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DONNER FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES AWARD WINNERS

Seven nonprofit social service agencies from across Canada were recognized as the best-run in the country and shared \$60,000 in prize money at the Donner Canadian Foundation Awards for Excellence in the Delivery of Social Services. Servants Anonymous Society of Surrey, British Columbia and Community Living Campbellford/Brighton of Campbellford, Ontario shared the \$20,000 William H. Donner Award for Excellence in the Delivery of Social Services, the award for the highest-performing agency overall. The \$5,000 Peter F. Drucker Award for Nonprofit Management went to Community and Primary Health Care – Lanark, Leeds, and



Grenville, located in Brockville, Ontario. For more information, including a full list of winners, visit: donnerawards.org. (PDF)

--SOURCE: CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, December 12, 2011

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TOP 20 UNDER 20 OPENS CALL FOR 2011-2012 APPLICATIONS

Top 20 Under 20[™] is a national youth Awards program presented by Youth in Motion and

open to all young Canadians under the age of 20. Award winners have demonstrated significant amounts of innovation, leadership and achievements in their life, school, community, province or country, and have a desire to pursue some form of education or training. The deadline for applications to the 2011-2012 award cycle is January 23, 2012. For more information, including full application details, visit: top20under20.ca.



--SOURCE: CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, December 19, 2011

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37th Annual Civic and Community Awards

Help us Celebrate great people in our Community!

KELOWNA IS FILLED WITH GREAT PEOPLE.

We all know an outstanding volunteer, athlete, artist, not-for-profit organization or business. So why not nominate them today for a Civic & Community Award.



The awards honour individuals and organizations for outstanding contributions and achievements in 2011 that had a direct benefit in our community.

NOMINATION FORMS

Nomination forms and details on the 12 award categories can be found online at www.kelowna.ca/residents, or picked up at the Parkinson Recreation Centre, Sport Kelowna, Recreation and Culture Capri office, City Hall, and local libraries.

Completed forms can be dropped off at the Parkinson Recreation Centre. Forms must be received by Friday, January 27, 2012.

FOR ALL THEY DO

Take a minute to recognize those who make a difference in our community.

Finalists and award recipients will be honoured during a Gala Ceremony on Thursday, April 19 at the Kelowna Community Theatre.

For more information please contact Amber Gilbert at 250-469-8967, or email aqilbert@kelowna.ca.

--SOURCE: City of Kelowna, Amber Gilbert, Recreation Technician, Recreation & Cultural Services

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AWARDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS PROGRAMS ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

The Kaiser Foundation's National Awards for Excellence Program honours excellence in the field of mental health and addictions and is dedicated to recognizing organizations, individuals and media who demonstrate outstanding leadership in their field. The Foundation is currently accepting nominations from across Canada in eight award categories. Award recipients will be honoured at a special national recognition ceremony and have their stories featured through various multi-media channels. In addition, all recipients receive a \$10,000 grant which can be directed to a recognized charity of their choice. For more information, including full eligibility requirements, visit: kaiserfoundation.ca.



--SOURCE: Charity Village.com, Village Vibes, December 5, 2011

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NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR CHILD WELFARE LEAGUE OF CANADA AWARDS

The Child Welfare League of Canada (CWLC) is pleased to present the 2011 CWLC Achievement Awards, which recognizes the contributions of youth, individuals or groups in various sectors of the Canadian children's services system that have led to significant achievements towards the goal of child protection in Canada. There will be one award winner selected from each of the following categories and will be honoured at the CWLC Recognition Event in Ottawa in March 2012: Advocacy Award, Foster



Parent Award, Children's Services Award, Research and Program Excellence Award and RBC Youth Achievement Award. For more information about each award or to nominate someone you know, please visit <u>cwlc.ca</u>.

--SOURCE: CMHA BC Division newsletter, December 23, 2011

AWARDS AVAILABLE FOR PROGRAMS ASSISTING HOMELESS AND AT-RISK YOUTH

Eva's Initiatives, the Sprott Foundation and Virgin Unite (Canada), Inc. are pleased to offer four awards of \$25,000 each for organizations working with homeless and at-risk youth. The goal of the awards program is to recognize community initiatives that are:

- Moving beyond responding to the most basic needs of homeless and at-risk youth
- Demonstrating significant impacts in the lives of vulnerable youth
- Delivering programs or services aimed at preventing youth homelessness



Breaking the cycle of homelessness among youth by integrating supports such as: housing, education, employment, family connections, and interventions to address mental health concerns and/or addictions

Applications are due no later than **January 20, 2012**. For more information, including full eligibility requirements, visit: <u>awards.evasinitiatives.com</u>.

--SOURCE: Charity Village.com, Village Vibes, December 5, 2011

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EMPLOYMENT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF BALLET KELOWNA

Please let your colleagues know that there is a position available for a talented, strong and energetic Executive Director to work with Artistic Director David LaHay and the Board to fulfill Ballet Kelowna's mission to "inspire, educate, and entertain through the energy and artistry of ballet." The search will close on Tuesday, January 24th, 2012.

Please visit the website <u>BalletKelowna.ca</u> for more information. A full Job Description is available upon request from <u>HR@BalletKelowna.ca</u>

Applications, including resume and covering letter, must be received by 4:30 pm (PST) Tuesday, **January 24th, 2012** at:

Ballet Kelowna Human Resources 101-2303 Leckie Road Kelowna, BC V1X 6Y5



By email to: HR@BalletKelowna.ca

--SOURCE: Ballet Kelowna, Alison Moore, Executive Director

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INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES PROGRAM MANAGER

The Ending Violence Association of BC (EVA BC) is seeking Indigenous Program Manager to manage initiatives related to violence against Indigenous women and children in BC. The term "Indigenous" is inclusive of people who are First Nations, Status and Non Status, Métis and Inuit.



The objective of this two year position is to manage various related projects focused on increasing the safety of Indigenous women and children from violence. The work will include a focus on improving access to justice for Indigenous people in BC through the provision of public legal education materials, training and building safety plans. The project will provide training to Indigenous staff and leadership within Indigenous organizations in BC, on and off Reserve, including band social workers, band health care workers, friendship centre staff and others related to criminal justice, family justice and child protection laws, policies and practices that directly affect responses to domestic and sexual violence and child abuse.

Working closely with EVA BC and our partner on this initiative, Legal Services Society (LSS), the Program Manager will take a leadership role in providing information to Indigenous organizations across BC in the area of violence against women.

