



VOLUNTEERS GROW COMMUNITY



Helping to grow the community



to increase community participation across the country. Volunteer Canada provides leadership on issues and trends in the Canadian volunteer movement.

History of Volunteer Canada

Volunteer Canada was established in 1977 as the Canadian Association of Volunteer Bureaux and Centres (CAVBC). Like many national organizations of that time its primary mandate was to convene and keep connected to each other a network of approximately 200 local volunteer centres in Canada.

The Association had many ups and downs during the eighties and early nineties but rarely had staff or project work underway existing mostly 'on paper'. In 1993 volunteer centres, under the auspices of CAVBC, held a conference in Toronto called Focus '93. Representatives from the J.W. McConnell Foundation attended the conference and later approached representatives from CAVBC to discuss the possibility of a McConnell Foundation grant. The purpose of the funding ultimately provided by the Foundation was to invest strategically in the growth and development of volunteer centres, the establishment of a viable national organization and through these actions enhance volunteering in Canada.

In 1995 the national office of CAVBC was moved to Ottawa and the first full time Executive Director, Paddy Bowen, was hired to lead the organization. Moving quickly to consider a broader mandate than pure volunteer centre representation and identified as the lead organization on an issue that shortly exploded into the media and throughout the voluntary sector [i.e. screening] Volunteer Canada was quickly positioned as a important player at the national level.

In 2000 the association was able to successfully negotiate shared leadership with the federal government on the International Year of Volunteers (IYV). The IYV legacy announcement of ongoing and permanent funding for the Canada Volunteerism Initiative is considered to be the "crowning glory" of Volunteer Canada's achievements over the past ten years.

The organization has grown exponentially since 1995 moving from a two person office in a corner of the Ottawa YMCA to a remarkable heritage site in 2002 hosting 25 staff and more than 50 regular volunteers.

Programs

The work of the Volunteer Canada is always centred around volunteering and issues related to it. Most importantly Volunteer

Canada takes seriously its responsibility to lead. We:

- identify emerging trends and the opportunities for volunteer development that are associated with them;
- seek out voluntary sector, corporate and academic partners to work together on projects and issues;
- actively lobby for government and other funder investment in volunteerism, volunteer development and management matters;
- carry out a myriad of promotion and celebration programming to bring public and media attention to the importance of volunteering

Volunteer Canada is the expert on volunteering in Canada and its biggest proponent. We recognize however that in the end volunteering happens "out there" - in the nooks and crannies of the voluntary sector, in communities and church halls and community centres. Volunteer Canada can at best inspire and enable something that happens elsewhere. Our goal is to do so. Our measure of success is the effective and transformative involvement of volunteers in every aspect of Canadian life.

For more information on Volunteer Canada programs, please visit www.volunteer.ca.

Literacy North Halton Adult Literacy Program

We would like to thank our dedicated:
Tutors, Board members
Special event committees, Special event volunteers
Fundraisers, Office volunteers
Resource volunteers, Outreach coordinators
Outreach volunteers, IT and Website volunteers



SMOKING
what's the point?

Smoking can cause permanent damage to your body. Once a person starts, it becomes extremely tough to quit.
This message brought to you by:
The Canadian Champion

Canadian Cancer Society / Société canadienne du cancer

Celebrating our volunteers during National Volunteer Week

For all you do, Thank You!

Let's Make Cancer History
1 888 939-3333 | www.cancer.ca

Thank You

to our volunteers who dedicate their time and efforts to help make a difference. You are truly appreciated for all that you do for the community of Milton & surrounding areas.

The Canadian Champion
905-878-2341
www.miltoncanadianchampion.com

Transitions for youth
Creating brighter futures.

Creating brighter futures for children, youth and their families since 1981.

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For information on volunteer opportunities, contact Heather Thompson at 905-632-6531 ext 64 or toll free at 1-888-389-5535 or email heatherh@tffyhalton.ca. Visit our website at www.tffyhalton.ca

THE ONTARIO TRILLIUM FOUNDATION / LA FONDATION TRILLIUM DE L'ONTARIO

Volunteers are a very important part of our life and Milton is blessed with many caring and dedicated volunteers who devote themselves to the betterment of our community.

On behalf of Town Council and the citizens of the Town of Milton, I would like to thank the volunteers within this organization, for their assistance in a variety of service areas including:

- 150th Anniversary Committees and Events
- Milton Seniors' Activity Centre programs
- Milton Fire Department programs
- Boards and Committees of Milton Council
- Summer camp programs
- Milton Leisure Centre Fridays, Youth Program
- Community event programs

Your volunteer service to these operational, recreational and committee activities enhances the services provided by the Town of Milton.

I would like also to take this opportunity to thank all Milton volunteers for helping to build our community as the best place to live, work and play. Your commitment to caring and sharing is essential to our community.

Mayor Gord Krantz and Members of Milton Council

Girl Guides of Canada / Guides du Canada

As we celebrate National Volunteer Week, Girl Guides of Canada would like to recognize the women who give their time and energy to make a difference in the lives of Canadian girls.

On behalf of the girls,
Thank You!

1,800.565.8111
www.girlguides.ca

Girls Need Guides 52% of girls will diet before the age of fourteen

Girl Guides of Canada stands for what it's always stood for: Friendship. Adventure. Fun. A safe place where girls can focus on being themselves, while building the confidence & skills they need to face the modern world.

Programs for all girls 5 - 17+
Women Volunteers Needed
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