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### Save the Date: KCR's 30th Anniversary Celebration

KCR Open House

**Date:** September 27, 11:00am-3:00pm

**Where:** #120-1735 Dolphin Avenue

Take a break, relax and join us for some fun.

RSVP preferred: [info@kcr.ca](mailto:info@kcr.ca)

*-Source: Dawn Wilkinson, Community Services Manager*



### Adoption Information Session

**Date:** August 14, 2013

Please call to confirm a seat at 250.763.8002 or toll free 1.800.935.4237

If you live outside of the Okanagan and would like to request an information session in your community, please contact our office!

We have recently finalized a working agreement with the Alberta Central Government for prospective adoptive parents who are residents of Alberta and who wish to adopt from HAITI.

*-Source: Jenn Wall, Administrator of The Adoption Centre of British Columbia*



## Phil Callaway: The Funny Side of Volunteering

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**Date:** August 15, 2013, 7:00pm-8:30pm

**Location:** Mary Irwin Theatre, Rotary Centre for the Arts

FREE event to honour volunteers

Encourage your organizations' volunteers to attend for an entertaining evening. Sit together, laugh together and enjoy.

**Phil Callaway: Popular speaker. Best-selling author. Humorist. Radio host.**

"Need a shot of sunlight on a cloudy day? This guy's for you." Max Lucado, New York Times bestselling author

"People were talking about Phil's talk all weekend...Pure joy!" Canadian Cancer Society

"I love Phil because he masterfully blends laughter with learning." Lee Strobel.

For more information: [www.kcr.ca](http://www.kcr.ca)

*-Source: Dawn Wilkinson, Community Services Manager*

## Overview of Volunteer Management Training

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Recruiting and retaining volunteers is essential to nonprofit organizations. Learn about trends, gaps and challenges in dealing with volunteers. Meet other volunteer managers and receive ongoing support.

**Four days:** October 28, 29 and November 4, 5, 2013

**Time:** 9:00am – 4:00pm daily

**Cost:** \$100

**Registration:** [KCR Community Services Workshops](#)

For additional information, please contact Dawn at 250.763.8008 ext 25 or email [dawn@kcr.ca](mailto:dawn@kcr.ca).

*-Source: Dawn Wilkinson, Community Services Manager*

## Volunteer Fair

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Come and check out what other organizations are doing to recruit volunteers. It's a great time to network.

### [Okanagan Volunteer Opportunities Fair 2013](#)

**Date:** Saturday, September 7, 2013, 10:00am – 3:00pm

**Location:** Parkinson Recreation Centre

*-Source: Dawn Wilkinson, Community Services Manager*



## Your Organization's Social Media Links

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Have you sent us your social media sites? It is easy. [Click here](#), search for your organizations, click on 'suggest an update' and add your information.

*-Source: Dawn Anthony, Information Development*

## Like Us on Facebook



[Community Services](#): We can promote your community information and volunteer needs through our Facebook pages.

*-Source: Kelsey Chmilar, Database Developer*

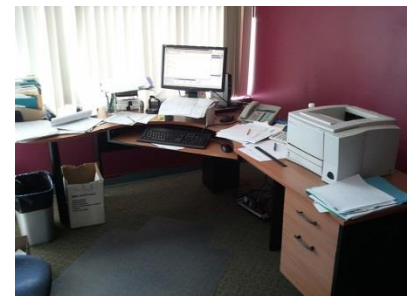
## Free Furniture

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2 Corner unit desks

- Dimensions: 84" X 84" total; removal section on each end: round end 36" X 24"; rectangle end 36" X 24"; one piece middle section is 48" X 48"
- Free, pick up at KCR

*-Source: Dawn Wilkinson, Community Services Manager*



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# Awards

- [VOLUNTARY SECTOR REPORT AWARDS 2013](#)
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## Voluntary Sector Report Awards 2013

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Donors, funders and boards are all looking for more transparency and good governance. You can give them that and more by entering your Annual Report in the Voluntary Sector Reporting Awards (VSRA).

Nominations open July 29, 2013 and close September 13 at noon. ([Queen's School of Business](#))

*-Source: Nonprofit Newswire by Imagine Canada, 26 July 2013*

## New Survey Offers Insight to Alberta's Nonprofit Sector

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The Voluntary Sector Reporting Awards is growing! Now in its 6th year, the Ontario-based awards program for charity annual reports is expanding its rules to include more Canadian-based national and international charities than ever before. Whether a charity is from Ontario or operates across Canada or overseas (with 10% of revenues or expenditures in Ontario), its annual report could win a \$5,000 prize in one of five different categories. Nominations open July 29 and close September 13 at noon. The number of entries is limited. For best results, submit your nomination as early as possible. Nominations will close when the maximum number of entries in each category has been reached or on September 13, whichever comes first. Organizations must be a registered charity that solicits funds from the public – charities run by or for municipalities, universities, hospitals or school boards are excluded.



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*-Source: Charity Village, Village Vibes, 19 July 2013*

## **New Contest Will Award \$20,000 in Website Design, Hosting**

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In celebration of their 11th anniversary, Point Alliance, in partnership with Agility, will be giving away a free website and hosting package worth \$20,000. The contest is open to all Canadian registered nonprofit organizations and applications can be completed online. Each entry will be reviewed by the adjudicating committee and one prize will be awarded to the entrant whose submission is considered to be the most compelling and in need of a new website. The deadline for applications is September 30, 2013.

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*-Source: Charity Village, Village Vibes, 17 July 2013*

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# Employment

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## Volunteer Canada: President and CEO

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At Volunteer Canada, we encourage all Canadians to get involved in their communities, and we work with all types of organizations to engage today's volunteers. We are Canada's leading national voice on volunteerism, and for more than 35 years, we have been committed to supporting volunteerism and civic participation through research, campaigns, programs and other projects.

Until August 9, 2013, we will be searching for a skilled and dynamic professional to lead us as our [President and CEO](#).

If you know someone who is interested in supporting a dedicated national board, leading a committed staff and inspiring volunteerism in Canada, please have them forward their resume and cover letter, as well as any questions, in confidence to [hr@volunteer.ca](mailto:hr@volunteer.ca) by 4:30pm ET on Friday, August 9, 2013.

*-Source: Volunteer Canada, Jeff Bond, Manager, Knowledge and Training Programs, 22 July 2013*



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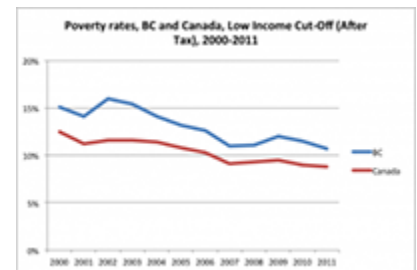
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### Latest Statscan Poverty Numbers Paint Bleak Picture for BC

Statistics Canada has released Incomes in Canada for 2011, with the latest poverty rates. You can find it here. And the numbers for BC are grim indeed, painting a very different picture from the rosy one the government likes to present.

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—Source: CCPA, *The Federation of Community Social Services of BC*, Marshall Watson, *Research and Communications Manager*, 9 July 2013

### Canadians Want More Vacation Time but Taking Fewer Days Off

Recent surveys suggest that Canadian employees may be on the verge of burnout, but fewer individuals are taking the time to intentionally rejuvenate on vacation, according to the Human Performance Institute. In a recent Ipsos Reid and Expedia.ca survey, extra vacation time tops the survey's list of preferred job perks or rewards. Of the 1,020 Canadian employees surveyed, one in five said they would take a lower salary for more vacation time. Despite the desire for more vacation time, the same survey also suggests that Canadians are falling behind on the number of vacation days they are actually taking. Compared to 2005, vacation days taken have dropped down from 21 days per year to 19 days per year for Canadian workers. These statistics highlight the gap between what employees feel they need and what they actually take.



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–Source: *Charity Village, Village Vibes, 22 July 2013*

## New Report Offers Insight Into How Millennials View Nonprofits and Charities

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Achieve has released the 2013 Millennial Impact Report, which offers interesting insights to how Millennials view charities. Here are some of the top findings:

- Millennials first support causes they are passionate about (rather than institutions), so it's up to organizations to inspire them and show them that their support can make a tangible difference on the wider issue.
- Millennials prefer to share information about the cause, not the organization itself. This preference moves savvy organizations away from traditional PR and towards content expertise on a cause.
- Millennials who want constant updates on an organization no longer rely on or return to websites to receive that information. Instead, they use websites first to learn about the organization, and then to connect with its social networks to stay updated.
- Millennials view volunteer opportunities as a way to socially connect with like-minded peers, which moves them beyond technology (social networking) to in-person action.



One new finding this year is that 52% of respondents said they'd be interested in monthly giving. This format offers nonprofits an opportunity to experiment with soliciting smaller but more regular gifts.

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–Source: *Charity Village, Village Vibes, 19 July 2013*

## Remove “Canadian Experience” Employment Barrier: OHRC

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The Ontario Human Rights Commission's (OHRC) new Policy on removing the “Canadian experience” barrier was launched today by Chief Commissioner Barbara Hall

in partnership with KPMG. The OHRC found that many newcomers turn to unpaid work such as volunteering, internships or low-skilled “survival jobs” to meet the requirement for Canadian experience. They also face obstacles when trying to get professional accreditation since some regulatory bodies will not admit new members without prior work experience in Canada. As a result, they end up in jobs that do not correspond to their education, skills and experience.

The new policy sets out the OHRC’s position that a strict requirement for “Canadian experience” is discriminatory, and can only be used in rare circumstances. Employers and regulatory bodies need to ask about all of a job applicant’s previous work – where they got their experience does not matter. The policy also tells employers and regulatory bodies how to develop practices, policies and programs that do not result in discrimination.

