Kitchener to learn the skills, or by the existing volunteers at a church group

**Other:**

- volunteer liability coverage not provided by MCC for offsite blanket making

All MCC volunteers are expected to be respectful of the MCC mission statement: *"Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), shares God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice. MCC envisions communities worldwide in right relationship with God, one another and creation."*

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