



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

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## INVITATION TO ANNUAL VC SEASONAL OPEN HOUSE

On **December 3**, Volunteer Calgary will open its doors to the community for a celebration, marking the end of another successful year. Volunteer Calgary invites member organizations, colleagues, and friends to our annual Seasonal Open House. Join us as we celebrate!

To RSVP, email [REGISTRATION@VOLUNTEERCALGARY.AB.CA](mailto:REGISTRATION@VOLUNTEERCALGARY.AB.CA) before November 27, 2009.

## CALLING ALL OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS!

We are still looking for outstanding volunteers for the [14<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Awards!](#)

Nominate them for one of these [8 award categories](#):

- \* **Heart of Calgary**
- \* **Leaders of Tomorrow**
- \* **Leaders in Employee Volunteering**
- \* **Leader in Volunteer Engagement**
- \* **Leader in Volunteer Management**
- \* **Volunteer Family**
- \* **Volunteer in Profile**
- \* **Volunteer Animal**

If you know someone who might be a good candidate for an award, now is your chance to show them your appreciation by giving them the recognition they deserve.

All nominees will be applauded at the nominee announcement event, a casual

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

### [Calgary Bach Festival Society](#)

Promotes the playing & enjoyment of baroque music, in particular JS Bach (1685-1750), presents concert programs throughout the season, and engages professional musicians in Alberta.

### [Calgary Multisport Fieldhouse Society](#)

Their mission is to build and operate a world-class multisport fieldhouse in Calgary, a facility welcoming people of all ages and abilities, to establish a sustainable legacy for future generations of athletes.

### [Cornerstone Youth Centre \(Calgary\) Society](#)

Cornerstone Youth Center exists to guide community youth to make right spiritual, intellectual, social and physical choices.

### [Second Story Art Society \(TRUCK Contemporary Art in Calgary\)](#)

Dedicated to the presentation of contemporary art. Their goal is to incite dialogue locally, which contributes to the global, critical discourse on contemporary art.

### [Volunteer Airdrie](#)

Strengthening the Airdrie community through volunteerism.

## FOR MEMBERS ONLY

Membership Benefits:

- ✓ **Free** ad posting on [VC website!](#)
- ✓ **Free** 1-hour consultation with VC staff.
- ✓ **Free** membership to [VC Library](#).
- ✓ **Free** inclusion in [Weekly Volunteer Highlights!](#)
- ✓ **Discounted rate** for the annual [Media Guide](#).
- ✓ **Discounted rates** for [Training sessions](#).

...and many more!

Contact [info@volunteercalgary.ab.ca](mailto:info@volunteercalgary.ab.ca) to

gathering of volunteers and the people that nominated them.

Whip out your pens or flex your typing fingers and send in a nomination today. Deadline for nominations is on **January 15, 2010**. To begin the nomination process, click [here](#).

## COUNTDOWN TO INT'L VOLUNTEER DAY!

*Volunteers.* What will we do without them? Every year comes a day when volunteers are celebrated all over the world and that day, International Volunteer Day, is once again imminent.

On **December 5**, join in the worldwide celebration of the volunteer spirit that keeps our global communities strong. In Calgary, let's celebrate the thousands of amazing volunteers that make the city such a vibrant urban centre!

For more information on International Volunteer Day or ideas for how to celebrate and recognize volunteers, visit the [Volunteer Calgary website](#).

## HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

The Holiday season is upon us and with it comes an influx of volunteers phoning in for opportunities to make a difference (and possibly get on someone's "Nice List").

If your organization has volunteer opportunities for the holidays, let Volunteer Calgary know and be included in the [Holiday Volunteer Highlights](#) listing which will be sent out to media contacts in a special blitz and will be displayed on the VC homepage throughout the season!

Email your holiday opportunities to [communications@volunteercalgary.ab.ca](mailto:communications@volunteercalgary.ab.ca) with "Holiday Volunteer Opportunities" in the subject line of the email.

## VOLUNTEER CALGARY TRAINING COURSES

Sign up for the following workshops to stay on top of the trends in volunteerism:

[Engaging Governance Volunteers](#)

**November 25**

[Youth Volunteers: The Untapped Resource](#)

**December 3**

[Integrating Volunteers in Your Organization: Strategic Volunteer Engagement](#)

**December 10**

[Engaging New Canadians](#)

**December 16**

[Elements of Volunteer Engagement](#)

**January 20 & 21, March 24 & 25, May 19 & 20, 2010**

Volunteer Calgary offers training courses year-round designed to aid in your pursuit of professional knowledge. Check out all our available training programs [here](#).

*inquire!*

## VOLUNTEER IN PROFILE

In partnership with  
**CTV**  
Volunteer Calgary presents

**October's VIP**  
**Michael Hope**  
A volunteer with  
**Hospice Calgary**

Watch it [here](#).

