





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

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#### GET YOUR VOLUNTEER ON TELEVISION

*Does your volunteer go beyond the call of duty in order to serve others? Does your volunteer show tremendous dedication? Does your volunteer make an invaluable impact on your organization? Does your volunteer put a smile on faces, touch peoples' lives, and work to make this world a better place?*

Your volunteer could be CTV's next Volunteer In Profile (VIP)!

The selected individual will be featured as VIP for a full month on CTV. If your volunteer has an inspiring tale of volunteerism, nominate them to be next VIP for a chance to have their story seen and heard on television!

Every month, Volunteer Calgary and CTV partner up to feature stories of amazing individuals who give the gift of time. Nomination is **open exclusively to members** of Volunteer Calgary. This is a unique opportunity to recognize your valued volunteers and create awareness for your organization.

To nominate a volunteer, click [here](#) or contact [Aden Hirtle](#) at 231-1432.

#### VOLUNTEER CALGARY MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

In order to better serve our members, Volunteer Calgary is updating its membership process. You will now be receiving a membership renewal instead of an invoice. All memberships expire on December 31, 2008 so we will be sending the notices out in mid to late November.

#### VOLUNTEER IN PROFILE

In partnership with CTV,  
Volunteer Calgary presents

**Alyx Nanji**  
with the  
**Distress Centre**  
as  
September'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!](#)

#### BETTY STALLINGS COMES TO TOWN!

Gain commitment from staff,  
management and current  
volunteers!

Learn how from **Betty Stallings**, an international leader in Volunteer Management!

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9am-3pm**  
**Canada Olympic Park**  
**Tea Room**

Click [here](#) for more details.

Contact [Helen Shaver](#) 403-

We look forward to continuing to serve you in the year ahead.

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

## BOOKLOVERS: JOIN THE CLUB!

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

For the upcoming month of November, the Book Club will be exploring patterns of adaptive and maladaptive thinking in high risk and disaster situations.

**Everyone** is welcome to pull up a chair and take part in the Book Club. The only requirement is a passion for reading.

For details on the next Book Club session, click [here](#).

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

## CCVO ASKS: HOW DO YOU STAY PROTECTED?

The Calgary Chamber of Voluntary Organizations (CCVO) needs feedback on how organizations protect personal information.

Currently, Alberta's *Personal Information Protection Act* (PIPA) only applies on a limited basis to certain nonprofit organizations including those established under the *Societies Act*, the *Agricultural Societies Act*, or incorporated nonprofits registered under section 9 of the *Companies Act*.

However, a recommendation before government proposes that PIPA be amended to apply fully to all nonprofit organizations, subject to a one year transition period.

They are currently assessing the implications of this recommendation for Alberta's nonprofits and charities, and need to hear from you and the organizations you work with. The responses from this survey will help them understand what tools and resources can be developed to help organizations understand and implement best practices for handling personal information, and follow the requirements under Alberta's Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA).

Please take five minutes to fill out the [Nonprofit Organizations & Protecting Personal Information Online Survey](#) and then share this survey link with your members and other organizations you work with anywhere in Alberta.

The deadline to respond to this survey is Friday, October 24.

## LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE KARO KAUS!

Karo, a creative agency, will once again donate \$100,000 of creative services, to be split equally between two not-for-profit groups, one in Calgary and one in Vancouver. Karo staff will donate \$50,000 of their creative time on behalf of each group.

231-1435 to register.

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

David Thompson Health  
Region – Volunteer  
Resource Department  
[www.dthr.ab.ca/volunteers](http://www.dthr.ab.ca/volunteers)

Summit Foundation for  
Cystic Fibrosis  
[www.summitfoundation.ca](http://www.summitfoundation.ca)

## FOR MEMBERS

### FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- ✓ **Mark your calendars**  
Annual Members Meeting  
November 12 at the  
Aerospace Museum  
  
Click [here](#) for details.
- ✓ **Freshen up your profiles**  
Have you had staff changes, new  
email addresses, or phone  
numbers?

Keep us posted so we can keep  
your profiles fresh and current.

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

Click [here](#) for more details.

## THE MILLENIUM EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Millennium Excellence Award Program seeks to recognize the leaders of today and tomorrow and emphasize the importance of supporting their contributions to our country's future.

Potential candidates are those who demonstrate a capacity for creative leadership and be able to commit themselves to the pursuit of social innovation and academic excellence. If you have encountered students with these qualities, please let them know about this award.

