

CHILDCAN VOLUNTEER TUTORING PROGRAMME (VTP)

WHAT?

The VTP is a no-cost tutoring programme for elementary school aged children who are cancer survivors, off-treatment and back in school. The tutoring will target mathematics and/or English.

WHY?

Children who have undergone treatment for cancer may have learning gaps due to prolonged absences and/or treatment related causes. Families who have to undergo the cancer journey with a child often face many economic hardships and may not be able to afford expensive tutoring programmes. Tutoring may assist the child to be more successful and more self-confident in school and may help to close or lessen the gap between the student's level and his/her grade level.

WHO?

The tutors are retired teachers, occasional teachers and teacher candidates. All tutors are registered CHILDCAN volunteers and will have had a recent police check.

WHEN?

The tutor and the family will set up an after-school schedule of approximately one hour, once or twice a week, for the school year. Some extra help may be available over the summer months.

WHERE?

Tutoring may take place in a library, the CHILDCAN office, or the child's home. The ideal location will be distraction-free and comfortable.

HOW?

The success of the VTP depends upon close cooperation between the school, the family, and the tutor. The tutor will need a parent's permission to meet with the classroom teacher and/or resource teacher to determine the student's needs.

CHILDCAN - Supporting Children and Families through Childhood Cancer

CHILDCAN serves families whose children have been diagnosed with cancer at the Children's Hospital of Western Ontario, located in London. Childcan's mission is to raise funds to provide responsive and compassionate support services to families facing the journey through childhood cancer - from diagnosis, treatment, recovery, or bereavement. CHILDCAN serves families in a wide area of south western Ontario, from Windsor to Kitchener to Owen Sound.