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### Local News

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YOUR "TWO CENTS" COULD MAKE CHANGE FOR KELOWNA

United Way Survey: Central Okanagan Community Investment. The United Way are asking you to put in your "two cents" in addressing social and quality of life issues in Central & South Okanagan/Similkameen. You can impact social problems and influence the investment priorities of the United Way in our area. The survey takes approximately 15-30 minutes. Central/South OK residents 19+ can complete the survey at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=aw0c10Z77yUxKSCqXKXxhQ_3d_3d.

TD'S SCHOLARSHIPS HONOR STUDENT LEADERS WITH UP TO \$60,000

Valued at more than \$1 million per year, the TD Canada Trust scholarships honour and reward 20 exceptional high school students who have the vision and dedication to help solve problems in their community are honoured. Each scholarship is valued at up to \$60,000 and includes full tuition at any accredited university or college in Canada, \$5,000 a year toward living expenses, and a guaranteed offer of summer employment at TD Canada Trust for up to four years. Watch for the announcement of the next round of applications: www.tdcanadatrust.com/scholarship

GLOBAL CITIZEN WEEK: MARCH 2-8, 2008

March 2 from 1-4pm: "If the World were a Village" Children's Festival

For more info. contact: globalcitizen.joyce@gmail.com.

March 5-6: "Invisible Children" Presentations (free admission)

For more info, contact: mdsalverda@shaw.ca.

March 6 at 7:15pm see the Balkan Women's Choir & Little Women for Little Women of Afghanistan at UBCO. Visit <http://web.ubc.ca/okanagan/welcome.html> for details.

March 6: An Evening with Craig Kielburger, Nobel Peace Prize Nominee

contact: Nicole Rustad at 212-0774 or nicole.rustad@clubpenguin.com.

March 7 from 9:30am-3pm (for students): Millennium Scholarship Challenge

March 7 at 7pm: Spout Events presents "An Evening with Stephen Lewis"

at the Kelowna Community Theatre. Tickets at ticketmaster.com.

March 8 from 10am-4pm: International Volunteer Fair

at the Orchard Park Mall. Contact: globalcitizen.joyce@gmail.com

March 8 from 5-9pm: "Taste of Home" (free admission and entertainment)

contact: www.tasteofhomekelowna.org.

March 6 – 8, 2008. Building Beyond Borders Conference (no registration required)

Kelowna Christian Centre (905 Badke Rd Kelowna, BC)

Provincial News

2008 NESIKA AWARDS: RECOGNIZING ACHIEVEMENT IN DIVERSITY

Nominate the BC person, organization or community whose exceptional work is helping to bring BC's diverse cultures together. Cash awards of \$5000 will be presented in three categories: Individuals, Organizations and Communities. A panel will be appointed by the Multicultural Advisory Council to adjudicate the awards. The deadline for nominations is Sept. 15, 2008. Achievements must be ongoing or have taken place in BC within the last three years, have taken place in British Columbia only, and have involved British Columbians. Nominations forms are available at www.WelcomeBC.ca.

VOLUNTEER FOR 2010 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES!

The official launch of the volunteer recruitment process has been announced. The Vancouver Organizing Committee (VANOC) for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, in partnership with Workopolis, is looking for approximately 25,000 volunteers who are available before, during and after the 2010 Winter Games. The online application process will remain open for at least six weeks. Members of the general public are encouraged to apply. For more information, including volunteer requirements and how to apply, please visit www.Vancouver2010.com.

Funding & Resources

NOTICE: TO ALL REGISTERED CHARITIES AND SOCIETIES IN SD #23

The Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust ("SIDIT") will be launching a pilot granting program through the Central Okanagan Foundation ("COF"). This program targets economic development initiatives to community based non-profit entities and charitable organizations in supporting initiatives that have measurable and long lasting economic benefits. An information session is scheduled for Monday, March 3rd at 10:00 a.m. at the Regional Library downtown, 1380 Ellis Street. RSVP Sandi @ 861-6160.

A FOCUS ON YOUTH: THE MCCREARY YOUTH FOUNDATION

The McCreary Youth Foundation works with community and philanthropic organizations, government and the private sector to develop and fund programs and policies that can make a tangible difference in the lives of B.C.'s young people. For current funding opportunities, visit: <http://www.myfoundation.ca/current-funding.html>.

E-RESOURCES FOR 'HOW-TO' ON YOUTH & VOLUNTEERING

Energize, Inc., an international training, consulting and publishing firm specializing in volunteerism, has a compiled list of resources on youth volunteering, ranging from free e-books to helpful articles on recommended websites. Topics covered include children and youth volunteering, family volunteering, school-based volunteering and more. Start browsing here: <http://www.energizeinc.com/art/subj/youth.html>.

CABAM YOUR VOLUNTEERS WITH RECOGNITION!

Let Cabam help you with your gift needs for Volunteer Week (April 27 – May 3, 2008). They specialize in selling stock Volunteer Recognition gifts year round. Cabam is a Canadian owner operated company. For 14 years they have prided themselves in offering quality products at affordable prices. To order, call toll-free at 1-888-359-7386 or visit the web page www.cabam.ca for a fax or online order form.

CANADIAN SUBSIDY DIRECTORY 2008 NOW AVAILABLE!

Looking for a financial boost to help you reach your organizational or personal goals? The newly revised Subsidy Directory 2008 is the most complete and affordable reference for anyone looking for financing. The perfect tool for new and existing businesses, individuals, foundations and associations is now available for this year. This publication contains more than 3200 direct and indirect financial subsidies, grants and loans offered by government departments and agencies, foundations, associations and organizations. All the programs are well described and ready for your inquiries. To obtain a copy please call toll free 1-866-322-3376 or local 819-322-5756.

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## Education and Training

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LEARN TO LEAD YOUR VOLUNTEERS MORE EFFECTIVELY

Overview of Volunteer Management

Will be offered April 3,4,17,18 2008; 9:00-4:00pm each day.

During this 24 hour course, participants will:

1. Master the volunteer retention cycle
2. Develop the tools to effectively respond to current and emerging trends
3. Understand the complexities of leadership, influence, and organizational relationships and structures
4. Learn to create and market successful volunteer programs

The \$175.00 registration fee includes a binder of course materials and a complete set of volunteer management forms. To register, go to www.kcr.ca/register.htm or call 250.763.8008 ext.24

[. Complete course outcomes are attached in a Word document.](#)

CMHA MENTAL ILLNESS FIRST AID

Mental Illness First Aid (MIFA) is an exciting new 2 day course designed for people working with the general public to gain a better understanding of mental illnesses and the basic skills and knowledge to deal with specific situations. Cost \$150.00 plus GST per person for the two day course. For further information contact Amanda or Charly @ 861-3644.

Community Information and Volunteer Centre (CIVC) is a program of Kelowna Community Resources. Go to www.kcr.ca for more information about KCR and CIVC. Be sure to add or update- your volunteer and/ or organization information. CIVC Bulletin was produced with the assistance of Martin Hayter.