Please forward:

- 1) Your resume,
- 2) A covering letter outlining your suitability for this work,
- 3) A relevant writing sample, to:

The Hiring Committee: Ending Violence Association of BC

Email: evabc@endingviolence.org

--SOURCE: Federation of Community Social Services, FBCYICN E-Newsletter - January 6, 2012

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS ADVISOR

Term: Full Time – Contract

Salary: Commensurable with qualifications

benefits plan available



We are seeking a motivated and enthusiastic team oriented marketing and communication professional looking to take a company with diversified M&C needs by the horns and move it forward in an integrated and results oriented manner.

This Calgary based head office position is a full time role with an ongoing renewable annual contract. The selected applicant will be a team player that can manage multiple projects simultaneously and work with each division within Partnership Group – Sponsorship Specialists $^{\text{TM}}$.

The Marketing and Communications Advisor will report directly to the Operations Manager with indirect reports and ongoing communication and interaction with the Client Services Director, Social Media Manager, Orange Door Direct (AOR), the SMCC Western Sponsorship Congress™ and SMCC One Day Workshop™ Series managers (Timewise Management) and the President.

The Partnership Group – Sponsorship Specialists $^{\text{\tiny M}}$ is an integrated sponsorship consulting firm that provides services to both the organizations that sell sponsorship as well as the brands that buy sponsorships.

To apply for this position in confidence, please email your resume and cover letter to: Brent Barootes, President, Partnership Group – Sponsorship Specialists[™]. For additional information please visit: Career Opportunity

--SOURCE: Partnership Group - Sponsorship Specialists, Brent Barootes, President

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UNITED WAY: CAMPAIGN MANAGER

This is an excellent opportunity for a highly results focused professional who wants to contribute to strengthening our community by working in partnership with various workplaces to generate fundraising revenue.



This high energy position includes developing donor and volunteer relationships, setting campaign goals, implementing strategies and analyzing results. Working independently and within a team, you will support numerous workplace campaigns in various industries, present information about community needs, and take action to maximize support. This role provides an opportunity to work with a diversity of people inside and outside of an office environment.

Qualifications include a customer service background, fundraising or sales/marketing experience, excellent written and verbal communication skills, computer proficiency and a proven ability to present an informative and persuasive message to individuals and groups. Experience working with and/or leading volunteers is preferred. You must be personally aligned with our mission, act with integrity, think conceptually, and have the ability to manage many priorities during peak activity periods. Your background includes a degree or diploma in a related area plus two years in a similar position. Equivalencies will be considered.

Besides a great job and competitive compensation and benefits, United Way offers a dynamic workplace, rewarding work, the opportunity to work independently and with a terrific team. We encourage innovation and we are committed to achieving amazing results that make a lasting difference in our community.

This position is available now and will be filled when the right candidate comes forward. Please forward your resume along with a cover letter by Friday, January 13th, 2012 to: Harry Grossmith, Executive Director, harry@unitedwaycso.com.

--SOURCE: United Way CSO, Harry Grossmith, Executive Director

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FACTS AND TRENDS

CHILDREN FROM AFFLUENT COMMUNITIES LESS LIKELY TO WANT HELPING CAREERS

When children around the world were asked what their dream job would be, almost half 10 to 12-year-olds in the developing world said they'd be teachers or doctors. In developed countries, however, almost half of 10 to 12-year-olds said they'd be professional athletes, actors, singers, or fashion designers. — Christian Children's Fund of Canada (CCFC)



--SOURCE: CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, December 5, 2011

REPORT FINDS DONORS MAY GIVE MORE IF CHARITIES PROVIDE GREATER TRANSPARENCY

GuideStar and Hope Consulting announced the results of a new study, Money for Good II

(MFGII), that shows if nonprofits and information providers are able to provide donors, advisors, and foundation grant-makers with the information that they want, where and how they want it, these donors would consider shifting up to \$15 billion in charitable dollars to higher-performing nonprofits. The report suggests that donors would like access to:



- A broad range of information on nonprofits' impact, financials, and legitimacy
- Data provided in transparent formats or portals that provide them with several pieces of information

For more information, and to view the full report, visit: multivu.com.

--SOURCE: CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, December 5, 2011

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VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE HIGHLY VALUED IN CALGARY JOB MARKET

A recent survey found that nine in ten Calgarians believe volunteer experience on a resume makes a post-secondary graduate a more attractive candidate to potential employers. The survey also found that eight in ten Calgarians believe pursuing volunteer work prior to graduation is important for post-secondary students. — DeVry Institute of Technology

--SOURCE: CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, December 5, 2011

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COMPASSION AND TRUST DRIVE CANADIAN DONATIONS

A new poll commissioned by Innovative Research Group shows that a strong commitment to helping the less fortunate and a general trust in others distinguishes Canadians who donate over \$500 dollars a year compared to those who give less. Personal enjoyment and gaining public esteem do not appear to be key drivers of giving. While a third of Canadians feel giving to charity allows government to avoid responsibilities, those views also do not appear to impact donations. However, the intensity of skepticism about where charitable dollars go may be limiting



both the number of donors and the amount they give. For more information visit: innovativeresearch.ca. (PDF)

--SOURCE: CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, December 5, 2011

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THINK GLOBALLY, ACT LOCALLY BECOMING MORE POPULAR

A new survey shows that "think globally, act locally" has become a worldwide mentality, with a majority of citizens around the world (73%, on average) agreeing that what happens in other parts of the world can impact their local community. The global survey also found high levels of engagement in social change, with three-quarters of adults (75%, on average) involved during the past six months, which most commonly included donating money, goods or services (41%, on average). — Walden University

--SOURCE: Charity Village.com, Village Vibes, December 12, 2011

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TOTAL CANADIAN DONATIONS UP 6.5% IN 2010

Statistics Canada released updated information on Canadian donors last week. Canadian taxfilers reported making charitable donations



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of just under \$8.3 billion in 2010, up 6.5% from 2009. At the same time, the number of donors increased 2.2% to just over 5.7 million. The median donation was \$260 in 2010, meaning that half of those claiming a donation gave more, and half less. This was up slightly from \$250 in 2009. For more information visit: statcan.gc.ca.

