



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

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**ANNUAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS A SUCCESS**

Congratulations to all the nominees and winning recipients!

Volunteer Calgary would like to thank everyone for the support of the Annual Leadership Awards, whether through nominations, sponsorship, or attendance. We hope the evening was as enjoyable as it was inspirational.

To view the videos of this year's winning recipients, click [here](#).

The upcoming 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Awards will be on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Nominations are now ongoing. Visit the [website](#) for details.

**ATTENTION: EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AND BOARD RECRUITMENT COMMITTEES!**

Are you looking for a perfect new match on your board of directors? Why not consider finding a fit through BoardMatch Fundamentals? There are over 100 qualified candidates with diverse skill sets waiting to be matched to your organization.

BoardMatch Fundamentals is pleased to share with you orientations offered by Volunteer Calgary:

*Candidate Orientation*  
June 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 - 6:30 pm

*Organization Orientation*  
August 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 -11:00 am.

**VOLUNTEER IN PROFILE**

In partnership with CTV, Volunteer Calgary presents Pat Pinkney with Big Brothers and Big Sisters as 'Volunteer In Profile' for April 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 May!](#)

**WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!**

Stroke Recovery Association of Calgary  
[www.geocities.com/sracalgary](http://www.geocities.com/sracalgary)

Electronic Recycling Association  
[www.era.ca](http://www.era.ca)

Calgary Downtown Association  
[www.downtowncalgary.com](http://www.downtowncalgary.com)

All orientations will be held at the Volunteer Calgary office.  
For more information about the BoardMatch Fundamentals program contact  
Courtney Scott at 231-1429 or email at: [cscott@volunteercalgary.ab.ca](mailto:cscott@volunteercalgary.ab.ca)

## **VOLUNTEER CALGARY PROMOTES EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEERISM**

Volunteer Calgary has added two additional features to the searchable database. These additions are designed to help members promote group opportunities specifically to the Calgary business community.

If your organization would like to connect with the many companies that support their employees in volunteering, please read about the following two additions to Volunteer Calgary's services to our members:

### Employee Volunteer Program

Volunteer Calgary has added a check box labeled "Employee Group". If you have a group opportunity that would be suitable for a group of employee volunteers from a Calgary business, this check box will ensure that your opportunity is included when they search on the Volunteer Calgary searchable database. Volunteer Calgary will be directing businesses looking for volunteer opportunities to the Searchable Database by selecting Employee Group within their search criteria.

### Paint the Town Program

Volunteer Calgary is in the process of growing its Paint the Town Program to include its non-profit member organizations. Watch for more news about this exciting program in the coming months.

You can use your free consultation time with your membership to have a Volunteer Calgary staff member assist you in developing your employee group volunteer opportunity and ensuring it is posted so that Calgary businesses will find it.

For further information, please contact Kate Hartnett at [khartnett@volunteercalgary.ab.ca](mailto:khartnett@volunteercalgary.ab.ca) or (403) 231-1402.

## **HOW TO GET YOUR VOLUNTEER POSITION NOTICED**

When using the Volunteer Calgary Searchable Database to recruit volunteers, bear in mind that an interesting ad posting is more likely to capture a potential volunteer's attention.

Here's how:

### **Be creative.**

It's not hard to make your ad stand out. Just remember to keep the copy short, precise and don't forget to factor in some *fun!*

Check out the creatively crafted ads below.

## **FOR OUR MEMBERS**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**JUNE 4**  
ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING ([AGM](#))

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

Volunteer Opportunities posted on the website's 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!

### **Web-footed friends**

Calling all "web-feet waddlers"! A client who was a top class swimmer prior to receiving a brain injury needs help. We all need that little extra push sometimes, so if swimming is something you love to do, why not splash around and give someone a new chance at friendship.

### **Weed Eaters!**

Okay, you don't actually have to eat the weeds, but we sure could use your help to help remove pesky weeds and give our newly planted native trees and shrubs a chance to get established.

