

Give thanks to the volunteers in your life

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Let's face it. Volunteers are important to our communities. Volunteers provide their services for free, but it's important to remember that money doesn't always reflect value.

What is the value of someone on a crisis line helping a caller feel enough hope to decide not to kill themselves? How do you place value on the enjoyment you get from watching a play or seeing an amazing performer at one of our festivals? How do you place value on what a big brother or big sister might mean in the life of a child?

Take some time this holiday season to say thank you to the volunteers in your life, and let them know they are appreciated for the work they do. If you aren't involved in volunteering, think about the ways in which you contribute to your community through volunteerism. There are 8,000 Edmonton and area organizations that need your help.

Volunteering brings people together for good reasons and common purposes. Volunteering allows us to give of ourselves, share our wealth, and express our human values of community and caring while finding solutions to shared challenges. Simply put, volunteers help build better, stronger, healthier communities.

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