--SOURCE: CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, December 12, 2011

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CANADIANS TRAIL AMERICAN NEIGHBOURS IN CHARITABLE GIVING

Manitoba is Canada's most generous province, but Canadians continue to trail their American neighbours on private charitable giving, according to a new report on private monetary generosity from the Fraser Institute. For the 13th year in a row, Manitoba ranked as the most generous province in Generosity in Canada and the United States: The 2011 Generosity Index. But even the most generous Canadians don't come close to their American neighbours in terms of private charitable giving. Monetary generosity in the United States surpassed that of Canada, with 26.6% of American tax filers donating to charity, compared to 23.0% of Canadians. For more information visit: fraserinstitute.org.



MORE OLDER DONORS MAKING ONLINE DONATIONS

A new US study found that while 61% of all donors surveyed had given an online gift at some point, a surprising 51% of donors 60 years old and older said they had done so. This compares to 75% under 40 and 64% ages 40-59 who reported previous online giving. — Dunham+Company

--SOURCE: CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, December 19, 2011

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REPORT FINDS WOMEN DRIVE DONATIONS IN HIGH-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

In nearly 90% of high net worth households, women are either the sole decision maker or an equal partner in decisions about charitable giving, according to the Bank of America Merrill Lynch 2011 Study of High Net Worth Women's Philanthropy, released last week. Key findings of the study include:



- Women spend more time than men on due diligence before making decisions about giving to a charitable organization.
- Women expect a deeper level of communication with the organizations they support and place greater importance than men on the efficiency and effectiveness of the organization and hearing about the impact of their gift.
- Women want to be actively involved with an organization and its mission, with volunteering being among the most important motivations for women to give.
- Women are more likely than men to stop giving to an organization they had previously supported whereas men tend to support the same causes year after year.

For more information, and to view the full report, visit: philanthropy.iupui.edu.

--SOURCE: CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, December 19, 2011

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CANADIANS PREFER ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY GIFT GIVING

Canadian adults are more likely than their US counterparts to prefer giving (73% Canada versus 68% US) and receiving (74% Canada versus 69% US) gifts that benefit the environment. Additionally, 80%



of Canadian adults agree that an environmentally friendly gift consists of recycled or recyclable materials, while 72% view a gift that enables the recipient to reduce their environmental impact to be environmentally friendly and 70% say that being locally made or locally grown makes a gift environmentally friendly. — American Red Cross

--SOURCE: CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, December 12, 2011

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FINANCIAL

NEW CONTEST ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO CREATE NONPROFIT MEDIA CAMPAIGN

Imagine Canada and the Muttart Foundation have launched Students (Verb) Charities, a contest that asks students erolled in publicly funded post-secondary institutions to produce a public awareness campaign that talks about the depth, scope and reach of the sector as a whole. Contestants can submit campaigns in any form or medium. There is a total of \$100,000 in cash prizes including a \$50,000 first prize for the top entry, a second prize of \$25,000, and a third prize of \$10,000. For more information visit: studentsverbcharities.ca.



--SOURCE: CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, December 12, 2012

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GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY-BASED ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

Mountain Equipment Co-op (MEC) has announced the fall recipients of its community grants program, with 58 community-based environmental and outdoor recreation projects awarded a total of \$604,389. These grants are announced twice each year, with more than \$1.3 million invested by MEC for 2011. The deadline for the spring grants is March 10, 2012. For more information, visit: mec.ca.



--SOURCE: Charity Village.com, Village Vibes, December 5, 2011

CAMPUS CAPACITY GRANTS PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS: DEADLINE FEBRUARY 15

The Healthy Minds/Healthy Campuses Project is now accepting applications for their Campus Capacity Grants program. The program supports BC post-secondary institutions in building capacity and encouraging innovation in campus mental health promotion and the reduction of risky substance use. The program is looking for



applications that propose unique, innovative and creative projects that fall into the domain of promoting campus mental wellness, including healthy relationships with psychoactive substances. This program will award up to \$3000 in matched funds per campus and applications are due from **January 15 to February 15**. Healthy MInds/Healthy Campuses is led by CMHA BC Division behalf of the BC Partners for Mental Health and Addictions Information. For more information, please visit www.heretohelp.bc.ca.

--SOURCE: CMHA BC Division newsletter, December 23, 2011

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2012 CITY OF KELOWNA COMMUNITY GRANTS INFORMATION SESSION

The Central Okanagan Foundation encourages registered nonprofit organizations interested in applying for Community Social Development Grants and Grants to Address the Exploitation of Youth to attend an information session on Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 1pm in the Pacific Safety Products Boardroom at the Rotary Centre for the Arts (421 Cawston Ave).



The session will cover eligibility requirements and the application process. We will review program updates that could impact the application process and evaluation. For registration or to obtain more information please contact Cheryl Miller, Grants Manager, Central Okanagan Foundation at 250.861.6160 or cheryl@centralokanaganfoundation.org.

Community Social Development Grants assist registered, non profit societies and community organizations in the delivery of innovative, prevention-oriented programs designed to improve the quality of life for residents in Kelowna.

Grants to Address the Sexual Exploitation of Youth funds programs that directly address sexual exploitation issues for those under 19 years of age within the City of Kelowna.

To download the application forms, please visit kelowna.ca/grants.

Completed applications are due at 3:30pm. Friday, February 24, 2012 and should be dropped off at the Central Okanagan Foundation office located at 217-1889 Springfield Road.

RBC BLUE WATER PROJECT

Applications are now being accepted for the RBC Blue Water Project Leadership Grants. These grants will provide funding for projects related to watershed protection and access to safe drinking water. RBC Blue Water Project Leadership Grants range from \$25,000 to \$500,000 and are eligible for organizations with projects in any of the regions in which RBC is located, including Canada, the United States, Caribbean and the British Isles. The deadline for applications is February 3, 2012. For more information, including full eligibility requirements, visit: rbc.com.



--SOURCE: CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, December 5, 2011

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KCR HIGHLIGHTS

WANTED: NEWSPAPER CONTENT ABOUT YOUR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Are you recruiting volunteers? Are you hosting a public event that relies on volunteer involvement? Are you targeting a specific position such as a board member?



Every Thursday the Capital News runs a Volunteer Centre column for KCR. We invite you to submit content. Try to include a quote from a current volunteer. Make position titles interesting and focus on the skills needed.

Email a draft column of 275 words, including your contact information, to informkelowna@kcr.ca. Please send content by 12 noon on Friday for possible coverage the next week.

If you want to reserve a specific Thursday for your organization, please contact Dawn Wilkinson well in advance at 250.763.8008 ext 24 or informkelowna@kcr.ca.

