



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

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TICKET SALES ONGOING FOR THE 13TH LEADERSHIP AWARDS!

Now that the nominations phase has concluded, tickets for the [13th Annual Leadership Awards](#) are now available.

Volunteers will be celebrated and recipients of the Leadership Awards will be announced on April 16, 2009 at the Roundup Centre. Best of luck to nominees and their nominators/nominating organizations!

To reserve a seat and purchase your tickets to the premier volunteer recognition event of the year, click [here](#).

QUICK QUERY

With the economic issue hovering above us, we have seen some drastic cost-cutting measures in the corporate sector as profits and revenues plummet steadily.

But what are the implications of this downturn on the non-profit and voluntary sector? It is through the identification of problems that we begin to find solutions. With that, Volunteer Calgary asks this question to all of its member organizations:

How has the economic situation impacted your organization?

Have you seen a dramatic decline or increase in the number of volunteer inquiries? Have you encountered challenges? Have you had to tweak your volunteer programs due to this? If so, in what ways?

VOLUNTEER IN PROFILE

In partnership with CTV, Volunteer Calgary presents

JANUARY'S VIP
Eldon Roberts
with
Salvation Army.

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!](#)

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Bethany Lifeline
www.bethanycare.com

EAR (Elephant Artist Relief) Society
www.elephantartistrelief.com

Rock Out Youth Foundation

We Did It School Age-Care Ltd
www.wediditld.com

How ever your organization may have been affected, we would like to know. Email your responses to Karen Franco, Volunteer Calgary's Director of Communications, at kfranco@volunteercalgary.ab.ca.

THE VALUE OF YOUR VOLUNTEER CALGARY MEMBERSHIP

As Calgary's non-profit sector navigates through economic challenges of the year ahead, it is important to understand the value of your membership with Volunteer Calgary. As you [renew your Volunteer Calgary membership](#), consider the benefits you get as our valued members.

Your Benefits

- Access to posting volunteer positions on the Volunteer Calgary website
- Training courses (member rate)
- Media Guide (member rate)
- One hour free consultation
- Access to the Volunteer Calgary library with over 4,000 resources
- Subscriptions to the monthly E-Volunteer Voice and quarterly newsletter
- Opportunity to nominate your volunteer for Volunteer in Profile(VIP) TV segment
- Weekly Volunteer Highlights
- Website tools: VCTV, Photo Gallery, Event Calendar
- BoardMatch Fundamentals

If you want know more about the benefits of membership or simply need to be reminded of them, attend a member orientation and learn how to get the most out of your membership.

Orientations are free and are held regularly every two months for your convenience. The next session is on March 25, 2009. To register, contact [Helen Shaver](#) at (403) 231-1435.

TALK TO US ABOUT STRENGTHENING YOUR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

If you are trying to strengthen your volunteer program, you might be interested to know more about *volunteer recognition, planning a volunteer program, policies and procedures, how to recruit 'strategic' volunteers, risk management, how to position a flexible volunteer program, and "what in the world is VIP again?"*

Over the years, Volunteer Calgary has connected with Volunteer Coordinators, Volunteer Managers, Volunteers and Executive Directors on a broad range of topics concerning the volunteer sector. You speak, we listen. You ask, we answer.

As a member of Volunteer Calgary, you get the benefit of having a one hour FREE consultation per year around any topic of your choice.

To set up a schedule for consultation, call Courtney Scott at 403-231-1429 or email: cscott@volunteercalgary.ab.ca.

FOR MEMBERS

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

✓ Membership Renewal

Members are requested to renew memberships promptly to ensure uninterrupted services. Memberships automatically expired at the end of December 2008.

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

I Volunteer in Calgary

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

Share your volunteer stories, photos, announce upcoming events.

Don't be left out! Join today!

