



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

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#### HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM VOLUNTEER CALGARY!

Despite the global economic crisis and the ferocious weather (and traffic) conditions, it is truly heartwarming to see that that wonderful spirit of giving is still abundant in Calgary! This is evidenced by the tremendous amount of volunteers phoning Volunteer Calgary (and your organizations) looking for all sorts of opportunities to help out, to lend a hand, to offer assistance, and just to spend time with those that may need it. Don't you just love this time of the year?

Have a happy and meaningful holiday season in the company of friends and family! Here is a little holiday feast for the eyes from Volunteer Calgary – [click here](#).

**Notice:** The Volunteer Calgary office will be closed over the holidays beginning Dec. 24, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. We will re-open in the New Year on Jan. 2, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. See you then!

#### NOMINATE YOUR A-LIST VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer Calgary and Avenue Magazine are teaming up again to recognize and celebrate non-profit organizations and the volunteers and companies who support them and help them operate. This year, as we look at a city struggling with an uncertain economy, it is even more important to highlight those individuals who work so hard to improve our city and life for Calgarians.

**Avenue's A-List** recognizes the work of organizations, volunteers, board members, executive directors, philanthropists and others working in Calgary's amazing non-profit and corporate sector.

**Volunteer Calgary's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Awards** has eight categories

#### VOLUNTEER IN PROFILE

**Carrie Mah**  
with  
**Child and Youth  
Friendly Calgary**  
as  
November's VIP.

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!](#)

#### FOR MEMBERS

##### FRIENDLY REMINDERS

✓ **Membership Renewal**

**All memberships expire on December 31, 2008!** Please renew your memberships promptly to ensure uninterrupted services. Renewal forms were mailed in November.

For any concerns, contact [Laura Thompson](#) at 403-231-1445.

Heart of Calgary, Leaders of Tomorrow, Leaders in Business, Outstanding Volunteer Program, Leadership in Volunteer Management, Volunteer Family, Volunteer in Profile, and Volunteer Animal.

Nominate a group or individual and help them get the recognition they so richly deserve. By celebrating their work and stories, we acknowledge those individuals and groups who give their time, efforts and money to improve our city.

You can nominate as many individuals in as many categories as you would like. Watch for the finalists to be featured in the June 2009 issue of Avenue magazine. Winners of the Leadership Awards will be celebrated on April 16, 2009.

The nominations for A-List are now open until January 15, 2009. Click [here](#) to nominate.

The nominations for the Leadership Awards are open until February 13, 2009. Click [here](#) to nominate.

Every A-List nomination received will automatically be considered for Volunteer Calgary's Leadership Awards and vice versa.

## GOT GROUP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES?

Volunteer Calgary is taking more and more calls from Calgarians who are looking for opportunities to volunteer as a group. The groups may vary - from friends, co-workers, sports teams and service groups - but the desire to make a positive difference in our community is universal.

If you think you have any volunteer opportunities suitable for a group, please indicate the minimum and maximum number of people you can accommodate at any one time within the description of the position and then submit it as usual. If you need assistance, contact [Laura Thompson](#) at 403-231-1445.

## HADASSAH KSIENSKI DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Andrea Bosnjak (Chair of the Immigrants of Distinction Awards) and Dr. Bob Robinson (Chair of the Board of Directors) are proud to announce the 1<sup>st</sup> Hadassah Ksienski Distinguished Service Award.

The award was created to honor the outstanding contributions of Hadassah Ksienski, Immigrant Services Calgary's CEO from 1993 to 2008. Hadassah played a pivotal role in shaping the agency as well as the immigration sector over the course of 15 years. Her leadership gave new immigrants to Calgary a sense of community and connection, which will extend well into the future.

If you know of an individual or immigrant who has made a notable contribution to their profession in immigrant services, we encourage you to nominate them for the award. The award will be inaugurated at the 2009 Immigrants of Distinction Awards on Thursday March 12, 2009 beginning at 5:30 pm at the Westin in Calgary.

A nomination form is available at [www.immigrantservicescalgary.ca](http://www.immigrantservicescalgary.ca) and the

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

**Airdrie Food Bank**  
[www.airdriefoodbank.com](http://www.airdriefoodbank.com)

**Calgary Dream Centre**  
[www.calgarydreamcentre.com](http://www.calgarydreamcentre.com)

**Foundation Fighting Blindness**  
[www.ffb.com](http://www.ffb.com)

**Schizophrenia Society of Alberta (Calgary Chapter)**  
[www.schizophrenia.ab.ca](http://www.schizophrenia.ab.ca)

## I Volunteer in Calgary

All member organizations and volunteers are invited to sign up for the [I Volunteer in Calgary](#) group on **Facebook**.