--SOURCE: Kelowna Community Resources, Dawn Wilkinson, Coordinator, Community Information and Volunteer Centre

ADD KCR TO YOUR MAILING LIST

Are you regularly sending us information about your programs and services? We select content from the emails sent by you for promotion in the KCR Monthly Bulletin.



Add us to your mailing list. Send us information in a format that we can cut and paste so that we can avoid making errors.

The KCR Monthly Bulletin is emailed the first Friday of each month.

--SOURCE: Kelowna Community Resources, Dawn Wilkinson, Coordinator, Community Information and Volunteer Centre

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LOCAL

PARENTING WISELY WORKSHOP

Information on this evidence-based, parent-training intervention:

Presented by: Bob Pushak

Hosted by: The Kelowna Family Centre

204 – 347 Leon Ave

Date: Tuesday, January 24th, 2012

Time: 8:45 – 12:00 noon

Fee: \$10, refreshments included

Registration: Call 250-860-3181

For: Any professional working with children aged 5 to adolescent who would

like more information on the Parenting Wisely program

WHAT IS PARENTING WISELY?

Parenting Wisely is an evidence-based interactive parent training program that is accessed on CD-ROM or the Internet:

- It is easy to use and reduces parental defensiveness
- It is proven an effective, affordable and accessible program
- Parents learn skills that significantly reduce behavior problems, family violence, and family substance abuse
- The training demonstrates the newest version of PW that includes new content on mindfulness and other empirically supported practices

For more information, please email kelfamcr@shawbiz.ca.



CHIP YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE FOR "ECO" FEEL GOOD!

Taking down the Christmas tree after the holidays can sometimes feel like a bit of a letdown. It doesn't have to if you dispose of it in an eco-friendly manner.



Before dropping your tree off for recycling, please remove all decorations and tinsel, as well as the plastic bags used for transporting the tree.

Christmas tree drop-off locations December 26th through January 31st are:

- Kelowna and Area: At the corner of Richter and Rowcliffe Glenmore Landfill
- Westside: Westside Residential Waste Disposal and Recycling Center
- Lake Country: Swalwell Park (located on Bottom Wood Lake Road)
- Peachland: Old Dump Site (Spring Creek Pit at the end of Princeton Rd)

For more information, visit <u>regionaldistrict.com/recycle</u> or <u>CHIP Your Christmas tree for "Eco" Feel Good!</u> or call the Regional Waste Reduction Office at 250-469-6250.

--SOURCE: City of Kelowna, News Release, January 3, 2012

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GUEST SPEAKER PAT O'BRIEN: YOU GOTTA BELIEVE

BCHC - Together with the UBC School of Social Work, the Ministry for Children & Family Development is pleased to host Pat O'Brien, Founder of 'You Gotta Believe'. When: February 21, 2012, in Kelowna. Pat's agency in Brooklyn New York has developed a successful working model that recruits & supports lifetime parents and other connected adults for children and youth growing up in government care. For more information, who should go and registration click here.



--SOURCE: CATCH Network Newsletter January 2012, Community Action Toward Children's Health

YEAR IN REVIEW

Follow the voices, images and news stories to hear, see and read about what happened in Kelowna during 2011.



Click to the <u>multi-media 2011</u> Year in Review.to see videos, webpages and publications of the highlights from the City of Kelowna this past year.

--SOURCE: City of Kelowna

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PARENTING WITH PIZZAZZ CONFERENCE

Save March 31st as the date for the 9th Annual Parenting with Pizzazz Conference for parents and care providers.

The location will be the Martin Avenue Community Centre, Okanagan Boys and Girls Clubs, 1434 Graham Street, Kelowna.

--SOURCE: CATCH, Myrna Kalmakoff, Community Coordinator



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RCA SPRING BREAK WORKSHOPS: AGES 15+

LIGHTING DESIGN WORKSHOP

An introduction to lighting design with instruments, colour theory, and tips & tricks of the trade. *Hands on workshop. Dress appropriately: no skirts/dresses; closed toe shoes to be worn.

Date: Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 12pm – 3pm

Price: \$65

Instructor: Jordan Davies
Room: Mary Irwin Theatre

SOUND DESIGN WORKSHOP

A sound reinforcement introduction for theatre. *Hands on workshop. Dress appropriately: no skirts/dresses; closed toe shoes to be worn. Laptop required.

Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2012, 12pm – 3pm

--SOURCE: Rotary Centre for the Arts, January 2012 Newsletter

ROCK THE HOUSE

Join us for an afternoon of fun including curling, dinner, games and a not so silent "silent auction". All proceeds go to support Bedford Place.



Where: Kelowna Curling Club, 551 Recreation Avenue

When: Saturday, January 28, 2012

Times: 2:00pm - Registration & warm up

2:30pm: Learn to curl & practice 3:00pm: Let the games begin!! 5:00pm: Games & Spirit Award

6:00pm: Buffet Dinner & Silent Auction

\$40 each: Curling, equipment, dinner and silent auction and game, OR

\$30 each: Dinner, silent auction and games.

For tickets and registration, please call Bedford Place at 250-717-0702 or visit our website for more information: http://www.ihscso.bc.ca/

--SOURCE: John Howard Society, Terese Desrosiers, Bedford Place-Manager

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NEW GATE APARTMENTS INFORMATION SESSION: SERVICE PROVIDERS

John Howard Society is hosting an information session for professionals interested in referring clients to New Gate Apartments (Opening March 2012).

If you are a service provider and are interested in learning more about the building (referral process, timelines, criteria, etc.), you are invited to meet with representatives from John Howard Society.



When: January 31, 2012 - 2pm - 4pm

Where: Cardington Apartments

Multipurpose Room 1436 St. Paul St.

For more information, please contact Shelley Cook at 250.763.1331 or Marsha Greig 250.718.9476.

--SOURCE: John Howard Society, Shelley Cook, Executive Director

CMHA KELOWNA BRANCH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING: JANUARY 19 - 20

CMHA Kelowna Branch is pleased to announce that Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) courses are available for registration. MHFA is a 12-hour, two day training course that teaches participants how to provide initial help to people



who are showing signs of a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. Cost to register is \$168 per person and \$112 for full-time students. For more information or to register please <u>click here</u>.

