



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

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ALL NOMINATIONS ARE IN!

Thank you to those who have promptly sent in their nominations for the [12th Annual Leadership Awards](#).

The winners will be announced at the ceremony on May 1, 2008. You are all invited to join in the celebration.

Tickets may be purchased [here](#). We hope to see you there!

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2008 AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Celebrate International Women's Day 2008 at the Calgary Public Library. Drop by for lunch and eavesdrop on a lively and informative chat among a panel of successful women as they discuss effective business strategies and work life balance issues.

Featured guests are Hon. Paddy Meade (Deputy Minister of Health), Tracey Scarlett (Alberta Women Entrepreneurs), Carolyn Reicher (Women for Women in Afghanistan), and Carrie Neilson (Aboriginal Issues Specialist).

The event will be held on March 7 (Friday) at the John Dutton Theatre at the Central Library.

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

POLICE INFORMATION CHECKS – NEWS FROM THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

VOLUNTEER IN PROFILE

In partnership with CTV, Volunteer Calgary presents Cynthia Zuidema with the Girl Guides of Canada as our 'Volunteer In Profile' for January 2008.

To view the profile, [click here](#) and scroll to January Volunteer in Profile.

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

[Nominate now for February!](#)

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Calgary Search and Rescue Society

www.calsara.com

EnerVision

www.GreenIsWhereWeLive.com

National Service Dogs

www.nsd.on.ca

There is a potential ray of sunshine for Alberta's non-profit/voluntary sector in one of the recent campaign promises from Premier Ed Stelmach. Last week, the Premier promised that the government would cover the costs for Police Information checks for volunteers serving the vulnerable populations as well as children and seniors. This will come as a welcome relief to some members of the non-profit/volunteer sector who have been voicing its concerns since spring 2006 with regards to the high cost and the administrative burden of police information checks on agencies. For more information check out Volunteer Alberta's press release [here](#).

CALGARY POLICE SERVICE – SECURITY CLEARANCE PILOT PROJECT

Volunteers can now obtain security checks at the following District Offices during the hours indicated:

District 2 - 4506 17th Ave SW
Hours: Mon - Fri 11am -7pm
Sat 10am - 6pm

District 4 – 3207 12 Ave NE
Hours: Tue – Fri 9am – 6 pm

The cost to volunteers for a security clearance is \$5.00; however, they must present an official letter from the organization they intend to volunteer with verifying that a security clearance is required.

Here are some tips to help you prepare an official security clearance letter for your volunteers:

- Letter must be on official letterhead of the non-profit organization and must be an original, photocopies will not be accepted.
- Must have an original authorized signature, signed in a colour other than black.
- Name of volunteer must be typed into the letter not handwritten.
- Date that the letter was issued must also be typed into the letter.
- The letter must indicate that the volunteer mentioned is an unpaid volunteer who requires a security clearance to participate with the non-profit organization.

For additional information visit the Calgary Police Service (CPS) [website](#).

There are alternative security check options available, however the costs to the individuals may be higher and the security checks may not be as thorough as those conducted by the Calgary Police. The CPS security checks include a 3-system check which accesses information from the federal provincial and municipal levels.

VOLUNTEER MANAGERS: DO YOU NEED A HELPING HAND?

IS your volunteer manager stretched thin? Perhaps one of the students enrolled in the Volunteer Management course as part of the Applied Bachelor Degree in Nonprofit Studies program at Mount Royal College can be of help?

FOR OUR MEMBERS

2-DAYS OF LINDA GRAFF WORKSHOPS!

Don't miss out on this exciting training opportunity. Limited space available. Register now to reserve a seat!

Feb 26 - Where's the Line?
Establishing Position and Relationship Boundaries for Volunteers

Feb 26 - Discipline and Dismissal of Volunteers – The Corrective Action Continuum

Feb 27 - Boom or Bust? Successful Engagement of Baby Boom Volunteers

Feb 27 - Going Backwards to Go Forwards: From Managing to Enabling Volunteer Involvement

For more information, click [here](#). To register, call Helen Shaver at 231-1435.

FRIENDLY REMINDER: NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK IS ON APRIL 27 – MAY 3

Does your organization have something up its sleeve to celebrate?

We would like to know what your plans for celebrating the event are this year.

Share them with us. Send a brief email describing your event to communications@volunteercalgary.ab.ca

Many thanks for the input!