**150 members
and counting!**

LEADERSHIP CALGARY

BOOK CLUB

Come and join the **Leadership Calgary* Book**

ADDITIONAL TRAINING COURSE DATES

Due to the influx of interest in the following courses, additional dates have been set to accommodate more people. Sign up today to reserve your place in one of these Volunteer Calgary Training Courses.

[Volunteers in Legislation](#)

What does the law say about volunteers?

Feb 25 – Session Full

Additional Date: April 1

[Interview Techniques](#)

Looking to attract the best volunteers? Start at the first meeting!

March 12 – Session Full

Additional Date: May 27

[Volunteers and Fundraising](#) - April 29

[Making More Out of HR](#) - May 13

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.

BREAKFAST WITH LEADERSHIP CALGARY

This is the perfect opportunity for those of you interested in participating to learn more about the Leadership Calgary program and application process and meet alumni, program facilitators and other potential candidates for the Class of 2011, whilst enjoying a complimentary continental breakfast. Click [here](#) for a copy of the invitation.

RSVP by March 12, 2009 to Helen Shaver 403-231-1435 or hshaver@volunteercalgary.ab.ca

ADVR'S LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE TRAINING

The Tier One of the Leadership Institute Training helps new leaders, people who would like to be leaders and those who are leaders deepen their understanding of leadership. It covers six aspects of leadership: Self Awareness, Building a Team, Communication, Leading Change, Coaching/Mentoring, and Succession Planning.

Wild Rose Foundation subsidizes this training for people working in not-for-profit organizations as a way of recognizing both the need for top notch training and the severe financial restrictions of these organizations.

Training is from March 11 - 13, 2009. Fee is \$75 for ADVR members and \$90

Club and enjoy lively and stimulating discussions on unique topics.

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

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

for non members. The deadline for registration is March 3, 2009.

To register, download the registration form on ADVR's web site (left hand side of the home page) at www.advr.ab.ca. For more information, email linda.hills@mcfhousing.com.

NON-PROFIT LEADERSHIP FOR NEW EXECUTIVES

Are you new to the role of executive leader in a non-profit organization? Would you like to enhance your leadership to better support achievement of your organization's mission?

Non-Profit Leadership for New Executives is a course designed to enhance organizational leadership capability. Learn to blend management skill with the leadership required of your executive role, in the company of supportive peers experienced in leading the non-profit sector.

Only 12 executives will be selected for this year's program beginning May 2009. Application deadline is on March 20.

Information session is on March 3, 2009 from 1 – 3pm at the 1202 Centre St SE, 2nd Floor Kahanoff Centre. RSVP to Maureen.weber@centrepont.ca or 403-538-8612.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE VOLUNTEER CALGARY LIBRARY

As the "gala" season approaches, many organizations are looking for ways to enhance the fundraising portion of these events with Silent Auctions. There has been little available on this topic, but these two additions to our collection are proving to be very useful. One borrower followed the step-by-step guidelines and calendar in one of these titles, and reported their silent auction was a huge success while the process was made much easier.

Going...going...gone!: successful auctions for non-profit institutions.

Connelly, Anne; Winter, Maureen. 2nd ed. 1999.

This book on charity auction organization and fundraising tips covers all phases of the organizational process, including 12 creative theme possibilities. This step-by-step workbook provides guidelines, calendars, sample letters, forms, bid sheets, catalogues, checkout procedures, themes and volunteer assignments.

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Winning bidder is...a step by step guide to a successful auction night.

Winter, Maureen; Winter, John. [no date]

Based on John and Maureen Winter's extensive experience in on-site management of more than 300 auctions, this detailed guide will help ensure a successful checkout at a charity auction. It contains forms, bid sheet samples and volunteer assignment sheets needed for a speedy and successful conclusion of a benefit auction. Includes a CD-ROM of sample sheets etc.

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For additional titles search the [online catalogue](#). For assistance in borrowing these resources, or for additional information please contact Valerie White at the Volunteer Calgary Library: phone 403-231-1426 or

library@volunteercalgary.ab.ca

Engaging more people, more effectively to volunteer in the community

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