--SOURCE: CMHA BC Division newsletter, December 32, 2011

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NEW TOOL: CANADIAN INDEX OF WELLBEING (CIW)

Canadian Index of Wellbeing (CIW) is a new tool to better understand levels of wellbeing and quality of life in Canada. The tool is designed to look at factors beyond economic measures, such as Gross Domestic Product, that contribute to wellbeing. The CIW assesses how Canadians are doing in eight different areas, also known as the domains of wellbeing: living standards; community vitality; democratic engagement; education; healthy populations; environment; time use and leisure and culture. For more information and to access the CIW, visit the website at ciw.ca.



--SOURCE: CMHA BC Division newsletter, November 30, 2011

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From the Editor's Desk: 2011 In Review and Predictions for 2012

You could say that 2011 was a year for the record books, but that's a little cliché. So are top ten lists in my opinion, which are best reserved — albeit less wittily lately — for late-night talk-show hosts in ill-fitting suits.

That's not to say that there's no value in looking back on the most-read and popular stories on CharityVillage from the past year. In fact, there's plenty to read into the reading habits of our readers. As I reviewed the top stories that we published in 2011, a few themes emerged, and in a format that will be



sure to please my tenth grade English teacher, I'd like to present them in the three body paragraphs below before making a few predictions for 2012. Read more>>>

--SOURCE: Imagine Canada Linkedin Discussions, January 2012

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TAX TIPS: CANADA PENSION PLAN CHANGES FOR INDIVIDUALS AGED 60-70 - JANUARY 2012

The following information is now available on the CRA Web site:

- Tax Tips: Canada Pension Plan changes for individuals aged 60-70 January 2012
- News releases: Interest rates for the first calendar quarter
- Tax Tips: Employers: Expect Canada Pension Plan changes in January 2012
- A new webcast video about non-compliance issues and how to avoid them has been added to the <u>Webcasts page</u>.

--SOURCE: The Federation of Community Social Services of BC, Weekly News Items - December 21, 2011

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SUCCESSFUL HOUSING INITIATIVES FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

The Center for Addition and Mental Health (CAMH), along with other partners, recently released a new report on a national scan of the current housing and community support needs of persons with mental illness. The report indicates that well over 500,000 people with mental illness are inadequately housed in Canada, and more than 100,000 are homeless. The report also describes the reasons for housing vulnerability among those with mental illness, identifies



those who are most vulnerable and explains the connection between inadequate housing and health status. The authors urge funders, policy makers and service providers to create a system of coordinated housing and supports that cross health and social services. Read the full report Turning the Key at mentalhealthcommission.ca.

--SOURCE: CMHA BC Division newsletter, November 30, 2011

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VOLUNTEER CANADA: THE VOICE PODCASTS

A member of Volunteer Canada's team, Graham Machacek, volunteers as the co-host of <u>The Voice</u>, an audio podcast on marketing and communications put out through International Association of Business Communicators. These podcasts could strengthen your communications, marketing, and social media capacity.



Here are a couple of highlights but I would suggest listening to on the list to see what interests you from the main page:

- How to leverage Converging Media (Part 2)
- Presentation Excellence

--SOURCE: Volunteer Canada, Zoe Fleming, Manager, Volunteer Centre Relations

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PROVINCIAL

CALL FOR YOUTH FILMMAKERS!

Are you a filmmaker or aspiring filmmaker? This is your chance to show us what you can do with a camera, your imagination and maybe a little help from your friends. W2 is hosting the 4th annual 2012 Young Filmmakers Showcase.

The Young Filmmakers Showcase brings together the best film and video made by youth (29 years and under) from across British Columbia.



Learn more about requirements and other critieria <u>here</u>. Deadline to apply: **January 27**′ **2012**.

--SOURCE: Federation of Community Social Services, FBCYICN E-Newsletter - January 6, 2012

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PROVINCIAL HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE POLICY MANUAL ONLINE

The Provincial Home and Community Care Policy Manual is available online on the Ministry of Health website. The manual outlines healthy authorities' responsibilities for providing home and community care services and includes information on client access, performance management, home health services, housing and health services, residential care services and client rates. Please visit health.gov.bc.ca to view the manual.



FAMILIES NEEDED FOR CROSS-CULTURAL MENTAL HEALTH LITERACY VIDEO

BC Mental Health and Addictions is creating a cross-cultural mental health literacy video and is asking for three or four families of various cultural backgrounds to participate. The purpose of the video is to: help illustrate that mental health challenges can occur within families of all cultural backgrounds; help break down stigma



and misconceptions about mental health and illness; and help direct viewers to where they can obtain information and resources on mental health. If you are interested in reflecting on your family's experience and in encouraging other families experiencing mental health challenges to seek information and support, please contact Meredith Woermke at meredith.woermke@bcmhs.bc.ca.

--SOURCE: CMHA BC Division newsletter, December 23, 2011

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SOCIETY ACT DISCUSSION PAPER INVITES FEEDBACK

Government News Item: VICTORIA – A new discussion paper on the Society Act invites discussion on the governance of B.C. societies and possible directions for reform. Read more>>>



--SOURCE: Minister of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Steve Thomson

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GNPI FULL COST FINANCIAL MODEL: DISCUSSION PAPER

A key workshop table at the Summit examined the Full Cost Financial Model, which is currently under development by a joint government/nonprofit Working Group to develop an approach that will recognize the full costs of service delivery for social service agencies through contracted relationships.



The Working Group's Draft Discussion Paper is available on our website.

We are seeking further feedback on the Draft Model described in the Discussion Paper. Please provide any insight or comments you have by **January 12**, **2012**.

Please feel free to forward this update to your contacts and colleagues! If you have questions or ideas, contact the GNPI staff at GNPI@gov.bc.ca.

--SOURCE: GNPI Co-Chairs: Faye Wightman, President & CEO, Vancouver Foundation and Mark Sieben, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Social Development

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RESEARCH

IMAGINE CANADA RELEASES NEW FACT SHEETS, INCLUDING LATEST SECTOR MONITOR

Imagine Canada has released two new white papers for the nonprofit sector. Trends in Individual Donations (1984 to 2010) is a <u>research bulletin</u> that presents an overview of trends in charitable donations from 1984 to 2010, drawing on a number of data sources derived from Canadian personal income tax returns. It focuses on describing long-term trends in donations as well as the impact of the recent global economic downturn.



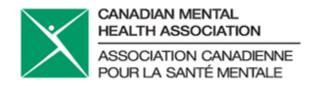
Imagine Canada also released information from their latest <u>Sector Monitor</u> survey (conducted between November 3 and December 2, 2011) in a new fact sheet. The report shows continued organizational stress as charities struggle to meet the demand for their services.

