



Monthly Bulletin – August 2014

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Modified KCR Bulletin

KCR will be running a modified Bulletin with reduced categories and topics from June until August.

-Source: Kelsey Chmilar, IT Coordinator, KCR, June 2014

Workshop: Fund Development Overview 2014

Dates: September 29th & 30th and October 6th & 7th

Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm

Cost: \$199

Location: KCR – Training Room, #120 – 1735 Dolphin Avenue

[Register Now](#)

This is a brand new 4-day course for the Central Okanagan will help you increase revenue to your organization. Content is based on Canadian research and best practices in the field.

Course Goal

You will participated in a hands-on learning experience around the process, components, goal setting and best practices associated with non-profit fundraising activities.

Course Length

Eight 3-hour modules for a total of 24 hours spread over four days.

Special Features

Learn from talented specialists who have worked or are working in the field.

Learn with a network of peers faced with the same challenges.

Learn from valuable reference materials and record your thoughts in a participant handbook.

Learning Activities

You will engage in:

- Role play
- Small group discussion
- Large group discussion
- On-line research

- Watching videos
- Case scenarios
- Viewing Power points

[Register Now](#)

-Source: Stephanie Moore, Project Manager, KCR, July 2014

Workshop: Facilitator Training – Beyond the Basics

Date: August 14, 2014

Time: 1:30pm – 4:30pm

Location: KCR, #120 – 1735 Dolphin Avenue, Kelowna

Cost: Free

[Register Now](#)

This 3 hour workshop is aimed at facilitators who have lead training sessions in the past, and are looking to build on their experience. Participants will engage in role-play, as well as giving and receiving constructive feedback.

Learning Outcomes

Participants in this workshop will walk away with the following:

- The ability to categorize their own (and others) learning preferences using the VARK approach by recognizing key learner behaviours and actions
- The knowledge to consciously create a learning environment that is most appropriate to an adult learning audience through role-play and discussion
- A personal assessment of their own current method of planning a training session relative to training best practices
- A personal strategy for dealing with challenging participant situations through role-play and group discussion

Facilitator

Kerry Rempel, MBA, BPE, Professor, Okanagan School of Business, Okanagan College

[Register Now](#)

-Source: Stephanie Moore, Project Manager, KCR, July 2014

Workshop: Overview of Volunteer Management 2014

Dates: October 27-28, November 3-4

Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm

Location: 120 – 1735 Dolphin Ave, Kelowna, BC

Cost: \$199 Includes materials and light refreshments

[Register Now](#)

This 4-day workshop will help you attract and retain volunteers. Content is based on Canadian research, best practices and the Canadian Code for Volunteer Involvement. Read more about the 8 modules

Payment

Up to 4 days prior to the workshop: non-refundable amount = \$50.00 (Effective July 31, 2012)

3 days or less: non-refundable amount = \$100.00 (Effective July 31, 2012)

[Register Now](#)

-Source: Stephanie Moore, Project Manager, KCR, July 2014

Workshop: PREB Website Training (October 8 / November 5 / December 3)

3 Date Options: October 8; November 5; December 3;

Time: 1:00pm – 3:00 pm (Same for all 3 workshops)

Location: KCR – Training Room, #120 -1735 Dolphin Avenue, Kelowna

Cost: \$20 – Max 20 participants per workshop

[Register Now for October 8](#)

[Register Now for November 5](#)

[Register Now for December 3](#)

Become certified to use the PREB Website. This is Volunteer Canada's volunteer recognition program.

Nonprofit organizations must participate in training and then agree to be listed on the [PREB website](#) as part of their agreement to gain access to this secured site.

[PREB](#) allows your organization to:

- Provide recognition to their volunteers by highlighting their skills and showcasing the tasks accomplished
- Help volunteers in their job searches by describing, in specific professional terms, their volunteer experiences to potential employers
- Draft job descriptions that are clear and well-constructed in order to increase the recruiting, managing and retaining of volunteers

Laptops will be provided to enable participants to set up accounts, navigate the PREB site and begin creating certificates for their volunteer programs.

Facilitator: Dawn Wilkinson

Dawn Wilkinson, B.H.Ec., M.Sc. is the Community Services Manager for Kelowna Community Resources and AVRBC Regional Representative. She is passionate about supporting the non-profit sector's role in making our community a healthy and vibrant place in which to live, work and play.

-Source: Stephanie Moore, Project Manager, KCR, July 2014

CASL Requirements – KCR’s Mailing List

If you haven’t heard already, Canada’s Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) comes into effect on July 1, 2014. The new legislation requires that we obtain your consent to continue sending you notifications about our Workshops, Publications and Monthly Bulletin. We hope you enjoy hearing from us and what we have to offer, and that you will continue to stay subscribed. You will be able to unsubscribe at any time.

[Click here](#) to consent to receiving electronic messages from KCR for the Monthly Bulletin

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For more information on CASL, please visit fightspam.gc.ca.

-Source: Kelsey Chmilar, IT Coordinator, KCR, June 2014

Adoption Centre – Information Session

Next information session will be held on September 24th at 7:00pm.

Please contact our office to register at 250.763.8058, or by email to adoption@kcr.ca.

-Source: Jennifer Wall, Manager, Adoption Services, KCR, July 2014

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AGM's

- [PATHWAYS ABILITIES SOCIETY AGM](#)

Pathways Abilities Society AGM

[Pathways Abilities Society](#) Annual General Meeting is September 15, 2014 at 4:30pm at 123 Franklyn Road, Kelowna.

-Source: Charisse Daley, Pathways Abilities Society (formerly KDSCL), 24 July 2014

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Community Development Coordinator – Person to Person Campaign

Job Summary

In this sales leadership role, you will raise funds in the Okanagan Region Office to support critical research, promote healthy lifestyles and reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke through risk factor awareness. This will be accomplished through your leadership in working with a volunteer network who will deliver our Person to Person (Door to Door canvassing) campaign. You will recruit, train, motivate and coach a large network of volunteers who will raise funds in their local communities. You will report to an Area Manager who is responsible for all community fund raising initiatives.

Key Responsibilities/Competencies:

Key responsibility is to meet revenue, leadership and canvasser/volunteer goals for the Person to Person campaign by creating and sustaining a volunteer network confident in approaching new and returning households for funds.

Planning and Organizing

- Work with the Area Manager to develop the Person to Person fundraising plan
- Coordinate all aspects of the campaign, managing tasks and timelines, delegating and coordinating the work of other staff and volunteers to ensure successful, timely completion
- Oversee the preparation of all program materials and ensure timely delivery to volunteers
- Provide ongoing updates on action plan deliverables, issues and/or changes
- Identify and assess opportunities to increase fundraising revenues
- Complete a detailed post campaign analysis including tele-recruiting reports
- Identify promotional activities and partnerships in target areas to expand program reach and recruitment

Teamwork and Coaching Others

- Recruit, train, retain and recognize campaign volunteers and tele-recruiting staff
- Motivate and coach volunteers with a view to building long term volunteer relationships
- As part of the Area team, assist in answering phones, taking donation calls and interfacing with the public
- Participate in training sessions, and weekly meetings

Detail and Accuracy

- Maintain accurate records for all campaign activities and inventory, including updating/maintaining the campaign database
- Prepare weekly and monthly status reports

- Ensure all revenue is collected from volunteers, recorded and banked according to policy guidelines

Skills and Qualifications include:

- Experience in a related field (fund development/volunteer management)
- Superior planning and project management skills, the ability to create effective timelines and delegate and manage tasks effectively
- Excellent sales/marketing skills with the ability to promote and sell programs and volunteer opportunities
- Superior organizational skills and the ability to multitask and handle multiple priorities
- Highly detail oriented with demonstrated ability to work in multiple database systems
- Strong oral and written communication, as well as presentation skills
- Effective interpersonal skills with proven ability to coach and lead teams
- Strong computer skills with proficiency in MS Office (Outlook/Word/Excel)
- Ability to work independently with limited supervision as well as contribute effectively in a team environment
- Strong community connections an asset
- Ability to work flexible hours including evenings September through December and occasional weekends
- Valid Driver's License and access to a vehicle

This position has a range of 28 to 31.5 hours per week.

