



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

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VOLUNTEER CALGARY GEARS UP FOR A BUSY SUMMER

As we gear up for summer, Volunteer Calgary will continue its role in the community promoting the value of volunteering, connecting people with opportunities to volunteer, strengthening the ability of groups and individuals to support volunteers and providing leadership on issues related to volunteerism.

The VC team will be moving forward on several initiatives in the coming months, including the enhancement of programming around youth and family volunteering; continued work in the area of ethno cultural volunteering and the development of an integrated human resource strategy.

To further support the day to day operations at Volunteer Calgary, the Board has appointed Laurel Benson, formerly the Director of Fund Development and Corporate Citizenship as Interim CEO and Cheryl Humphrey, formerly the Manager of Training, as Interim Director of Operations responsible for all aspects of programs. Laurel and Cheryl will provide the Volunteer Calgary team with strong direction and support as the search continues for an individual with a passion for volunteerism to lead our team as President and Chief Executive Officer.

In the interim, the Volunteer Calgary Board will work closely with our management team to ensure that the organization continues to operate at the highest possible level while a search is conducted to find a new permanent CEO.

Any interested individuals are encouraged to learn more about the President and CEO position through the Volunteer Calgary website www.volunteercalgary.ab.ca or by forwarding an email c/o recruitmentcommittee@volunteercalgary.ab.ca.

VOLUNTEER IN PROFILE

In partnership with CTV, Volunteer Calgary presents **Debbie Hodgins** with Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation as 'Volunteer In Profile' for May 2008.

To view the profile, [click here](#) and scroll to April 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 June!](#)

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Ecoliving Events Ltd.
www.ecolivingfair.ca

FOR MEMBERS

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:
UPDATE YOUR
VOLUNTEER AD POSTINGS!**

Volunteer Opportunities posted on the website's

JUMPSTART PROJECTS YOU'VE BEEN PUTTING OFF

Lately, Volunteer Calgary has been receiving an increasing number of calls from corporate groups looking to volunteer with non-profits who have the capacity to work with large groups.

We would like to connect you to these opportunities.

If you have the capacity to work with large groups or if you are interested in building your organization's capacity to work with large groups of volunteers, email khartnett@volunteercalgary.ab.ca.

GET YOUR ORGANIZATION ON TELEVISION

Is there a volunteer within your organization who has made such a strong impact on your organization and the community?

Give these important people the recognition they deserve by nominating them to be a Volunteer In Profile (VIP). Every month, Volunteer Calgary and CTV partner up to feature stories of individuals who give the gift of time with the VIP segment.

As a nominee, your volunteer of choice will have a chance to be selected as the next VIP and have their inspiring story heard and seen on television!

Nomination is *open to all members* of Volunteer Calgary, so please take advantage of this unique opportunity to recognize your valued volunteers AND get some great publicity for your organization!

For more details on how to participate, contact [Aden Hirtle](#) at 231-1432 or click [here](#).

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR (AD) POST!

If you need to fill your volunteer position just a tad quicker, bring your ad posting a notch higher by posting it onto the Weekly Highlights!

The Weekly Highlights page is refreshed on a weekly basis and is displayed right on the homepage of the Volunteer Calgary website. In addition, this page is emailed out to over a hundred interested recipients.

To post an ad on the Weekly Highlights:

1. Go to the [Member Portal](#).
2. Enter user name and password.*
3. Click "Weekly Highlights" button on the left.
4. Create ad. Keep it short – 25 words only!
5. Save & submit.

Posting to the Weekly Highlights is a *free* service to *all members*.

GET A BOOST FROM U OF C STUDENTS

Searchable Database are only active for six months.

It is important that postings are changed to *inactive* as soon as your event has concluded.

If your opportunities are ongoing, please remember to check and update regularly!

MEDIA GUIDE 2008 IS UP FOR GRABS!

The Media Guide contains a comprehensive listing of media agencies in Calgary. It's just the tool you need for your marketing needs.

Buy a copy now!

Click [here](#).

Could your organization use some extra help from a group of University of Calgary students?

From September to December, approximately six groups of three to four University of Calgary students will be available to undertake short term special projects and other types of volunteer work in Calgary. Another cohort of students will be available for projects between January and April.

