**CCB Mysteries Chapter**

What they do: Murder mystery dinner theatre group encouraging audience participation

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.donnajodhan.com/can...](http://www.donnajodhan.com/canadian-council-of-the-blind-ccb-mysteries-chapter.html)

Contact: Donna Jodhan, donnajodhan@sterlingcreations.ca

**Mississauga VIPs**

What they do: A group of socially minded and active residents of Mississauga who are ready to help to anyone with low vision or blindness.

Contact: Anthony Coulter, 416-604-5663, ccb.mvip@gmail.com

**Sport & Fitness**

**Achilles Canada**

What they do: Running and walking group for persons with disabilities

For more information, visit the website: <http://www.achillescanada.ca/>

Contact: Brian McLean , 416-485-6451, bmclean@achillescanada.ca

**Argonaut Rowing Club**

What they do: Rowing programs for persons with disabilities

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.argonautrowingclub....](http://www.argonautrowingclub.com/)

Contact: Lubo Kisiov, 416-532-2803, info@argonautrowingclub.com

**Blind Sailing Canada**

What they do: Sailing for blind & partially sighted people out of Toronto Harbour

For more information, visit the website: <http://blindsailing.ca/>

Contact: Chris Jonas, 416-489-2433, info@blindsailing.ca

**Blind Tennis**

What they do: Tennis instruction for those with vision loss

Contact: Alan Ma, 647-282-8252, alanwangfungma@gmail.com

**CCB Adventures Group**

What they do: Recreational physical activities for the blind and low-vision community

Contact: Ramya Amuthan, 647-680-4814, ramya.amuthan@hotmail.com

**CCB Afloat**

What they do: Water sports and recreation activities including ocean sailing, swimming, paddle-boarding, rowing, etc.

Contact: Craig Spurrell, 416-901-6465, craig.spurrell@rogers.com

**CCB Road Runners**

What they do: Running and 'learn to run' group for blind and partially sighted runners

Contact: Craig Spurrell, 416-901-6465, craig.spurrell@rogers.com

**CCB Rocks!**

What they do: Indoor and outdoor rock climbing for those with vision loss

Contact: Myra Rodrigues, 416-489-9323, myrarodrigues@rogers.com

**Community Association for Riders with Disabilities (CARD)**

What they do: Horseback riding for persons with disabilities

For more information, visit the website: <http://card.ca/>

Contact: Penny Smith, 416-667-8600, info@card.ca

**Goal Ball Program**

What they do: A Paralympic sport program offered by the City of Toronto

For more information, visit the website: [http://canadianblindsports.ca/...](http://canadianblindsports.ca/goalball/)

Contact: 1-888-711-1112, info@blindsports.on.ca

**MEDFIT Rehab**

What they do: Medically supervised exercise classes for people of all abilities

For more information, visit the website: <http://medfitrehab.com/>

Contact: Joanne James, 647-348-9150, inquiry@medfitrehab.com

**Ontario Blind Sports Association**

What they do: Provincial sport association for blind athletes

For more information, visit the website: <http://blindsports.on.ca/>

Contact: Richard Amelard, 1-888-711-1112, info@blindsports.on.ca

**Ontario Visually Impaired Golfers**

What they do: Blind and low-vision golf

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.ontarioblindgolf.ca...](http://www.ontarioblindgolf.ca/)

Contact: Iona Gherasim, iona.gherasim@hotmail.com

**Para-sport Ontario**

What they do: Provincial organization of sporting groups for persons with disabilities

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.parasportontario.ca...](http://www.parasportontario.ca/)

Contact: Jeff Tiessen, 1-800-265-1539, online form

**Safari Walks**

What they do: Weekly walks through Toronto’s parks & ravine system

Contact: Craig Nicol, safariwalk1@gmail.com

**Toronto Blind Curling Club**

What they do: Recreational & competitive curling

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.torontoblindcurling...](http://www.torontoblindcurlingclub.ca/about.html)

Contact: Ann Lafontaine, 416-759-2047, ann.lafontaine8@gmail.com

**Toronto Dragon Boat**

What they do: Blind & partially-sighted dragon boating teams

Contact: Myra Rodrigues, 416-489-9323, myrarodrigues@rogers.com

**Toronto Ice owls Blind Hockey**

What they do: Competitive hockey for blind and partially sighted players

For more information, visit the website: <http://iceowls.ca/>

Contact: Wayne St. Denis, wayne.st.denis@gmail.com

**Toronto Ski Hawks**

What they do: Downhill and cross-country skiing with a sighted guide

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.torontoskihawks.org...](http://www.torontoskihawks.org/)