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–Source: *Charity Village, Village Vibes, 15 July 2013*

## **Study Explores Retention Challenges for Development Officers**

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A recently released study published by Campbell & Company reveals that unrealistic expectations set by management have reduced the average chief development officer (CDO) tenure to one to two years. Other factors include a lack of sufficient resources and cooperation among CDOs, CEOs and Boards. The report, *CDO Confidential: What CDOs Want You to Know about Retention*, describes four main challenges:

- Short tenure: 52% of CDO served one to two years in their most recent position, confirming anecdotal evidence of shorter tenures.
- Unrealistic expectations: CDOs (75%) and CEOs (62%) cited unrealistic expectations are the number one reason behind CDO turnover.
- Reasons for departure: 28% of CDOs cited their organization’s lack of understanding of development as a reason for their most recent departure.
- Inadequate resources: 58% of CDOs felt they did not have the resources to do their job effectively, and 29% of CDOs indicated professional development as their primary need.

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–Source: *Charity Village, Village Vibes, 11 July 2013*

## Survey Reveals Most Popular Techniques for Finding Job Opportunities

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The results of a global survey conducted by FindEmployment on the best techniques to find a job has revealed that social media is the least popular channel job seekers will resort to in order to search for employment, with only 6% of respondents actively using a social media platform in their job hunt. Online recruitment platforms remain the most popular place to conduct a job search with 27% of direct votes endorsing this approach. The majority (41%) advocate a mixed approach of all available mediums they can identify when searching for employment. Personal research and contact was the second best technique preferred to identify potential job opportunities with more than 1 in every 10 candidates. Recruitment companies only scored with 9% of respondents, and traditional media like newspapers came marginally ahead of last placed social media in the ballot.

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—Source: *Charity Village, Village Vibes, 9 July 2013*

## New Report Finds Traditional Libraries Offer Valued Services to Young People

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According to a new report by the Pew Internet & American Life Project, younger Americans — those ages 16-29 — exhibit a fascinating mix of habits and preferences when it comes to reading, libraries, and technology. Almost all Americans under age 30 are online, and they are more likely than older patrons to use libraries' computer and internet connections; however, they are also still closely bound to print, as three-quarters (75%) of younger Americans say they have read at least one book in print in the past year, compared with 64% of adults ages 30 and older. Americans under age 30 are just as likely as older adults to visit the library, and once there they borrow print books and browse the shelves at similar rates. Large majorities of those under age 30 say it is "very important" for libraries to have librarians as well as books for borrowing, and relatively few think that libraries should automate most library services, move most services online, or move print books out of public areas.

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—Source: *Charity Village, Village Vibes, 3 July 2013*

## **Six Top Tips for Getting & Maintaining a Corporate Partnership**

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Getting the attention of a corporate partner who can add value to your Not for Profit organisation is not an easy task, the Head of Sponsorship and Events at Westpac Pat Cunningham says.

Pat Cunningham is responsible for over 50 partnerships between Westpac and community organisations, including the 40-year partnership between Westpac and the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service.

Here he offers his top tips for making your approach, and maintaining a healthy union with your corporate partners.

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–Source: *Volunteer Canada Media Monitoring*, 26 July 2013

## **New Computer is the Size of a Pack of Index Cards, Costs \$100**

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CompuLab, an Israeli maker of embedded computing products, has announced a tiny, bare-bones computer called the Utilite that will sell for \$99 and up.



It's just 5.3 inches by 3.9 inches by 0.8 inches, which means it is just slightly larger than a pack of 100 index cards. Yet inside it has a powerful Freescale i.MX6 system-on-a-chip, with an ARM Cortex A9 processor at its heart, with one, two, or four cores. The device will have up to 4GB of RAM and can contain a hard drive with up to 512GB plus a microSD card with up to 128GB of storage.

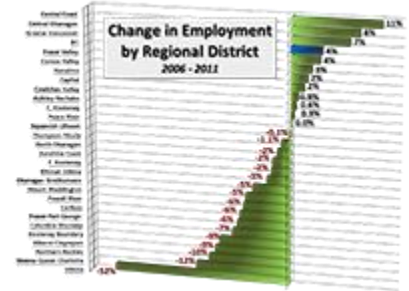
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–Source: *LinkedIn Today, Top News*, 18 July 2013

## Central Okanagan Ranks #2 for Employment Growth in BC

Of the province's 28 Regional Districts, only ten saw employment grow.

Compared to the 3.8 percent province-wide average increase in employment, the majority of the regions that grew did so at a below-average rate, while only three saw employment grow faster than BC as a whole: the Central Coast (eleven percent), the Central Okanagan (eight percent); and Greater Vancouver (seven percent).



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—Source: *Central Okanagan Economic Development Commission, Economic News for the Central Okanagan, 9 July 2013*

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## 2013 Call for Applications for Code for Change Program

Code for Change is a unique in-kind donation program to support select charitable organizations. Every year, business Pixel Sweatshop sets aside 10% of their profits to put towards the Code for Change program. As part of the program, the company will match an organization dollar-for-dollar, up to a maximum of \$10,000 of in-kind support to help increase your reach through web, social and print media.



Any nonprofit, charitable or community organization within Canada may be eligible for the program. International organizations are also encouraged to [apply](#).

-Source: *CharityVillage.com*, 26 June 2013

## Deals 4 DoGooders.com

[Deals 4 DoGooders](#) is a new Okanagan based fundraising service that provides money to local charities, non-profits and community groups from the sale of unique or hard to find discounted products (underway) and local merchant discount deals (coming soon). Our services are FREE for Businesses, Fundraisers and Consumers. Our business is a WIN3 proposition.



- WIN: It provides an easy new way for local community fundraiser's to raise money. They receive 20% of the gross sale proceeds from a Local Merchant Deal promotion or our DoGooder Discount Deal\* program.
- WIN: It provides Merchants with the opportunity to expand their customer base and brand, with the bonus of supporting local fundraisers; without taking money out of their pocket.
- WIN: It provides consumers with an opportunity to purchase discounted products and services while supporting local causes.

I would encourage you to visit Deals 4 DoGooders to learn more and to sign up or call Don at 250 462-9492.

Fundraisers can [register a profile here](#) to gain valuable exposure and earn money in two ways.

Merchants can [register a profile here](#) and partner with a local fundraiser of their choice to promote their business and support a good cause in their community.

Consumers can [sign up here](#) to receive a daily email that highlights the deal of the day for the city of their choosing.

Of course, please tell all your friends and associates.

The Deals 4 DoGooder Team

\*DoGooder Discount Deals are different from Local Merchant Deals. DDDs are specific products that are sourced by us from a variety of wholesalers beyond the local market. These deals will also appear on our site in the future whenever there is an empty slot in our schedule of Local Merchant Deals. We've added this feature to our site for the benefit of fundraisers that are registered with us, but haven't lined up a deal with a local merchant yet.

*-Source: DoGooders.com, Don H. DeGagne, CEO & Founding Partner*

## United Way Grants

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United Way is accepting applications for one-time grants. All charities can apply for one-time grants, even if they have received other types of United Way funding. The application is available at [unitedwaycso.com/building-community/who-we-fund/](http://unitedwaycso.com/building-community/who-we-fund/). Agencies can apply under the categories of:

- Impact Projects: the next round will be reviewed in September, and should be received by United Way no later than September 6 for review in the upcoming round of selection. Any received after that date will be reviewed later in the fall, if there are funds still available.
- Days of Caring supplies: applications can be sent anytime
- Emergency Grants: applications can be sent anytime



**United Way**  
**Central & South**  
**Okanagan Similkameen**

- Sponsorships: applications can be sent anytime

*-Source: United Way, Avril Paice, Director of Community Investment at United Way, 5 July 2013*

## **Apply now for BC Gaming Grants Supporting Animal Care**

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Organizations helping animals in distress from abuse, neglect or injury can apply for BC government community gaming grants until August 31, 2013. Last year, animal welfare organizations shared \$754,500 in [BC government community gaming grants](#). Recipients included humane societies and other groups dedicated to animal rescue and adoption. Organizations helping specific animals, such as dogs, cats, horses, owls, wild birds and marine wildlife also received funding.

*-Source: Financial Charity Village, Village Vibes, 15 July 2013*

## **Funding Competition: Aviva Community Fund**

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Canada's longest running online community funding competition, dedicated to creating positive change in your community. Plan, submit, and promote your idea for a chance to share in the \$1,000,000 Aviva Community Fund.

The 2013 competition starts on September 23 How do I participate? Visit [AvivaCommunityFund.org](http://AvivaCommunityFund.org) to: Get basic information about this year's competition, Learn about our

prize of up to \$150,000 for ideas that support at-risk youth, Download the Competition Guidelines filled with insider tips on everything you need to know when preparing your submission, Get a head start – enter your email address and “Like” us on Facebook to get all the competition updates.



How does the Aviva Community Fund work? The Aviva Community Fund is a competition created to inspire local or national ideas to create positive changes within communities across Canada. Individual Canadians or charitable organizations can submit an idea for a cause within their community they feel passionate about and then become actively involved in promoting the cause to start making change happen. The top ideas, as chosen by Canadians, have a chance to share in \$1,000,000 of funding. Examples of possible projects include: helping at-risk youth get off the street and back



to school; creating educational programs; addressing a healthcare issue; creating an environmental solution; creating a new, functional community space. Submit your idea beginning September 23rd. Voting begins September 30th.

If you have any questions please contact Ashley Hilkewich at: Email:

[Ashley\\_Hilkewich@avivacanada.com](mailto:Ashley_Hilkewich@avivacanada.com) | Tel: 416.701.4365 [sue@suebochner.com](mailto:sue@suebochner.com)

905.659.0555

*-Source: Community Action Toward Children's Health, CATCH Network Newsletter, 23 July 2013*

## **The Central Okanagan Foundation 2013 Fall Grant Cycle**

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The Central Okanagan Foundation is pleased to announce it will be accepting applications for their fall 2013 granting cycle. The fall intake deadline is October 1st. Organizations are invited to apply for funding in the following eight areas: Environment – Global Initiatives – Arts & Culture – Children, Youth & Family -Education – Health & Community Services – Heritage & Historical – Animal Welfare.

