

## **Volunteer Edmonton News—November 19, 2007**

### **Happy International Volunteer Day—December 5**

Celebrate the volunteers in your life by giving them the thanks and special recognition they deserve on December 5. To find out more about IVD, visit <http://www.worldvolunteerweb.org/int-1-volunteer-day.html>.

### **Update on Bill 1: The Lobbyist's Act**

On Wednesday, November 14, members of the Committee of the Whole gathered at the Legislature to discuss the 11 amendments to Bill 1. Honourable Dave Hancock put forth an additional amendment that would see “public good” nonprofit and voluntary organizations exempt from the required registration under Bill 1. Check out Volunteer Alberta's [press release](#) for more information on this development.

### **Government Funding Cuts Puts CSGVP at Risk**

Imagine Canada and Volunteer Canada are collaborating with other national organizations to maintain funding for the Canadian Survey on Giving, Volunteering and Participation. As part of the government's program expenditure program, funding for CSGVP may be at risk. For more information or to request letters to send to Industry Minister Jim Prentice or your local MP contact Volunteer Canada at [www.volunteer.ca](http://www.volunteer.ca).

### **Government Dollars to Help Alleviate Agency Staffing Crisis**

The provincial government has given an additional \$26 million dollars to help Alberta's community agencies attract and retain staff; however, a sustainable long-term plan is still needed. Visit [Who Cares Alberta](#) to read more about this crisis.

### **Subscribe to VMG**

Visit the [Volunteer Management Group's website](#) to read their newly renamed newsletter. Featuring board reports, monthly programs, the latest news related to the volunteer management and a regular column from Volunteer Edmonton.

### **Volunteer Edmonton Updates Available**

We've added a few more items to our website—stop by to view our [new summaries](#), postings for where to list [volunteer opportunities](#) and added [resources](#) for volunteer managers.

### **New Website for Volunteer Edmonton—Stay Tuned**

Volunteer Edmonton is excited to announce that our new website will be up and running very soon! We will announce a launch date before the end of the year—stay tuned for more updates.

### **Free Desks**

The Cooperators Insurance is giving away two metal, office desks. The desks have wood surfaces with drawers included on the side. For more information or to arrange a pick up, please call Sylvie at (780) 944-6720.