Share your volunteer stories, photos, announce upcoming events.

Join today!

**134 members and counting!**

## LEADERSHIP CALGARY

### BOOK CLUB

Come and join the **Leadership Calgary\* Book Club** and enjoy lively and stimulating discussions on unique topics.

deadline for submission is Friday December 19, 2008 at 1:00 pm.

Click [here](#) for information on the upcoming session.

\*[Leadership Calgary](#) is a program of Volunteer Calgary

## **WORKSHOPS AT VOLUNTEER CALGARY**

Check out these upcoming workshops in the new year!  
All information is available on the website.

### **Certificate of Completion**

#### **Introduction to Volunteer Management**

Based on the standards from the Canadian Code for volunteer involvement, this certificate course covers basic volunteer management practices from planning to retention.

*Date and Time: March 17, 18, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

*Location: La Joie de Vivre*

### **Half Day Continued Learning Courses**

#### **Creating Flexible Volunteer Programs**

How to engage the new volunteer – from youth to boomers to employee groups.

*Date and Time: January 22, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*

*Location: Volunteer Calgary's Boardroom*

#### **Volunteers in Legislation**

Ensure your volunteer program is following all applicable laws.

*Date and Time: February 25, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*

*Location: Volunteer Calgary's Boardroom*

#### **Interview Techniques**

Place the right volunteers in the right positions through improving your interview techniques.

*Date and Time: March 12, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*

*Location: Volunteer Calgary's Boardroom*

#### **Volunteers and Fundraising**

Combine the passion of your volunteers with the mission of your organization for outstanding fundraising results.

*Date and Time: April 16, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*

*Location: Volunteer Calgary's Boardroom*

#### **Making More out of HR**

Align your volunteer program with your overall human resources strategy.

*Date and time: May 13, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*

*Location: Volunteer Calgary's Boardroom*

\*Half Day courses are limited in size. Additional courses may be added according to interest. This limited size allows for more individualized learning, please bring any relevant documents to work from as appropriate.

Limited Bursaries are available, please visit [www.volunteercalgary.ab.ca](http://www.volunteercalgary.ab.ca) for more information or contact Helen Shaver at 231-1435 or [registration@volunteercalgary.ab.ca](mailto:registration@volunteercalgary.ab.ca).

### **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.

**Part One: Standards**

*Date and time: April 23, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*

*Location: Volunteer Calgary's Board room*

**Part Two: Policies & Procedures**

*Date and time: May 21, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*

*Location: Volunteer Calgary's Boardroom*

**Member Orientation – How to get the most out of your Volunteer Calgary membership**

Review the benefits of membership, learn how to use the member portal to its fullest capacity, meet the people behind the scenes and experience the valuable resources of the Volunteer Calgary Library.

*Date and time: January 21, March 18, May 20, 2009*

*Location: Volunteer Calgary's Boardroom*

**BoardMatch Fundamental Orientations**

Organization Orientation

*Date and time: February 18, April 22, June 17, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.*

Candidate Orientation:

*Date and time: February 19, April 23, June 18, 2009 – 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.*

*Location: Volunteer Calgary's Boardroom*

**WHAT'S NEW AT THE VOLUNTEER CALGARY LIBRARY**

With the holidays fast approaching and the busyness of people's lives at this time of year, the following recommended titles may appeal to readers. These are short articles which concisely present suggestions and new ideas for engaging volunteers. Enjoy!

**Today's corporate workplace volunteering in context:**Warshaw, David. 2006.

In the recent fraud-and-scandal era, corporate citizenship has taken on new meaning and relevance. Companies large and small are looking to polish their image. Many companies have placed an expanded emphasis on workplace volunteering - the direct support of employees' community activity. This title is part of the Lois E. Hole Collection, The Muttart Foundation.

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**Volunteers - more ideas!: book 2 : more ideas on how to recruit, recognize and retain volunteers and members** / Esmond, Judy. 2008.

This "quick read" is a collection of thoughts and suggestions from the author, an expert on volunteer management from Australia. Contents include: The Power of Strategies; Strategies for Recruiting Volunteers - Case Studies; Strategies for Recognizing Volunteers - Field Feedback; and Power of Mini-Plans for Your Success. This title is available as a free download from:

[www.morevolunteers.com](http://www.morevolunteers.com).

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Please contact the Volunteer Calgary Library at 403-231-1426 or [library@volunteercalgary.ab.ca](mailto:library@volunteercalgary.ab.ca) for information on these or other resources.

**For additional titles search the [online catalogue](#) or contact the library at**

403-231-1426.

***Engaging more people, more effectively to volunteer in the community***

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