Contact: David Burnett , 905-415-2012, dburnett@endtoend.com

**Trailblazers Tandem Cycling**

What they do: Tandem cycling with a sighted volunteer 'Captain'

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.TrailblazersTandem.org](http://www.trailblazerstandem.org)

Contact: Lynda Spinney, 416-456-7117, president@trailblazerstandem.org

**Yoga classes at CNIB**

What they do: Weekly yoga class for all levels

Contact: Sue Taylor, 416-486-2500 ext8275, suetaylor@avaya.com

**Recreation & Leisure**

**CNIB Amateur Radio Club**

What they do: CNIB's HAM radio program

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.cnib.ca/en/living/l...](http://www.cnib.ca/en/living/learning-leisure/amateur-radio/Pages/default.aspx)

Contact: Randy Nelson, 416-486-2500, amateurradio@cnib.ca

**Centre for Equitable Library Access (CELA)**

What they do: Accessible reading materials in alternate formats from your public library

For more information, visit the website: <https://celalibrary.ca/>

Contact: 1 855-655-2273, help@celalibrary.ca

**Cribbage Club**

What they do: Cribbage for blind & partially sighted players

Contact: Susan Pinder, 416-497-0444 , sjcn@rogers.com

**Lake Joseph Centre**

What they do: CNIB/Lions Club camp in the Muskokas for those with disabilities

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.cnib.ca/en/about/fa...](http://www.cnib.ca/en/about/facility/LakeJoseph/Pages/default.aspx)

Contact: 1 877-748-4028, lakejoe@cnib.ca

**CCB-Lions Bingo**

What they do: Bingo for those with vision loss

Contact: Lynda Spinney , 416-456-7117, lspinney@rogers.com

**Toronto Parks - Accessible Programs**

What they do: Toronto Parks & Recreation inclusion initiatives and accessible programs

For more information, visit the website: [http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/por...](http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=1128dada600f0410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD)

**Toronto Public Library**

What they do: Reading materials in alternate formats for those with print disabilities

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.torontopubliclibrar...](http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/)

Contact: 416-393-7131, online form, 'Contact' page

**Arts & Entertainment**

**Access2 Entertainment Card**

What they do: Free admission or half price admission for a support person

For more information, visit the website: [http://easterseals.ca/english/...](http://easterseals.ca/english/access-2-entertainment-card)

Contact: 416-932-8382, info@easterseals.ca

**(AMI) Accessible Media Inc.**

What they do: Accessible television and radio programming, including descriptive video (DV) guide

For more information, visit the website: <http://www.ami.ca/>

Contact: 1-866-509-4545, info@ami.ca

**Cineplex Entertainment**

What they do: Described video narration for selected films

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.cineplex.com/Theatr...](http://www.cineplex.com/Theatres/described-services)

Contact: 1 800-333-0061, online form, 'Contact' page.

**Hands of Fire Sculpture Group**

What they do: A sculpture group for blind & visually impaired individuals

For more information, visit the website: [https://www.facebook.com/hands...](https://www.facebook.com/handsoffiresculpturegroup/)

Contact: Noora Mahmoud, info@sculpturegroup.org

**Museum & Arts Pass Program**

What they do: Free passes for arts, cultural & historic sites for Toronto Public Library card holders

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.torontopubliclibrar...](http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/museum-arts-passes/)

Contact: 416-393-7131, online form, 'Contact' page

**Tangled Arts**

What they do: Organization to promote and showcase artists with disabilities

For more information, visit the website: <http://tangledarts.org/>

Contact: Eliza Chandler, 416-725-5064, info@tangledarts.org

**Other Community/Disability Groups**

**Alliance for Equality of Blind Canadians (AEBC)**

What they do: Advocacy for Canadians with vision loss

For more information, visit the website: <http://www.blindcanadians.ca/>

Contact: Yin Brown, 1 800-561-4774, online form, 'Contact' page

**Braille Literacy Canada**

What they do: Promoting the use and availability of Braille

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.brailleliteracycana...](http://www.brailleliteracycanada.ca/home)

Contact: info@blc-lbc.ca

**Canadian Helen Keller Centre**

What they do: In-residence services & programs for deaf-blind people

For more information, visit the website: <http://www.chkc.org/>

Contact: 416-225-8989, info@chkc.org

**Community Care Access Centres (CCAC)**

What they do: Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, information on local care options

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en...](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/contact/ccac/)

Contact: Service Ontario, 416-314-5518, online form, 'Contact' page

**Connect4Life**

What they do: Access to training and education, living & job skills, broadcast training, and referrals to counselling