Students will be from a wide variety of disciplines from Anthropology to Zoology. They will bring specific skills from a variety of subject areas. However, all of them will be able to supply:

- * research and inquiry skills
- * critical thinking skills
- * an ability to bring fresh insights to a project
- * enthusiastic participation

This Community Service Learning Project is a partnership between Volunteer Calgary and the University of Calgary. For more information, click [here](#). To apply, click [here](#).

For further questions please contact Ranita Charania, Manager of Volunteer and Community Engagement, Volunteer Calgary, at rcharania@volunteercalgary.ab.ca or call (403)231-1433.

WORKSHOPS AT VOLUNTEER CALGARY

Watch out for workshops coming your way in Fall 2008.

Introduction to Volunteer Management (IVM) – Certificate Course

A 3-day introductory level certificate course focused on building a sustainable foundation for your volunteer program.

Dates: October 7, 8, 9

Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Location: La Joie de Vivre

Fee: \$275.60 (members) / \$349.80 (non-members)

Advance Volunteer Management Theory – Further Developing your Volunteer Program

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

Dates: 5 sessions – Sept 18, Oct 16, Nov 20, Dec 11, Jan 15

Time: 9:30am – noon

Location: Volunteer Calgary Boardroom

Fee: \$318 (members) / \$397.50 (non-members)

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

Register now to ensure your seat. Contact [Helen Shaver](#) at 231-1435.

PEACE MEDAL FOR PEACEMAKERS

Do you know someone from the Calgary area who deserves to be recognized for their commitment to peace?

Since 1991, YMCA Calgary has been acknowledging peacemakers in our community who inspire and impact others. The 2008 YMCA Calgary Peace Medals will honour young people & adults from all walks of life who commit their time to advancing peace in their own community or abroad.

If you know an individual or group deserving recognition, nominate them for a Peace Medal! It's easy to do: visit ymcacalgary.org to learn more, to read about past participants, or to fill out an [online nomination form](#). Nomination deadline is October 1, 2008.

TIM H GIVES BACK TO NON-PROFITS

What better way to liven up your community event this summer than with cups of coffee! Not just any coffee, but good ol' Tim Hortons!

The Tim Hortons Community Cruiser is an outreach program sponsored by the Calgary and area store owners which allows Tim Hortons to give back to the community in kind – complementary coffee, hot chocolate and others!

If your organization is interested in inviting the Community Cruiser, please review the criteria below to ensure your event qualifies:

- Family, child or seniors focus
- Local community grass roots types of events
- Are celebratory or fundraisers – not corporate company events
- Primary focus is to support participants and/or volunteers at events

**Examples of events that DO NOT meet the criteria are corporate events, political events, and events with over 400 people.*

Fax your letter request to (403) 203-7430 and include a description of your event, date of event, number of attendees, and your full contact information.

For inquiries, contact Kelly Ann Casey at calgarycruiser@gmail.com or 796-8467.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE VOLUNTEER CALGARY LIBRARY

Women on boards: a guide to getting involved. CAAWS (Canadian Assoc. for the Advancement of Women and Sport and Physical Activity). 2008

This guide demystifies the workings of boards and strives to improve recruitment and retention of women as board members by:

- describing why boards need more women
- providing advice on how to find a suitable board to join, and how to secure a position on it
- providing straightforward descriptions of typical board roles, terminology and processes

-identifying challenges that may be faced by women serving on boards, and proposing strategies for addressing them" from the introduction.

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Exposing the elephants: creating exceptional nonprofits. Wilcox, Pamela J.
John Wiley & Sons, Inc. 2006

This is an insider's look into the state of the nonprofit sector today, and includes practical and useful recommendations for real change from within. This guide looks at some of the fundamental obstacles facing the nonprofit sector, including:

1. The Wide reach of nonprofits;
2. The Role of nonprofits;
3. Myths that surround nonprofits;
4. Rating nonprofit performance;
5. The Five elephants of the nonprofit industry;
6. Case studies demonstrating the challenging situations that arise within a nonprofit - and the tools and techniques to bring about real change.

This title is part of the Lois E. Hole Collection, The Muttart Foundation.

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Engaging more people, more effectively to volunteer in the community

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