**Your volunteer could be the  
Next VIP on TV!**

A partnership between Volunteer Calgary and CTV allows member organizations to nominate their volunteers to be the next VIP.

As CTV's VIP of the month, the lucky volunteer will get some well-deserved air time. Tell the tale of your amazing volunteers!

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

## IMPORTANT DATES

**NOVEMBER 26**  
ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING

**DECEMBER 3**  
VC SEASONAL OPEN HOUSE


**DECEMBER 5**  
INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY


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

## WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY?

Here are some titles on the shelves that may help you plan your volunteer recognition program:

 **77 ways to recognize volunteers.** / Wittich, Bill. -- Fullerton, CA: Knowledge Transfer Publishing, 2003.

 **121 recognition ideas for donors, volunteers & members** - - Sioux City, IA: Stevenson, Inc. 2007.

 **Volunteers - more ideas! :100+ ideas on how to recruit, recognize and retain volunteers** / Esmond, Judy. 2007.

To register, email Helen Shaver at [registration@volunteercalgary.ab.ca](mailto:registration@volunteercalgary.ab.ca).

The Volunteer Calgary Training program is supported by:



## MASTERING THE BOARD GAME WORKSHOP

*Mastering the Board Game* workshop is being offered on November 23, 2009 in Lethbridge. Workshop participants recognize universal challenges of the Board/staff relationship and how employing new strategies to address these complex issues transforms the dysfunctional or adequate Board into the collaborative and exceptional board. This workshop, often rated "best-ever" on the topic of board effectiveness, is available for ONE DAY ONLY to help understand the key issues surrounding your organization.

Participants will leave with a clear understanding of the distinction between governance and management, and how boards can create maximum benefit/achievement of purpose by empowering staff, but with systemic accountability.

Community organizations will benefit from a rare value in attending this full day workshop for only \$40 per person.

**For more information or to register**, visit the Upcoming Events page at [www.boardcenterlethbridge.com](http://www.boardcenterlethbridge.com), email [info@boardcenter.ca](mailto:info@boardcenter.ca) or call (403) 327-3750.

## TOP 40 UNDER 40

Avenue Magazine has rolled out the list of Calgary's Top 40 Under 40 Class of 2009! Congratulations to all those who were selected. These are Calgarians who are shaping the city, leaders who contribute significantly to arts, politics, design, business, community building and other areas. They are people who have had tremendous achievements -- all under the age of 40!

Volunteer Calgary would like to especially congratulate the following :

- \* **Dani DeBoice**, Volunteer Calgary Chair / Manager of Corporate Citizenship at First Calgary Savings
- \* **Patti Dibski**, Leadership Calgary
- \* **DJ Kelly**, Leadership Calgary
- \* **Gena Rotstein**, Leadership Calgary
- \* **Andrew Phung**, Child and Youth Friendly Calgary
- \* **Brenda Lieberman**, Calgary International Film Festival
- \* **Stephanie Garrett**, Women's Resource Centre

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YOUTH-SERVING/ENVIRONMENTAL REGISTERED

📖 **Count on me! : 501 ideas on retaining, recognizing and rewarding volunteers** / Esmond, Judy.

📖 **Beyond just words! : 502 inspirational quotes for those who serve** / Esmond, Judy.

📖 **Recognizing volunteers and paid staff** / Vineyard, Sue. -- Darien, IL: Heritage Arts Publishing, 2001.

📖 **Ultimate ideas on how to recruit and retain volunteers!** / Esmond, Judy.

Click [here](#) to view other titles. ALL materials on the list 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! Email [library@volunteercalgary.ab.ca](mailto:library@volunteercalgary.ab.ca)

### VC ONLINE

Become a [fan](#) on Facebook

Follow us on [Twitter](#).

We are up to **701 followers** on Twitter!  
We have **210 group members** and **164 fans** on Facebook.!

### DOSE OF INSPIRATION

"Gratitude is not only the greatest virtue but the mother of all the rest."

- Cicero

## CHARITIES!

The Banff Centre is offering a limited number of full tuition scholarships for non-profit leaders from youth-serving or environmental charitable organizations to attend one of the Centre's Leadership Development programs. Thanks to the generous support of an anonymous donor, funding levels have increased to include both the full cost of the program tuition, plus 50% of the meals and accommodation package (before taxes). [Click here to learn more about the programs.](#)

Contact The Banff Centre for a free consultation to help select the program that is right for you and your organization. [Click here to apply today!](#)



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

*Volunteer Voice is a membership benefit sent to all Volunteer Calgary members. If you would like to comment on this issue, or unsubscribe, please email Amy Baquir at [communications@volunteercalgary.ab.ca](mailto:communications@volunteercalgary.ab.ca).*

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