

Volunteer Opportunities

Don't want to volunteer alone? Sign up with a friend.

Memory Visiting Volunteers — Volunteer Halton (volunteerhalton.ca). One visit a week can bring a lonely senior a huge sense of worth and happiness. A little social contact can help isolated seniors with their recall of daily details. Contact Joanne Berrigan, Memory Visiting Program Coordinator, Acclaim Health: 905-827-8800, ext. 2317 or jberrigan@acclaimhealth.ca

Friendly Visiting — Dundas Community Services. Providing companionship and support to help seniors and persons with disabilities retain their independence, this program helps individuals maintain social interaction with the community and lessen isolation. Visits take place at the senior's home. Seniors and volunteers can enjoy their friendly visits by reading, playing games, arranging a day trip and more. To volunteer or for more information, please call 905-627-5461.

New Seniors/Grad Student Co-Housing Pilot Program *McMaster Symbiosis*

McMaster Symbiosis is a co-housing program that matches McMaster graduate students in need of low cost housing with local seniors who can offer a clean, furnished bedroom in their home or apartment in return for a bit of extra support and company. Personalized matches offer students a low cost room or a free room in exchange for helping the senior with some basic tasks such as groceries, yard work, etc.

The goal is to match 5-10 student/senior pairs for the pilot phase (September 2017 to May 2018).

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Soumeya or visit:

<https://gs.mcmaster.ca/skills-opportunities/student-initiatives/2017/symbiosis-grad-students-and-seniors-co-housing-program>

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Recent Passings

Catherine Bentzen-Bilkvist, Faculty of Business, June 18/17
Peter George, President Emeritus, Economics, April 27/17
William Hawkes, Planning & Physical Plant, April 13/17
Karl Kinanen, School of Social Work, May 19/17
Arthur Lesser, Psychiatry, June 27/17
Bette Read, Central Animal Facility, April 10/17
William (Bill) Wallace, School of the Arts, May 6/17

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A remembrance of Peter George can be found at <http://dailynews.mcmaster.ca/article/remembering-peter-george-1941-2017/>

An article regarding Karl Kinanen appears at <https://socialwork.mcmaster.ca/health-aging-society/news/in-memoriam-karl-kinanen-1927-2017-3>

For more information about Bill Wallace, see http://www.jhnewsandguide.com/valley/obituaries/wallace-composed-music-loved-to-climb/article_52784748-cb54-524b-8342-33c34559b4a.html

Welcome New Members

Lynda J. Chrysler, Medicine
Jonathan S. Davine, Psychiatry & Behavioural Neurosciences
Denys Decatanzaro, Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour
Douglas Dick, Facility Services
James Gladstone, School of Social Work
Mark Heal, University Library
Jeanne Hopkins, Faculty of Engineering
Mahendra Joshi, Health Physics
Thelma Leech, Biology
Eden McLean, University Library
Edward Sernie, University Library
Julia Shelley, Student Accessibility Services
Byron Spencer, Economics*
Lynn Stewart, Outreach, Faculty of Engineering
Karen Szala-Meneok, Research Ethics
Stephen Westerholm, Religious Studies
Barbara Zingel, University Library

and belated welcome to

Tina Furlanetto, School of the Arts
Dympna McCully, Faculty of Health Sciences

*<http://dailynews.mcmaster.ca/worth-mentioning/mcmasters-longest-serving-faculty-member-retires/>