



# Become a Volunteer

## Fill Out a Volunteer Application

We have two applications available. Go to our [volunteer page](#) and complete the application online. We have forms for adults (18+) and even a Jr Helper Volunteer program (12-17). Both require 3 references with phone numbers and email addresses.

## Attend Abuse Prevention Training

As a church, we value the safety and security of all of our attendees, especially our children and vulnerable adults. Therefore, it is required that all volunteers attend Abuse Prevention training session on a Sunday morning to learn more about your role in creating a safe environment.

## Obtain a Police Check

All volunteers at Central are required to complete a police background check which you will learn more about at the Abuse Prevention Training session. Police checks can take several weeks to complete, after which they will be mailed to you. You can bring it to Connections on Sunday, and it will be directed to the Volunteer Coordinator for processing.

## Test drive your role with a First Serve opportunity

Once you have completed the volunteer screening process, we will forward your contact information to the appropriate ministry leader for follow up. That leader will arrange an opportunity to meet you in person and provide you with an initial introduction to your volunteer position. First Serve is the opportunity to give this position a test drive to see if it is a good fit for you. Afterwards, if it's something you enjoy, the leader will coordinate a schedule with you. If either of you realize the role isn't a great fit for you or the team, the ministry leader will redirect you back to the Volunteer Coordinator to connect you to another opportunity.

# Not Sure Where to Start Volunteering?

Excited to get involved but unsure of your fit? Below you will find a few reflective questions to get you thinking and a host of opportunities we have available.

- What natural gifts or abilities do I have?
- What brings me the most joy in life?
- Am I people oriented or task oriented?
- What do I absolutely love doing?
- Am I introverted or outgoing?
- How much time can I commit?

## Central Kids

This team creates an environment where children are consistently exposed to the love of Jesus. They intentionally invest in the lives of our children through worship, videos, small groups, games and more. Each age group receives a fun, unique approach to the message of God's love. Our Kids Ministry team will help you find the right age group where you are most passionate or comfortable to serve in the following classes:

**Nursery      2-3 yrs      4-5 yrs      Grades 1-5      Mom's Connect (midweek nursery)**

## Central Youth

This team is passionate about seeing this generation of youth encounter a God who loves them. Through authentic relationship, creative teaching, engaging environments they walk alongside youth who are being challenged in their faith daily.

**Jr High (Gr 6-8)      Sr High (Gr 9-12)      Sunday and mid-week opportunities**

## Guest Services Teams

Our guest services teams work together to make all regular attendees and guests of Central feel welcomed and comfortable from the moment they enter our parking lot.

### **Cafe**

Connect with guests by offering a hot cup of coffee and a warm welcome.

### **Parking Team**

Keep our busy parking lot moving in an orderly fashion to help our guests come and go with ease. They are also often the first friendly point of contact for our first-time guests.

### **Ushers**

Prepare people for a positive worship experience by welcoming them at the doors and assisting them to a seat, facilitating the offering and maintaining a distraction-free environment inside the auditorium.

### **Welcome Team**

Make someone's day with a smile, a warm hello and a helping hand through our front doors.

### **Greeters**

Love to greet people, offer a welcoming handshake and give directions? Meet our guests on the landings and at the foyer doors and assist them to their destinations.

## Guest Services Teams con't

### **Elevator Team**

Keep our guests safe by creating a barrier free environment for those with physical challenges. Elevator assistants help guests on and off the elevators, while operators conduct them from floor to floor.

### **Kids Sign-in**

Welcome families as they arrive at our Central Kids areas and facilitate the check-in process to ensure children are cared for and safe.

### **Safety Team**

Be a first responder to emergencies or illnesses that arise on the premises to ensure our guests are cared for and safe.

## Set-up / Administration

Behind every amazing experience at Central, are hours of preparation, follow-up and administrative tasks which help us create welcoming environments and show how much we care. Many of these opportunities can be tailored to serving remotely, or during the weekday or evening.

### **Room Set-up**

### **Special Event Prep**

### **Kids Craft or Set Prep**

### **Photocopying**

### **Data Entry**

### **Filing**

## Weekend Experience Teams

Our weekend experience teams create unforgettable experiences for our guests to encounter the presence of God. (Sunday and Thursday night commitments)

### **Music & Worship**

Using their musical talents, this team utilizes vocals and instruments to set the tone for our weekend experiences through dynamic worship. Applying to serve on this team includes a video-recorded audition.

### **Production Team**

Through the technology of sound, video and lighting, this team creates unforgettable experiences for people who come to Central. If you are tech savvy or love the behind the scenes work, then this is a great place for you to get involved.

### **Media & Communication**

This team works together with our Communication Department to capture photography, video and generate social media content helping to raise awareness and inspiration of what God is doing in our city.

## Community Crew & Events

For us, mission isn't just something that happens in a far-off place. It is an everyday endeavor that serves the real needs of individuals in our community. Community Crew, is a home-grown organization involved and active in a variety of ways across the Niagara Region. The **Lunch Angels program**, prepares and distributes school lunches for kids in need, including handwritten notes to encourage and inspire those who receive them. They also have several one-day fundraising and service events that engage volunteers for planning, preparation, setup, hosting and clean up. To get connected please contact Karen Doucet at 289-273-0859 ex. 202 or visit their website:

[www.communitycrew.ca](http://www.communitycrew.ca) for more information regarding their volunteer engagement process.