



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

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VOLUNTEER CALGARY'S TRAINING PROGRAMS: SMALLER CLASS SIZES, MORE FLEXIBILITY

We are pleased to share what is new about Volunteer Calgary's Training programs. Every half-day training course now features smaller class sizes, allowing you more time to work on the challenges facing you in your organization and the opportunity to work more closely with your peers and Volunteer Calgary staff.

With smaller class sizes comes flexibility. When one training course is full, we will repeat the course according to demand. If you are not able to attend the date specified, contact [Helen Shaver](#) for more information on additional dates.

Upcoming Training Courses:

Creating Flexible Volunteer Programs

Are you looking for ways to engage those not already in your organization? Learn how to work with the new faces of volunteering. Explore contract volunteering and more!
Jan 22

Volunteers in Legislation

What does the law say about volunteers? Learn what applies, what doesn't, and what are the best practices to ensure your program is safe!
Feb 25

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.
March 12

Volunteers in Fundraising

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

VOLUNTEER IN PROFILE

In partnership with CTV, Volunteer Calgary presents

DECEMBER'S VIP
Dianne Blackwell
with
Alberta Theatre
Projects.

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!](#)

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Airdrie Food Bank
www.airdriefoodbank.com

FOR MEMBERS

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

✓ **Membership Renewal**

All members are requested to [renew memberships promptly](#)

April 16

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

For the complete listing of available trainings and workshops, 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.

13TH ANNUAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS

As Calgary and the rest of the world struggles with an uncertain economy, it is important to acknowledge those individuals who have stood strong in the face of crisis to uphold the foundation of a great city through continuous efforts.

This year, let us recognize and celebrate non-profit organizations and the volunteers and companies who support. The 13th Annual Leadership Awards will be a welcome break from

Volunteer Calgary's 13th Annual Leadership Awards has eight categories **Heart of Calgary, Leaders of Tomorrow, Leaders in Business, Outstanding Volunteer Program, Leadership in Volunteer Management, Volunteer Family, Volunteer in Profile, and Volunteer Animal.**

Nominate a group or individual and help them get the recognition they so richly deserve. By celebrating their work and stories, we acknowledge those individuals and groups who give their time, efforts and money to improve our city.

You can nominate as many individuals in as many categories as you would like. Watch for the finalists to be featured in the June 2009 issue of Avenue magazine. Winners of the Leadership Awards will be celebrated on April 16, 2009.

The nominations for the Leadership Awards are open until February 13, 2009. Click [here](#) to nominate.

MISSION: TARGET MORE VOLUNTEERS

Want to reach out to more volunteers? Get your position out to over 150 subscribers - individuals, community associations, schools, corporations, and media as well as a massive mailing list. Plus, be seen right on the front page of the Volunteer Calgary website!

How? Highlight them on the **Weekly Volunteer Highlights!**

These Highlights have been spotted on Fast Forward Weekly, Breakfast Television, community newsletters, community events, volunteer fairs, Shaw TV,

to ensure uninterrupted services. Memberships expired at the end of December.

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.

Join today!

**138 members
and counting!**



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 upcoming session.

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

and more!

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT:

1. **Maximum of 25 words (135 characters).** No more and ideally no less. Why 25? This conforms to the standards put forth by publications. Put in just enough details about the position, more details can be discussed upon initial contact or at the interview. Keep it short & sweet.
2. **Have fun!** Unleash your creativity with a catchy headline! Your ad should be interesting enough to grab attention in one glance as readers will be browsing through a list of opportunities. For ideas, follow the format of the samples below.
3. **Contact!** Include your organization name, a name, and a phone number or email address.
4. **Submit.** Send in your ad on or before Friday noontime of the preceding week. You must send it in every week you want them to be included. We will print *ONLY ONE ad per organization* weekly. first come, first served service, we reserve the right to determine which ads will be published for the week.

HOW TO POST:

1. Access the Weekly Highlights page through your Member Portal. If you need assistance, contact Laura Thompson at 403-231-1445.
2. Type into the fields and mind the rules posted above.

Ad content will be reviewed by Volunteer Calgary prior to publishing. Volunteer Calgary reserves the right to edit and modify ads.

Sample Ads:

(These sample ads were developed/modified by Volunteer Calgary for the purpose of demonstration.)

- ✓ GOT THE GIFT OF GAB? Volunteer Calgary needs volunteer speakers to help in its mission to inspire volunteers. Call Amy at 403-231-1443.
- ✓ LEND AN EAR OR TWO. The Distress Center is looking for Crisis line volunteers that are good listeners. Call Karen at 403-266-1634.
- ✓ HOP ON THE HAPPY BUS! Join Bow View Manor's outings and accompany seniors on a 1:1 basis as they go on sightseeing tours around town. Call Jennifer at 403-444-7218.
- ✓ KID AT HEART? Ensure a safe and happy environment at YMCA's babysitting. Call Tanis at 403-241-4618.
- ✓ PUT THOSE MUSCLES TO USE! Help out at the Food Bank. Shop, load, and pack supplies at the food bank. Call Elizabeth at 403-294-3663.
- ✓ BE A PAL to seniors and people with disabilities who simply need someone's company at Bethany Care. Contact Alison at 403-284-6047.

FIRST CALGARY'S COMMUNITY VISION AWARD

Each year, First Calgary Savings grants the Community Vision Award to an individual or organization that has enhanced the lives of Calgarians through work within Calgary's voluntary sector. Community contributions may include volunteering and giving back to society in a variety of unique ways. If you know an individual or organization that fits this description and resides here in Calgary or surrounding area—nominate them today! They could be awarded \$1,000 to

advance their community work and be presented with the Community Vision Award for 2009.

Download a nomination package from 1stcalgary.com or call 403.230.2783 to have one sent to you.

Please include a description of the individual's or organization's community contribution (500 words or less), the nominee's name, address and phone number, and your name, address and phone number, by February 23, 2009.

Forward completed nominations to Michelle Web at mwebb@1stcalgary.com.

Nominations must be submitted by February 23, 2009.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE VOLUNTEER CALGARY LIBRARY

Please contact the Volunteer Calgary Library at 403-231-1426 or library@volunteercalgary.ab.ca for information on these or other resources.

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

Engaging more people, more effectively to volunteer in the community

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