--SOURCE: CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, January 3, 2012

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CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS: SCHIZOPHRENIA RESEARCH STUDY

Do you have schizophrenia? The Office of Research Services at the University of British Columbia has reviewed and allowed ethics clearance for a new study on schizophrenia. The study will be looking at the effects of a new medication to treat the negative symptoms of schizophrenia sponsored by Hoffman-La Roche



Ltd. To participate, you must meet with the study coordinators to determine your eligibility, sign a consent form, complete 19 visits, complete a series of questionnaires and provide blood samples. Participants will be remunerated. The study will be conducted out of the Vancouver General Hospital, Outpatient Psychiatric Clinic located at 715 West 12th Avenue, Health Centre, Ground Floor, Vancouver, BC V5Z 1M0. The study will be recruiting participants until December 2012. For more information call Boris Feldman at 604-875-5823.

--SOURCE: CMHA BC Division newsletter, December 23, 2011

US Number One in Terms of Charity, According to New Report

The United States now ranks the highest in terms of charity in a massive global survey, according to CAFAmerica, a member organization of the United Kingdom based Charities Aid Foundation International Network of Offices. The 2011 report looks at three aspects of giving behavior of individuals in the preceding month, asking if they have donated money to a charity, volunteered time to an organization, or helped a stranger. The top-ranked US was followed in the survey by Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. Canada ranked seventh overall. For more information, and to view the full report, visit: cafamerica.org. (PDF)





--SOURCE: CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, January 3, 2012

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POLL: GENERATIONS DISAGREE ON PUBLIC FUNDING PRIORITIES

UBC HELP - Younger adults want Canada's wealth invested more evenly across the generations, while Canadians older than 55 say they should 'wait their turn,' according to new polling data. University of British Columbia professor Paul Kershaw and community partners at the



Vancouver Foundation, the YWCA of Metro Vancouver, the YMCA of Greater Vancouver and the Saskatchewan Knowledge to Action Network for Early Child Development (KidSKAN) recently initiated a national dialogue asking: Does Canada Work for All Generations? In response to growing public interest, McAllister Opinion Research conducted a national poll to examine public attitudes about our country's shifting generational realities. To learn more about A New Deal for Families, please visit Paul's \underline{A} Canada That Works for All Generations blog. Full article here.

--SOURCE: CATCH Network Newsletter January 2012, Community Action Toward Children's Health

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MERGER AT CARLETON UNIVERSITY

In August of this year the Centre for Voluntary Sector Research and Development (CVSRD) was merged with the Carleton Centre for Community Innovation (3ci). Both research centres are located within Carleton University, Ottawa.

CVSRD was established in 1999 and has accomplished many wonderful projects over the years. This merger will further enhance new dynamic



opportunities for the future. We would like to take this time to thank past staff for all their hard work in building the research centre through these past twelve years.

We invite you to visit our research stream within the Carleton Centre for Community Innovation, focusing on Nonprofit and Philanthropic Leadership. To find our work please click here.

--SOURCE: Carleton University, Carleton Centre for Community Innovation

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FACT SHEET: FAMILY TIME USE AND CHILD CARE

CRRU - The Vanier Institute of the Family is a national, not-for-profit organization based in Ottawa, Ontario. This fact sheet: All in a Day's Work examines how families use their time; identifies "different patterns of time use between men and women" and concludes that "time spent on child care continues to rise among men and women.



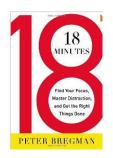
--SOURCE: CATCH Network Newsletter January 2012, Community Action Toward Children's Health

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RESOURCES

TAKING 18 MINUTES A DAY TOWARDS A YEAR-LONG FOCUS

Over the holiday break, I read 18 Minutes: Find Your Focus, Master Distraction, and Get the Right Things Done by Peter Bregman who blogs at the HBR. This book is a gem. Each chapter starts with a personal story that illustrates a concept related to managing unproductive distractions. What's refreshing and different about this book is that it isn't about trying to get everything done efficiently. Instead he guides you on how to focus on what matters and ignore the rest. He offers both daily techniques that help you reach longer-term goals.



--SOURCE: Beth's Blog, January 4, 2012

ROUNDTABLE ON WORKPLACE MENTAL HEALTH FINAL REPORT

The Global Business and Economic Roundtable on Addiction and Mental Health has released its final report on workplace mental health. The report looks back at more than 10 years of achievements in the workplace, building lessons learned in the first decade and recommends strategies for continuing progress in mental health and safety for the next 10 years. Four organizations have focused on the issues of mental health in the workplace and also announced that they will collaborate on initiatives that expand knowledge and promote the prevention, intervention and management



of workplace mental health issues. They include: the Great-West Life Centre for Mental Health in the Workplace; the Mental Health Commission of Canada; the Canadian Mental Health Association and the Mood Disorders Association of Ontario. Read the full report at mentalhealthroundtable.ca.

--SOURCE: CMHA BC Division newsletter, December 23, 2011

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WHAT INDUSTRIES WILL BE STARVING FOR TALENT IN 2012?

inc.com - These will be the five hardest slots for you (and any start-up) to fill in the New Year. The year flew by mostly because it was a very, very busy one. Although the economy continues to face many challenges, the startup and tech>>>



--SOURCE: Linkedin Today, December 22, 2011

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THE CASE FOR INTERIM STAFF LEADERSHIP

When a chief executive leaves, an organization can be thrown into turmoil. If the organization is facing additional issues, such as a micro-managing board of directors or a mission that is too broad and no longer effective, the departure of an executive can be even more disastrous. Fortunately, the right interim leader can help turn things around and set the organization up for long-term success. Read more>>>



--SOURCE: Charity Village.com, Village Vibes, Issue 17.01, January 3, 2011

MAKE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS WORK

So setting goals for your family can be very powerful, as long as you

<u>View this short video now</u> to see these principles applied to that very challenging transition time when you or the kids just get home. You'll be surprised how your children's behaviour will improve once you make it a habit and a priority to connect with them. And remember, we welcome your comments, questions, and wisdom!



Visit us at maggiereigh.com to find out more.

--SOURCE: Maggie Reigh, January 6, 2012

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PATERNAL DEPRESSION OFTEN UNRECOGNIZED, AFFECTS 1 IN 10 MEN

An article from the December issue of Canadian Medical Association Journal states that paternal perinatal depression is a seldom treated condition that affects an estimated 1 in 10 men.