Prior to submitting your grant application it is recommended applicants contact Cheryl Miller, Grants Manager to discuss your grant proposal at 250.861.6160.

Grant application package available at [www.centralokanaganfoundation.org](http://www.centralokanaganfoundation.org).

Grant submissions must be delivered to the Central Okanagan Foundation's office at #217. 1889 Springfield Road prior to or on October 1st, 2013.

*-Source: Cheryl Miller, Grants Manager, Central Okanagan Foundation, 1 August 2013*

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## How Does your Website Rate?

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Data shows that the millennial generation believes it can make a difference, but according to a new report, young donors are turned off by outdated websites and organizations that give more information about the organization than the cause they are fundraising for. The report, released last week, surveyed 2,600 young donors on the frequency and amounts of donations, and on their reactions to the websites of charitable organizations. The survey found that 63% of donors are making small donations of up to \$100, but that they are willing to make small donations more often. Not surprisingly, 84% of young donors prefer to give via a website, but if the website is outdated, or doesn't provide compelling information and/or graphics about the specific cause they are supporting, donors are turned off.

-Source: [Achieveguidance.com](http://Achieveguidance.com)

## Impact vs Overhead

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Talk to almost any donor about what's important when they give, and the answer will be impact, change and positive outcomes. Donors want to know that they're making a difference—that with their chosen charity, they're making real change.

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-Source: *Imagine Canada, LinkedIn Group, 26 July 2013*

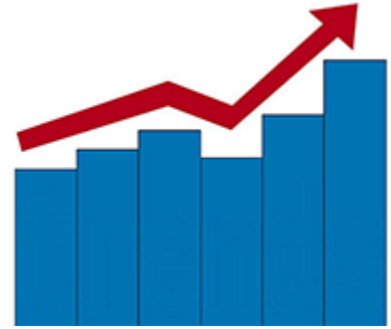
## Demonstrating Non-profit Success and the Overhead Myth

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Just as we were publishing the June Nonprofit Blog Carnival about Data for Good (a round-up of posts on non-profit measurement and data) last month, three of the leading sources of information about charities – the BBB Wise.

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*-Source: Imagine Canada, LinkedIn Group, 19 July 2013*



## The Pickle: Long Term Fundraising Goals, Short Term Fundraising Staff

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For many charities the senior fundraiser role has become a revolving door. And according to the recent CompassPoint report UnderDeveloped: A National Study of Challenges Facing Nonprofit Fundraising, the trend shows no sign of dissipating.

CompassPoint revealed that half of Development Directors anticipate leaving their position within two years or less. And the study is not alone in its findings. In a separate report, Penelope Burke found the average time fundraisers stay at a job is 16 months.

The high cost of turnover

Why should this matter to you? If your organization has high turnover, your budget has a metaphorical hole leaking very real dollars.

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*-Source: Volunteer Canada Media Monitoring, 12 July 2013*

## **Pull: Social Platforms for Social Good**

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Social media platforms are transforming social causes and social action. It's changing how not-for-profits (NFPs) are using technology to reach out and engage with everyone from volunteers to activists on issues around the world and in our own backyard.



On the fundraising front, micro-financing tools like Kiva, HopeMob, Indiegogo, Kickstarter, and StartSomeGood bring together small contributions from lots of people for projects that were traditionally hard to fund. These tools give you the opportunity to focus your gift in tangible ways, whether it's funding a community art project, helping to finance a small business across the world, buying a cow for a poverty-stricken family in Uganda, or financing a health bus to serve the needy closer to home. And it's not just about raising money and awareness. Social media has created a platform for more people to find and get actively involved in issues that matter to them on an immediate and deeply personal level.

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*-Source: Volunteer Canada Media Monitoring, 19 July 2013*

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## Household Food Insecurity in Canada 2011

Household food insecurity, inadequate or insecure access to food because of financial constraints, is a significant social and public health problem in Canada. In 2011, 1.6 million Canadian households, or slightly more than 12%, experienced some level of food insecurity. This amounts to nearly one in eight households, and 3.9 million individuals in Canada, including 1.1 million children. There were 450,000 more Canadians living in households affected by food insecurity in 2011 than in 2008.



The increased prevalence nationally, the alarming rates in the North and the Maritimes, and the sheer volume of affected households in our largest provinces suggest that reducing the prevalence of food insecurity requires attention and action by the federal, provincial and territorial governments. The data in this report provide an impetus for discussion that is critical to the development of programs and policies by all sectors aimed at tackling food insecurity in Canada.

[Download the Report](#)

*-Source: Homeless Hub, Newsletter, 18 July 2013*

## Hospital Discharge: Safe and Effective Models for People Experiencing Homelessness

As varying levels of government come to realize the extraordinary healthcare costs associated with homelessness, strategies for hospital discharge planning which focus

on housing first approaches have become increasingly common. Effective models of discharge planning have been located in various cities across the United States and the United Kingdom (see Bendixen, 2006, Department of Health, St. Mungos, 2012, Department of Health, 2009, Evans, 2012, Tansley and Gray, 2009). The creation and implementation of these models stem from the knowledge that housing stability is one of the key determinants of health. For example, those experiencing homelessness are at greater risk when unsafely discharged from hospital to situations which may put their health at further risk. By promoting housing stability through safe and effective hospital discharge processes, financial savings will be realized by hospitals in the long-term, and “systemic health inequalities” will be reduced (Gaetz, 2012: 9).

To underscore the importance of safe and effective hospital discharge practices and to encourage hospitals to develop such practices, Hwang et al (2011) provide some statistics from a study completed in the city of Toronto which indicate the staggering costs of homelessness for the delivery of healthcare:

Among a large administrative sample of hospital discharges, homeless discharges cost on average \$960 more than housed discharges. After adjustment for age, sex, and resource intensity weight, homeless discharges cost \$2559 more than housed discharges for all health care services (496).

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*-Source: Homeless Hub, Newsletter, 25 July 2013*

## Case Management Needed to Increase Awareness of Hepatitis for Homeless Adults

People who are experiencing homelessness have a larger chance of being exposed to Hepatitis B or C. A large percent may not be aware that they have the virus. This poses a danger to themselves and others. Case management has been successful in making sure people are aware of their exposure.

[Read More...](#)

*-Source: Homeless Hub, Facebook Page*



## What Makes Canadians Sick? Poverty, says a Report from the Canadian Medical Association

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The report, based on public consultations at six “town halls” in cities across the country last winter and spring, said factors such as poor housing, lack of access to healthy food and early childhood programs all affect health.

“We heard that the biggest barrier to good health is poverty,” says CMA president Dr. Anna Reid, a Yellowknife emergency room physician who says federal, provincial and territorial governments must give top priority to developing an action plan to eliminate poverty.

“It really hit me in a visceral way when we did those town halls,” said Reid.

Malnourished people become ill. People who can only afford junk food or don’t have access to healthy food because there isn’t a supermarket nearby can develop diabetes. People who live in mouldy, substandard housing can get asthma medications, but it won’t make the asthma go away. Social isolation has mental health consequences, including increased suicide rates.

[Read More...](#)

*-Source: Homeless Hub, Facebook Page*

## The Tragedy of Dying Homeless – Homeless Hub Research Summary Series

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Deaths among homeless people occur at higher than average rates. This is partly due to higher rates of AIDS, cancer and hepatitis and also due to lack of access to regular healthcare services. Homeless people in Canada are entitled to public healthcare services; however, they can often be hard to access. There are barriers that prevent treatment, follow up and compliance with treatment.

Barriers include poverty and substance use as well as lack of: a telephone, a mailing address, or transportation. A large number of homeless people are found dead in public places. They may also be found in residential dwellings, arrive dead to Emergency Rooms, or die after arriving at hospitals.



People who are terminally ill and are experiencing homelessness, may not receive adequate care. They expressed concern with dying alone and not having their end-of life wishes met. Regular hospices may not be able to assist with the needs of homeless clients. These needs often include alcohol and substance abuse. In Canada, there is only one hospice that provides end-of-life care specifically for those who are homeless.

[Read More...](#)

*-Source: Homeless Hub, Facebook Page*

## **Youth Count! Process Study**

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Homelessness among unaccompanied youth is a hidden problem: the number of young people who experience homelessness each year is largely unknown. To improve the national response to youth homelessness, policymakers need better data on the magnitude of the problem. Youth Count! is a Federal interagency initiative that aims to improve counts of unaccompanied homeless youth. Nine communities participated in the initiative by expanding their annual homeless point-in-time efforts to increase coverage of homeless youth. Urban Institute conducted a process study of the initiative to identify promising practices that could be adapted and taken to scale to produce credible and useful data nationwide.



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*-Source: Homeless Hub, Newsletter, 1 August 2013*

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### **Save the Date: CATCH Fall Network Gathering**

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CATCH is planning a network lunch and presentation on Tuesday, Sept 24, 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Watch this space for your invitation and registration information. Guest Speakers will include Joanne Schroeder, Deputy Director of HELP – UBC's Human Early Learning Partnership speaking about some new initiatives at HELP and the recent, more positive results of the EDI – Early Development Instrument in Central Okanagan. Also speaking will be Menno Salverda, researcher for CATCH's Engaging Hard to Reach and Vulnerable Families Research Project.

*-Source: CATCH Network Newsletter, 26 June 2013*

### **Honest Talk About Program Evaluation/Performance Measurement**

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Dr. Sandra Sellick invites Board Members, Executive Directors, and Program Staff of local non-profit organizations to an important forum about the evaluation of programs in the non-profit sector. The forum facilitator will engage participants in the discussion of what is working well for you. What are your key challenges in program evaluation? Is there a need for local workshops or training sessions to support you in ensuring your program(s) meet the goals of your organization and your program funders?