If you wish to work for a trusted organization of committed volunteers and a dynamic team of employees to increase awareness of heart disease and stroke, then please email your resume and cover letter by **August 15, 2014** to Jessica Samuels @ jsamuels@hsf.bc.ca.

-Source: Avril Paice, Director of Community Investment, United Way, 29 July 2014

Kelowna Women's Shelter – Manager of Programs & Services

The Central Okanagan Emergency Shelter Society, operating as the Kelowna Women's Shelter (KWS) is currently seeking a MANAGER OF PROGRAMS & SERVICES.

KWS envisions a community in which everyone treats each other with: dignity, respect, acceptance and compassion. We assist women and children during and after abuse crisis, through transitional housing, support services and prevention education.

If you meet or exceed the following requirements, please consider joining our team by submitting your cover letter and resume, including 3 work-related references before the deadline of noon (PST) on **Wednesday, August 13, 2014**.

- Post-secondary education in social work or related field
- Minimum of seven years of clinical experience in a similar organization
- An excellent understanding of women and children's issues as they relate to the KWS and delegated programs and services
- Working knowledge of budgetary practices, and ability to apply those practices in the preparation & monitoring of delegated budget(s)
- Capable of assisting in development, implementation and monitoring of policy & procedures
- Ability to lead a team with positive, effective and motivational qualities

- Skill at fostering a healthy organizational culture, and encouraging teamwork and collaboration

Salary commensurate with qualifications & competencies.

For a complete Job Description, please email karen.mason@kelownawomensshelter.ca or visit our website at www.kelownawomensshelter.ca.

Submit interest to:

Karen Mason, Executive Director

Kelowna Women's Shelter

Box 20193 RPO Towne Centre, Kelowna, BC V1Y 9H2

Or by email to karen.mason@kelownawomensshelter.ca

KWS wishes to thank all applicants. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

-Source: Avril Paice, Director of Community Investment, United Way, 29 July 2014

Job Options BC

Are you an unemployed adult looking for work? Get the job skill training needed to gain rewarding employment.

SEPTEMBER 2014 INFORMATION SESSIONS

Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at 9:00am

Wednesday, August 6, 2014 at 9:00am

Tuesday, August 14, 2014 at 9:00am

Certifications:

- First Aid
- FoodSafe
- WorldHost
- WHMIS
- Serving it Right

In the Classroom:

- Work with your counselor to find a career best suited for you
- Learn basic computer skills
- Build a professional resume & cover letters
- Develop interview & first impression skills
- Network & understand your labour market
- Find your work-life balance

Who Can Apply:

- Those between the ages of 18-65
- Unemployed & not eligible for Employment Insurance (EI)
- Have not received EI in the past 3 years or prenatal benefits in the past 5 years
- Legally eligible to work in Canada

- Not presently in school

For more information, call 250.861.5627

-Source: Avril Paice, Director of Community Investment, United Way, 29 July 2014

Volunteer Coordinator – Thompson Community Association

Works with City/Association supervisor to develop, implement, maintain, and evaluate a volunteer program.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Develop, implement, maintain and evaluate a Community Association volunteer program
- Recruit, screen, interview and train potential volunteers for programs and special events; evaluate volunteer skills and deploy to appropriate assignments; compose position job descriptions as required
- May supervise activities assigned to volunteers; prepare and present orientation modules to potential volunteers
- Establish and maintain regular communication with volunteers; track volunteer hours and maintain data base; develop a volunteer recognition program
- Liaise with other related organizations, agencies and community groups
- Develop safety/risk assessment for a volunteer program with the City/Association supervisor
- Evaluate components of volunteer program (recruitment, training and recognition) for effectiveness; recommend and implement approved changes; monitor and update admission criteria to the volunteer program
- Prepare and implement the volunteer program's annual operating plan; establish and manage an annual budget in conjunction with City/Association supervisor including volunteer needs assessment
- Train and support City/Association staff who directly oversee volunteers
- Maintain records relating to volunteers including communications with volunteers, community relations activities and events
- Responsible to fill out accident report forms
- Other related duties as assigned and may vary according to facility
- Research and apply for additional funding opportunities on an as needed basis

Required Qualifications:

- Grade 12 plus two years of post-secondary education and/or two years equivalent of education and experience
- 1-2 years of experience in volunteer management
- Basic computer skills
- Previous volunteering experience
- Knowledge of community resources
- Interpersonal and communication skills
- Criminal record check
- Standard or Emergency First Aid & CPR

Desirable Qualifications:

- Undergraduate degree/diploma in social science, non-profit management & human resources management

- Experience working with people with disabilities
- Experience working with people from diverse cultures
- Second language
- Conflict Resolution Skills
- Previous experience in public relations or fundraising
- Previous experience in report writing
- Experience in grant writing

Hours of work & Remuneration: 20 hours/week

Salary: \$19.91/hour

Please send resume and cover letter to:

Thompson Community Centre, attention: Renata Turick

5151 Granville Avenue, Richmond, B.C. V6Y 3Z6 Fax 604-238-8433

Email: thompson@richmond.ca

No phone calls please

-Source: Thompson Community Association, July 2014

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Financial

- [PREMIER ANNOUNCES \\$6 MILLION FOR INNOVATION CENTRE](#)

Premier Announces \$6 Million for Innovation Centre

Premier Christy Clark and Minister of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services Andrew Wilkinson were joined by local technology entrepreneurs today to announce that the Province has made a commitment to invest up to \$6 million toward the development of the new state-of-the-art Okanagan Centre for Innovation.

"Becoming the next made-in-B.C. success story like HootSuite or Club Penguin is no easy task – that's why we're investing in this project to help give people in our tech industry a competitive advantage," said Premier Clark. "This new centre will help entrepreneurs get their companies up and running, and launch Kelowna not only as a national tech leader but a globally recognized destination for tech investment and entrepreneurial development." Construction of the six-storey, 9,850 square-metre (106,000 square-foot) centre, which will be located adjacent to the Okanagan Regional Library, is expected to begin in late summer and is anticipated to be completed in early 2016. The innovative centre will provide work space for budding local technology entrepreneurs, students and companies at a minimal cost. In return, entrepreneurs will have the opportunity to collaboratively develop their ideas, gain invaluable experience and grow their businesses further with companies and mentors, like Accelerate Okanagan, who also will share office space in this building.

"This new technology centre is the perfect addition to Kelowna's already booming tech sector, providing up-and-coming tech companies and entrepreneurs with a workspace ideally suited for networking and collaboration," said Andrew Wilkinson, Minister of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services. "The centre will play a key role in innovation and growth in the region, driving the creation of new jobs and helping build economic prosperity and diversity here in the Okanagan."

