



CNIB Vision Mates

Vision Mates provide regular, one-to-one assistance and companionship for a person who is blind or partially sighted. Matches are made with someone who lives close to your home, school or work. You visit once a week for a couple of hours to assist with tasks like reading, errands (like groceries and shopping), going for walks, and socializing.

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Over time, the vision mate relationship often transitions to friendship. That's why age, gender, interests, and travel distance play a role in making the match. We aim to match people for a minimum of six months, though there is no maximum time for a match to continue – ideally, it will continue for years to come.

Benefits of Position

- Make a difference for people who are blind or partially sighted; provide sighted assistance and companionship to a person in your community who is blind or partially sighted.
- Develop or use experience and skills in client service.
- Be part of a dedicated and passionate staff and volunteer team working to further CNIB's mission.
- Reference or confirmation of hours upon request, after 3 months' successful participation as a volunteer.

Qualities, Skills, and Training

- Trustworthy, patient, empathetic and friendly
- Must be reliable, patient, responsible, friendly, organized and able to work with minimal supervision
- Excellent communication skills
- A thorough background check including a Clear Police Record Check and a Vulnerable Sector Check
- Must be 19 or older
- We ask for a six-month commitment to the program;



- CNIB provides orientation about CNIB, the people we help, vision loss, and volunteering at CNIB, as well as training specific to the position.
- Training specific to the position, including: working as a Vision Mate and what to do when problems arise.

If you are interested in this position, you can apply to join our team today by using our [online application form](#).