For more information, visit the website: <http://www.connect4life.ca/>

Contact: Melanie Taddeo, info@connect4life.ca

**Deaf-blind Ontario Services**

What they do: Services & programs for deaf-blind people

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.deafblindontario.co...](http://www.deafblindontario.com/)

Contact: 1 855-340-3267, execasst@deafblindontario.com

**Fighting Blindness Canada**

What they do: Foundation supporting eye disease research and education

For more information, visit the website: <http://ffb.ca/>

Contact: 416-360-4200, info@ffb.ca

**World Blind Union**

What they do: International organization representing blind and partially-sighted persons in over 190 member countries

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.worldblindunion.org...](http://www.worldblindunion.org/English/Pages/default.aspx)

Contact: 416-486-9698, info@wbu.ngo

**Products & Technology**

**Assistive Devices Program**

What they do: Financial support for assistive devices from the Ontario Ministry of Health

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en...](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/adp/)

Contact: 416-327-8804, adp@ontario.ca

**E-Sight Eyewear**

What they do: Electronic glasses

For more information, visit the website: <http://www.esighteyewear.com/>

Contact: 1-855-837-4448, Online form, 'Contact' page

**Frontier Accessibility**

What they do: Assitive technology vendor, a CNIB Enterprise company

For more information, visit the website: <https://frontier-cnib.ca/>

Contact: 416-489-6690, Online form, 'Contact' page

**Future Aids - the Braille Superstore**

What they do: Online store, products for persons with vision loss

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.braillebookstore.co...](http://www.braillebookstore.com/)

Contact: 1-800-987-1231, Online form, 'Contact' page

**Get Together with Technology (GTT) National**

What they do: National forum for adaptive technology users

For more information, visit the website: [http://ccbnational.net/fresco/...](http://ccbnational.net/fresco/get-together-with-technology%20/)

Contact: Kim Kilpatrick, 1-877-304-0968, gttprogram@gmail.com

**Get Together with Technology (GTT) Toronto**

What they do: Adaptive technology user group, Toronto chapter

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.gtt-toronto.ca](http://www.gtt-toronto.ca/)

Contact: Jason Fayre, Online or gtt.toronto@gmail.com

**Humanware**

What they do: DAISY players, Braille products, GPS systems and more

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.humanware.com/en-ca...](http://www.humanware.com/en-canada/home)

**Optelec Canada**

What they do: Electronic magnifiers, Braille-computer access, audio-text readers

For more information, visit the website: <https://in.optelec.com/>

Contact: Canadian office (Quebec), 1-450-677-1171, Online form

**Orcam**

What they do: Wearable device with smart-camera for text & facial recognition

For more information, visit the website: <http://www.orcam.com/>

Contact: 1-800-713-3741, Online form, 'Contact' page

**Shop CNIB**

What they do: A wide variety of products for the blind

For more information, visit the website: <http://shop.cnib.ca/>

Contact: 1-866-659-1843, store@cnib.ca

**Tactile Vision Inc.**

What they do: Thermographic printing and Braille services

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.tactilevisioninc.co...](http://www.tactilevisioninc.com/)

Contact: Rebecca Blaevoet, 1-866-465-0755, Online form, 'Contact' page

**Vision Aids Canada**

What they do: A wide variety of products for the blind

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.visionaidscanada.co...](http://www.visionaidscanada.com/)

Contact: 416-422-5556, Online form, 'Contact' page

**Rehabilitation Services**

**Balance for Blind Adults**

What they do: Independent living skills, Orientation & mobility, adaptive technology training, access to government supports

For more information, visit the website: <http://www.balancefba.org/>

Contact: 416-236-1796, info@balancefba.org

**CNIB Foundation, GTA Region**

What they do: Life enrichment, recreation, employment, child education supports, etc.

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.cnib.ca/en/Pages/de...](http://www.cnib.ca/en/Pages/default.aspx)

Contact: Client Services Info Line, 416-486-2500 ext.8275

**Vision Loss Rehab Ontario (CNIB)**

What they do: Independent living skills, Orientation & Mobility, Low-vision & High-tech assessment, etc.

