



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

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VOLUNTEER CALGARY AGM SUMMARY

Thank you for attending the AGM and taking the time to meet the staff and our current/new board members!

During the Annual General Meeting, Volunteer Calgary gave a presentation on Strategic Volunteer Engagement. Following that, groups were asked to identify successes of Strategic Volunteer Engagement as they have experienced it within their organizations as well as its perceived challenges and benefits. There were plenty of valuable insights that came out of the discussion.

Click [here](#) to view a summary of the presentation and the results of the group discussion on Strategic Volunteer Engagement.

VOLUNTEER CALGARY SUMMER TRAINING COURSES

Check out the following workshops available this summer.

[Engaging Short-Term Volunteers](#) - **New!**

Are you seeing an influx of people who are unemployed and looking for short term projects? Design roles for short term volunteers and learn best practice for screening, recruiting, supervising and recognizing these project volunteers.

July 28, 2009

[Screening as a Tool for Risk Management](#) - **New!**

Do you feel restricted by your risk management practices? Learn to screen for the best volunteer fit by using a flexible screening process that is designed to support diverse volunteer engagement at any level of your organization.

August 13, 2009

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

[Minds in Motion](#)

Minds in Motion is committed to providing an opportunity for children to enrich their experience and knowledge in science, engineering and technology.

[MOSAIC Volunteers](#)

MOSAIC's focus is to develop stronger ties in the Muslim community, while working and integrating with the great community of Calgary.

[Ups and Downs](#)

Ups and Downs' vision is to realize the complete acceptance and inclusion of all individuals with down syndrome into all aspects of family and community life.

FOR MEMBERS ONLY

Take advantage of your membership benefits!

- ✓ **Discounted** rate for the Media Guide. [Grab a copy today!](#)
- ✓ **Free** 1-hour consultation with VC staff.
- ✓ **Free** access to VC library.
- ✓ **Free** inclusion in [Weekly Volunteer Highlights!](#)

Call VC today to inquire.

VOLUNTEER IN PROFILE

In partnership with
CTV
Volunteer Calgary presents

MAY VIP
Ruth Lund
with
Calgary International

[Elements of Volunteer Engagement](#)

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

September 28 - 29

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). To register, visit the [website](#) or contact [Helen Shaver](#) at (403)231-1435.

Volunteer Calgary Training program is supported by:



BURSARIES FOR BUDGET WOES!

Is the economy having an impact on your volunteer program? Interested in signing up for a Volunteer Calgary training or workshop but don't have the budget? Take advantage available Volunteer Calgary bursaries!

The following bursaries are applicable to VC workshop participants. There is no limit to the number of participants per organization. Participants may be either staff or volunteers.

[FCSS Bursary](#)

FCSS provides funding support to over one hundred social service programs in Calgary. The bursary covers the registration fee, refreshments, handout and any additional material.

Note: An organization must be an FCSS Funded Agency (Family and Community Support Services) to apply.

[Bruce and Mary Dunlop Bursary \(The Calgary Foundation\)](#)

This bursary has been created to assist Calgary's charitable sector in developing a strong human resources base. *Registered Charities* are eligible to apply for this bursary in order to attend a Volunteer Calgary workshop. The bursary covers the registration fee, refreshments, handout and any additional material.

[Martha Parker Bursary \(The Muttart Foundation\)](#)

This bursary has a value of \$100 per workshop to allow *registered charities* ideally with annual revenue of less than \$200,000 and also a member of Volunteer Calgary to apply for the bursary. The bursary covers the registration fee, refreshments, handout and any additional material.

Apply [online](#) or email Helen Shaver at registration@volunteercalgary.ab.ca for more information.

Children's Festival

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

To find out how to participate in the 'Volunteer in Profile' program, please contact [Aden Hirtle](#) at (403) 231-1432.

Give your shining volunteers their 5 minutes of fame!

[Click](#) to nominate the next VIP!

IMPORTANT DATES

Check out the [Community Event Calendar](#) for more important dates!

WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY?

[Click](#) to view **new** titles on the shelves!

GREAT READS

The Mercifully Brief, Real World Guide to... Attracting the Attention Your Cause Deserves

This is a book that lives up to its title - chapters are short, to the point. provides useful advice on obtaining greater visibility for your organization with the media and target audiences. -Myra Marrant, *Centre for Suicide Prevention*

Baby Boomers - Your New Volunteers

I found that it gives practical ideas for engaging boomers in a volunteer program - *Janet Burstall, Community Development Manager*

These books are available at the VC Library!

