



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

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PAINTING THE TOWN FOR 10 YEARS

The Paint the Town program has been successfully running for 10 years now! In cooperation with the City Links crew and help from hundreds of enthusiastic employees from various partner corporations, we have all contributed to making many houses look like homes again and reaped happy smiles from satisfied residents.

We urge everyone to keep on painting!

TransAlta & ConocoPhillips Teams Paint the Town!

On June 10, 2008 a group of TransAlta employees and retirees (POWER) donned their gloves and paintbrushes. On June 27, 2008 the Business Development Team from ConocoPhillips got ready to get messy.

The energetic groups of volunteers gave their time to paint two senior's homes. Facilitated by Volunteer Calgary's Kate Hartnett, the projects turned out to be a success with preparation work done by the City Links crew and the final painting done by the employees all within one day. The projects would not have been possible without the generous funds donated by the participating companies to cover the cost of paint and all the materials that went into painting the home.

For more information on the Paint the Town Employee Volunteer Program, please contact Volunteer Calgary's Coordinator of Corporate Citizenship, Kate Hartnett at khartnett@volunteercalgary.ab.ca.

RECRUIT NEW BOARD MEMBERS NOW

For many non-profit organizations summer is a busy time, wrapping up year-end details and planning for the upcoming fiscal year. If your organization is one of

VOLUNTEER IN PROFILE

In partnership with CTV, Volunteer Calgary presents **Cameron Crozier** with **Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter** as 'Volunteer In Profile' for June 2008.

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 now for July!](#)

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Lethbridge Senior Citizens Organization
www.lethseniors.com

FOR MEMBERS

IMPORTANT REMINDER:
UPDATE YOUR VOLUNTEER AD POSTINGS!

Volunteer Opportunities posted on the website's Searchable Database are only active for six months.

the many who are looking to recruit the right candidates to fill specific skill gaps on your board of directors, then Volunteer Calgary can help.

[BoardMatch Fundamentals](#) is a program that introduces registered charities and non-profit organizations to enthusiastic candidates willing to share their expertise by serving on boards. It makes it easy to connect with informed candidates who have received an orientation on board governance practices.

"The setup was easy to use and straightforward. We received several hits from the posting and all the people seemed to be extremely well-qualified," says Dick Cooke at Special Olympics who has used to the program to hire four new board members just recently. "It was an excellent vehicle for getting information out there about our organization and what we are looking for."

Right now Volunteer Calgary has over 80 highly qualified candidates with expertise in a variety of professional areas that are looking for an opportunity to serve on a non-profit board, so if you are looking for new board members, help is just a click away. [Find a board member now!](#)

BoardMatch Orientation dates:

August 12th (candidate orientation) all from 5-6:30pm
August 13th (organization orientation) all from 9-11am

Tuesday, Sept. 23 (organization orientation)
Wednesday, Sept. 24 (candidate orientation)

Wednesday, October 15 (organization orientation)
Thursday, October 16 (candidate orientation)

Wednesday, November 12th (organization orientation)
Thursday, November 13th (candidate orientation)

Wednesday, December 10th (candidate orientation)

CELEBRATING CALGARY'S A-LISTERS

Avenue Magazine in partnership with Volunteer Calgary brings you Calgary's A-Listers for 2008. The two have worked together to amass nominations for both Avenue's A-List and Volunteer Calgary's Leadership Awards (held May 1, 2008). Their joint efforts yielded exceptional results.

The winners of the A-List were published in the June 2008 issue of Avenue:

- ✓ Abbi M. Singh, volunteer with the Calgary Drop-In and Rehab Centre
- ✓ Parent Support Association
- ✓ MEOW Foundation
- ✓ Pumphouse Theatres Society
- ✓ Paul Hagel, board member of AIDS Calgary
- ✓ The Alexandra Community Health Centre
- ✓ Momentum
- ✓ Child & Youth Friendly Calgary
- ✓ Donna Kreese, volunteer coordinator with Hull Child and Family Services

It is important that postings are changed to *inactive* as soon as your event has concluded.

If your opportunities are ongoing, please remember to check and update regularly!

VC BOOK SALE!

Media Guide 2008

Contains a comprehensive listing of media agencies in Calgary. It's just the tool you need for your marketing needs.

Buy a copy now!

Click [here](#).

Talking About Charities -

Canadians' opinions on Charities and Issues Affecting Charities (2004)

A limited number of printed copies are available for \$5.00 to all members!

To order your copy, call Aden Hirtle at 403-231-1432.

- ✓ Sharon Moore, Executive Director of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Calgary and Area

Congratulations to all these individuals and member organizations!

Read more about the A-listers [here](#).

More on the recipients of the Volunteer Calgary Leadership Awards [here](#).

LOCAL VOLUNTEER HONOURED BY MAKE-A-WISH CANADA

On June 3rd, Marilyn Mcleod, from Calgary was one of two recipients of the *Volunteer Spirit Award* in recognition of her outstanding commitment to Make-A-Wish® Canada in areas such as wish granting, fundraising, public relations, services and advocacy work.

Marilyn was one of the first Board members of the Calgary chapter of Make-A-Wish when the chapter first opened its doors some 15 years ago. Since then Marilyn has eagerly participated in wish granting, fundraising activities, volunteer management and training and was an active board member during the first number of years since inception.