**Date:** Tuesday, September 10, 2013, 9:00am – 11:00am

**Location:** Kelowna Community Resources 120-1735 Dolphin Ave., Kelowna  
Light refreshments will be provided.

**Cost:** None but seating is limited and pre-registration is required.

To register or request more information, visit [sandrasellick.vpweb.ca](http://sandrasellick.vpweb.ca).

*-Source: Sandra Sellick & Associates, Program Evaluation, 4 July 2013*

## United Way: Days of Caring

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United Way matches teams of volunteers to community service projects through the Days of Caring Program. If your charity has a project that could use help with painting, raking, sorting or other service projects, contact [avril@unitedwaycso.com](mailto:avril@unitedwaycso.com) or call 250.860.2356. The project application is available at [unitedwaycso.com/building-community/day-of-caring/](http://unitedwaycso.com/building-community/day-of-caring/)



**United Way**  
Central & South  
Okanagan Similkameen

*-Source: United Way, Avril Paice, Director of Community Investment at United Way, 5 July 2013*

## Interior Savings Moonlight Movies

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As the sun goes down in our communities, Interior Savings Credit Union and the Okanagan Boys and Girls Clubs will be lighting up parks in your area with a giant inflatable movie screen, concession and fun activities for the family.

Similar to the classic drive-in experience, just without the cars or the concrete, the community is invited to bring their lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a movie under the stars. There is no charge to attend the event, but a donation of \$3 per person is encouraged with all proceeds benefiting the Okanagan Boys and Girls Clubs.

“We strive to support over 6000 children, youth and families in the Okanagan by providing programs and services that promote healthy physical, educational and social development,” says Craig Monley, CEO of Okanagan Boys and Girls Clubs. “The Interior Savings Moonlight Movie Night is a unique event for our community that will help us raise funds to support these programs and services.”

Movies are scheduled to show as follows:

- Sunday August 18th: Vernon – Polson Park – Madagascar 3
- Monday August 19th: Kelowna – City Park – Rise of the Guardians
- Tuesday August 20th: West Kelowna – Webber Rd Park – Madagascar 3
- Wednesday August 21st: Oliver – Oliver Community Park – Wreck It Ralph

Please note: All movies begin at Dusk.

*-Source: United Way, Avril Paice, Director of Community Investment at United Way, 4 July 2013*

## **Foundations of Kelowna: A Walking Tour**

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Every Saturday in July and August.

### **Downtown Kelowna: Alive with History!**

Discover downtown Kelowna from its beginnings as a mud road to the newly completed revitalization project.

This tour will include stories of all the people and businesses that have brought the downtown alive over the years.

Tour Dates: August 10, and August 24.



### **History on Bernard!**

Discover the stories about the people who built Kelowna and the homes that stand in their memory.

Tour Dates: August 3, August 17, and August 31.

Tours begin at 10:00am sharp. Be sure to meet at the [Okanagan Heritage Museum](#) 5 to 10 minutes before the tour begins. All ages welcome.

For more information, please call 250.763.2417.

A \$2 donation is greatly appreciated and will go towards supporting our education and public programming here at the Kelowna Museums!

*-Source: Kelowna Museums Society, Newsletter, 6 July 2013*

## Vital Signs Survey

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The Vital Signs 2013 survey is now available.

You're invited to share your opinion about how our local community is doing in 13 quality of life areas (for example, arts & culture, health & wellness and work). In recognition of this year's new theme of food security, those who complete a survey will have a chance to win 1 of 4 gift certificates between \$50 & \$100 to a food-related business of your choice (a restaurant, farmers' market, food producer, or grocery store).

Please tell us what you think is important in improving the quality of life in the Central Okanagan by completing this 10-15 minute survey. And please feel free to share this link with your contacts who live in Central

Okanagan: [fluidsurveys.com/s/COFVitalSigns2013/](http://fluidsurveys.com/s/COFVitalSigns2013/)

To learn more about Vital Signs, please go

to [www.centralokanaganfoundation.org/news-and-publications/publications/vital-signs/](http://www.centralokanaganfoundation.org/news-and-publications/publications/vital-signs/)

*-Source: Central Okanagan Foundation, 10 July 2013*



## Better at Home Community Survey on Seniors Independence

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Better at Home wants to hear from people in the Central Okanagan who care about seniors independence! [Click on the link](#) to be part of our community consultation process.

The general public online community survey is available at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/betterathomecenok](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/betterathomecenok)

The service provider questionnaire can be found at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/cenokserviceprovider](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/cenokserviceprovider)

For more information on the Better at Home Program, visit [www.betterathome.ca](http://www.betterathome.ca)

*-Source: Myrna Tischer, Better at Home Community Developer, Unitedwaycso.com website*



## Seniors' Housing Information Sessions

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This free information session will cover the various housing options available to seniors, including Subsidized Housing, Supportive Living, Assisted Living, and Residential Care. An Interior Health nurse will also be present to help answer housing questions. Each session covers the same information.

**Next sessions will be:** August 8, September 12, October 10, at 10:00am – 11:30am  
Seniors Outreach & Resource Centre  
#102 – 2055 Benvoulin Court  
Kelowna, BC

To register for this free event please call 250.861.6180 or email [senior@telus.net](mailto:senior@telus.net).

*-Source: Seniors Outreach & Resource Centre, Kathryn McLean, Housing Outreach Social Worker & Volunteer Coordinator*

## New Westside 'Summer Storytime in the Park'

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The popular Regional Parks 'Summer Storytime in the Park' program has been cloned.

A second program for children age three to five is running each Thursday morning at 10:00 in [Gellatly Nut Farm Regional Park](#). The free one hour drop in program takes place each week until August 22nd.

Youngsters and their caregivers should meet beneath the willow tree next to the playground in the park located at 2375 Whitworth Road in West Kelowna.

Participants will be treated to a new nature-themed story and mini-nature walk each week.

'Summer Storytime in the Park' is also held each Tuesday morning at 10:00 in [Mission Creek Regional Park](#), Springfield and Durnin Roads.

For more information visit the Regional District website [regionaldistrict.com/parks](http://regionaldistrict.com/parks) or contact the EECO staff at 250.469.6140.



*-Source: Regional District of Central Okanagan, Bruce Smith, Communications & Intergovernmental Affairs Officer*

## Viva Las Pride

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How about something completely different for Pride! Okanagan Pride has teamed up with Okanagan Wine Festivals to create “[Viva Las Pride](#)” a fun and educational event aimed at giving participants a taste of local wines in a Vegas style setting. Over 20 wineries will be pouring wines at The Laurel, a beautiful downtown venue which was formerly a fruit packing house. Attendees will be able to have fun at blackjack and poker tables for chances to win great prizes while being entertained by eye candy ticket sellers, burlesque dancers and great music.



**Event Date:** Friday, August 16, 2013, 7:00pm – 9:30pm

**Location:** The Laurel, 1304 Ellis Street, Kelowna

**Tickets:** \$25 + tax online here or call 250-717-5304 (\$30 at the door). Your \$25.00 admission provides for you a Safe Ride Home, tapas and a wine sampler to get you started. Wine samples will be available to purchase throughout the evening. This is a Safe Ride Home Event sponsored by Valley First Insurance and the British Columbia Liquor Stores. Gaming tables sponsored by Lake City Casinos.

*-Source: Okanagan Pride, Newsletter, 26 July 2013*

## NEW Withdrawal Management Services

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The new Withdrawal Management Services (WMS) under The Bridge officially opens July 27, 2013 at 7:00 am! Those wishing to make a referral or speak to the triage nurse should call our main number (250.763.0456) and select 1 for WMS.



More information can be found on our website at [www.thebridgeservices.ca/withdrawal-management-services](http://www.thebridgeservices.ca/withdrawal-management-services). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

P.S. We are working towards August 19 to start Residential Treatment Services.

*-Source: The Bridge Youth & Family Services, Corinne Dolman, Executive Director*

## **Wanted: Artists as Mentors**

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Are you an artist interested in mentoring students or influencing curriculum?



This coming year Studio9 School of the Arts in Kelowna is starting an artist mentor program for both practicing artists in music, dance, visual arts, sculpting etc. as well as retired artists who would like to volunteer some time to work with children.

This can include a classroom project with a teacher, a continuous program, weekend or holiday camps as well as after school programs.

There is even the opportunity to mentor staff in designing more Learning Through the Arts Curriculum where students can understand academic learning outcomes through art based instruction or practice.

Interested artist mentors can call Studio9 at 250.868.8816 or email [office@studio9.ca](mailto:office@studio9.ca). Visit our website at [www.studio9.ca](http://www.studio9.ca).

*-Source: Studio 9, Michael Guzzi, CEO/Teacher*

## **Cuts Could be Coming to the Okanagan Boys and Girls Club**

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The Okanagan Boys and Girls Club could be facing program cuts if funding from the provincial government doesn't come soon.

According to BC Government Service Employees Unions Communications Officer Oliver Rohlfs, staff at the Club ratified a 1.5% wage increase in April through the government's co-operative gains mandate, which identified cost savings to fund the pay raises.

“This wage increase is paid out of savings that can be found in the contract. But unfortunately some of the savings are going to take a little bit of time to kick in. So the government has to provide what is known as bridge funding and none of that funding is coming through for the Boys and Girls Club. And that's why some programs are at risk.”

The Boys and Girls Club says they cannot fund the wage increase without cutting programs, and they are asking the Ministry of Children and Family Development to explain why funding has not come yet.



The Okanagan Boys and Girls Club is a leading provider of programs to children and youth that support the healthy physical, educational and social development for over 6,000 young people and families each year in 30 locations in the Okanagan valley, including in Kelowna-Westside.

[Read More...](#)

*-Source: AM 1150, The Federation of Community Social Services of BC, Marshall Watson, Research and Communications Manager, 10 July 2013*

## Need Office Space?

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Regus Kelowna offers many solutions for when you need an Office without the long-term commitment.

You get access to reception, meeting rooms, break room and business lounge for a space that will have both your employee's and client's talking!