WHAT ARE YOU READING?

Send a brief review on your recent read and we'll add it on to the book list!

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PAINT THE TOWN WITH SUE WILMOT

Volunteer Calgary's [Paint the Town Employee Volunteer Project](#) aims to create productive partnerships between the non-profit and the corporate sector. It 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.

Sue Wilmot has recently taken on the role of Corporate Citizenship Coordinator at Volunteer Calgary. Her role is to promote employee volunteerism and assist non-profits in gaining access to this untapped resource. Within this role, she will be managing the Paint the Town Project.

Sue comes to Volunteer Calgary with several years experience in both the non-profit and professional member organizations in Edmonton and Calgary. *Welcome, Sue!*

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

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

For inquiries, contact Sue Wilmot at (403)231-1428 or swilmot@volunteercalgary.ab.ca.

LEADERSHIP CALGARY WELCOMES CLASS OF 2010

Leadership Calgary is a community-based, leadership development program of Volunteer Calgary which encourages existing and aspiring leaders to work collaboratively to build a healthy and caring community.

Each year, a group of individuals representing the public, private and nonprofit sectors embark on a 10-month leadership journey to gain a deeper fundamental understanding of community issues, a greater sensitivity to community diversity, and a new commitment to community cohesion and stewardship.

The following are the members of Class 2010:

Eli Angen	TransCanada
Cameron Ansorger	Epcor Centre
Anna-Marie Ashton	WestJet
Colleen Bangs	Bow Valley College
Sara Bateman	RBC Bank
Jordan Cartwright	Cavok Consulting Group
Jason Fougere	Aspen Family Services
Nicole Fricot	University of Calgary
Karen Gallagher-Burt	Distress Centre
Ian Graham	Finance Consultant
Chris Hammer	Alberta Health Services
Heather Hendrie	Alberta Ecotrust
DJ Kelly	Lunchbox Theatre
Sarah Kinnie	Calgary Sexual Health Centre
Leah Kirkpatrick	Shell Canada
Minh Le	Catholic Family Services
Jackie Mann	Two Wheel View
Jessica Mende	Aspen Community Network
Janelle Murray	AECOM

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.
~Kahlil Gibran

Kim Olson	KACE Consulting
Brian Padlewski	Enmax
Martin Park	Evolve Business Group
Rhonda Patton	Alberta Health Services
Lennina Pavon Cardoso	Enbridge Inc.
Bruce Sellery	Business News Network
Quentin Sinclair	Canadian Mental Health Association
Jeanette Sirois	Sirois & Associates
Alex Taylor	Dillon Consulting Ltd
Roxanne Walsh	Environmental Activist
Kathryn Waslen	Calgary Foundation
Chris Welner	Alliance Pipeline

For more information, visit www.leadershipcalgary.ab.ca.

VOLUNTEERSpot: NEW HOTSPOT FOR VOLUNTEER MANAGERS!

Check out the latest hot spot -- [VolunteerSpot!](#) This is a free online sign-up tool that simplifies grassroots volunteering. The site makes it easy for anyone to quickly mobilize and coordinate volunteers in their community or network. This is a wonderful tool for all-volunteer managers or coordinators, committee chairs, special event planners, and others who need to schedule and organize many other volunteers.

VolunteerSpot is a free service for local-level non-profit/voluntary organizations. Check it out at www.volunteerspot.com.

AFFORDABLE DESIGN FOR NON-PROFITS!

Need affordable design to promote your organization and your cause? There is an opportunity to utilize the services of 4th yr Design students from Alberta College of Art & Design (ACAD) to design any of the following promotional materials:

- Brochures
- Advertising
- Posters
- Stationery
- Logos
- Corporate identities
- Newsletters
- Publications
- Signage
- Web site

Each qualifying organization is asked to submit an honorarium of not less than \$350.00 per project, depending on the amount of the work requested. Both parties (client and student designer) will sign a completion form to ensure all responsibilities have been met.

The link to Alberta College of Art & Design is <http://www.acadpublicdesign.org/>. The site will provide you with more information, samples of the students' designs, etc. Deadline for applying is September 1st.

For more information contact Larry Riedel, 403-284-7619.

Engaging more people, more effectively to volunteer in the community

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