International studies indicate that the prevalence of this condition can range between 4% and 25%. Depressed fathers are more likely to hit their children and paternal postnatal depression is associated with adverse emotional and behavioural consequences among children as they age.

The article mentions that new fathers' concerns are often dismissed and there is little to none targeted screening and treatment programs for fathers affected with paternal depression. Simple steps that health professionals can take to include new fathers include acknowledging and directing questions to both parents or making examination and waiting rooms more 'guy-friendly' by providing magazines or displays with positive depictions of fathers. Read the abstract at <a href="mailto:cmailto

--SOURCE: CMHA BC Division newsletter, December 23, 2011

How to Tackle Your Clutter

So you've been putting off tackling your clutter for months, maybe even years. Papers pile up on a counter, shelves are crammed full of books and magazines and other things, closets are stuffed to the point of spillage, clothes pile up on the floor or furniture, boxes and furniture and other miscellaneous things cover your floor. How do you even get started?



--SOURCE: zen habits: How to Tackle Your Clutter; Posted: 06 Jan 2012 11:19 AM PST; Post written by Leo Babauta.

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2012 RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NONPROFIT WORLD

philanthropy.com - A new year offers an opportunity to set new goals. In that spirit, The Chronicle invited a diverse group of leaders and thinkers to share their 2012 resolutions for the nonprofit world. Read a sampling of their responses>>>



--SOURCE: Linkedin Today, January 5, 2012

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FAMILY CAREGIVERS' NETWORK VIDEO SERIES ON YOUTUBE

The Family Caregivers' Network Society has launched a series of 60+ short videos on family caregiving on YouTube. This series is designed for busy, stressed, or overwhelmed family caregivers. Each video is about 1-3 minutes in length. View these videos at youtube.com/rickinvictoria1.



--SOURCE: CMHA BC Division newsletter, November 30, 2011

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LACK OF MENTAL HEALTH CARE IN HOSPITALS: CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM SURVEY REPORT

In September, the Mood Disorders Society of Canada (MDSC) released a public survey asking Canadians on their opinions of the Canadian mental health care system. After analyzing data from 3,125 respondents, MDSC produced a survey report which would be sent to the Federal and all Provincial/Territorial Ministers of Health. The report provides an overview of how persons with mental illness, their families and caregivers view the services they



receive from their family doctors, their community, clinics and emergency rooms. Key findings show that while there has been some improvement in the mental health care system, there are many areas where there are significant gaps or shortage. 35% of respondents with a mental illness waited more than 12 months for a diagnosis while 65% indicated that their hospital does not provide adequate care for patients with mental illness. Read the final report at mooddisorderscanada.ca.

--SOURCE: CMHA BC Division newsletter, November 30, 2011

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CREATING LEARNING EXPERIENCES THAT CONNECT, INSPIRE, AND ENGAGE

A few days ago I opened the door on <u>a new learning journey</u>. I am very excited about upcoming peer learning projects that I'm working on in 2012, including several for Packard grantees in India, Pakistan, and Africa as well as the <u>e-Mediat project</u> in the Middle East. It is a great opportunity to ponder the question: How to design and deliver learning experiences for nonprofits that connect, inspire, and engage? What are the best practices?



CONTENT DELIVERY IS NOT LEARNING

On New Year's Day, I heard a story on NPR about some research on instructional techniques used by many college professors – the lecture and how it is less effective in an age information-abundance. Content delivery is less important than the skill to making sense of it and that needs to be what "classroom time" is about. The instructor's role should be to facilitate this understanding for their students, not dump content on them. Read more>>>

--SOURCE: Beth's Blog by Email, January 6, 2012

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SOCIAL MEDIA

TOP 5 MOST COMMON NETWORKING MISTAKES

Everyone tries to network, but few people do it well, often making the same basic mistakes.

Inc.

Here's what *not* to do when you're trying to expand or leverage your network:

1. TRY TO TAKE BEFORE YOU GIVE. The goal of networking is to connect with people who can help you make a sale, get a referral, establish a contact, etc. When we network, we want *something*.

But at first, never ask for what you want. In fact you may never ask for what you want. Forget about what you can get and focus on what you can provide. Giving is the only way to establish a real connection and relationship. Focus solely on what you can get out of the connection and you will never make meaningful, mutually beneficial connections. When you network, it's all about them, not you. Read more>>>

--SOURCE: Linkedin Today, December 29, 2011

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MAJORITY OF US NONPROFITS HAVE A FACEBOOK PRESENCE

According to a recent US survey, 89% of nonprofits (all sizes) report having a presence on Facebook. Twitter has the second highest adoption rate with 57% of nonprofits indicating they have a Twitter account. The average Facebook fan base for nonprofits is up 161% in 2011 to 6,376 members. — 2011 Nonprofit Social Network Benchmark Report



--SOURCE: CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, January 3, 2012

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TRAINING

4TH NATIONAL CONGRESS ON HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

Registration is now open for CHRA's <u>44th National Congress on Housing & Homelessness</u>. The annual event will take place in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador May 1-4, 2012.



--SOURCE: Raising the Roof, Housing Again Bulletin #147 December 2011

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2012 MYCHARITYCONNECTS WEBINAR LINE UP ANNOUNCED!

Want to learn more about fundraising, social media and online technology? MyCharityConnects can help!



We are thrilled to announce our <u>webinar schedule for 2012!</u> These free online training sessions are available to everyone with an internet connection and speakers (or headphones).

Click on the session names for more details and to register:

- January 18: 10 New Year's Resolutions for Online Fundraisers
- February 1: What You Need To Know about Google+
- February 15: Introduction to TechSoup Canada's Online Donations Program
- February 29: Get Social with your Peer-to-Peer Fundraising Events
- March 14: Essential Facebook Tips for Your Charity
- March 28: Being Social Inside & Out: Fostering a Culture of Sharing & Collaboration
- April 11: The Rules Around Tools
- April 25: Essential Twitter Tips for Your Charity
- May 9: Preparing for a Website Redesign
- May 23: Editorial Calendar Essentials: Organize and Plan Your Online Communications
- June 27: Elements of a Great YouTube Video

Is there some aspect of online fundraising or social media that you would like to learn about? Let us know at karaq@canadahelps.org.

