

Volunteer Edmonton News Update – November 12, 2008

International Volunteer Day

What are you doing to celebrate December 5? Are you planning a fun event, celebration or do you have a neat recognition idea for your volunteers? Let us know! We're planning to dedicate an Edmonton Examiner column to International Volunteer Day and we need some story ideas! This is your chance to gain media coverage for your organization and highlight your volunteers. Send your ideas to Evelyn at epham@volunteeredmonton.com before Friday, November 21.

CanadaHelps Needs Your Help

About 83,000+ Canadian charities are not actively engaging donors through technological mediums. [CanadaHelps](#) is conducting a three-phase outreach program to build the capacity of charities and improve their use of online technology. Canadian charities are invited to take part in the first phase of the program by completing a short survey designed to assess Canadian charities' level of familiarity of the online technologies available. To take the survey in English, visit <http://tinyurl.com/3oyj28>. For the French version, visit <http://tinyurl.com/4fheqd>. The deadline to complete the survey is November 14, 2008.

Summary Report on RCVO Released

Want to learn more about the [Resource Centre for Voluntary Organizations](#)? A recent report commissioned by Grant MacEwan College on the Conceptual Service Plan for RCVO has been released. The document looks at how RCVO impacts the nonprofit community, the services provided and offers recommendations on how to improve its operations to better serve the nonprofit community. Read the attached reports for more information.

Canada Millennium Scholarship Seeking Nominations

The Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation is providing students who demonstrate creative leadership, contribute to the betterment of communities, and are committed to social innovation and academic excellence a chance to win scholarships ranging from \$4,000 to \$20,000. Over 1,000 millennium awards are distributed across Canada to help improve access to post-secondary studies for Canadian students. Applications must be sent in by December 12, 2008. For more details, visit www.millenniumscholarships.ca.

Recruit Creative Consultants for Your Organization

Designing a brochure, website or producing a promotional video is no easy task. Find help by taking advantage of a recent initiative launched by [Idealist.org](#). Under the "Pro-bono Design Project" heading, organizations can post their design needs and get connected to designers and "creatives" who want to help.

Donner Awards Finalist List

While most of us won't be able to attend the 11th annual Donner Awards celebrations in Toronto, you can view the finalist list [here](#). For more information about the Donner Awards, check out their website at www.donnerawards.org.

Communications Chairperson Needed For Volunteer Management Group

If you're a stickler for words and like planning events, sign up to become VMG's

communications chairperson. The position includes preparing the bi-monthly newsletter and coordinating public relations opportunities for VMG. Interested individuals can contact ellen.bremner@catholicsocialservices.ab.ca or (780) 432-1137, ext 2029.

Need to Boost Funds?

Flamingo Bingo, operating out of Milbourne Market Mall, is offering a limited number of new member clubs an opportunity to raise funds. For details, visit www.flamingobingo.ca or contact Ron Sales, president, at (780) 465-3401.