LEADERSHIP CALGARY

Students participate in the course every January - April. One of the academic expectations of the course is that students fulfill a volunteer management project with a nonprofit organization. Projects begin in February and wrap up by the end of March. The volunteer management project should be focused on having the student assist with a SINGLE aspect of the volunteer management cycle: needs assessment & planning, job description development and design, recruitment of volunteers, interviewing and placement, orientation and training, supervision and motivation of volunteers, recognition programs, and volunteer & volunteer program evaluation.

If you are interested in potentially being matched up with a student volunteer, contact Anita Angelini at 440-8806.

PRO BONO EXECUTIVE COACHING

Is your organization facing some issues on strategy, team building, transitioning, and accountability, among other management concerns? A team of Certified Executive Coaches from the Royal Roads University in Victoria might be able to help you come up with solutions for FREE.

If your organization has a minimum of five senior management or board members, then you can apply to avail of the free coaching service. Coaching will be on a one-on-one basis for each executive member.

If interested, please call Trudy Pelletier at 510-6187 for more details.

COMMITTEE OF 10,000 OFFERS 5,000

The Committee of 10,000 offers your registered non-profit or charitable organization the possibility of accessing a grant worth up to \$5,000.

A fund created by a small levy from approximately 27,000 undergraduate students at the University of Calgary's Committee of 10,000 provides students an avenue to give back to Calgarians.

To request for a grant application, email the Committee of 10,000 at 10000@su.ucalgary.ca. Application deadline is March 20th, 2008

INVITATION TO FOREVER FUNDS SPEAKER SERIES

Join the discussion with Dr. Stephen Post about the health enhancing benefits of giving, not in monetary terms, but volunteering and providing unselfish love.

Dr. Post has been exploring the influence of positive behaviour on physical and mental health for the past 15 years. The research confirms that unselfish love and the giving of oneself have considerable health benefits.

Good news to those in the non-profit sector! [This](#) is your invitation to this **FREE** event. Click [here to pre-register for Event](#) or call (403) 943-1100 by Friday, February 22nd, 2008.

UPCOMING DATES CLASS OF 2008-2009

March 13

Recruitment Launch Breakfast at the Hyatt

May 15

Application deadline

April 8

Curriculum Info Session at United Way Boardroom, 6th Floor Kahanoff Centre

For more information, contact Tracy Hollingsworth at 231-1430.

COME AND KURL FOR KIDS

Aspen Family and Community Network calls on volunteers to form fun-loving curling teams of four to participate in the annual Kurl for Kids event.

The event brings together staff, community partners, funders and donors to raise support for children growing up in our group homes. Funds raised from the event go toward providing positive opportunities for kids, such as attending a summer camp, going on a vacation or playing team sports.

The event will be on March 1 at noon at the Acadia Recreation Complex. To register today, call the main office at 219-3477. The cost for a team of four is \$240.00 which includes an afternoon of curling, prizes and entertainment! For more information, visit www.aspenfamily.org.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE VOLUNTEER CALGARY LIBRARY

Canada Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act: quick reference: 2007 edition.

Threats to privacy primarily occur due to new ways in which information is collected and used. This Quick Reference explains employer requirements under the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA). PIPEDA applies to organizations that collect, use or disclose personal information within a province or territory unless that province or territory has passed a law similar to the provisions of this Act.

This book is part of the Lois E. Hole Collection, The Muttart Foundation.
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Volunteer motivation primer: techniques to maximize volunteer involvement & productivity.

This collection of short, practical tips is divided into the following chapters:

1. Management tools that produce motivated volunteers,
2. Engage volunteers through inspiration and incentives,
3. Increase volunteer confidence and loyalty,
4. Inject 'fun' into volunteer experiences,
5. Turn negatives into positives,
6. Use targeted strategies to recognize accomplishment, motivate,
7. Tried-and-tested ideas that build enthusiasm,
8. Motivational messages to share with your volunteers.

This title is part of the Lois E. Hole Collection, the Muttart Foundation.
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Winning volunteer recruitment strategies: techniques to increase recruitment and improve retention of volunteers and members.

This collection of short, practical tips is divided into the following chapters:

1. Set the stage for effective recruitment,
2. Ways to garner visibility,
3. Useful recruitment tools,
4. Targeted approaches to recruitment,
5. Reaching out to youth,
6. Senior citizens,
7. Don't overlook these groups/professions,
8. Reach out for new members,
9. Find volunteers via the web,
10. Recruitment success stories,
11. Important retention measures.

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Engaging more people, more effectively to volunteer in the community

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