The \$35-million project is being funded largely by the Kelowna Sustainable Innovation Group, who will also own and operate the building. The project was created by a diverse group of creative minds including: community, civic and academic leaders including representatives from private industry, Okanagan College, University of British Columbia, Accelerate Okanagan and the Central Okanagan Economic Development Commission. The City of Kelowna has agreed to a long-term lease of city-owned land valued at more than \$2 million in the heart of downtown Kelowna to support economic growth and revitalization. The city will also receive ownership of a portion of the building that will be leased back to the Okanagan Centre for Innovation to provide non-profit space.

"The City of Kelowna is excited to be a part of a project that will entice bright, young entrepreneurs to create more jobs in our growing downtown," said Kelowna Mayor Walter Gray. "Our investment in this facility underlines council's commitment to support progressive initiatives that contribute to a sustainable, knowledge-based economy."

The Province will own a portion of the centre, which will be reserved specifically for local start-up tech companies at a minimal cost. The provincially owned space in this building will act as an in-between location for companies that have completed their participation in the Accelerate Okanagan Venture Acceleration Program and are still at a venture stage, relying on securing flexible space.

“This project has come together because of the focused effort of a broad range of community leaders, all sharing a strong vision for the economic future of the Okanagan,” said Jeff Keen, Okanagan Centre for Innovation spokesperson. “We have been encouraged by the support provided by both the City of Kelowna and the Provincial government, commitments which show innovation and technology entrepreneurs everywhere that we are serious about supporting local development of this industry.”

Investing in this project will help deliver on government’s commitment to encourage innovation and the growth of British Columbia’s technology sector.

-Source: City of Kelowna, News Releases Newsletter, 28 July 2014

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Ask the Hub – How can I find affordable housing?

I received this message (edited for privacy) in my Facebook inbox the other day from a friend in Toronto.

Hey Tanya! You're a housing person. I'd like your input.

I'm on ODSP but my health is improving. I want to move but I'm not sure I will go off ODSP for another year or so. I'm trying to make sense of how to potentially hook up some subsidized housing. I know it won't likely happen overnight, but I want to do lots of research, and get my name on as many lists as I can. I'm already on a list related to my illness category. Also, it never hurts to be on lists that might come up someday in the future anyway.

Today I called "Housing Connections" and they were very discouraging, telling me that there is a 20-year wait list for a 1 bdrm. I also went to the Toronto Housing Coop page, but the ones with open wait lists are areas I don't want to live in.

What I would really like is to get my hands on a list of buildings that have been built in the last 20 years, in good neighbourhoods, that are subsidized.

Also, is the 20-year wait time from Housing Connections realistic?

*Thanks
Your friend*

Unfortunately, I didn't have much good news to give my friend. An increasing number of people are precariously housed and low vacancy rates, low minimum wages/social assistance rates and a lack of affordable housing make it hard for people across the country to find rental units.

I did recommend that they look up market and affordable rent units in Toronto Community Housing Corporation's (TCHC) portfolio. As TCHC and other social housing providers move towards more mixed rental housing projects there are an increased number of market and affordable rent units becoming available. 93% of TCHC tenants are subsidized with rent-geared-to-income (RGI) housing which means tenants don't pay any more than 30% of their income on rent. Above this you are considered to be in 'core housing need'.

[Read More](#)

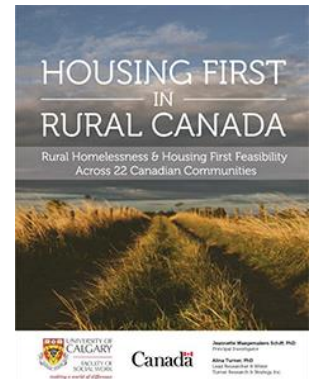
-Source: Homeless Hub, Newsletter, 11 July 2014

Housing First in Rural Canada: Rural Homelessness & Housing First Feasibility across 22 Canadian Communities

This study examined rural homelessness dynamics in 22 communities spanning Canada's provinces and territories. The main aim of the research was to develop a preliminary understanding of the scope of rural homelessness from a comparative lens and identify whether and how Housing First as an approach and program type can be implemented in a rural context.

[Download the Report](#)

-Source: Homeless Hub, Newsletter, 10 July 2014



CAEH Announces Keynote Speakers for National Conference

The CAEH is thrilled to announce an all-star line-up of keynote speakers for the 2014 National Conference on Ending Homelessness.

[Becky Kanis Margiotta](#) led the highly successful [100,000 Homes Campaign](#) for [Community Solutions](#). Featured on [60 Minutes](#), the Campaign was a nationwide effort to find and house 100,000 of the most long-term and medically vulnerable homeless people in America by July 2014. The Campaign met their objective one month early. She also co-founded The [Social Change Agency](#) to help social change leaders have more impact and more fun in their work to make the world a better place.

[Craig Kielburger](#) is a humanitarian, a social entrepreneur and co-founder of the world's leading platform for social change. Through [Free the Children](#), an international charity, Me to We, an innovative social enterprise, and [We Day](#), a signature youth empowerment event, Craig and his brother Marc lead a global movement to empower a generation to create tangible change through their daily choices and actions.

[Chief Wilton Littlechild](#) is a Commissioner on the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada](#), the North American representative to the [UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues](#) and a tireless advocate for the rights of Indigenous Peoples. Chief Littlechild is also an accomplished athlete (inducted into seven Sports Halls of Fame), a respected lawyer (the first Treaty First Nation person to acquire a law degree from the University of Alberta) and community leader (having served as a Member of Parliament, Honourary Chief for the Maskwacis Crees, the International Chief for Treaty No. 6 Confederacy and Regional Chief for the Treaty 6, 7, 8 territories).

The [2014 National Conference on Ending Homelessness](#) will be held at the [Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel](#) in Vancouver BC, November 3 to 5, 2014.

You can view, download and print a copy of our program outline and detailed program [here](#).

Online registration for the 2014 National Conference on Ending Homelessness is now open. [Register now](#) and take advantage of our special early bird rates. Early bird registration ends on August 29.

Be sure to register early – our 2013 conference sold out! Presentations and keynote addresses from the 2013 National Conference on Ending Homelessness can be viewed [here](#).

Lived experience scholarship program application – deadline August 1st

Engaging people with lived experience is critical to ending homelessness and an important part of the National Conference on Ending Homelessness. With that in mind the CAEH is offering a lived experience scholarship program so people with lived experience of homelessness can participate in the conference. For more information, or to submit an application, [click here](#).

-Source: Homeless Hub, Newsletter, 11 July 2014

The Unhealthy State of Homelessness: Health Audit Results 2014

Using information supplied by over 2,500 people, 'The unhealthy state of homelessness' highlights the extent to which people who are homeless experience some of the worst health problems in society.

The report uncovers the barriers many individuals face when it comes to getting treatment, as well as the impact of ill health on NHS A&E, hospital, mental health and substance misuse services.



Widespread ill health

In 2010, Homeless Link first published national data* looking at the health of homeless people. This new report makes clear that we are yet to see a real improvement in reducing the scale of health problems faced by those who have experienced homelessness.

[Read More](#)

-Source: Homeless Hub, Newsletter, 17 July 2014

An Examination of Housing First Initiatives for Individuals with Concurrent Mental Disorders: Implementation and Feasibility

Supportive housing programs, particularly Housing First (HF) initiatives, have been strongly recommended for eliminating homelessness and have been found to be effective even with hard-to-house homeless populations such as individuals with concurrent disorders (ICMDs). However, a review of the literature and research documents indicate that little is known about the implementation of HF for ICMDs and whether these programs would be feasible to implement in smaller cities such as Saskatoon.