[Read More...](#)

*-Source: Central Okanagan Economic Development Commission, Economic News for the Central Okanagan, 9 July 2013*

## URBA: Summer Network 9 & Dine

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**Location:** Black Mountain Golf Course

**Date:** Thursday August 22nd @ 5:30pm (shot gun start with a scramble format, the Front 9)

**Cost Per Player:** \$50 and a prize

**GREAT TIME TO PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS**

Players will get 9 holes + cart, BBQ burger buffet (beef or chicken) with all the fixings plus 2 salads.

NOT A GOLFER? come for dinner, prizes and networking opportunities.

Cost for DINNER ONLY is \$20 + prize

*-Source: URBA Newsletter, 25 July 2013*



## **Presenters' Bureau**

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Does your organization make a social investment? Mr. Mike Eagen and Dr. Sandra Sellick are available as speakers for local non-profit organizations on the important topic of program evaluation/performance measurement. Three topics are available. There would be no cost to the organization for one of these presentations. For more information, please contact the speakers at [sandrasellick.vpweb.ca](http://sandrasellick.vpweb.ca).

Government Funding for Non-Profit Organizations – An evaluator with many years of experience nationally and internationally, Mr. Mike Eagen, CMC offers an informed perspective on accessing government funding. Question and answer format (30 minutes).

The Canadian Evaluation Society (CES) – The mission of this national organization is to advance evaluation theory, knowledge, and practice through leadership, advocacy, and professional development for members and non-members. Are you designing a new program? Do you evaluate one or more ongoing programs? Have you have external requirements to meet for program funding? The CES and its BC and Yukon Chapter may be a valuable link for you in developing your evaluation skills. Topics to be covered in the presentation include the national profile of the organization, benefits of membership, professional development opportunities, and resources followed by Q & A (30 minutes).

Internet Resources for Program Evaluation – There are many useful tools available to program evaluators at no charge on the Internet. This presentation by Dr. Sandra Sellick will introduce you to some of these tools with time for Q & A (30 minutes).

For more information, visit [sandrasellick.vpweb.ca](http://sandrasellick.vpweb.ca).

*-Source: Sandra Sellick & Associates, Program Evaluation, 10 July 2013*

## **Artists for Creative Alliance: Coffeehouse**

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We here at ACA want to thank everyone – both performers and audience members – who came out to enjoy the fabulous entertainment and support OUR Coffeehouse for the past 8 months. You are the reason we continue to do what we do to support local talent and provide the community with an opportunity to experience an enjoyable and entertaining evening.

We want to remind you that we're taking a wee break and will be back with the next OUR Coffeehouse on the last Wednesday in September (Sept.25).

We have a great lineup of feature performers for the coming year and, as always, look forward to many first time performers joining us for the open mic segment.

For more information, contact [lynda@lyndanorman.com](mailto:lynda@lyndanorman.com).

*-Source: Artists for Creative Alliance – ACA, Lynda M. Norman, Executive Director*

## **City of Kelowna: 2013 Fall Activity & Program Guide**

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The 2013 Fall Activity & Program Guide will be online Monday, July 29. Whether you are looking for after-school programs for the kids or language classes for yourself, there is something for everyone in the Fall Activity Guide. Check it out and discover exciting programs happening in your neighbourhood.



Fall registration starts:

- August 6: General Programs
- August 8: Aquatic Programs
- August 9: League Programs
- August 9: Persons with a Disability Programs

To avoid line-ups, residents are encouraged to set-up their online registration in advance by calling 250.469.8800.

Additional program information and registration is available in person at the Parkinson Recreation Centre, by phone at 250.469.8800 or online at [kelowna.ca/recreation](http://kelowna.ca/recreation).

*-Source: City of Kelowna, News Releases, 29 July 2013*

## **ECO-BLAST Kids' Camp & Concert Provides Scholarship Opportunities**

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The Fresh Outlook Foundation and the Okanagan Boys & Girls Clubs are hosting the ECO-BLAST Kids' Camp & Concert August 13th-16th in Kelowna to connect children

from 6-12 with nature through song, dance, art, and urban gardening. There are free registrations available for children who might not otherwise be able to attend. Please contact Joanne at 250.766.1777 or [jo@freshoutlookfoundation.org](mailto:jo@freshoutlookfoundation.org).

*-Source: City of Kelowna, News Releases, 29 July 2013*

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## Changes to Nonprofit Accounting Standards. Your Feedback Required.

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The Accounting Standards Board (AcSB) and Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) are inviting feedback on a jointly issued Statement of Principles proposing changes to accounting standards followed by nonprofit organizations. Marcel Lauzière, President & CEO of Imagine Canada, is a member of the Accounting Standards Oversight Council which provides oversight to the work of ACSB and PSAB. Proposed changes could have a substantial impact on how charities and nonprofits report their numbers. Therefore, it is crucial that organizations take the time to review the statement of principles and provide feedback. Deadline for comments has been extended to December 15, 2013. Imagine Canada will submit its own response that will be shared with the sector.

[Provide feedback and read more...](#)

*-Source: Imagine Canada, Imagine Matters, 23 July 2013*

## We Need Your Finance Team's Help!

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Do you have compliance challenges with accounting, filing and claiming rebates for HST (or GST in non-harmonized provinces)? Have you experienced any difficulties in obtaining clear answers or direction from the CRA on HST/GST matters? Have you had an HST/GST audit? If so, we would like to hear about it. Please share your stories, in confidence, with [Bill Harper](#), our Director of Finance. Bill will assess whether there are

any ongoing HST/GST issues that merit a collective approach or conversation to resolve.

*-Source: Imagine Canada, Imagine Matters, 23 July 2013*

## **Customized Job Board for Nonprofit Sector set to Launch**

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Whether you're hiring or trying to be hired, a powerful new job platform may help you make the right match. Based on a model developed in 1998 for the insurance industry, CharityWorldWorks is about to launch in Canada. ([Hilborn Charity Info](#))

*-Source: Nonprofit Newswire by Imagine Canada, 27 July 2013*

## **Creating a Common Language for Cross-sector Collaboration**

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Imagine for a moment that the United Nations Security Council held its meetings without the use of translators. Imagine leaders from various countries trying to solve challenging problems without understanding clearly what the others are saying. How effective would they be? ([Stanford Social Innovation Review](#))

*-Source: Nonprofit Newswire by Imagine Canada, 16 July 2013*

## **Federal Cabinet Shuffle**

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper this morning announced significant changes to the federal cabinet.

There have been a number of changes to portfolios of key interest to charities and nonprofits. These include:

- Shelly Glover, previously Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance, becomes Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages;
- Kevin Sorenson, MP for Crowfoot (Alberta), becomes Minister of State (Finance);
- Kerry-Lynne Findlay has been named Minister of National Revenue;
- Candice Bergen from Manitoba becomes Minister of State (Social Development);
- Leona Aglukkaq moves from Health to Environment;

- James Moore becomes Minister of Industry;
- Rona Ambrose is now Minister of Health;
- Chris Alexander becomes Minister of Citizenship and Immigration;
- Jason Kenney becomes Minister of Employment and Social Development (formerly HRSDC); and,
- Christian Paradis is now Minister of International Development.

Jim Flaherty retains his position as Minister of Finance.

A full list of the new cabinet, and links to biographies, is available at [www.pm.gc.ca/eng/cabinet.asp](http://www.pm.gc.ca/eng/cabinet.asp)

*-Source: Imagine Canada Early Alert, 15 July 2013*

## **New Standard for Fair Compensation Aims to Reduce Growing Income Inequality**

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A new international wage standard used by companies, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies, has opened in Toronto. Wagemark aims to reduce growing income inequality by certifying employers that ensure that the ratio between their highest and lowest earners is competitive and sustainable. Wagemark-certified organizations commit to capping top compensation at eight times the wage of their lowest paid decile of employees. The Wagemark Standard has been in development for more than a year and builds on recent research concerning the link between fair compensation, workplace morale, worker productivity and long-term competitiveness. Wagemark certification costs \$200 per year and can be authorized by any Chartered Accountant. Proceeds raised by the Wagemark Foundation will be used to fund new research on competitiveness and compensation. Wagemark has been established with support from the Metcalf and Atkinson Foundations.

[Read More...](#)

*-Source: Charity Village, Village Vibes, 17 July 2013*

## **Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives: New Website**

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A year ago we conducted a short survey of our online supporters in order to find out how we could improve the CCPA website and better serve you online. We sincerely appreciate your participation in the survey and the valuable feedback you shared with us. We are very pleased to let you know that your suggestions have been thoughtfully incorporated into our [new website](#).

*-Source: Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, 4 July 2013*

## **Summer 2013 E-Bulletin from Campaign 2000: End Child Poverty in Canada**

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Campaign 2000: End Child Poverty in Canada has released their summer newsletter that includes information on the group's own activities as well as an extensive review of provincial and territorial updates from their partners across the country (including First Call).

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*-Source: First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition, The Child and Youth Advocate Newsletter, 24 July 2013*

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### **Closure of Child Psychiatry Inpatient Program at BC Children's Hospital Puts Vulnerable Children at Risk, Say Youth and Family Counsellors**

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VANCOUVER, July 19, 2013 /CNW/ – Families and advocates for children with serious mental health challenges are speaking out against a month-long closure of the child psychiatry inpatient unit at BC Children's Hospital.

The month-long closure from July 19 to August 19 is to allow for a redesign of the treatment model used at the unit. The program is being redesigned from a 24/7 inpatient program to a Monday to Friday day program. The redesign includes reducing the number of Youth and Family Counsellors (YFCs) from the health care team working with the children aged 5 to 12 years old and their families.

[Read More...](#)

*-Source: Canada NewsWire, The Federation of Community Social Services of BC, Marshall Watson, Research and Communications Manager*

### **Paving Way for Integrated Service Delivery**

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The recommendations in the deputy ministers' 2012 report have been completed, paving the way for better support planning and service delivery for people with developmental disabilities through different life phases. Work is now underway to roll



out an integrated service delivery model that will improve services for people with developmental disabilities in BC.