For more information, visit the website: [https://on.visionlossrehab.ca/...](https://on.visionlossrehab.ca/en)

Contact: Client Services Info Line, 416-486-2500 ext.8275

**Transportation**

**APS (Audible Pedestrian Signals) Info**

What they do: A description of Audible Pedestrian Signals

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.toronto.ca/311/know...](http://www.toronto.ca/311/knowledgebase/88/101000039588.html)

Contact: City of Toronto 311 Service

**Easter Seals Travel Card**

What they do: Permits an adult assistant to travel free on Greyhound bus lines, Coach Canada and VIA Rail

For more information, visit the website: [http://easterseals.ca/english/...](http://easterseals.ca/english/disability-travel-card)

Contact: Easter Seals, 416-9932-8382 ext.241, sheila@easterseals.ca

**Free metropass**

What they do: 3-year TTC Presto Pass for the legally blind

Contact: Client Services Info Line, 416-486-2500 ext. 8275

**GO Transit Support Person Ticket**

What they do: Allows a person with a disability to travel with an attendant on a single fare

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.gotransit.com/publi...](http://www.gotransit.com/public/en/fares/tickettypes.aspx#content)

Contact: GO Customer Care, 416-869-3200, online form, 'Contact' page

**Greyhound Bus Lines**

What they do: Permits an adult assistant to travel free

For more information, visit the website: [https://www.greyhound.ca/en/Ti...](https://www.greyhound.ca/en/TicketsAndTravel/AccessibleTravel.aspx#Sight)

**ODSP Transportation Support**

What they do: Coverage of travel costs for medical appointments for ODSP recipients

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.mcss.gov.on.ca/en/m...](http://www.mcss.gov.on.ca/en/mcss/programs/social/odsp/info_sheets/doctor.aspx)

Contact: Ontario Disability Support Program, 1-888-789-4199

**SPRINT**

What they do: Low-cost transportation for seniors

For more information, visit the website: [https://sprintseniorcare.org/t...](https://sprintseniorcare.org/transportation)

Contact: 416-481-6411, info@sprintseniorcare.org

**TTC Support Person Assistance Card**

What they do: Allows support person accompanying a person with a disability to travel for free

For more information, visit the website: [https://www.ttc.ca/Fares\_and\_p...](https://www.ttc.ca/Fares_and_passes/Support_Person_Card/index.jsp)

Contact: 416-393-4636

**VIA Rail Escort Policy**

What they do: Allows support person accompanying a person with a disability to travel for free

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.viarail.ca/en/trave...](http://www.viarail.ca/en/travel-info/special-needs/accessibility)

Contact: VIA Rail, 1-888-842-7245

**Wheel-Trans Eligibility**

What they do: Eligibility criteria for Wheel-Trans service from TTC

For more information, visit the website: [https://www.ttc.ca/WheelTrans/...](https://www.ttc.ca/WheelTrans/Eligibility_Wheel-Trans/index.jsp)

Contact: Wheel-Trans Customer Service, 416-393-4111, wtcs@ttc.ca

**Education**

**George Brown College Accessible Learning Services**

What they do: Accommodation for students with disabilities

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.georgebrown.ca/acce...](http://www.georgebrown.ca/accessible-learning-services/)

Contact: 416-415-5000 ext. 2622, letstalk@georgebrown.ca

**Hadley Institute**

What they do: Free Distance Learning for blind and visually impaired people

For more information, visit the website: <http://www.hadley.edu/>

Contact: 1-800-323-4238, info@hadley.edu

**Humber College Accessible Learning Services**

What they do: Facilitates equal access for students with disabilities

For more information, visit the website: [http://humber.ca/student-life/...](http://humber.ca/student-life/swac/accessible-learning)

Contact: 416-675-6622 x3331, accessible-learning@humber.ca

**National Educational Association of Disabled Students (NEADS)**

What they do: Supports full access to education & employment for students with disabilities

For more information, visit the website: <http://www.neads.ca/en/>

Contact: 1-877-670-1256, info@neads.ca

**OCADU Disability Services**

What they do: Coordinates & oversees the student academic accommodation process

For more information, visit the website: [https://www.ocadu.ca/services/...](https://www.ocadu.ca/services/disability-services.htm)

Contact: 416-977-6000 ext. 339, csd@ocadu.ca

**Ryerson University Academic Accommodation Support**

What they do: Provides academic accommodation for students with disabilities

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.ryerson.ca/studentl...](http://www.ryerson.ca/studentlearningsupport/academic-accommodation-support/)

Contact: 416-979-5290, aasadmin@ryerson.ca

**University of Toronto Accessibility Services**

What they do: Full range of services for students with disabilities

For more information, visit the website: [https://www.studentlife.utoron...](https://www.studentlife.utoronto.ca/as/about-us)

Contact: 416-978-8060, accessibility.services@utoronto.ca

**Students for Barrier-free Access**

What they do: University of Toronto's Student accessibility advocacy group

For more information, visit the website: <http://uoftsba.com/>

Contact: 416-967-7322, sba@utoronto.ca

**W. Ross MacDonald School**

What they do: Public school for blind & deaf-blind students, kindergarten to grade 12

