



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

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A NOTE ON ALBERTA GOVERNMENT'S 2009 BUDGET

Volunteer Calgary encourages all member organizations to understand the implications of the 2009 budget and its impact on the non-profit sector in the province.

Read more [here](#).

13TH LEADERSHIP AWARDS RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

Volunteer Calgary congratulates the recipients of the [13th Annual Leadership Awards](#) as well as their nominating organizations.

The [announcements](#) were made during the Awards gala held at the Roundup Centre on April 16, 2009. The Palomino Room was packed with over 400 attendees, which was a sign of the unwavering support for volunteerism from the non-profit and corporate sectors, the community, and volunteers.

To view the videos of the award recipients, click [here](#).
To read profiles, click [here](#).

EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEERS BOOST MANPOWER

Looking for a group of volunteers to complete a project? Call on committed volunteers from Calgary's corporate sector! They just might be able to provide the manpower and skills that you need.

Employee Volunteer groups look for volunteer projects that foster teamwork, boost employee morale, are suitable for groups of varying sizes, and can be

VOLUNTEER IN PROFILE

In partnership with CTV, Volunteer Calgary presents

MARCH VIP
Rosemary Clysdale
with
Heritage Park

To view the video, [click here](#).

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

[Nominate someone now!](#)

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER
WEEK
April 19 – 25, 2009

Don't forget to show your volunteers how much you appreciate and value them.

Thank you, Volunteers!

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

[Behaviour Therapy and Learning Centre \(BTLIC\)](#)

[Fig Tree Foundation](#)

completed within a specific time frame. Non-profit organizations can attract employee volunteers by creating volunteer opportunities that will address these needs.

Volunteer Calgary can help create partnerships between the non-profit and the corporate sector that will yield mutual gain. [Paint the Town Employee Volunteer Project](#) is Volunteer Calgary's employee volunteer program that is designed to support local businesses as they integrate employee volunteerism into the workplace while building the capacity of the non-profit organization to run a successful group volunteer project.

For non-profit member organizations that have projects or events that require a group of volunteers, click [here](#) to submit a project.

For Calgary businesses interested in volunteering with a non-profit organization, please click [here](#) to submit your project request.

For inquiries, contact Laura Thompson at 403-231-1445 or lthompson@volunteercalgary.ab.ca.

THE COMMUNITY EVENT CALENDAR

Check out this neat feature on the Volunteer Calgary website: the [Community Event Calendar!](#)

This handy calendar is located on the main page of the Volunteer Calgary website and allows you to post your event on the website so you can let hundreds of visitors know about it. Events could be anything from fundraisers, festivals, races, runs, open houses, launches, etc.

If you have an event that is **open to the entire community**, post it on the Community Calendar by emailing the date, time, and a brief description of the event to Laura Thompson at lthompson@volunteercalgary.ab.ca. This is a Community Event Calendar so please post *events only!*

Note: Volunteer opportunities should not be posted here, though this is a great way to get people, volunteers included, interested in your event. Please post your volunteer activities through the member portal.

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER CALGARY TRAINING COURSES

There are plenty of opportunities to learn and stay on top of the trends in the non-profit sector. Sign up for one of Volunteer Calgary training courses below or visit our website to check for more exciting workshops coming up this spring/summer!

[Volunteers and Fundraising](#)

Combine passion and mission for effective Fundraising from a volunteer team.

This workshop is facilitated by Laurel Benson, current President & CEO and former Director of Fundraising of Volunteer Calgary. Benson is a graduate of Association of Fundraising Professional's (AFP) Faculty Training Academy and has served on the board of AFP.

April 29

[Green Fools Theatre Society](#)

[Parks Foundation Calgary](#)

[ProArts Society](#)

LEADERSHIP CALGARY BOOK CLUB

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

Click [here](#) for information on the May sessions.

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

WHAT'S NEW AT THE VOLUNTEER CALGARY LIBRARY?

Good news for avid readers! We have **new** Library hours:

**Monday - Friday
8:30am - 4:30pm
Now open at noon!**

Drop by and see us.

Click [here](#) for new titles or [browse online](#).

Follow Volunteer Calgary on TWITTER!

Click the smiley to see what we are up to.



[Making More Out of HR](#)

Are you wondering what an integrated human resources strategy is and what you need to begin? Combine best practice from HR with Volunteer Management to build a stronger, more effective, volunteer program.

May 13

[Interview Techniques](#)

Looking to retain and attract the best volunteers? Start at the first meeting! Learn adaptive interview techniques from skills and behavioural based to a counselling and matching approach to set your volunteer program up for success.

May 27

[Elements of Volunteer Engagement](#)

Your Introduction to Volunteer Management. This certificate course covers basic volunteer management practices from planning to retention.

September 28 - 29

[Volunteer Calgary Member Orientation](#)

Learn about your Volunteer Calgary membership benefits. Orientations are free.

May 20

Click on the links above for workshop descriptions. For the complete listing of available trainings, click [here](#).

Each course is located in the Volunteer Calgary Boardroom, 9am-12pm. Cost is \$75.00 for members and \$85.00 for non-members (not including GST). Please see our [website](#) for more information or to register. Alternatively, contact [Helen Shaver](#) at 231-1435.

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NEW PROGRAM TO COVER VOLUNTEER POLICE CHECK COSTS

Great news for the non-profit/voluntary sector. Your volunteers may be eligible for the *Volunteer Police Information Check Program*. The new, three-year pilot program will enable nonprofit/voluntary sector organizations to obtain police information checks free-of-charge for their *volunteers in [eligible](#) circumstances*.

Volunteer Alberta worked with the Alberta government and its Wild Rose Foundation and the Ministry of the Solicitor General and Public Security to create the program.

Please visit www.voan.volunteeralberta.ab.ca for detailed information.

DONNER AWARDS 2009

The [Donner Awards Program](#) is now accepting applications for the 2009 *Donner Canadian Foundation Awards for Excellence in the Delivery of Social Services*. The [Donner Awards Program](#) is Canada's largest and most prestigious non-profit recognition program. A total of \$70,000 is available to be won, with a total of eleven awards granted.

Participants receive a *confidential* report that compares their organization's performance relative to peers in the sector which allows them to identify areas of particular strength in their organization's management and delivery of services as well as areas where performance can be improved.

Non-profit organizations may apply to the Donner Awards online at <https://secure.lexi.net/donnerawards>. Applicants who complete their application online by the final deadline of May 28, 2009 will be entered in the [\\$1,000 cash draw](#).

For more information about the Donner Awards, please visit the website at www.donnerawards.org.

Engaging more people, more effectively to volunteer in the community

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