Early implementation sites ([Read More](#))

*-Source: BC Government News Release, The Federation of Community Social Services of BC, Marshall Watson, Research and Communications Manager*

## **Let's Talk Family, BC!**

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### [Family Survey Link](#)

The survey, which takes only about 10 minutes to complete, asks for your thoughts and opinions about the biggest issues and challenges facing families today. The survey results will help the BC Council for Families to develop a public engagement strategy to put families back at the heart of policy and program development in BC. Your survey responses can help shape the future for families in our province.

You'll also learn about the new initiative being developed by the BC Council for Families, with the support of the United Way of the Lower Mainland and in partnership with the Federation of Community Social Services of BC and other provincial and community organizations. The survey is available for only three weeks so be sure to check it out soon! Your responses will be kept confidential and anonymous.

*-Source: The Federation of Community Social Services of BC, Marshall Watson, Research and Communications Manager, 17 July 2013*

## **Online Domestic Violence Training Expands for Police**

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Access to domestic violence training for police advanced today with the launch of a new online course developed to help police better protect vulnerable women and families. The new course, the second in a three-phase training program, provides an in-depth look at how police assess domestic violence risk, with a focus on victim-safety planning.

Topics include:

- Understanding domestic violence risk factors.
- Conducting investigations in cases where cultural and language factors are in play.

- Understanding the highest risk protocol and other aspects of the Violence Against Women in Relationships (VAWIR) policy.
- Understanding the new Family Law Act protection orders.

[Read More...](#)

*-Source: The Federation of Community Social Services of BC, Marshall Watson, Research and Communications Manager, 17 July 2013*

## **Province Funds Aboriginal Early Childhood Research**

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KAMLOOPS – The Province is investing \$2.5 million in research that will help bring innovative, high-quality and culturally relevant services designed to give Aboriginal children the best start in life.

This funding will establish a new regional innovation chair at Thompson Rivers University (TRU) in Kamloops, specializing in Aboriginal early childhood development and maternal and child health. The chair will lead teams of researchers that will work closely with members of local Aboriginal communities. The community participants will bring their strengths, understanding of their children and tradition to the partnership, and help to identify current needs.

Dr. Rod McCormick has been appointed the B.C. Regional Innovation Chair in Aboriginal Early Childhood Development at TRU. Dr. McCormick has a PhD in Counseling Psychology and is recognized as a national expert in First Nations mental health.

[Read More...](#)

*-Source: The Federation of Community Social Services of BC, Marshall Watson, Research and Communications Manager, 17 July 2013*

## **New Process to Simplify Youth Disability Assistance**

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VICTORIA – There is a new simplified application process for young people with developmental disabilities who are applying for Persons with Disabilities (PWD) assistance, effective today.

Youth and their families can now use an existing assessment by a registered psychologist or certified school psychologist, instead of completing the PWD designation application form – a part of the full disability assistance application process.

[Read More...](#)

*-Source: The Federation of Community Social Services of BC, Marshall Watson, Research and Communications Manager, 16 July 2013*

## **Survey of Non-profit and Voluntary Organizations**

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SPARC BC Non-Profit Sector Survey: As someone working or volunteering in BC's nonprofit sector, please take 20 minutes to share your ideas about the strengths, value and impact of BC non-profits and to identify your priorities for sustaining our sector over the long term. All survey respondents will be eligible for an iPad draw.



[Click here to access the survey](#)

*-Source: The Federation of Community Social Services of BC, Marshall Watson, Research and Communications Manager, 12 July 2013*

## **Why Wheelchair Fees are not 'Fair' and What They Say About the State of Seniors Care in BC**

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The recent announcement of a \$25/month user fee for wheelchairs used by people in long-term care facilities in the Fraser and Vancouver Coastal health regions has been unpopular – particularly given the simultaneous announcement of pay raises for top government political staff.

[Read More...](#)

*-Source: CCPA, The Federation of Community Social Services of BC, Marshall Watson, Research and Communications Manager, 8 July 2013*

## **Child Poverty Rate in British Columbia Back to the Worst, Children of Single Moms Hit Hard**

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First Call sent out a press release last week highlighting that, according to newly-released figures from Statistics Canada, the child poverty rate in BC rose from 10.5 percent in 2010 to 11.3 percent in 2011, using the most conservative measure, the LICO after tax.

This rate puts BC in a tie with Manitoba for the worst in Canada. This also means the child poverty rate in BC has been the worst of all provinces for 9 out of the last 10 years (all but 2010, when we moved to second worst).

The number of poor children was up from 87,000 in 2010 to 93,000 in 2011. For children living with lone-parent mothers, the poverty rate jumped from 16.4 percent to 24.6 percent, representing 27,000 children.

“The 2013 provincial budget contains no policy measures or significant investments that will help families struggling with inadequate incomes now,” said Montani. “The number one priority in the Premier’s directives to even the child-oriented ministries is to contain costs, rather than meet needs.”

[See First Call’s full press release here](#)

*-Source: First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition, The Child and Youth Advocate Newsletter, 12 July 2013*

## **Five Agencies Call for a Social Policy Framework for BC**

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The Board Voice Society of BC organized a meeting of five of Metro Vancouver’s largest social service agencies, where they drafted a document entitled *There is a Better Way*. These groups identified that the needs of citizens are increasing while resources grow ever tighter. Furthermore, current services cross provincial ministerial silos and bridge across the government, non-profit and corporate sectors, and lack coordination. Board Voice sees a need for a principled, well-developed social policy framework that builds common understanding, is pragmatic in delivery and is measured by outcomes. This document calls for a province-wide discussion that sees community leaders and provincial and municipal governments partner with the social services, health care, justice, and education sectors to begin a conversation with British

Columbians to create a social policy framework that will provide a plan to meet our social needs now and into the future.

[Download the PDF here](#)

*-Source: First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition, The Child and Youth Advocate Newsletter, 12 July 2013*

## **British Columbia Launches New Social Enterprise Business Model**

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Companies in British Columbia can now register to become a Community Contribution Company (CCC or C3), a new business model that balances social responsibility and profit, Minister of Finance Michael de Jong announced today. The C3 business model responds to an emerging demand for socially focused investment options and C3 status signals that a company has a legal obligation to conduct business for social purposes and not purely for private gain. This obligation will help attract capital not currently accessible to the social enterprise sector by appealing to philanthropic investors who still expect some financial return.

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*-Source: CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, 29 July 2013*

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## New Survey Offers Insight to Alberta's Nonprofit Sector

The 2013 Alberta Nonprofit Survey, published by the Calgary Chamber of Voluntary Organizations, has just been released.

[Read More...](#)

*-Source: Nonprofit Newswire by Imagine Canada, 25 July 2013*



## Latest Sector Monitor Report Released

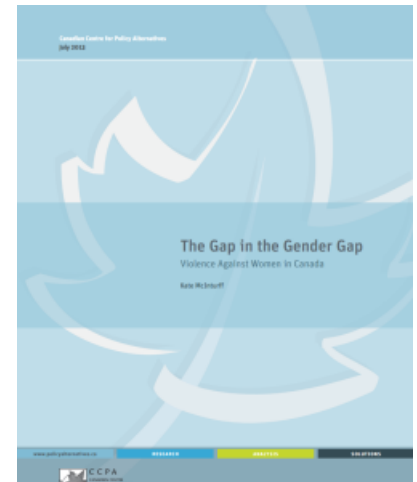
Responses to the [most recent edition of the Sector Monitor](#) indicate a return of confidence among charity leaders amid the trend of continued financial pressures. For complete information describing the state of the charitable and nonprofit sector, please download the full report from the Sector Monitor section of the Imagine Canada website. This edition of the Sector Monitor is the seventh since the program began late 2009. The goal of the program is to provide regular, ongoing insight into the health and vitality of the sector.



*-Source: Imagine Canada, Imagine Matters, 9 July 2013*

## Canada Lacks Coherent Response to End Violence Against Women

A recent study by CCPA research associate Kate McInturff, says that progress on ending violence against women in Canada is stalled by the absence of a coherent national policy and consistent information about the levels of that violence. The study estimates the combined cost of adult sexual assault and intimate partner violence is \$334 per person per year in Canada—which puts the cost of these crimes on par with the cost of the use of illegal drugs in Canada (an estimated \$262 per person) or the cost of smoking (an estimated \$541 per person). Federal public spending to address violence against women, on the other hand, amounted to \$2.77 per person for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.



Read more in the full report, including recommendations on how we can better address this complex problem: [The Gap in the Gender Gap: Violence Against Women in Canada](#).

*-Source: Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, CCPA News, 22 July 2013*

## Women and Their Perspectives on Aging

I'm writing a paper on women and their perspectives on aging that I hope to have published. I would like to ask you to participate in this short and anonymous survey.

The results will be made available upon completion of my paper. The survey is open to women 18 yrs of age and older. I will be emailing the survey to women who have given me permission to send it to them. If you are interested could you please respond with a positive and supportive YES! to this message with your email or email me at [moc.nsm@onitnesocahtiel](mailto:moc.nsm@onitnesocahtiel). Also, if you have friends who you think might be interested in participating, please forward my email address to them so that they may email me permission.

*-Source: National Music Centre of Canada, Leitha Cosentino, Senior Development Officer*

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## Working for Recovery Podcast

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In this podcast, Dr. Rob Whitley, Assistant Psychiatry Professor at McGill, talks about the recovery movement and the new definition of recovery as distinct from a cure. Recovery is discussed as returning to a meaningful life even as symptoms and challenges persist, and different dimensions and ethno cultural communities are considered. To listen to the full podcast, visit [www.mmhrc.ca](http://www.mmhrc.ca).