For more information, visit the website: [https://pdsbnet.ca/en/schools/...](https://pdsbnet.ca/en/schools/w-ross-macdonald/contact-us/)

Contact: 1-866-618-9092

**York University Disability Services**

What they do: Educational support for students with disabilities

For more information, visit the website: <http://ds.info.yorku.ca/>

Contact: 416-736-5140

**Employment**

**Canadian Council on Rehabilitation and Work (CCRW)**

What they do: Employment services for persons with disabilities

For more information, visit the website: <http://www.ccrw.org/>

Contact: 1-800-664-0925, info@ccrw.org

**Career Connect Canada**

What they do: Advice from working 'Mentors' living with vision loss

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.cnib.ca/en/services...](http://www.cnib.ca/en/services/CareerConnect-Canada/Pages/default.aspx)

Contact: Through CNIB

**CNIB Foundation - Come to Work Program**

What they do: Employment services for the blind

For more information, visit the website: [https://cnib.ca/en/programs-an...](https://cnib.ca/en/programs-and-services/work/im-looking-employment-come-work?region=on)

Contact: 1 800 563-2642, online form, 'Contact' page

**Jewish Vocational Services**

What they do: Employment, recruitment, workshops and job search skills for people of all abilities

For more information, visit the website: <http://www.jvstoronto.org/>

Contact: 416-787-1151, online form, 'Contact' page

**Job Opportunity Information Network (JOIN)**

What they do: Access for job seekers, employers & service providers

For more information, visit the website: <http://joininfo.ca/>

Contact: 647-728-0377, info@joininfo.ca

**Lime Connect Canada**

What they do: Employment facilitator for university graduates with disabilities

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.limeconnect.com/lim...](http://www.limeconnect.com/lime_canada/)

Contact: 416-323-5770, online form, 'Contact' page

**Magnet**

What they do: Online job matching platform that connects jobseekers to opportunities based on their skills, experience and qualifications.

For more information, visit the website: <http://www.magnet.today/>

Contact: Nikoletta Erdelyi, 416-601-0987, info@magnet.today

**March of Dimes**

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.marchofdimes.ca/en/...](http://www.marchofdimes.ca/en/programs/employment/Pages/default.aspx)

**Spinal Cord Injury Ontario**

What they do: Employment services for all disability groups

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.sciontario.org/serv...](http://www.sciontario.org/service/employment)

Contact: online form, 'Contact' page

**Other Resources**

**211 Ontario Services Information**

What they do: Information on community services provided by the Ontario government

For more information, visit the website: <http://211ontario.ca/>

Contact: 211, officeadmin@211ontario.ca

**311 City of Toronto Information**

What they do: Information line for City of Toronto services

For more information, visit the website: [http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/por...](http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=86d3ba2ae8b1e310VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD)

Contact: 311 / 416-392-2489, 311@toronto.ca

**Disability Tax Credit information**

What they do: General information from CRA on tax credits available to persons with disabilities

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/disab...](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/disability/)

Contact: Canada Revenue Agency, 1-800-267-6999

**Free 411 Directory Assistance**

What they do: Contact CNIB to determine if you are eligible for 'no charge' directory assistance

Contact: Client Services Info Line, 416-486-2500 ext. 8275

**Guide Dog Users of Canada**

What they do: Resources for those interested in dog guides

For more information, visit the website: [https://gduc.ca/gduc/mygduc/ar...](https://gduc.ca/gduc/mygduc/articleList.asp?articleType=1)

Contact: 1-877-285-9805, online form, 'Contact' page

**Inclusive Design Research Centre**

What they do: Standards for inclusive design of information technology & practices

For more information, visit the website: <http://idrc.ocadu.ca/>

Contact: 416-977-6000 ext. 3968, idi@ocad.ca

**PAL-Reading Inc.**

What they do: Providing print materials in audio format free of charge

For more information, visit the website: <http://palreading.org/>

Contact: Mark Fielding, 416-340-7828, info@palreading.org

**Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP)**

What they do: General information from CRA on the Registered Disability Savings Plan

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/nd...](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdls/tpcs/rdsp-reei/menu-eng.html)

Contact: Canada Revenue Agency, 1-800-267-6999

**Snow Removal Service**

What they do: City of Toronto snow removal for seniors & disabled people

For more information, visit the website: [http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/por...](http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=1597a84c9f6e1410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD)

Contact: City of Toronto, 311

**Tor-Shout Newsgroup**

What they do: Open newsgroup sharing a wide variety of topics of interest to those living with vision loss in Toronto

For more information, visit the website: [http://lists.fayretech.com/mai...](http://lists.fayretech.com/mailman/listinfo/torshout)

Contact: torshout-request@lists.fayretech.com

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