The overall objectives of the project are to:

- Identify what it takes to implement HF programs for ICMDs, including a critical analysis of how these programs bring together experts and link with institutions (e.g., hospitals)
- Identify how to adapt HF Programs in smaller centres that do not specifically serve ICMDs to better meet the needs of this population
- Examine ongoing challenges and barriers to implementing HF for ICMDs in cities without it

[Read More](#)

-Source: *Homeless Hub, Newsletter, 24 July 2014*

Activation of Youthworks Employment Toolkit: Summary Report

Employment programs that serve at-risk youth are offered at community agencies across Canada. These programs provide life-skills and job-skills training and often provide youth with the opportunity to participate in a work placement. Raising the Roof conducted a scan of the employment programs across Canada and chose four community agencies running innovative two- tiered employment programs: Choices for Youth, Bois Urbain, 360°kids and Quickdraw Animation Society.

This report highlights what was learned during the activation of Raising the Roof's earlier released online Toolkit and It's Everybody's Business: Engaging the Private Sector in Solutions to Youth Homelessness report and gives guidelines for community agencies that want to create a pre-employment program that engages the private sector.

[Read More](#)

-Source: *Homeless Hub, Newsletter, 31 July 2014*

Activation of Youthworks
Employment Toolkit:
SUMMARY REPORT

By Elizabeth Brown



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New Vintage Theatre presents Summer & Soaps a Hot New Theatre Series

New Vintage Theatre presents SUMMER & SOAPS July 27 and August 10

Date(s): July 27 and August 10, 7:30pm

Location: Black Box Theatre

Cost: \$10 in advance at selectyourtickets.com / \$15 cash at the door

What do a bordello owner, crooked politician, gossip columnist, eccentric vintner, wealthy hotelier, a “fixer”, a femme fatale, a soccer Mom with a gambling problem, gypsy drug dealer and snack bar worker all have in common? Trouble in K-Town- there is a little black book, blackmail, shady pasts, luxurious hotels and mysterious strangers-and then, there is the high profile campaign for office that is marred by innuendo and just what is going on down by the lake late at night?

Come see Kelowna’s first live, improvised comedy soap opera. All of the drama of Knots Landing, set right here in K-Town. Starring Frank Takacs, Bonnie Gratz, Ashley Plomp, Cory Armour, Celeste Cameron, Joe Welton, Graham Daley, Elana Marie Bizovie, Brock Gratz, Joelle Neufeld, Dana Murphy and featuring Vicki Den Ouden, Gloria Poulette-Helfrick, Laura Gabriella and Special Guest Anna Jacyszyn & other surprises, too.

Don’t miss our first episode on July 27 and our follow up episode with even more intrigue on August 10. It is a fun show every night!

-Source: Wendy Sanderson, Theatre Publicity, 14 July 2014

Downtown Kelowna – Don't Miss the Party!

This year Block Party is turning 25, and we're going big! The date has been set (Saturday, August 9, 2014 from 11:00am – 5:00pm) and the Downtown Kelowna Block Party is starting to take shape! We're closing down the newly completed Bernard Avenue in Downtown Kelowna for the biggest Block Party in the Okanagan! This free community event will fuse culture, art, fashion, food, shopping and entertainment together, attracting 13,000 – 15,000 to experience the heart of Kelowna. We'll have over 150 vendors lining the streets with great deals, yummy treats, children's activities, dancing, music and lots more! Everyone is invited to sing, move and groove with live entertainment on street stages and fun outdoor activities for the whole gang.

We're looking for some awesome, outgoing, and friendly volunteers to help us for a couple hours at this free community event. Become a Block Party Cheer Creator or a Bouncy Castle Babysitter. Enjoy all the great live entertainment on the Block Party stages. Meet friends. Make new friends. Eat some yummy food. Shop, dance, get your face painted and draw amazing designs on the street with the Block Chalk.

Check out the opportunities and sign up in 3 easy steps:

1. 1. Click this link: <http://vols.pt/1VJKEq>
2. 2. Enter your email address.
3. 3. View the volunteer opportunities and choose your spots!

We so greatly appreciate any support you can provide, even if it's only 2 hours. Once you sign up online, I will e-mail you more details regarding your exact positions.

-Source: Brittany Hansum, Events Manager, Downtown Kelowna, 15 July 2014

Seniors' Housing Information Session

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 long term care questions. This session is provided monthly.

Next upcoming session:

Thursday, August 14th, 10:00am – 11:00am

Seniors Outreach & Resource Centre, #102 – 2055 Benvoulin Court, Kelowna

To register for this free event please call 250.861.6180 or email seniorshousing@telus.net.

-Source: Meghan Derkach, Social Worker, Regional Housing Program, Seniors Outreach & Resource Centre, 14 July 2014

Opera Kelowna Celebrates the Summer A La Hamptons

On Saturday, August 2nd, Opera Kelowna will host an intimate garden party complete with a concert, plated brunch, wine and even a friendly game of croquet for those who really want to get into the spirit of a Hampton style affair. What is “Hampton Style” you ask? “Hampton Style” is defined by casual, relaxed beach living but done in a classic and very sophisticated way. The look is bright and breezy. Men wear walking shorts and loafers, ladies in chiffon dresses or silk skirts or even cotton maxis. All are absolutely appropriate. Imagine the cool breeze off of the lake and flowing white fabrics. Off white or a touch of beige could work too!

Our event is an “All white Hampton style.” Guests are asked to attend wearing all white and sit down amongst friends in a whimsical white themed setting to savour a delicious 3 course brunch catered by local chef, Hans Birker of Bohemian Café. Complimentary wine from the extraordinary new Lake Country winery, 50th Parallel Estate and custom white chocolate treats from the talented chocolatiers at Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory are sure to satisfy even the most discerning palette. To keep us cool, Smokey Castle Coffee Company will be serving their locally roasted ice coffee....yum!

The highlight of the event will be a delightful mini concert featuring singers from Opera Kelowna’s Resident & Young Artists Programs as well as the premier of an original composition from beloved pianist, Arnold Draper, performed by Opera Kelowna young artist Quinn Bates. This comedic piece is steeped in British humor and relives the throes of a tennis match played while trying to impress a girl. Artistic Director, Alexandra Babbel, will announce the exciting plans for the upcoming 2014/2015 season which includes the opening season’s Black Tie Gala Dinner and Concert – “Masters of Eastern Europe” on October 11th. Stay tuned for more information on this one of a kind event!

This relaxed and intimate afternoon garden party will be held at the beautiful Sanctuary Gardens, a rustically elegant chapel inspired gazebo nestled in a private, picturesque acreage in Gellatly Bay, overlooking Okanagan Lake. A new venue to the Okanagan, owner, Kirstin Wakal is already booking well into 2015. This is the first season and word is spreading about this perfect location for smaller wedding ceremonies, photo shoots and outdoor events. A photo of Sanctuary Gardens was featured on the Oprah Winfrey Network’s season finale of Super Soul Sunday. Wakal recalls how this happened, “Last summer, I sent in a photo of my Sanctuary in response to the question, “Where do you feel most at home or at peace?” After a series of e-mails back and forth from Oprah’s people to my people (me!), I was excited to hear back that Oprah and her staff chose my Sanctuary from submissions sent from all over the world.” The winning picture can be viewed at www.sanctuarygardens.ca. Please join us for our final event of the season!

