



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

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HOW WILL YOU CELEBRATE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK?

Everyone in the non-profit sector knows just how valuable volunteers are. They are the lifeblood of the voluntary sector. That is why it is particularly important for organizations to make special efforts to recognize the volunteers who have devoted their time and energy to specific causes.

The best way to celebrate our volunteers will be to take part in the National Volunteer Week celebrations on April 27 – May 3, 2008. NVW is the biggest celebration of volunteerism that pays tribute to volunteers in Canada. Make it your little way of saying "Thank you" to your precious volunteers and start planning as early as now!

Does your organization already have something up its sleeve to celebrate? Volunteer Calgary would like to know how organizations around Calgary are planning to celebrate this event this year. Share your plans with us by sending brief description of your event to communications@volunteercalgary.ab.ca. If you haven't gotten around to planning yet, check out Volunteer Canada's [website](#) for some tips and ideas for your event.

RESERVE YOUR SEAT AT THE LEADERSHIP AWARDS

As part of the National Volunteer Week events, we urge you not to miss the biggest celebration of volunteerism in Calgary -- the [12th Annual Leadership Awards](#).

Awards will be given out to this year's outstanding individuals who have truly

VOLUNTEER IN PROFILE

In partnership with CTV, Volunteer Calgary presents Harold Hagen with Hull Child and Family Services as 'Volunteer In Profile' for February 2008.

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

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Kids.now
www.kidsnowcanada.org

Further Education Society of Alberta
www.nald.ca/fesa

Alberta Gymnastics Federation
www.abgym.ab.ca

made a difference in the community through their selfless contributions. Join us as we thank and applaud them during Calgary's premiere volunteer recognition event on May 1, 2008 at the Calgary Stampede.

Ticket sales for the Leadership Awards are ongoing. Tickets may be purchased [here](#).

We hope to see you there!

CTV CALGARY'S 2008 OPERATION RENOVATION

CTV Calgary is once again teaming up with Albi Renova for a renovation project that will make a huge impact in your community. Both CTV and Albi Renova believe in improving the quality of life for a worthwhile community group.

For an entire week, CTV news personalities will swap their microphones for hammers and paintbrushes. With the help of the experts from Albi Renova, together they will revive and spruce up a space or area that is in need of a facelift.

Our last project gave the Rosedale Hospice a much-needed makeover. CTV anchors and reporters, including Darrel Janz, Barb Higgins, Kirk Heuser, Sage Pullen, Elissa Carpenter, and Reg Hampton rolled up their sleeves and put their home improvement skills to the test. Renovations were made to several different areas, including the family room, kitchen, and children's play area. Now, the Rosedale Hospice looks as warm, comfortable, and tranquil as the services it provides.

We are currently seeking nominations for the 2008 Operation Renovation. If you wish to make a submission, please visit www.calgary.ctv.ca and click on Operation Renovation. Return your nomination to calgaryintouch@ctv.ca or fax it to 240-5689 (Attention Pearl Tsang) by April 18th, 2008.

Please call 240-5681 for more information.



WILD ROSE FOUNDATION CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS

The Wild Rose Foundation is calling upon Alberta's non-profit sector to recognize Alberta's businesses for their contribution to the communities in which they operate. The Award is open to any local, national or international business that promotes and encourages a culture of giving and volunteering among employees and is committed to corporate philanthropy and other forms of community support within Alberta. Deadline for nominations is April 11th, 2008.

For nomination forms and additional information, contact (780) 415-8139 or visit www.wildrosefoundation.ca/cvae.

BREAKFAST AT ASPEN

FOR OUR MEMBERS

DATES TO REMEMBER:

MARCH 26
MEMBER ORIENTATION

APRIL 27 – MAY 3
NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

MAY 1
LEADERSHIP AWARDS

LEADERSHIP CALGARY UPCOMING DATES CLASS OF 2008-2009

April 8
Curriculum Info Session at
United Way Boardroom, 6th
Floor Kahanoff Centre

May 15
Application deadline

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

Enjoy a morning of learning about the innovative work that Aspen is doing to address some of Calgary's most critical social issues. Join host, Bill MacLachlan of Mawer Investment Management Ltd., at Aspen's Executive Breakfast on April 18th, 2008 from 7:30 -9:00 AM. It will be at the Calgary Petroleum Club.