### **Something Fishy Event Volunteer**

There's something fishy happening down in Inglewood! Help us introduce Calgarians to the new Bow Habitat Station at this exciting summer event...

See the attached PDF for some more tips on posting an ad for your volunteer opportunity on the Volunteer Calgary Website.

### **Highlight it.**

Want to bring your ad posting a notch higher? Post it onto the Weekly Highlights!

This page is refreshed weekly and comes up onto the homepage of the Volunteer Calgary website. It's hard to miss it!

#### **To post ad:**

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.

\*If you need help with your ad postings, contact Laura Thompson at [lthompson@volunteercalgary.ab.ca](mailto:lthompson@volunteercalgary.ab.ca) or 231-1445.

### **GET A BOOST FROM U OF C STUDENTS**

Could your organization use some extra help from a group of University of Calgary students? Students will be from a wide variety of disciplines and will be able to apply: research and inquiry skills; critical thinking; an ability to bring fresh insights to a project and enthusiastic participation.

During the fall and winter semesters, approximately six groups of three to four University of Calgary students will be available to undertake short term special projects and other types of volunteering in Calgary. The deadline for the proposal is November 30, 2008.

If you are interested in learning more about this project, click [here](#).

For further questions please contact Ranita Charania at [rcharania@volunteercalgary.ab.ca](mailto:rcharania@volunteercalgary.ab.ca) or call (403)231-1433.

### **RAISE FOR TIME**

Are you up for a worthwhile challenge?

Join the 3<sup>rd</sup> Calgary Timeraiser on June 19!

The Timeraiser is a charity art auction where, instead of money, you bid a number of volunteer hours for an organization of your choice. The goal is to raise 5,000 community hours!

Click [here](#) for more details.

## VITALIZE 2008

On JUNE 12, 13 & 14, 2008, join the 20th anniversary of Vitalize for an opportunity to reflect on what the voluntary sector has done to build the province of Alberta.

Vitalize is a professional development, training opportunity and is the only conference of its kind in Canada. Vitalize is open to all Albertans, and is targeted towards program staff, managers, executive directors, board members and volunteers who work in all aspects of our society from social services, human rights, education, environment, health and faith, to arts, culture, parks, sports and recreation throughout our province.

For more details, visit [www.vitalizeconference.ca](http://www.vitalizeconference.ca).

## WORKSHOPS AT VOLUNTEER CALGARY

Keep abreast with the new trends in the volunteer sector. Join these workshops and arm yourself with information to enhance your volunteer management program.

### 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

**Hannah's story.** National Film Board of Canada, 2007.

"This documentary gives new meaning to the term 'role model'. Normally we think of children learning from their elders, but here is the story of an 11-year-old

girl who is already inspiring adults to make a difference. When she was just 5, Hannah Taylor spotted her first homeless person in the back alleys of Winnipeg. That sighting not only troubled her but it drove her to do something to change the world, which in turn led to the establishment of the Ladybug Foundation. Under Hannah's leadership, that charity has raised over a million dollars, literally making a change for those lacking life's basic needs. Whether it's organizing "Big Boss" lunches, speaking to students or to a prime minister, Hannah's capacity to help others is huge, unflagging, and ultimately, humbling." - from the cover. Written and directed by Juanita Peters. Teaching guides available. This item is cleared for classroom use and public performance in Canada and includes closed captioning.

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**Volunteer vacations: short-term adventures that will benefit you and others.** McMillon, Bill. 2006.

This thorough, well designed resource guide provides information on opportunities to volunteer internationally with over 250 organizations in many different countries of the world. From archaeological explorations in South Carolina, to teaching English in China, and counseling at a summer camp in Hungary, the opportunities are inviting and exciting. The projects are listed by organization and then cross-indexed by cost, length, location, season and type of work. Addresses, phone numbers, email addresses and websites are listed, and there are several personal vignettes from individuals who have volunteered with some of the projects. The introduction includes suggestions for how to evaluate an organization to see if it is the right fit for the reader, what are reasonable expectations for this type of volunteering, and how best to use this resource to locate opportunities.

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

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