Tickets are available:

ONLINE at www.operakelowna.com and www.eventbrite.com

By PHONE with Opera Kelowna at 250.575.1434 contact Alexandra Babbel. Tickets will not be available at the door.

Cost: \$75

Date: Saturday, August 2nd 2014, 11:30am – 2:30pm

Location: Sanctuary Gardens, 3792 Carrall Rd West Kelowna

For more information about this topic, please contact Alexandra Babbel at 250.575.1434 or by email at operakelowna@gmail.com.

-Source: Andrea Bates, Opera Kelowna, 14 July 2014

Harlem Ambassadors Fundraising Event Opportunity

The world famous Harlem Ambassadors Show Basketball Team is coming your way! The Harlem Ambassadors Show Basketball Team has performed fundraising events throughout the United States and 20 foreign countries since 1997. The Harlem Ambassadors feature a “Harlem-style” basketball show, including ball handling tricks, slam dunks and amusing comedy routines.

We have worked and continue to work extensively with non-profit organizations including, but not limited to: Rotary Clubs, Chambers of Commerce, Boys & Girls Clubs, Habitat for Humanity, Kiwanis Clubs, Lions Clubs and many other service organizations. Our main goal is to help your community organization reach its fundraising potential through these unique basketball events.

We will be touring through your area on our **NOVEMBER 2014** tour and wanted to inform your organization of this opportunity to host a special fundraising event with the Harlem Ambassadors.

With this inclusive package we supply media and promotional tools. We will send you a fundraising guide that consists of a step-by-step process to help plan, promote and advertise the event. We provide you with 1,000 game tickets printed specifically for your organization to use and Harlem Ambassadors’ press releases, photos and logos to distribute to your local media. Additionally, you will receive an autographed Harlem Ambassadors team basketball, which is great for a fundraising raffle. Then, the Harlem Ambassadors play a team your organization assembles, making this an event the whole community can rally around.

Please let me know if you are interested in receiving our fundraising package, which includes video, reference letters and all financial information regarding the Harlem Ambassadors show and make sure to check out our website at harlemambassadors.com!

-Source: Tim Fjestad, Assistant Sales Manager, 3 July 2014

The Bridge Youth & Family Services Newsletter

Welcome to [The Bridge Youth & Family Services Summer Newsletter](#). It is the Society’s hope that the newsletter will keep you informed of our programs, events and community involvement.

-Source: The Bridge Youth & Family Services, Newsletter, 7 July 2014

Arion Farm Farm Fest Event

[Arion Farm](#) is excited to be hosting an exciting community event on Friday, August 22nd from 3:00pm – 9:00pm. FARM FEST will be a super fun family event with a real Hoe Down country feel including the usual favorites; pony rides, hay wagon rides, great food, farm games (lasso lessons, seed spitting etc) and numerous special guests from our South East Kelowna neighbourhood.

The evening festivities include a barn dance with Famous Fiddlers Ben Beveridge and Shamma Sabir; line dancing; wine, beer, cider and mead tastings as well as an exciting charity chili competition. We are looking to invite 10 different non-profit groups to compete for a cash prize donated by our event sponsor; Ward's Apple Cider.

Our hope is to attract tourists and locals alike as well as supporting and promoting our local non-profits.

-Source: Heather Henderson, Founder/Director, Arion Therapeutic Farm, 19 July 2014

PLAN Okanagan – Family and Friends Picnic

Date: August 17th, 11:00am – 2:00pm

Location: Pritchard Park, 1595 Pritchard Drive, West Kelowna*

We will provide the burgers, hot dogs, buns, and drinks. Please bring along something you would like to share (i.e. salad, desert, snack) and your lawn chairs.

The park has level, shaded grassy areas and sandy beaches, a playground and volleyball court as well as washroom facilities. This is always a wonderful opportunity for families and friends to reconnect or build new friendships and just have some fun.

All are welcome. Please RSVP, we would hate to run short of food and drinks.

For further information and to RSVP call or email:

PLAN Okanagan office: 250.860.2080 / mary@planok.ca

Laurie Paynter: 250.768.4815 / lepaynter@planok.ca

*Directions: From Kelowna travel south on Hwy 97 toward Westbank. Turn left on Boucherie Rd intersection; continue to Pritchard Dr, turn left, cross bridge and follow road to left. Park is on the right.

The purpose of PLAN Okanagan is to create safe and secure futures, in community, for people with disabilities and their families

-Source: Mary Bickert, Coordinator/Community Connector, PLAN Okanagan, 28 July 2014

Okanagan Suicide Awareness Society Upcoming Events

The Okanagan Suicide Awareness Society (OSAS) is promoting two events in September to increase awareness and to draw attention to community suicide prevention.

Date: September 8th, 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Location: Parkinson Recreation Centre, 1800 Parkinson Way

Our local MP's Ron Cannan and Dan Albas will be hosting a town hall meeting, as part of a national initiative in all 308 ridings, to facilitate sharing of information about suicide and its prevention and to explore strategies to prevent more suicide deaths. Local ideas and

proposals will be relayed by them to the Mental Health Commission of Canada to be included in a national report and strategy to lower the impact of suicide in Canada.

Date: September 10th – World Suicide Prevention Day

OSAS is encouraging individuals and especially employee groups to gather for 30 minutes to view a live streaming video program of the Canadian Association for Suicide Prevention which will give special attention to prevention in the workplace. This program is designated “Thirty Minutes That Could Save a Life,” and it will give information regarding how to respond to a person contemplating suicide and ways suicide prevention can be implemented in the workplace. Details of how to access this video stream will be posted on the [OSAS website](#) after August 30.

-Source: Tom Kemp, for Okanagan Suicide Awareness Society, 28 July 2014

Okanagan Pride Festival 2014

We extend LOCAL PRIDE to all residents of and visitors to the Okanagan. You are warmly welcomed to participate in our many events during Pride Week. At this time we also ask you to join us in sending love to our GLOBAL LGBT community, particularly those who live in hostile environments and do not enjoy the experience of being accepted and respected.

Local Pride, Global Love Art Exhibition Opening

Date: Saturday, August 9, 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Location: Alternator Gallery, 421 Cawston Ave

Cost: Free

Artists come together in an exhibit to honour Local Pride – Global Love.

Spiritual Celebration

Date: Sunday, August 10, 10:30am

Location: Kelowna Community Theatre, 1375 Water Street

Cost: Free

Join Centre for Spiritual Living Kelowna for a special Pride spiritual celebration.

Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Date: Tuesday, August 12, 5:30pm – 10:00pm

Location: Orchard Greens Golf Club, 2777 KLO Road

Cost: Tickets \$45 & \$25 [online](#)

It's always a fun event whether you are a golfer or not. Golf & dinner, or just come for the all you can eat BBQ. Proceeds to Youth Bursary fund. 19+.

Viva Las Pride Wine Festival

Date: Thursday, August 14, 8:00pm – 10:30pm

Location: Laurel Packing House, 1304 Ellis Street

Cost: Tickets \$30 [online](#)

It's back! Vegas style ambiance, wine tasting, black jack, delicious food served by go go boys & burlesque girls. Event hosted in partnership with Okanagan Wine Festivals Society. 19+.

Pride Reception Presented by HSBC

Date: Friday, August 15, 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Location: Manteo Resort Clubhouse, 3766 Lakeshore Road

Cost: Tickets \$15 [online](#)

Join the community with live music, beverages & delicious appies on the lakeside patio.
19+.