For more details and to RSVP, email aspenfamily@aspenfamily.org or call 219-3477.

MEMBER ORIENTATION AT VOLUNTEER CALGARY

If you are a new staff member in your organization who works with volunteers and would like to learn more about the benefits of your membership with Volunteer Calgary, you are welcome to attend a free member orientation session that will take place on Wednesday, March 26 from 9:00am– 2:00 pm at the Volunteer Calgary office.

For more information or to register, please contact registration@Volunteercalgary.ab.ca or call 231 – 1435.

DO YOU NEED EXTRA HELPING HANDS?

Could your organization use some extra help from a group of young volunteers from the ages of 13- 30?

On June 1, 2008, a national volunteer initiative focused on engaging a group of faith-based youth with local organizations will occur.

The program participants of CIVIC range between the following age groups:

- 13-18 (Junior High and High School Students)
- 19-25 (Post-Secondary/University/College)
- 25 - 30 (Young Professionals)

Your organization may engage youth of a specific age group and you are free to select as many participants as you are able to accommodate.

Please contact Adil Juma for more information: adiljuma@gmail.com.

WORKSHOPS AT VOLUNTEER CALGARY

It's always a good idea to keep up with the new trends and be in the know about what's going on in the volunteer sector. Take part in these upcoming workshops and arm yourself with useful knowledge that will serve only to enhance your volunteer management program.

People Power – The integration of volunteers with paid staff

Do you have the right mix of people and talents to achieve your organization's mission? This workshop will examine how to develop a human resource plan that engages the skills and passions of everyone – staff and volunteers.

(Advanced level course)

April 7..... 9:00 am – noon

Location: Talisman Centre – Learning Room

Fee: \$74.20 (members)/ \$84.80 (non-members)

Safe Enough! – Reviewing your screening practices

Take a look at your organization's screening practices and explore new measures to improve them with this workshop.

(Intermediate level course)

May 13 9:00 am – noon

Location: Talisman Centre – Riverview Room

Fee: \$74.20 (members)/ \$84.80 (non-members)

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.

(Introductory level course)

May 27 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Location: La Joie de Vivre

Fee: \$106.00 (members)/ \$121.90 (non-members)

Please note that this is NOT a certificate course and is NOT appropriate for those who have already taken Introduction to Volunteer Management (IVM)

To register, contact [Helen Shaver](#) at 231-1435.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE VOLUNTEER CALGARY LIBRARY

When individuals within Volunteer Calgary member organizations have information needs, they often think of the Library collection, located on the 2nd floor of the Kahanoff Centre.

What they may not consider using, however, are the various professional journals and newsletters also held in the Library. These journals provide current and topical information and opinions, with the added benefit of having been vetted or created by professionals within the sector.

In its latest edition, **Canadian Not-For-Profit News**, subtitled "the insider's edge on current developments in Canadian nonprofit organizations", has topics such as: the new federal budget and how it impacts nonprofits; charity policy proposals; and director liability insurance.

Board Member; insight and ideas for nonprofit governance is published by BoardSource. Recent articles have included: doing board business on the web; advocacy; lobbying and nonprofits; and rules for sharing your expertise.

Forefront; looking into and out for Canada's charities and nonprofits is a publication from Imagine Canada and has featured articles such as: various examples of Canadian corporate citizenship in action; interesting models from around the world and how they can lend depth; and tips for developing your cause branding programs.

Nonprofit Communications Report; monthly communications ideas for nonprofits is published by Stevenson Inc. It provides current, practical suggestions and tips, often in a "top ten" format. Short "chunks" of information make this a quick read.

Environmental issues are a major concern of many Canadians, and businesses and organizations are being more proactive in "greening" their operations.

Alternatives Journal; Canadian environmental ideas + action is a recent addition to the field which looks at not just the issues, but what action has been, and should be taken to remedy global and local issues. While it is published by

the Faculty of Environmental Studies, University of Waterloo and so comes with academic credentials, the articles are timely and practical in their content.

These are just a sampling of the journals housed in the Library: next time you have a few minutes, stop by the Library have a good look at our periodical

Engaging more people, more effectively to volunteer in the community

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*Volunteer Voice is a membership benefit sent to all Volunteer Calgary members. If you would like to comment on this issue, or unsubscribe, please email Amy Baquir at [communications@volunteercalgary.ab.ca](mailto:communications@volunteercalgary.ab.ca) .*

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