

## **Volunteer Edmonton News Update – July 15, 2008**

### **New Survey Now Available**

A survey was commissioned by Volunteer Edmonton and Edmonton Community Services in November/December 2007 to determine the needs of volunteer-based organizations in Edmonton. The survey explores the use of various recruitment strategies, the affect of implementing the Canadian Code of Volunteer Involvement, key challenges and much more. Click [here](#) to read the full report.

### **Information to Help You Implement the Canadian Code for Volunteer Involvement**

Thanks to Volunteer Alberta for developing a series of templates for organizations to use and adapt to fit their volunteer program. Sample meeting agendas for staff, board members, executive directors and a code of conduct are all available on our [website](#).

### **Upcoming Volunteer Recruitment Fairs in August and September**

Need volunteers? Plan ahead by attending one or more of the upcoming volunteer fairs taking place across the city in August and September. Click here to view the complete [list](#).

### **Vitalize Sessions Now Available Online**

Session handouts for last month's Vitalize conference are now available to download at [www.wildrosefoundation.ca/vitalize/handouts.aspx](http://www.wildrosefoundation.ca/vitalize/handouts.aspx).

### **Improving Delegation Skills is Key to Volunteer and Staff Engagement**

If you're a perfectionist or the type to have a hard time letting go of certain tasks because you'd rather do it yourself, the latest newsletter of *Barb's Bytes* is for you. The May/June 2008 issue offers tips on how you can effectively delegate tasks to your staff or volunteers, establish guidelines, and provide positive and corrective feedback. Email Barb Gemmell at [bgemmell@mts.net](mailto:bgemmell@mts.net) for a copy of this issue or to subscribe to her free-of-charge newsletter.

### **Canadian Business and Community Partnership Award**

This award recognizes and celebrates partnerships between small or large businesses and nonprofit organizations that support Canadian communities. To be eligible, both organization and business must have been in existence for at least two years. Imagine Canada is now accepting nominations until September 26. For more information, or to submit a nomination, visit [www.imaginecanada.ca](http://www.imaginecanada.ca).

### **Promote your Organization's Outstanding Achievements and Gain Media Coverage!**

We'd like to begin profiling nonprofits that have exceptional volunteer management practices in our weekly column in the *Edmonton Examiner* and monthly column in the *Edmonton Senior*. Tell us why your organization—or one that you know of—deserve to be highlighted and the kinds of steps they're taking to ensure that they are making the most out of their volunteer program. In addition, if you have a different story idea or angle, feel free to send your suggestion to Evelyn at [epham@volunteeredmonton.com](mailto:epham@volunteeredmonton.com).