Drag Competition

Date: Friday, August 15, 8:00pm – 1:00am

Location: Habitat, 248 Leon Avenue

Cost: Tickets \$15, available at Calowna Costume, Leo's Video & Mosaic Books

The kings & queens are back to compete for the crown for the 3rd year in a row. Wildly popular! 19+.

Festival in the Park

Date: Saturday, August 16, 11:00am to 4:30pm

Location: Jubilee Bowl, City Park

Cost: Free

Jam packed with live music, featured band Paperboy & other local artists. The event is hosted by musician Amy Bishop and comes with BBQ, beer garden, childrens' play area, vendor fair and the perennial favourite Pooches on Parade. Families welcome.

Pride Rally & March

Date: Saturday, August 16, 11:30am to 12:00pm

Location: Stuart Park

Cost: Free

Join the community for the 3rd annual event that celebrates the true spirit of Pride. Marshal at Stuart Park at 11:15 am. Special dance performance by LUKI Dance Productions. Families welcome.

Global Love Dance Party

Date: Saturday, August 16, 9:00pm – 2:00am

Location: LeVel Club, 275 Leon Street

Cost: Tickets \$35, available at Funktional & Behind the Fly until August 15

Never a better way to wrap up Pride Week than a dance party featuring spectacular show & music by Cosmic-Co-Motion. 19+.

[Visit Okanaganpride for more information and to purchase tickets](#)

-Source: Raymond Koehler, Okanagan Pride, 23 July 2014

Park & Play is Changing up Parks for August

Have you seen the giant-sized board games and bouncy castle that have been taking over neighbourhood parks this summer?

The City of Kelowna's Park & Play crew has been filling local parks across the city with games and activities suitable for all ages, and the fun keeps going until the end of August. Check the schedule, bring the kids and get to know your neighbours at a Park & Play near you. Each event runs from 5:00pm – 8:00pm.

Jack Robertson Park, Glenmore, 1655 Willow Cr – Friday, August 1st
Summerside Park, South East Kelowna, 3858 Summerside Dr – Monday, August 4, 11, 18 & 25
Gerstmar Park, Rutland, 955 Gerstmar Rd – Tuesday, August 5, 12, 19 & 26
Golfview Park, Glenmore, 810 Valley Rd – Wednesday, August 6, 13, 20 & 27
Quilchena Park, Mission/Kettle Valley, 347 Quilchena Dr – Thursday, August 7, 14, 21 & 28
Ben Lee Park, Rutland, 900 Houghton Rd – Friday, August 8, 15, 22 & 29

Parents and guardians are reminded that they are responsible for the care and supervision of their children. They are also encouraged to use active transportation such as walking or biking and to bring their own reusable water bottles.

For more information about Park & Play, visit kelowna.ca/recreation or join our event on Facebook at facebook.com/cityofkelowna.

-Source: City of Kelowna, News Releases, 30 July 2014

5th Annual Shred-A-Thon

Date: Saturday, September 13th, 9:00am – 2:00pm
Location: BMO Capri Centre Branch, 1141 Harvey Avenue, Kelowna, BC

BMO Bank of Montreal is holding their 5th Annual Shred-A-Thon on Saturday, September 13th to raise money and awareness for the Sunshine Foundation of Canada. Not only is this a great way to give back to the community, it is a perfect opportunity to clean out some of your paperwork and have it confidentially shredded by Iron Mountain who are generously donating their time and services for this day.

-Source: Sharon Babcock, BMO Bank of Montreal, 29 July 2014

Fabulous New Outdoor Arts Bazaar Returns to Lake Country August 9th

The mix of vintage wares, family activities, artisanal boutiques, glass and other giftware, art books on a variety of topics and outdoor artist galleries were a magical mix at the Lake Country Art Gallery's first installment of its Lake Country Arts Bazaar. Despite the foreboding looking clouds, attendees, and vendors alike, were undeterred and had a wonderful time.

"I was really delighted at the turn-out of our very first Arts Bazaar. It was such a diverse and fun environment. Visitors were swept from curiosities to art items, to face painting, baking, baubles, and even a big blue bus filled with beautiful vintage wear!", says Art Bazaar organizer Jody DeSchutter.

Wares and vendors included: childrens watermelon and strawberry shaped cotton knitted hats from Ladybug Creations; handcrafted 3D paintable puzzles in the shapes like cats, rabbits, dragons and even Oogypogs from Valcraft; sparkle for every corner of your home, garden and person from Jazz Yaz's; face painting and rock painting activities for all

ages, plus a wonderful selection of ready-painted rocks to surprise your garden visitors from Elaine's Creativity; and beautifully crafted glassware from Glass Roots Creations and Norbert Spyth.

Artist Leane Spanza created her own outdoor gallery studio of large canvas paintings, including one she was actually working on right at the Bazaar. Greeting cards with reproductions of her original paintings made taking home her unique landscapes an easy treat.

Winfield Church bakers towered two tables high with delicious cakes and pastries that disappeared faster than free umbrellas on a rainy day. Come early if you want to snag your favourites.

Interest in this new event sparked not only the interest of visitors and passersby, but also new vendors.

"We've had a lot of interest from new vendors since the first Lake Country Arts Bazaar. In addition to the many vendors who will be returning, we've also got a number of new vendors booked for Saturday, August 9th", explains Gallery Manager Petrina McNeill.

New Vintage Theatre will also be on hand August 9th, performing a Queen of Hearts skit at 10am. This small troupe of professional actors bring a little more frivolity and a bit of the bizarre to the grounds which is sure to delight.

And if this isn't enough for you, add what the Lake Country Art Gallery offers on a day-to-day basis to the Lake Country Art Bazaar: fine art exhibitions in the main gallery, a gallery gift shop that features original art gifts and cards from 37 local artists and the only art used book store in the Okanagan Valley – the Artshelf.

The Lake Country Arts Bazaar runs from 9:00am – 1:00pm on Saturday, August 9th at the Lake Country Art Gallery located at 10356A Bottom Wood Lake Rd, right next door to the Lake Country Coffee House, who are the purveyors of coffee for this fine event. Vendor spots are still available. Visit lakecountryartgallery.ca for more info.

-Source: Katie Brennan, Curator, Lake Country Art Gallery, 27 July 2014

Kelty Youth Ambassador Program

What is the Kelty Youth Ambassador Program?

The Kelty Youth Ambassador Program is an opportunity for BC youth and young adults to engage in promoting mental health and well-being amongst their friends, families, peers and communities.

Youth who join will have the opportunity to share ideas and connect with other like-minded youth throughout the year, and to get involved promoting mental health and well-being – depending on your schedule, you can participate in as many of these opportunities as you would like.

When does the program run?

The program will run from September 2014 – May 31, 2015.

What types of things would I have the opportunity to do?

In addition to connecting with other youth through meetings and online, there will be many opportunities to get involved promoting mental health and well-being.

Some of these opportunities include:

- Connecting and sharing ideas with other youth in the program through an online platform and during regularly scheduled meetings
- Providing feedback on Kelty Mental Health Resource Centre (KMHRC) resources, programs, and initiatives
- Joining a focus group focused on a particular KMHRC initiative
- Promoting KMHRC and partner organization events and resources through your communities (both physical and online communities)
- Speaking at KMHRC events, or referring other youth to speak at KMHRC events
- Writing a blog post that will be posted on the KMHRC website
- Attending, coordinating and/or promoting a youth summit
- Identifying and organizing your own activities that you might like to be involved in as an individual or as a group

What are the criteria for participation?

