

## Volunteer Edmonton News – January 15, 2007

### Exciting news – Volunteer Edmonton is expanding!

Volunteer Edmonton has received funding to expand beyond 16 hours a week. Thanks to the City of Edmonton FCSS, the United Way and the Edmonton Community Foundation, Volunteer Edmonton will have a full time Director and one FTE staff person dedicated to marketing and communications in 2007. Volunteer Edmonton is a program of The Support Network. Janice Bell, who has been the part-time staff person this past year, will move into the Director's position full-time so stay tuned for more information about this exciting initiative in the weeks and months ahead!

### Great learning opportunities:

#### **Sat., February 10, 2007 - Strengthening Volunteer Boards from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm at Grant MacEwan**

**College** Room 5-175, City Centre Campus, 10700 - 104 Avenue, Edmonton, AB. Registration Fee: \$20.00 (includes refreshments) To Register contact the RCVO at (780) 497-4780, or email:

voluntarysectorevents@macewan.ca for a registration form. As a board member of a non-profit organization, have you ever wondered: What are my legal & ethical responsibilities? What role do I play in governing our organization? How can our board organize its work fairly and efficiently to avoid volunteer/staff burnout? How can we develop policies that will help us make consistent decisions? How can we encourage teamwork between the board and staff? If you're a new board member wanting to learn more about your role, or an experienced board member wishing to enhance your skills and work effectively as a team member, this workshop is for you. Workshop content will focus on incorporated and non-profit organizations and is not appropriate for advisory boards. Limit of three board members per organizations, please.

#### **Tuesday, February 13, 2007 - Linking Research and Practice in the Voluntary Sector' from 8:30 - 10:30 am at Grant MacEwan College.**

This free session will feature Maureen Collins, Muttart Fellow and Executive Director, Edmonton John Howard Society, discussing her research topic "Responding to Diversity". The presentation will focus on the challenges, opportunities and pressures organizations face as they strive to become more responsive to diversity in their community. Learn more about the workbook that was developed as a tool for those who want to bring their heart and spirit to any discussions and planning about diversity. For more details and/or a PDF flyer contact 497-4780 or RSVP your attendance by February 2, 2007 to voluntarysectorevents@macewan.ca or leave a message at (780) 497-4780.

#### **Saturday, March 24 - Board Leadership 2007 Conference: Ideas into Action from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm at Grant MacEwan College.**

This is another great learning opportunity for new and experienced Board Members. Cost: \$53, incl. GST. For more information and online registrations visit

<http://www.ecvo.ca/boardleadership2007.html>

#### **Check out [www.tapin.ca](http://www.tapin.ca) for information about the Tap-In Program**

The purpose of this program is to facilitate skills development for the staff and volunteers of non-profit agencies and to maximize existing training resources in Edmonton. Courses are very reasonably priced and there are many different topics to choose from. Definitely worth a look!

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