

Circle of Friends

Circle Volunteer Description



Circle of Friends is a new pilot program of the Mennonite Central Committee BC, modeled after MCC Ontario's program, in which groups of 2-3 volunteers form a "circle of friends" around an individual transitioning from homelessness or shelter living back into the community.

Skills/Knowledge/Attitude Requirements:

- Must be older than 18 years of age
- Be patient, open-minded, friendly
- Apply using the MCC BC application form including references
- Submit a criminal record check with vulnerable sector verification

Tasks and Responsibilities:

- Work with a small group of volunteers (Circle of Friends) to support a woman, man or family as they transition out of homelessness. Circles meet once a week. Circle meetings might include going out for coffee, creating a budget, accessing the food bank, attending a fitness class, etc.

Time Commitment: Approximately 2 hours per week for the period of one year.

Supervision: Circle of Friends Program Associate

Training and Development Offered:

- Mandatory position-specific orientation will be provided
- Additional training for volunteers is offered on an ongoing basis
- Policy and procedure manual available at all times

Other: Volunteer liability coverage for all volunteers

All MCC volunteers are expected to be respectful of the MCC mission statement: "Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), a worldwide ministry of Anabaptist churches, 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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