



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

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#### RESERVE YOUR SEAT ONLINE FOR THE 13<sup>TH</sup> LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Don't miss the premier volunteer recognition event in Calgary!

Have an inspiring evening mingling with members of the community during dinner-gala in honour of Calgary's outstanding volunteers.

The recipients of the Volunteer Calgary Leadership Awards, selected from among 117 nominees in eight categories, will be announced on April 16, 2009 at the Roundup Centre. Best of luck to nominees and their nominators/nominating organizations!

To make reserving a seat easier, tickets for the [13<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Awards](#) are now available online via Paypal.

To purchase your tickets, simply click [here](#).

#### VOLUNTEER SHARE PROJECT

The Volunteer Share Program is a pilot project initiated by the Cerebral Palsy Association and sponsored by The Calgary Foundation and The Wildrose Foundation and supported by Volunteer Calgary.

The goal of the project is for organization and volunteers to maximize resources and create enriching experiences. Participating agencies will have the opportunity to access quality volunteers for special events or projects as needed and share best practices as they create new networks.

An Information Session about the project will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from

#### VOLUNTEER IN PROFILE

In partnership with CTV, Volunteer Calgary presents

FEBRUARY'S VIP

**Tracy Cody**

with

**Highbanks Society**

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!

[Alberta Youth In Care Network](#)

[FunnyFest Calgary Comedy Festival](#)

[Foothills Alliance Church](#)

[Mental Health Commission of Canada](#)

[Prostaid Calgary](#)

[Pro Bono Law Alberta](#)

[United Nations Association](#)

11:30am – 1:30pm at the Volunteer Calgary Boardroom.

If you are interested in becoming a partner agency or to RSVP for the session, contact Carla by March 31<sup>st</sup> at 403-219-3610 or [Carla@cpalberta.com](mailto:Carla@cpalberta.com).

## UPCOMING VOLUNTEER CALGARY TRAINING COURSES

Learn about the best practices in volunteer management and strengthen your capacity to recruit and retain volunteers! 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? Learn what applies, what doesn't, and what are the best practices to ensure your program is safe!

**April 1**

### [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**

### [Volunteers in Fundraising](#)

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

**April 29**

### [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**

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.*

Volunteer Calgary Training program is supported by:



BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES



**COMMITTEE OF 10,000**

**in Canada, Calgary Branch**

## 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.

## Become a Fan of Volunteer Calgary!

Check out



[Volunteer Calgary](#)

on Facebook.

**LEADERSHIP CALGARY**

Are you a non-profit or charitable organization? Are you looking for funding?

The Committee of 10,000 collects a small levy from the 27,000 undergraduate students of the University of Calgary to give to charitable causes throughout Calgary. The Committee of 10,000, comprised of students, distributes approximately \$19,000 annually, with up to \$5,000 per group. Intended to help relations with the community outside of the university, it represents a way for students to give back to the city that is the home of the University. An ideal candidate will be youth-oriented and will make a meaningful impact on the Calgary community.

Application deadline is April 1st, 2009, at 4pm. To request an application, email us at [10000@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:10000@su.ucalgary.ca).

## **SLOW DOWN AT THE CALGARY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Learn how to take your life back from the cult of speed. Join the Library on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 to help celebrate Earth Day with Carl Honoré. This world renowned journalist and best-selling author will talk about the Slow movement and his book *In Praise of Slow: How a Worldwide Movement is Challenging the Cult of Speed*. This is a presentation not to be missed and spots are going fast, so register today!

Wednesday, April 22, 2009 @ 7 – 9 PM  
Central Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, John Dutton Theatre  
616 Macleod Trail SE

**[You can register immediately just by clicking here](#), by calling 403.260.2620, or at your local branch.**

## **THE VALUE OF YOUR VOLUNTEER CALGARY MEMBERSHIP**

Discover more about the many benefits of your Volunteer Calgary Membership through our Member Orientation.

### **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*

Orientations are free and are held regularly every two months for your convenience. The next sessions are on **March 25** and **May 20**. To register, contact [Helen Shaver](#) at (403) 231-1435.

## **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 sessions.

*\*Leadership Calgary is a program of Volunteer Calgary*

## LEADERSHIP CALGARY UPDATES

**Workshop: Technology, Innovation & the Human Spirit.** Join another enriching Leadership Calgary workshop and explore adaptive capacities and the human spirit from the history of technological innovation, ingenuity, craftsmanship and historical engineering achievements.

This workshop will take place on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Museum of Making just outside of Cochrane. Click [here](#) for more information about the workshop and to obtain the registration form.

**It's not too late for class!** Is there anyone you know who might be interested in applying for the upcoming Leadership Calgary Class (September 2009 to June 2010)?

Let them know about the **Introductory Workshop**, which offers potential applicants a chance to "sample" what LC is all about in a casual, workshop setting.

The workshop will take place on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 – 7:30 pm (United Way Boardroom – 6<sup>th</sup> floor Kahanoff Centre). Click [here](#) for a copy of the invitation.

## WHAT'S NEW AT THE VOLUNTEER CALGARY LIBRARY

Electronic newsletters can provide current, topical information in an easily accessible format. All you need to do sign up and they automatically arrive in your email. The two featured here also have an added benefit as they are FREE!!

[www.blueavocado.org](http://www.blueavocado.org) Blue Avocado is a nonprofit online magazine for community nonprofits which is published on the 1st and 15th of every month through an HTML newsletter. The best part of this e-journal is that it is free! Blue Avocado speaks for and from the people in community-based nonprofits.

[www.nowandnext.com](http://www.nowandnext.com) What's Next is a trends report offering clear, concise and non-sensationalist commentary on trends in society, business, science & technology, government and the environment. Each issue covers trends across twelve sectors and speculates about future risks and opportunities. There are opportunities to respond with comments in an interactive format.

What's Next is available free of charge on an online basis, you just need to register.

Search the [online catalogue](#) to browse titles in the collection.

For assistance in locating your information resources, please contact Valerie White at the Volunteer Calgary Library: phone 403-231-1426 or [library@volunteercalgary.ab.ca](mailto:library@volunteercalgary.ab.ca)

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*Engaging more people, more effectively to volunteer in the community*

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