All youth between the ages of 17-25 who live in BC are welcome to participate. The program will be accepting youth with and without lived experience of mental health challenges, and will be looking for youth who are passionate about promoting mental health and well-being. All youth who participate, and commit a minimum of 10 hours to the program, will be eligible to receive a certificate of participation as well as a reference letter detailing their involvement.

How do I apply for the program? What is the application deadline?

To apply for the Kelty Youth Ambassador program, [click here](#). If you would like more information about the program please email keltyambassador@gmail.com.

-Source: Kelty Mental Health Resource Centre, 24 July 2014

Notice of Accreditation

UBC Okanagan School of Social Work recently received its 6-year accreditation certificate from the Canadian Association for Social Work Education.

This is a strong show of support for our one graduate program and the two program tracks for students completing their MSW degrees in the Okanagan.

I would be remiss, if I did not acknowledge that a big part of any social work program is the support of practicing social workers, managers and other professionals who provide supervision to students in their field placement. I look forward to 6 years and beyond, of working together to teach and inspire students in the very important work we all share. I am sending this good news message with the widest possible distribution and apologize if I have missed any of your colleagues or you have received this in duplicate. The Field Office wishes you the best for an enjoyable summer season and I look forward to when we can be in-touch again.

-Source: J.B. Cole, Field Education Coordinator, School of Social Work, University of British Columbia Okanagan, 24 July 2014

Metro Lunches Are Taking a Break – August 2014

For the month of August Metro will be postponing its weekly lunch program. We are taking August to give our faithful volunteers a much needed rest. Lunches will resume September 2014. Please help us spread the word by informing your clients and helping them plan for the short term break.

We appreciate your partnership.

-Source: Alyssa Farr, Communications Director, Metro Community, 31 July 2014

6th Annual Reason for the Season Gala

Save the Date!

Date: November 7th, 2014, 6:00pm

Location: The Harvest Golf Club

This year's Gala is set to be another amazing event, so save the date for Friday November 7th! We will have tickets for sale online in the coming weeks. Tables of 8 or 10 can be purchased together if you have a big group, get ready for this fun evening!

[Contact us](#) for whole table tickets or to volunteer.

-Source: Elevation Outdoors, Newsletter, 31 July 2014

United Way of the Central and South Okanagan/Similkameen – Campaign Kick-Off Invitation

Join us at our United Way CSO Kick Off Breakfast for the 2014 Campaign, proudly sponsored by the Gorman Bros. Lumber and The Delta Grand Hotel.

The Kick-Off Breakfast is an amazing opportunity to learn how our community partners and agencies work to help 1 in 3 people in our region, and to learn about our exciting programs and new initiatives from this year's campaign. The more we understand about the resources in our community, the stronger we are, together.

This year, our focus is My Story, My United Way and My Community, it's up to each of us to be the difference we want to see. Come and enjoy breakfast while networking with our volunteers and participating businesses as they share their passion and their reason for being involved with you, by telling their story.

Together, our stories can make change happen-join us in the movement.

[Seating is limited so book now](#)

-Source: *United Way CSO Newsletter, 31 July 2014*

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4 Simple Ways to Leverage the Power of Twitter for Your Nonprofit

Did you know that Twitter is currently home to approximately 230 million active users who send over 500 million tweets per day? Did you also know that many nonprofit organizations, such as the American Red Cross, have used Twitter as a tool to execute successful fundraising campaigns and build relationships with their community?

Used strategically, Twitter can help you bond with supporters, raise awareness for your cause, and promote fundraising campaigns. Despite this fact, many small nonprofits fail to take the time to implement a Twitter strategy that drives results. Luckily, by using the following four steps as a guide, you can make sure that your organization does not fall into this group.

1. Maximize your presence. Before you begin to think about implementing a strategy, you need to create or complete your Twitter account. Create a Twitter handle that is easy to spell and allows people to easily identify your organization. Beyond your account name, pay attention to the basics, especially the inclusion and accuracy of pertinent profile information. Use a profile and header image that positively represents your organization and its cause, ensure your bio communicates your organization's purpose, and include the location of your organization as well as a direct URL to your website. Merely taking the time to do this will help others find and connect with you.

2. Design your strategy. Once you have optimized your profile, design a strategy that will allow you to engage and connect with members of your community and your target audience.

- Define your purpose and set goals. Do you want to raise awareness for your organization's mission? Do you want to use Twitter as a way to promote your fundraising campaigns? Do you desire to build relationships with existing supporters? Decide what's most important to you and build your social strategy around that.
- Set specific targets that will allow you to accomplish your core marketing goals. For example, if you want to increase awareness about your cause, create a hashtag to share with your followers. Then, track the number of mentions, retweets, and favorites you receive in a given time period, as well as the number of times your unique hashtag is used. Remember, your goals should be easy to measure so that you can track your progress and improve your results over time.
- Build your network. Building a network of the right followers is crucial to implementing a successful strategy. Start by following business partners, advocates,

experts in your issue area, and existing volunteers and members. Additionally, you can use social media tools such as Topsy to identify influencers associated with your organization. This will help you to showcase your expertise and spread the word about your cause!

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-Source: Nonprofit Tech for Good, 15 June 2014

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12 Reasons Why You Should Gracefully Resign from a Nonprofit Board

Are you a valuable and valued board member for a nonprofit? If not, a graceful resignation and reassignment may be good for you and the organization.

12 reasons why you should resign from a nonprofit board:

1. You're serving on the board more for personal benefit than for public benefit.
2. You have a material financial interest in a transaction with the organization that would be damaging if known by the public.
3. The organization's values or activities are inconsistent with your personal values.
4. You are unable to support the organization when a board action is taken contrary to your vote.
5. The organization is not operating consistent with the law and/or its own governing documents or policies despite your efforts to insist on compliance.
6. You're not informed about the organization's current activities and/or mission-oriented results, and you're not informed about the performance of the organization's executive.
7. You don't review the organization's financials on a regular basis.
8. You're missing a significant number of board meetings and therefore unable to actively participate in governance-related planning, deliberations, and actions.
9. You're not contributing resources (money, time, connections, or other valuable assets) to the organization apart from the time to show up at meetings.

[Read More](#)

-Source: Nonprofit Quarterly, 10 July 2014

Okanagan Small Dog Rescue Society Upcoming Gala

Join us at Ancient Hill Winery for an evening of fun entertainment and a silent auction in support of all our small friends in need of a home. We are looking for attendees, volunteers, and sponsors for our upcoming Gala and Silent Auction.

Date: Saturday, September 20th, 4:00pm – 7:00pm

Location: Ancient Hill Winery, 4918 Anderson Road, Kelowna

Cost: \$25 (includes a glass of wine)

We are selling tickets starting today and they can be purchased at:

- Panorama Vet, 10051 Hwy 97, Winfield
- Okanagan Vet, 3355 Sexsmith Road, Kelowna
- Ancient Hill Winery

Silent auction items include:

- Kelowna Rockets tickets and dinner for 4 valued at \$350
- Hyundai service package valued at \$597
- Black Mountain Golf package for 4 valued at \$360
- Beyond Wroughture Spas pass valued at \$135
- Art work
- Much, much more...

Please contact osdr12@yahoo.ca or call 250.808.1107.