*-Source: CCMHA BC Division, Mind Matters, June 2013*

## Ageism in the Nonprofit Sector: Confronting the Issue of Age Discrimination

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Recommendations for a non-ageist sector

Age Friendly Workplaces, the report published by Nova Scotia Community Links, emphasizes a need for more nonprofits to implement attraction and retention strategies for older workers. These include: pre-retirement programs, more options for flexible work hours, more job sharing options, access to training dollars to foster skills development, a lower tax rate for nonprofit employees, and a portable pension and benefits package that can move with an employee from nonprofit to nonprofit.



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-Source: *CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, 24 July 2013*

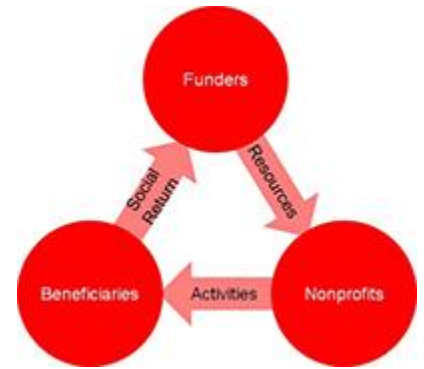
## Raising the Bar on Nonprofit Impact Measurement

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When you intervene in a complex system, you have difficult choices to make about where and how to act. We may be fans of impact measurement in the social sector, for example, but what if it ends up driving a kind of “marketization” of the sector that pushes charities toward the biggest bang for their buck?

([Stanford Social Innovation Review](#))

-Source: *Nonprofit Newswire by Imagine Canada, 16 July 2013*



## How 9 Leading Nonprofits Evaluate Policy Advocacy

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Nine leading advocacy organizations just released a collaborative comparative review of their approaches to how they measure the effectiveness of their policy advocacy and campaigning. ([Nonprofit Quarterly](#))

-Source: *Nonprofit Newswire by Imagine Canada, 9 July 2013*

## Kuts & Dawgs

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Miscellaneous Productions' Kutz & Dawgs is now [online at Youtube](#) for free. Set in the Fair Verona Junkyard at the end of the world, it is an original hip hop musical based on Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet and Broadway's West Side Story. This is an excellent educational tool with strong production values.

-Source: *Miscellaneous Productions.ca*

## Twenty-one Stupid Things you Can Stop Doing

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Kivi's Nonprofit Communications Blog

We had so much fun last week on our free webinar sharing stupid marketing tactics that we've decided to share that fun with everyone! During this 60-minute webinar, we talked about 21 stupid marketing tactics and strategies you are totally wasting your time on, as well as those you are needlessly holding on to.



[Read More...](#)

*-Source: Charity Village, Village Vibes, 7 July 2013*

## 15 Policies for Sound Not-for-profit Governance

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Real Board Solutions

Accountants nodded their heads in sympathy as stories of governance mistakes were told during a session at the American Institute of CPAs Not-for-Profit Industry Conference in Washington on Thursday.

[Read More...](#)

*-Source: Charity Village, Village Vibes, 7 July 2013*

## Mindfulness Increases Well-being and Reduces Stress in Kids

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Mindfulness means maintaining a moment-by-moment awareness of one's thoughts, feelings, and environment. It means accepting one's thoughts and feelings without judgment, or believing that there is a right or wrong way to think. It means tuning into the moment rather than dwelling on the past or obsessing over the future. The practice of mindfulness can lead to many benefits, and as a [recent study](#) determined, it can benefit stressed students immensely.

*-Source: BC Council for Families, Healthy Families, 8 July 2013*

## **New Youth Engagement Toolkit Available from the Ministry of Children and Family Development**

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The [Youth Engagement Toolkit](#) is a user-friendly resource that was designed to support ministry staff and community partners in building their youth engagement practices and finding ways to make young people genuine partners in their work. It was developed by a team of adults and youth at the Ministry of Children and Family Development and the University of Victoria, School of Child and Youth Care.

*-Source: First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition, The Child and Youth Advocate Newsletter, 24 July 2013*

## **Inclusion of Young Children with Disabilities in Regulated Child Care in Canada**

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The [Childcare Resource and Research Unit](#) has released a new report that aims to provide a “snapshot” or inventory of the state of regulated child care for children with disabilities in Canada. It establishes a baseline for considering issues and progress on inclusion of children with disabilities in regulated child care programs.

The report presents a review of Canadian literature on child care inclusion of children with disabilities and/or special needs. The concluding discussion focuses on approaches to facilitating inclusion of children with disabilities in regulated child care across the provinces/territories and the unmistakable need for a universal, high quality, Canada-wide—and inclusive—early childhood education and child care program in Canada.

Information on the details of provincial/territorial programs and policies regarding children with disabilities in regulated child care is included as an Appendix.

*-Source: First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition, The Child and Youth Advocate Newsletter, 24 July 2013*

## **Community Seed Saving**

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Communities are talking a lot about local food security these days because of the increasingly uncertain times in which we live. Many people have even started using the term “food sovereignty” instead of “food security” because it conveys the idea of

becoming self-reliant in food rather than simply having stockpiles of dubious food shipped from far away.

A fast growing movement that's spreading across the globe involves people organizing together in transition towns to address the challenges of climate change, peak oil and economic instability. The aim of these transition towns is to create the ability to manage one's own affairs in the midst of the huge transitions we are facing.

[Read More...](#)

*-Source: Okanagan Media Appliance, Freshsheet: Saving and Crowdsourcing, July 29-August 4, 2013*

## **Sage-ing with Creative Spirit, Grace and Gratitude**

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A volunteer publication of the Okanagan Institute, intended as an initiative for collaboration and sharing, the journal presents the opportunity for the free exchange of wisdom gleaned from creative engagement, and is focused on honouring the transformational power of creativity.

[Read More...](#)

*-Source: Okanagan Media Appliance, Freshsheet: Saving and Crowdsourcing, July 29-August 4, 2013*

## **Children's Mental Health Research Quarterly: Summer 2013 Issue**

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Our theme for this issue is: Addressing Acute Mental Health Crises

Articles include:

- Crisis intervention: What exists, what's needed
- There's no place like home
- Evidence-based practice: From research to real life

[Read the issue](#)

*-Source: The Children's Mental Health Research Quarterly, Newsletter, 24 July 2013*



## New Digital Entertainment for Children Launches Supporting United Way

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VidaYum is a new international company based in Kelowna that has created an interactive world of play and learning for children, and as part of their commitment to children's well-being, proceeds from sales and memberships will support children and youth initiatives through our local United Way. VidaYum' online environment focuses on the core fundamentals of nutrition, activity, nature, and family, in a fun and educational way, and is launching this week in Canada, the US, the UK, Australia and Norway.

VidaYum offers online products and memberships ranging from free to \$69 for full online yearly access, and from the month of July 1st through September 30th VidaYum has committed to 30% of proceeds contributed to the United Way to support their "All That Kids Can Be" initiatives.

VidaYum can be found at [www.vidayum.ca/unitedway](http://www.vidayum.ca/unitedway) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/vidayumcanada](http://www.facebook.com/vidayumcanada)

For more information, contact:

Humberto Morales, VidaYum

**Direct Mobile:** 250.575.3420

**Email:** [humberto@yvidayum.com](mailto:humberto@yvidayum.com)

*-Source: United Way, Newsletter, 5 July 2013*

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## 15 Techniques Used by Top Nonprofits to Boost Donor Acquisition and Online Fundraising Results

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Online fundraising isn't a fad.

As a matter of fact, online fundraising accounts for seven-percent of total fundraising and has seen double-digit growth over the past four years. Online fundraising has also proven to be an extremely effective donors acquisition vehicle. Presidential elections have shown us the potential that exists. These are facts that can't be ignored.

Whether you're using powerful online fundraising and marketing software or keeping it simple, it's imperative that you take online fundraising seriously. Let's take a look at the fifteen most effective donor acquisition and online fundraising techniques used by top nonprofits.

### 1) Go Mobile, Now!

It's estimated that mobile usage will surpass desktop usage within the year. That's right – this year! Are you ready?

If you're using a website analytics tool like Google Analytics, jump in there to see how much of your web traffic is coming from mobile users.

Next, narrow your analysis down to your donation form to see how many people are visiting that specific page from a mobile device. Make sure to set the date range back a year or two, so that you can look at the trend over time. You'll likely find that mobile traffic to one of the most important pages on your website has grown significantly.

Expert Tip: Boost online fundraising performance with donation forms that work well on iPhones, Androids & Blackberrys.

[Read More...](#)

*-Source: Heather Mansfield, DIOSA Communications & Nonprofit Tech 2.0, 8 July 2013*

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## Community Action on Abuse for Older Adults

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The YWCA invites you to attend a two-day FREE train-the-trainer course in your community on taking action against abuse of older adults. This introductory course is to teach basic awareness of abuse of older adults to your front-line staff/volunteers.

**Date:** August 20 & 21, 2013 (9:00am–4:00pm on both days)

**Venue:** Seniors Outreach & Resources, 102-2055 Benvoulin Court, Kelowna

Through this awareness course, you will increase your knowledge and response skills on the issue of abuse of older adults and be trained to facilitate a four-hour workshop to front-line staff in your organization.

### Prerequisites

- You work or volunteer with an organization where older adults access your services (e.g. senior centres, community centres, faith groups, grocery stores, hospitality services, banks, neighbourhood houses, medical centres, transportation services, health and fitness centres, employment centres, care facilities, home support services, libraries).
- You are committed to pre-reading in preparation for attending the two full days of training.
- You will bring your skills back to your organization by facilitating a four-hour workshop to 10 to 15 front-line staff.

[Use this link to complete the prerequisite form \(#4 on the list\)](#)

For more information contact the Project Coordinator – Renu Chaudhry at [rchaudhry@ywcavan.org](mailto:rchaudhry@ywcavan.org) or 604.895.5790.

