

Volunteer Opportunities

▼ Student Open Circles

Dear Fellow Retirees,

Let me encourage you to consider volunteering during May and June with the Community Volunteer Action program of Student Open Circles which promotes weekly community volunteering among McMaster University students. Now in its fifteenth year, SOC's Community Volunteer Action program is the largest such program at McMaster. In 2016, it linked 330 McMaster University students to volunteer weekly in placements at agencies throughout Hamilton. Many of these programs are with children and youth that run during May and June but must do so with fewer volunteers due to the end of the McMaster academic year. This is where you can help as I have done in the past and will do so again this year. You will be asked to volunteer for about three hours a week for two months. The programs are well run and your volunteer time will be well used. You can be assured of adequate assistance and supervision. Please consider helping. This very time limited commitment on your part can very much help to deliver much needed program for our children and youth. See below for contact and placement details.

Best wishes,
Martin D. Dooley
Professor Emeritus, Department of Economics

Weekly Volunteer Placements:

Student Open Circles is looking for McMaster retirees to **help tutor and mentor at-risk children and youth by volunteering alongside McMaster students** this May-June in weekly groups that serve throughout the Hamilton community. You may choose from:

➡LAF (Learning and Fun) afterschool program

Choose one of Mondays – Fridays (3:00 pm-5:30 pm). Tutor and mentor at-risk kids from Grades 1-8 in small groups and one-on-one using creative and fun tools to assist with financial literacy activities, homework completion, and social skills.

➡**Pathways to Education** Thursdays (4:30-7:35 pm)
Tutor high school students through homework assignments, studying, social engagement and conversation.

➡**Dr. Davey Breakfast Program** Tuesday or Wednesdays (7:45-9:30 am) Be a role model for children, serving and cleaning up breakfast and snack program

For more information or to sign up for a weekly volunteer group, contact the Student Open Circles' Community Volunteer Action Program at cva@mcmaster.ca.

You may also find more information at www.StudentOpenCircles.com

▼ McMaster Convocation Assistants

Health Sciences Convocation

Thursday, May 25, 2017 (12:30 – 5 pm)

Spring Convocations

June 12 to 16, 2017 (7:30 am – 4 pm)

The Office of the Registrar welcomes retirees to become involved in the most exciting days of McMaster students' academic lives — convocations.

Volunteers are needed to assist at convocations, where your role would be to meet, greet and direct students and guests, check tickets and/or distribute hoods, tickets and diplomas to students. You will work alongside a full-time employee who can offer assistance and training.

If you are interested in signing up for any of the days listed above, please contact Rachel Huang in the Office of the Registrar, email convo@mcmaster.ca, or by phone at 905 525 9140 ext. 24386. More details on convocation can be found here:

registrar.mcmaster.ca/grad