--SOURCE: CanadaHelps, January 4, 2012

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CITIES FIT FOR CHILDREN CONFERENCE

The 3rd Annual Cities Fit for Children Provincial Summit is dedicated to the sustainable development of our cites and urban and rural areas. Building on the success of the first two summits in Kelowna in 2007 and Langley in 2009 we are anticipating 300 delegates from across the province. The event will bring together local, municipal and regional leaders involved in policy decisions and designing and building healthy safe communities for children and families. Thursday May 10-11, 2012, Thompson Rivers University, 900 McGill Road, Kamloops, BC. For more information click here.



--SOURCE: CATCH Network Newsletter January 2012, Community Action Toward Children's Health

STEWARDS OF CHILDREN

Little Warriors is pleased to offer the revolutionary, research based Stewards of Children training in Kelowna. The Stewards of Children session educates adults how to help prevent, recognize and react to child sexual abuse.

WARRIORS.

Upcoming Stewards of Children sessions available for individual or group registration in Kelowna:

January 30, 2012, 6-9pm March 3, 2012, 10am-1pm May 12, 2012, 10am-1pm

Registration: <u>littlewarriors.ca</u>, or

1-888-440-1343

Cost: \$40 per person

\$25 per person: groups of 2-9

\$15 per person: groups of 10 or more.

Each participant receives a manual, a handbook and certificate.

--SOURCE: Little Warriors, Shannon Phelan, Community Relations

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EMPLOYMENT LAW FOR MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS

Lawsuits can be costly and devastating to your business. As a manager or supervisor you understand that you can be held legally liable for the decisions that you make and be held accountable for how you manage your people. Learn the fundamentals of employment law and safeguard your company by attending this powerful one day workshop:



When: January 20, 2012

Where: Hotel Eldorado Kelowna

500 Cook Road Kelowna, BC

Cost: \$399, plus applicable taxes

This intensive hands-on workshop will help you to understand the vital points of employment law and how they affect you and your organization. Learn effective ways to deal with legal issues from harassment to disability issues to termination.

- The Employment Relationship
- · Understand the Major Anti-Discrimination Laws and How They May Affect You
- Provide and Foster a Safe Work Environment
- Privacy
- Appraisal, Improvement, Discipline, and Termination
- Internal Responsibility

Register Now>>>

--SOURCE: Canadian Training Resources

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CTRI WORKSHOPS

The Crisis and Trauma Resource Institute has many workshops coming to Vancouver, Victoria, Kelowna and Prince George this winter and spring. To view upcoming workshops, visit our website at ctrinstitute.com.



--SOURCE: Crisis and Trauma Resource Institute, Delayne Hogan, Public Workshop Coordinator, CTRI Inc.

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BUILDING BRIDGES: SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

We're in the early planning stages at this stage, but want to let you know the the latest news!

Dates for the 2012 Building Bridges - Supporting Children & Families Conference are confirmed for Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd June, 2012.



The venue will be the Coast Capri Hotel in Kelowna, BC. Details on registration will be posted on <u>our website</u> as they become available

--SOURCE: The Bridge Youth and Family Services, Helen Mills, Project Assistant

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PROSPECT DEVELOPMENT: PROSPECTING AND DISCOVERY SESSIONS

We are excited to inform you that that the Partnership Group-Sponsorship Specialist 2012 One Day Workshop online registration is Now Open.



Date: May 22:

UBC Okanagan Location:

3333 University Way

Kelowna, BC

Our topic this season will focus on Prospect Development: "Prospecting and Discovery Sessions."

Delegates will leave this workshop with:

- The tools to prospect successfully
- To target the right people for meetings
- How to get and deliver the meeting itself

Register Now!

For questions or additional information please contact workshops@partnershipgroup.ca.

--SOURCE: Partnership Group - Sponsorship Specialists™, Brent Barootes - President + Senior Consultant

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VOLUNTEERISM

CANADIAN JOURNAL OF VOLUNTEER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

The latest edition of the Canadian Journal of Volunteer Resources Management on "New Trends" is now available to view on the member's only section of our website, and visit the member recommended resources section of the member's only area.



--SOURCE: CAVR, January 2012

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AVRBC CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKER TASK FORCE

Suggest experienced leaders in the field to consider as keynote speakers for our bi-annual Provincial Conference scheduled for spring 2013. This position involves researching possible keynote Administrators of Volunteer Resources BC



speakers, obtaining information on their presentation topics and pricing, conducting reference checks, and working with a team to evaluate/ shortlist candidates for approval by the Board.

The time commitment is 12-15 hours between January-March 2012. You will work both independently and as part of a team. This is a completely virtual volunteer opportunity – do it any time, any place, or in any pajamas you like! Meetings will take place via teleconference and team communication will be done using MyCommittee.com (training provided). Individual tasks will be assigned and work can be done via phone and computer on your own schedule.

To express interest in this position, email Lindsay Baker at lindsay.baker@vanaqua.orgASAP with a short message about the skills, experience and perspectives you will bring to the team.

--SOURCE: AVRBC, Lindsay Baker, Manager, Volunteer Services, Vancouver Aquarium

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AVRBC SPEAKER SERIES

Anyone interested in joining the AVRBC Speaker Series Trainer's database should complete an application form and submit the attached form to Lindsay Baker at lindsay.baker@vanaqua.org.

--SOURCE: AVRBC, January6, 2012

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UNITED NATIONS RELEASES FIRST STATE OF THE WORLD'S VOLUNTEERISM REPORT

There is an urgent need to measure volunteerism in order to include it among the greatest assets of nations, says a new United Nations



report. The first State of the World's Volunteerism Report (SWVR) published last week calls for making volunteer action an integral part of the new development consensus. The SWVR shows that volunteerism is an effective way to implement community-led strategies and suggests there is growing recognition that the current development paradigm, based on economic development and access to services, is severely limited. For more information, and to view the full report, visit: unric.org.

--SOURCE: Charity Village.com, Village Vibes, December 12, 2011

VOLUNTEER CANADA WANTS YOUR PERSPECTIVE ON VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

Volunteer Canada, in partnership with Manulife Financial, is interested in learning more about the innovative strategies and inspiring practices organizations have developed to engage today's volunteers, with a focus on youth, families, baby boomers, and employer-supported volunteering. The survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete and Volunteer Canada will share the results of this research in February 2012. For more information visit: volunteer.ca.



--SOURCE: CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, January 3, 2012

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Do you have news related to the non-profit / voluntary sector that you wish to share with your colleagues? Send Community Information and Volunteer Centre your information at informkelowna@kcr.ca by the 20th of the month.

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