



Volunteer Calgary's update of resources and activities within the voluntary sector

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OPTIMIZE YOUR VOLUNTEER CALGARY MEMBERSHIP

All member organizations – new and old – are welcome to attend the orientation on September 17 from 9 – 12noon at the Volunteer Calgary boardroom.

Don't miss this opportunity to familiarize yourselves with Volunteer Calgary or simply to reconnect, especially if you have had some staffing changes.

Register for the upcoming orientation! Contact Helen Shaver at 403-231-1435 or registration@volunteercalgary.ab.ca

BUILD YOUR BOARD WITH BOARDMATCH FUNDAMENTALS

Are you looking to recruit the right candidates to fill specific skill gaps on your board of directors this fall? BoardMatch Fundamentals offers your organization an opportunity to connect with over 100 board candidates who have received an orientation to board governance practices and are eagerly waiting to be matched with a board position.

BoardMatch Fundamentals candidates have various backgrounds and strengths to contribute to your organization. As a sample of the skill sets available in candidates, we currently have 10 Accountants, 11 HR Professionals, 6 Lawyers, 10 Educators/Trainers, 53 Business/Management Professionals and 11 Marketing Professionals looking for board positions.

To participate in this online program, visit the [website](#) or contact Courtney Scott at 231-1429 or cscott@volunteercalgary.ab.ca.

Dates:

Candidate Orientation

September 24, October 16, November 13, December 10

VOLUNTEER IN PROFILE

In partnership with CTV, Volunteer Calgary presents **Lena McKenzie** as 'Volunteer In Profile' for July 2008.

To view the profile, [click here](#).

To find out how to participate in the 'Volunteer in Profile' program, please contact [Aden Hirtle](#) at 231-1432.

[Nominate someone now!](#)

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

KidZinc School Age Care Society of Alberta
www.calgarykidzinc.ca

PAL Calgary
www.palcalgary.ca

McDougall Stoney Mission Society

Signal Hill Community Association
www.shca.ca

Samaritan's Purse - Canada
www.samaritanspurse.ca

Organization Orientation

September 23, October 15, November 12

FOR MEMBERS

**Orientation Day -
September 17**

THE GIVING DAY AT THE BAY

Looking to raise funds? If you are a registered charity, sports club, community or school group, you are entitled to participate in the Bay's Giving Day. Simply order tickets to sell to your donors, which will be sent to you free of charge. The tickets cost \$5 each, which you will get to keep for each ticket sold!

Call 1-888-772-7297 or check out www.thebay.com/givingday to order your tickets!

CALGARYPEDIA.COM: CALGARY'S OWN WIKIPEDIA

Is there anyone who has not heard of or used Wikipedia at one point or another? Good news is that this great resource has come to Calgary!

Get your organization online with Calgarypedia, a groundbreaking online initiative developed for Calgary Economic Development (CED) to engage and connect Calgarians.

Be among the first to post an article about your organization on this wiki-based website. Help grow this resource which will serve as a platform to communicate vital information about organizations, activities, events, history and stories which make Calgary a great city. The public launch will be on September 30, 2008.

Volunteer Calgary is pleased to share with you this special invite to the preview version. Here's how it works:

1. Go to www.calgarypedia.com
2. Enter Username: ced-prod, Password: w1k1dw1k1
3. Follow instructions and begin posting your article.

GET THE UPPER HAND IN GETTING FUNDS

Centrepont has workshops to help you do just that. Click [here](#).

WORKSHOPS AT VOLUNTEER CALGARY

Volunteer Calgary hosts special events and training opportunities to strengthen volunteerism in our community.

Introduction to Volunteer Management

A three-day introductory level certificate course focused on building a sustainable foundation for your volunteer program

Advanced Volunteer Management Theory- Further Developing Your Volunteer Program

An advanced level workshop of five series that will provide organizations with practical strategies for volunteer programs.

***Introduction to Volunteer Management is a prerequisite to this workshop.*

Volunteer Management Fundamentals

This course provides you with an overview of the volunteer management cycle and how to align your volunteers and volunteer program with your organization's mission.

Integrated Human Resources

This workshop will examine organizational philosophies and structures that may be preventing skilled and talented individuals from engaging in your organization and the voluntary sector.

By Design – Developing Position Descriptions That Work!

This workshop will provide a basic understanding of current trends in the sector and how organizations need to re-think how to involve volunteers in their organizations.

Canadian Code for Volunteer Involvement

This two part working group will take you through a process that enables your organization to develop a strategy for adopting and implementing the Code and ensuring policies and procedures are in place to support your volunteer program.

Click [here](#) for more details and to register online.

Learn about Volunteer Calgary's programs...

BoardMatch Fundamentals

This session will cover board basics to help ensure your organization is matched with the right candidates.

Session dates: September 23, October 15, November 12.....9:00 am - noon

How to Get the Most Out of Your Volunteer Calgary Membership

Review the benefits of membership and learn how to use the member portal to its fullest capacity.

Session dates: September 17, November 26 9:00 am – noon

To register please contact Helen Shaver at 403-231-1435 or registration@volunteercalgary.ab.ca

VOLUNTEER CALGARY PRESENTS... BETTY STALLINGS!

Volunteer Calgary brings you Betty Stallings, an international leader in Volunteer Management!

Betty has written several popular books including "Trends affecting Volunteerism", "CEOs Who Lead the Way" and "Recruiting Today's Volunteers" available in our library.

This workshop, held on October 22nd, 9am-3pm, will help you gain commitment from staff, management and current volunteers to involve volunteers more effectively in your organization.

Contact Helen Shaver to register at 403-231-1435 or registration@volunteercalgary.ab.ca.

VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER CALGARY LIBRARY

Volunteer Managers, you might want to start planning now for your fall volunteer needs! Back to school could potentially mean the influx of young student volunteers who want to start the school year right by getting involved in the community.

Find out how to attract and build greater accessibility for eager young minds interested in volunteering into your organization. The resources you need are sitting on the shelves.

Check out the following titles:

Youth volunteerism: a research report. Imagine Canada, 2006.
Numerous studies have shown that volunteer engagement is likely to have a positive effect on young people's psychosocial development and sense of belonging to the community. It is hoped that an expanded body of knowledge on youth volunteers will help communities develop strategies to increase volunteerism among youth. 361.37083 T339

Youth volunteers: understanding the experience of 8-12-year olds: a research report. Imagine Canada, 2006.
To date, most of the research on youth volunteers has focused on those aged 15 and over. But youth younger than 15 also volunteer in communities, in schools, as part of after-school programs, and through involvement in youth-serving organizations such as Girl Guides and Boy Scouts.
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For additional titles search the [online catalogue](#) or contact the library at 403-231-1426.

MEDIA GUIDE UPDATE

Attracting media attention may be an art, but if your organization wants to make the most of its media relations you should start by building a solid directory of all the local, regional and national media. A good relationship with local media will help to create a positive image for your organization and may even help you attract funders, partners and more volunteers.

Creating those relationships is a daunting task for many non-profit organisations in a city with more than 25 radio stations, several major daily newspapers, half a dozen television outlets and countless magazine publications.

To simplify this task for our members, Volunteer Calgary produces an annual media guide with a complete listing of all the local media, some national media, specialty publications and community newsletters.

If you wish to purchase your own copy of the 2008 Media Guide, click [here](#).

Engaging more people, more effectively to volunteer in the community

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