"Make-A-Wish in Alberta would not likely be where it is today had it not been for the tireless effort and spirit of Marilyn over the past 15 years!" says Dave Stinton, President of the Board for Make-A-Wish Canada.

www.makeawish.ca

ACAD ANSWERS YOUR DESIGN NEEDS

The Public Design Service at the Alberta College of Art & Design was introduced as a practicum course for fourth year students to offer high calibre design work to non-profit organizations in Alberta at a nominal cost to the client.

Fourth year Graphic Design students are matched to non-profit clients that have a need of design applications to service their organizations. It's a win, win proposition as the client gets high quality design at a fraction of the cost and the student gets a first hand experience in dealing with clients.

If you have design needs, such as identity and branding, advertising, posters, newsletters, product and service brochures, publications, way finding, signage or web-site design, please apply or inquire at www.acadpublicdesign.org.

STAMPEDERS LOOKING FOR COMMUNITY QUARTERBACKS

The Calgary Stampeders are looking for Community Quarterbacks, people who exemplify commitment, leadership and passion to improving the community in which they live.

The Community Quarterback Contest is a volunteer recognition program which honors outstanding volunteers in the Calgary area. It is open to volunteers at registered nonprofit organizations who are 18 years and up.

Nominate someone to be a Community Quarterback before August 27, 2008.
Click [here](#) for more details.

WORKSHOPS AT VOLUNTEER CALGARY

Watch out for workshops coming your way in Fall 2008.

[Introduction to Volunteer Management \(IVM\) – Certificate Course](#)

A 3-day introductory level certificate course focused on building a sustainable foundation for your volunteer program.

[Advance Volunteer Management Theory – Further Developing your Volunteer Program](#)

An advanced level workshop series that will provide organizations with practical strategies for volunteer programs.

***Introduction to Volunteer Management is a prerequisite to this course.*

[Canadian Code for Volunteer Involvement](#)

Register now to ensure your seat!

Contact [Helen Shaver](#) at 231-1435.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE VOLUNTEER CALGARY LIBRARY

We all know how quickly our city is growing; unfortunately the rate of volunteerism is not keeping pace with this unprecedented growth.

Non-profit organizations need to work on making volunteer opportunities more accessible to people from different cultures and learn to appreciate their diverse skills. Volunteer Calgary will continue to work with our member organizations to assist them in the development of volunteer experiences that will encourage new Canadians to become more engaged in the community around them.

The VC Library has a wide range of resources relating to the ethno-cultural community in Canada.

Check out the following titles:

Between: living in the hyphen. National Film Board of Canada. 2005.

In Canada, diversity often means "one ethnicity + hyphen + Canadian," but what if you don't fit into an easy category? What if your background is a hybrid of ancestries and you live somewhere between, where cultural identities overlap?

This DVD interweaves the experiences of a group of Canadians with one parent from a European background and one from a visible minority. They're all struggling to find a satisfying frame of reference. Cultural identity, it seems, is more complex than what our multicultural utopia implies.

DVD 305. 800971 B565

Cultural cues: a resource guide for service providers working with

Calgary's culturally diverse seniors. City of Calgary, Community and Neighbourhood. 2003.

This resource should be viewed as a practical guide for service providers to help them better understand the cultural beliefs and customs of six groups of Calgary's immigrant seniors. Ethnocultural groups represented include: Chinese, Filipino, Hispanic, Korean, Sikh and Vietnamese seniors.
305.8 C58

Landscapes of voluntarism: new spaces of health, welfare and governance. Policy Press. 2006

This collection of new work by researchers from Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the UK explores the complex relationship between voluntary action, society and space.
361. 3719 M654

Leading through conflict: how successful leaders transform differences into opportunities. Harvard Business School Press. 2006.

As our world grows smaller, opportunities for conflict multiply. Ethnic, religious, political, and personal differences drive people apart—with potentially disastrous consequences—and it's the task of perceptive leaders to bring them together again.
658. 4092 G388

Portrait of a giving community; philanthropy by the Pakistani-American Diaspora. Harvard University. Global Equity Initiative, Asia Center.; distributed by Harvard University Press. 2006.

This book is based on a nationwide survey of the giving habits of Pakistani-Americans, which was commissioned by the Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy. It provides a snapshot in time of a generous and giving community whose philanthropy has become increasingly 'American' without becoming any less 'Pakistani'. This study, the first of its kind, examines not only the history, demography and institutional geography of Pakistani-Americans but also looks at how this immigrant community manages its multiple identities through charitable giving and volunteering.
361.74 N162

Research project on visible minority communities in Canada. Canada. Voluntary Sector Initiative (VSI). National Visible Minority Reference Group. 2001.

Commissioned by the VSI, this study documents demographical information and major issues affecting visible minority communities in Canada. The report concludes that there is no comprehensive, easily accessible directory to these organizations at the national, provincial or municipal levels. However, local lists are being developed in several areas across the country for the National Group consultation.
305.89 BUD

Walk a mile: the immigrant experience in Canada. National Film Board of Canada. 1999.

The aim of this series is for viewers to walk that symbolic mile in the others' shoes and to more readily show understanding and tolerance of the immigrant experience in Canada. This 4 volume DVD documentary set includes: 1. Identity; 2. Language; 3. Discrimination; 4. Employment.
DVD 305.800971 W177

For additional titles please see the library catalogue on our website or

contact the library directly at 403-231-1426.

Engaging more people, more effectively to volunteer in the community

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