[Read More](#)

-Source: Tobi, Wendy, and Lois, Okanagan Small Dog Rescue Society, 11 July 2014

Rethink how you Approach Lapsed Donors

Conventional wisdom says it's more cost effective to retain donors than acquire new donors. Of course you should spend a fair amount of your time tending to your active donors, ensuring they're seeing the impact of their donation and making them a part of your community. In this case, an ounce of prevention is definitely worth a pound of cure. But what do you do if these supporters stop giving? Write them off and move on?

Not so fast, says donor retention expert, Lisa Sargent. In a recent newsletter, Lisa outlines her perspective, complete with a Monty Python reference. She offers superb examples of what to test with your lapsed and long-lapsed files (especially multiple or long-time lapsed givers), instead of immediately purging or ignoring these former donors.

As you assess your own approach, consider these five things before addressing your lapsed donors:

Lapsed donors probably don't consider themselves "lapsed." Be careful how you reach out to these donors—many may consider themselves to still be active givers to your nonprofit. Just because they're not giving at the frequency you prefer, that doesn't mean they don't feel they're important contributors to your cause. Acknowledge their contributions and make sure to let them know the difference they've made. In most cases, your next outreach to this group could be considered an "impact report catch-up."

[Read More](#)

-Source: Network for Good, The Source Newsletter, 10 July 2014

Fall Day of Caring Projects

Just a note to let you know that we have several groups looking for Days of Caring projects for September and October including:

- A group of about 7 Interior Savings employees who would like to volunteer for 5 hours in September
- About 50 volunteers from MNP (we usually split them into multiple smaller groups) looking to volunteer for the afternoon of October 9

If you have projects that would fit this time frame, please let me know. There will be numerous other groups also looking for fall projects as we get closer to the season. Day of Caring volunteers can paint, organize donations, do some cleaning, help with yard work, and sometimes even complete minor repairs. We can't guarantee a match for every submitted project, but we're happy to try!

-Source: Avril Paice, Director of Community Investment, 18 July 2014

Volunteer Position Description – Office Administrative Support

Goal of the position:

Operational Support Volunteers play a vital role in helping the United Way conduct our daily operations by assisting our team with administrative and relationship-focussed responsibilities.

Scope of the position:

As a member of our United Way team, Operational Support Volunteers work closely with all staff members and with other volunteers to contribute to a cohesive working environment. Operational Support Volunteers primarily assist in the United Way office, but may also have responsibilities that may be conducted in the community or even at their own home. This is a role is often the first contact with the public, so ease with dealing with people and communication skills are major factors. Additionally, the dress code needs to be business casual (no jeans, t-shirts or logo or slogan clothing).

Core responsibilities

Building Relationships:

- Office administration including answering telephones/enquiries, photo copying, retrieving mail, greeting visitors, data entry, office supply ordering
- Assist in donor recognition thank you letters and telephone calls
- Project work as required in Word, Excel or United Way data base
- General front office housekeeping, update notice board, keep the area neat and tidy

Communicating Effectively:

- Participate in Volunteer Orientation to ensure correct messaging
- Represent the United Way in the community in a professional manner and share our message
- Share new ideas and collaborate with the United Way team

Commitment:

We ask that individuals who are interested in the Operational Support Volunteer role be committed to making a regular contribution to our United Way team. The Campaign and Investment cycles vary throughout the year and clear direction from the Development Associate as to needed time commitment will ensure your time is well spent.

Skills Required:

- Openness to learning
- Adaptability and openness to change, go with the flow of the team
- Outgoing
- Professionalism
- Willingness to act as an ambassador on behalf of the United Way
- Effective communicator
- Creative and imaginative mindset

This is an opportunity for anyone who is job seeking to fine tune their skills, learn new skills and develop their abilities to work in an office environment while making an impact on their community.

[Contact Angela](#) at the United Way for more information or to apply.

-Source: Angela Pomeroy, United Way Central & South Okanagan Similkameen, 23 July 2014

Apple Triathlon Expecting a Number of International Teams – Volunteers Still Needed

With less than a month to go before the 32nd annual Pushor Mitchell Apple Triathlon on August 15 – 17, all indicators are that one of Kelowna's most reputable sporting events will host outstanding talent. In addition to attracting a large number of North American triathletes, top international teams will attend in preparation of the ITU World Triathlon Championships in Edmonton at the end of August. Australia has indicated its team will be participating in the ITU Elite Sprint – 2014 Kelowna PATCO Sprint Triathlon Premium Pan American Cup and the Junior Elite Sprint at the Pushor Mitchell Apple Triathlon, which is also the National Grand Final and BC Provincial Championships.

Around 600 of the required 1100 volunteer positions have been filled to date. Positions are available for set-up, truck drivers, body-marking, swim course support, run and bike marshals, assisting disabled athletes, transition and finish line support as well as water station attendants. Positions and time slots are available online at www.appletriathlon.com. To register as a volunteer, visit the website or call the KATS office at 250.763.5287. People can also contact the Volunteer management team via e-mail at appletriathlon@gmail.com.

-Source: Jeanette Hoft, Apple Triathlon, 21 July 2014

Evaluation Capacity Building in Public and Non-profit Sectors: Thoughts on Strategies!

Date: Thursday, October 2, 2014, 3:15pm – 4:45pm (Doors open at 2:45pm)

Location: Crowe MacKay LLP Board Room, 500-1620 Dickson Ave., Kelowna, BC (Free parking available in two-hour visitor stalls in the parking lot and on surrounding avenues.)

Cost: CES member registration \$10.00, Non-CES member registration \$20.00.

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Does your organization have adequate capacity to carry out its evaluation function? And just what is “capacity” anyway? Evaluation capacity building (ECB) is a core element to “results oriented management” as it is the process of improving an organization’s ability to carry out and use evaluation, learn from its experiences, and improve results. Currently a hot topic in public and not-for-profit sectors, ECB is one of the most complex and challenging facets of evaluation. In this session, the speaker will:

- Share experiences and approaches on ECB;
- Discuss a recent project as a case example; and
- Discuss strategies for enhancement of the effectiveness of capacity-building.

Who should attend?

This seminar provides an excellent opportunity to learn about strategies for building evaluation capacity. The session is intended for evaluators who have experience in evaluation, those who are considering evaluation careers, public sector employees and managers and directors in nonprofit sector who is responsible for overseeing evaluation in their organizations. The discussion will be interactive and practical. The facilitator will deliver a presentation, pose questions and guide the discussion on this topic.

Presenter:

Russell Graham is a management consultant providing planning, research, evaluation and performance management services to public and private sector agencies. Based in North Vancouver, Russ has more than 30 years’ experience managing and evaluating public programs in a variety of fields. He has prepared more than 100 evaluative studies as well as numerous program plans, strategies and feasibility studies. Russell’s formal education includes a MBA with a specialty in Policy and Planning. He is also a Certified Management Consultant and Credentialed Evaluator. As a teacher, he has delivered management courses at several institutions and regularly facilitates the four-day Canadian Evaluation Society (CES) Essential Skills Series (ESS) evaluation workshops in Yukon and BC.. Russ has served on the CES National Board, was a multi-term treasurer of the CES BC & Yukon Chapter, and has served as a member of the CES Credentialing Board since its inception in 2010.

Note: This presentation was previously given in downtown Vancouver as part of the CESBCY Vancouver Seminar series on Feb. 19, 2014.

Questions? Contact Sandra Sellick, CESBCY Acting Interior Coordinator c/o the “Inquiries” link at www.sandrasellick.vpweb.ca

-Source: Sandra Sellick, 24 June 2014

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