For details, click [here](#).

## SHARE ONLINE SUCCESSES WITH CANADAHELPS

CanadaHelps is interested in learning how non-profits use various online technologies, what they are using, what they're interested in learning about and what issues they're having that can be addressed with technology.

As the recipient of a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, CanadaHelps will be using the information from this survey and a series of consultations to develop a package of learning tools for charities to learn more about how various online technologies can assist them in day-to-day functioning, marketing and communications, and fundraising.

Your participation in this survey or in the consultation process will assist CanadaHelps in developing the right tools for you, for free.

Click [here](#) to access the survey.

## FOREVER FUNDS SPEAKER SERIES

The Calgary Foundation is holding The Forever Funds Speaker Series – Diversity and Inclusion, November 3, 2008 with guest speaker [Zaib Shaikh](#), star of *Little Mosque on the Prairie* at the Calgary TELUS Convention Centre from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Click [here](#) for more details.

## WORKSHOPS AT VOLUNTEER CALGARY

Volunteer Calgary hosts special events and training opportunities to strengthen volunteerism in our community.

### 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.

**November 19, 9am – 3pm**

## I Volunteer in Calgary

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

Share your volunteer stories, photos, announce upcoming events.

Join this amazing group and be a part of the growing network of volunteers!

### Integrated Human Resources

This workshop will examine organizational philosophies and structures that may be preventing skilled and talented individuals from engaging in your organization and the voluntary sector.

**November 26, 9 – 12noon**

### By Design – Developing Position Descriptions That Work!

This workshop will provide a basic understanding of current trends in the sector and how organizations need to re-think how to involve volunteers in their organizations.

**December 3, 9 – 12noon**

### 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.

**October 23 & November 27, mornings**

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

### **Learn about Volunteer Calgary's programs...**

#### BoardMatch Fundamentals

This session will cover board basics to help ensure your organization is matched with the right candidates.

Session dates: September 23, November 12.....9:00 am - noon

#### How to Get the Most Out of Your Volunteer Calgary Membership

Review the benefits of membership and learn how to use the member portal to its fullest capacity.

Session dates: November 26 ..... 9:00 am – noon

To register please contact Helen Shaver at 403-231-1435 or

[registration@volunteercalgary.ab.ca](mailto:registration@volunteercalgary.ab.ca)

## **THE LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE**

The Volunteer Calgary Library is having an Open House on Tuesday October 28, 2008 from 11:00am - 4:00pm.

Everyone is invited to drop by and meet the friendly Library team, Valerie White and Louise Renaud-Kertesz. They will be demonstrating how to conduct a library search and explaining the new Canadian Non-profit Library Network online search page which allows users to search Volunteer Calgary, RCVO and Imagine Canada's Library catalogues simultaneously.

They will also be showcasing the Canadian Directory to Foundations and Corporations, a tool to aid those who are searching for sources of funding. This is a listing of corporations and foundations which may provide funding for organizations that was compiled by Imagine Canada based on Revenue Canada's documentation.

Tea, Coffee and refreshments will be available throughout the day. Anyone

without a library membership will be able to register onsite to become a library user.

The [Volunteer Calgary Library](#) is located at 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Kahanoff Centre, 1202 Centre St. SE.

For inquiries, contact the Library at 403--231-1426.

## WHAT'S NEW AT THE VOLUNTEER CALGARY LIBRARY

As we move into the season of planning gala fundraising events, it would be useful to have some new and innovative ideas to make them special and appealing.

The following additions to our Library collection provide helpful suggestions:

### **Best ever directory of special events.** 2008.

This title includes 60+ tried-and-tested profitable fundraising events that have been used by other nonprofit organizations. Along with tips and techniques to make fundraisers more profitable and well-attended.

This title is part of the Lois E. Hole Collection, The Muttart Foundation.  
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### **Black tie optional: a complete special events resource for nonprofit organizations.** Freedman, Harry A.; Feldman, Karen. 2007.

"Everything you need to know and do" to create a successful fundraising event is included in this thorough and essential handbook. It demystifies the process and makes it as easy as possible to have a successful event that generates money as well as new supporters. This how-to manual takes the reader step by step through the entire process of selecting and producing simple and complicated events by providing the detailed information needed, including practical advice, real-world examples from actual events, summary checklists, and worksheets.

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For additional titles search the [online catalogue](#) or contact the library at 403-231-1426.

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