*-Source: YWCA Metro Vancouver, Jemma Templeton, Manager, Community Action on Elder Abuse*

## **Child and Youth Care Association of BC Provincial Conference**

On August 12th join The Child and Youth Care Association of BC for our first Provincial conference since 1989. The theme is revitalizing community with a specific focus on leadership, wellness, resiliency and frontline work of CYC practice. [Click here for more info or to register.](#)



*-Source: The Federation of Community Social Services of BC, Marshall Watson, Research and Communications Manager*

## **Adults Learn How to Help Prevent Child Sexual Abuse**

Little Warriors, a national charitable organization that educates adults across Canada on how to prevent child sexual abuse, is pleased to offer the revolutionary, research based Stewards of Children workshops in Kelowna. Facilitated by local authorized facilitators, the Stewards of Children 3 hour workshop educates adults how to help prevent, recognize and react to child sexual abuse.



[littlewarriors.ca/prevention/the-prevention-program/](http://littlewarriors.ca/prevention/the-prevention-program/)

Saturday, July 20th, 10:00am-1:00pm

Saturday, September 14th, 10:00am-1:00pm

**Register:** Online at [littlewarriors.ca](http://littlewarriors.ca) or call 1.888.440.1343.

**Cost:** \$30 per person, \$25 per person group rate or \$20 per person for students or non-profit groups of 2 or more. Each participant receives a manual and certificate.

*-Source: Little Warriors, Shannon Phelan, Community Relations*



## **Building SustainABLE Communities Conference**

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Whether you're a CEO, an entrepreneur, a community activist, an academic, or a student — attending our 6th Building SustainABLE Communities conference in Kelowna from November 25th to 28th will change your life. And that's a promise! CURIOUS?

[Read More...](#)

*-Source: Fresh Outlook Foundation, 23 July 2013*

## **CTRI has New workshops in Mindfulness Counselling, DSM-5, & Stalking**

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### **Mindfulness Counselling Strategies – Activating Compassion and Regulation**

This workshop is designed to teach participants how to facilitate the development of these skills with their clients, and develop their own capacity for using mindfulness-based strategies in their counseling work. The skills learned in this workshop are relevant and applicable for working with clients of all ages – from children to elders.

### **DSM-5 – What's New... What's Different**

With the release of the DSM-5 comes new diagnosis and changes to the way some mental illnesses are viewed. While not an exhaustive review, participants will learn about the more significant and controversial changes to the DSM. This workshop is intended for doctors, psychologists, social workers, senior clinicians and professionals working in the field of mental health.

### **Stalking – Assessment and Management**

This workshop provides organizations, schools and businesses with a better understanding of the nature of stalking, including motivations related to different types of stalkers. Specific focus will be given to the complexities of assessment and management of situations related to cyber-stalking. Participants will review an informal assessment tool to help in determining the level of risk of stalkers.

To register, for pricing or for information on other workshops offered near you, please visit our website at: [www.ctrinstitute.com](http://www.ctrinstitute.com).

*-Source: CTRI Inc., Delayne Hogan, Public Workshop Coordinator*

## **2014 Consensus Conference on FamilySmart & Youth Engagement**

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May 2 – 3, 2014, Vancouver

Partners: Institute of Families, National Infant Child and Youth Mental Health Consortium, Interprofessional Continuing Education.

[Develop FamilySmart™ Consensus Statement\(s\)](#) that clearly define what FamilySmart™ means and looks like:

- To young people, families, educators, community and business leaders, frontline service providers, policy makers and researchers
- In the settings of daily life including home, school, community, workplace, recreational setting, doctor's office, hospital, police setting, courtroom
- From a practice, policy and research perspective
- For a service, program, policy and organization
- For a service system such as education, health care, mental health care, child protection, income security, child and family development, justice

*-Source: The Federation of Community Social Services of BC, Marshall Watson, Research and Communications Manager*

## **Community: An Introduction to Home Sharing**

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“COMMUNITY” is a certificate course that will help prepare you to share your home, and life with an individual in care.

This Certificate Course provides an understanding of:

- The responsibilities and liabilities of a home share provider,
- Building community, personalized planning and enhancing the quality of life of a person,
- Reporting requirements,
- Contractual relationships and responsibilities, and
- Accessing supports and services in the community.

For More Information Contact the WJS Canada Training Division 604.465.5515 x 116

*-Source: WJS Canada Training Division, Newsletter, 27 July 2013*

## Welcoming & Celebrating Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity in Families: From Preconception to Preschool

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Welcoming LGBTQ people and families into programs and services can mean taking practical steps such as re-designing intake forms, putting up posters, or incorporating books that reflect diversity. It can also mean deepening your understanding of how assumptions about gender, sexuality, and family composition shape your everyday practice.



This workshop will explore what it means to effectively work with LGBTQ families, and to support a broad range of gender expression in children. It will address issues for those working with families from preconception to preschool.

Vancouver, September 23, Van Dusen Botanical Gardens

[Register today](#)

If you have questions, or require more information about this training, please contact the Program Coordinator at 604 678 8884 or visit our website at [www.bccf.ca](http://www.bccf.ca)

*-Source: BC Council for Families, Newsletter, 25 July 2013*

## Volunteer Futures 2013

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Schedule and speaker line-up is now available online. We have great speakers who will explore different ways the non-profit sector can engage volunteers and RE: THINK VOLUNTEERISM.

Early-bird registration ends Sept. 16. Fee is only \$150/for members for the two full-days.

[Register today!](#)

*-Source: Volunteer BC, Volunteer Centre News, 23 July 2013*

## Anger Management

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The Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society will offering an Anger Management series starting Sept 9th, 2013 from 1:30-3:30, ten sessions.

For more information, contact Molly Brewer at [mbrewer@kfs.bc.ca](mailto:mbrewer@kfs.bc.ca).

-Source: Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society, Molly Brewer, Mental Health Worker, Human Resource Manager

## BC Council for Families: 2013/2014 Training and Professional Development Calendar

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Discover the many professional education opportunities from the BC Council for Families this fall and winter. You'll enhance your knowledge and develop your skills in strengthening families, children and communities. Our training sessions and workshops blend research and theory in child development and adult education with current best practices and standards.

Make a difference for families. Register Today. [Download the Training Schedule for Full Details.](#)



-Source: BC Council for Families, Newsletter, 16 July 2013

## Pinwheel Education Series

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### 2013 Topics Lineup

September 26: School Anxiety

October 17: Social Support

November 14: Cannabis

December 5: Nutrition and Mental Health

**Time:** Thursdays, fro 12:00pm-1:00pm

**Cost:** Free, open to everyone

**To join the teleconference:** Dial 1.877.291.3022, enter CODE 4611577#, press \*6 to mute after you are connected Telehealth: If you would like to join the session through Telehealth, please contact your local Telehealth Coordinator and book a video conference room and forward this invite with your site information including the name of location & room number and ISDN/IP Address/Alias to [telehealth@phsa.ca](mailto:telehealth@phsa.ca) two days before the event.

For questions, please contact Olivia Stewardson, Telehealth Coordinator at [ostewardson@cw.bc.ca](mailto:ostewardson@cw.bc.ca).

Questions? Contact us: PH 604.875.2084 TF  
1.800.665.1822 [kellycentre@bcmhs.bc.ca](mailto:kellycentre@bcmhs.bc.ca).

*-Source: Kelty Centre, Newsletter, 9 July 2013*

## **Spirituality & Wholeness Workshop**

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### **Grief & the Quest for Meaning: The Spiritual Arc of Tragic Loss**

**Date:** Friday, October 25, 2013, 8:00am–4:30pm

**Location:** St. Charles Garnier Parish, 3645 Benvoulin Road, Kelowna, British Columbia

**Speaker:** DR. ROBERT A. NEIMEYER, PHD — UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS

Dr. Robert A. Neimeyer, Ph.D., is a professor in the Department of Psychology, University of Memphis, where he also maintains an active clinical practice. Neimeyer has published 25 books, including *Grief and Bereavement in Contemporary Society: Bridging Research and Practice*, and serves as Editor of the journal *Death Studies*. The author of nearly 400 articles and book chapters, he is currently working to advance a more adequate theory of grieving as a meaning-making process, both in his published work and through his frequent professional workshops for national and international audiences. [Learn More about Dr. Robert A Neimeyer](#)

### **Schedule**

Death and loss may not be optional in human life, but how we make meaning of them is. In this workshop, we'll explore a new way of doing grief work that helps the bereaved person to process and integrate the "event story" of the death, while also validating the "back story" of the love relationship with the deceased. Working with clinical videos, systematic presentation and recent research, you'll learn a variety of narrative procedures — such as restorative retelling, therapeutic journaling, and virtual dream stories — to help clients make sense of unwelcome transition and identify the seeds of resilience.

### **Registration Fees**

\$80 Early Bird (by September 24)

\$99 Registration (by October 11)

[Register for the Event](#)

*-Source: The Good Samaritan Society, Mail-out, 9 July 2013*

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## Volunteer Canada Highlights Group Volunteering with Two New Practical Guides

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On June 26th, Volunteer Canada announced two new resources on working with volunteers in groups. Despite the prevalence of group volunteering, it is not often discussed as a specific topic, so these free booklets are a welcome addition to the literature. Membership organizations, volunteer centers, faith-based communities, schools, and businesses with employee volunteer programs all encourage or seek group projects often, and not just for single days of service.

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## Pro Bono is a Two-Way Street

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Nonprofit managers who have experience working with pro bono consultants are likely to agree with these four principles for a successful engagement identified by Elizabeth Linzer of Catchafire. ([Nonprofit Quarterly](#))

*-Source: Nonprofit Newswire by Imagine Canada, 17 July 2013*

## 6 Tips to Keep Volunteers Committed to the Cause

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So, you've recruited loads of impassioned volunteers to help out with your amazing cause. That's great! But...how are you going to inspire them to return each and every week?

It's not as challenging as you might think.

Wendy Kirwan of Kars4Kids — the nation's largest car donation charity, which boasts an average of around 1,000 volunteers at any given time, offers six tips to keeping your volunteers engaged, happy and committed for the long run.

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