

Volunteer Edmonton News—December 17, 2007

Support the Canadian Survey on Giving, Volunteering and Participation

Volunteer Edmonton believes that the CSGVP provides critical information of importance to the nonprofit/voluntary sector. We would urge you to read [our letter](#) to Minister Prentice and consider writing one of your own if you agree that this information is vital to our sector.

International Volunteer Day

To commemorate International Volunteer Day, Volunteer Edmonton's letter to the Edmonton Journal was published on December 5, 2007.

The 2008 Board Leadership Training

Mark Saturday, March 29, 2008 on your calendars! The event will be held at Grant MacEwan City Centre. Guest speakers and the opportunity to network will be available to event participants. More details will be forwarded once the program is finalized.

New Charities File Website

The Charities File: Training and Resources to Complete the T3010A is now available [online](#). This was developed as a joint project of the Canadian Federation of Voluntary Sector Networks and the Centre for Voluntary Sector Research and Development, funded by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). The website includes learning resources and information designed to help staff and board members of charities with annual reporting to the CRA on revenues, expenses and donations.

Vital Signs: Community Check-Up

Based on a project of the Toronto Community Foundation and coordinated nationally by Community Foundations of Canada, [Vital Signs](#) is an annual community check-up conducted by community foundations across Canada that measures the vitality of our cities and quality of life. The information provides community foundations with crucial data that helps determine needs, trends and issues in the community.

Upcoming Workshops for the New Year

Workshops on grant writing, gift-planning and community building are lined up for January. Visit our [website](#) to view these opportunities.

Salute to Excellence Award

The Salute to Excellence award is to honor and recognize outstanding Edmontonians for their participation in arts and culture, community service and sports. The deadline for nominations is February 22, 2008. Visit the City of Edmonton's [website](#) to read more on how to nominate someone or for more information about the award.

New Volunteer Edmonton Column

We are pleased to announce that Volunteer Edmonton will have a regular column in *Edmonton Senior*. This free publication is published monthly. Keep your eyes peeled for our first column about the national Who Cares? issue in the January edition!