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Welcome to the 27th Annual Okanagan Volunteer Fair! We're thrilled to have you here, ready to explore the many opportunities to make a meaningful impact in our community. Volunteerism is more than just giving your time—it's about forging connections, building a more connected community, and discovering the joy that comes from helping others. Whether you're here to support a cause you're passionate about or to explore new interests, your presence today signifies a commitment to creating positive change. Dive in, ask questions, and let's work together to make a difference! KCR Community Resources as the Volunteer Centre of the

Central Okanagan is proud to play a part in facilitating these connections in the community between non-profit organizations and volunteers.

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Join us in shaping the future for British Columbians affected by dementia by joining the organizing committee for the 2025 IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's in Kelowna. Over 85,000 people in the province live with dementia, they need our support.

The Walk raises awareness and funds to support the Alzheimer Society of B.C.'s programs and research.

Roles include promotion, recruitment, entertainment coordination, and more. Please contact us for more information.



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The Animal Lifeline Emergency Response Team (ALERT) is dedicated to animal welfare through the preparation for the actual rescue and shelter of domestic animals and livestock in a disaster. Whether this be residential fire, wildfire, flood or any other disaster, ALERT is there to assist people with their animals.



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Ballet Kelowna is the sole professional dance company in BC's Interior, reaching more than 12,000 people annually through our programs. Our volunteers play a vital role in helping us deliver compelling and inspiring performances to local audiences. Opportunities range from assisting at shows and events, to costume alterations, poster distribution, and transporting guest artists.



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We provide systemic opportunity to all children and youth. We help them become their best selves. We cheer them on as they take it from there, with confidence and conviction. All they need is an opportunity because Opportunity Changes Everything.

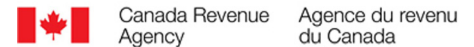
We value the skills, knowledge, and enthusiasm that our volunteers bring. Through volunteering with us, you'll develop personal relationships and professional experience, while having fun and making a difference in the lives of children and youth!



**We transform lives and build community**

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Why Volunteer with Us? You will have a chance to join a dynamic team and make a real impact. You will engage in meaningful work with diverse opportunities in our Family Services programs, Recovery & Addictions programs, or our Community Engagement activities. We prioritize your personal development and growth, ensuring you have every opportunity for success. Together, we'll transform lives and build community.



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The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) is a collaboration between community organizations and the Canada Revenue Agency. Community organizations host free tax preparation clinics and volunteers complete income tax returns for eligible individuals. Canada Revenue Agency offers free training and tax-software for the volunteers. To register to become a volunteer, or to get more information about the CVITP, go to [canada.ca/taxes-volunteer](https://canada.ca/taxes-volunteer) or call 1.800.959.8281



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The Canadian Red Cross is recruiting new volunteers for our Health Equipment Loan Program (HELP). HELP offers mobility, independence and safety to people recovering from illness or surgery or wishing to spend their final days in their own homes. The HELP Client Services Volunteer provides administrative support like answering the phone and coordinating health equipment loans and returns. We are also recruiting for volunteer roles on our Emergency Management Team.



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Care to Speak is a Peer support program that supports Social Service Sector and Health Care workers across BC. Our program is 100% free, confidential, and unaffiliated with any employer or union. All of our volunteers have experience in healthcare or social service sector and support people over call, text, or chat from anywhere in BC! No matter what our Health Care or Social Sector workers are dealing with, Care to Speak is here to support them 9am to 9pm Monday to Friday!



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Central Okanagan Elizabeth Fry Society is a feminist non-profit organization that supports survivors of sexual violence, child abuse, and intimate partner violence. Founded in 1972, we offer a variety of critical services including specialized victim assistance, crisis response and risk assessment, safety planning, court support, sexual assault counselling, Indigenous outreach services and community education.



## Central Okanagan Food Bank

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We serve all individuals regardless of age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, ethnicity, language, disability, or health status. COFB has created programs to inherently target assistance toward our seniors, children, infants, pregnant mothers, and those with medically diagnosed dietary needs and restrictions. Our core mission is to create a healthy, hunger-free community.



*empowering generations to give*

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The Central Okanagan Foundation's mission is to create a healthy and vibrant community. We connect donors with causes they care about and create lasting positive impacts. We do this by pooling the gifts of donors to create endowment funds and using the investment income to make grants. Since the Foundation began in 1977, we've contributed over \$30 million back into the community. Join us in making a difference! Your support helps build a stronger, more vibrant Central Okanagan for all.



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The Central Okanagan Heritage Society is a non-profit organization that operates primarily with volunteers. Our mission is to build awareness of the distinct heritage of the Central Okanagan through Conservation, Collaboration, Advocacy and Education for the benefit of current and future generations. We are looking to partner up with local schools, organizations, anyone that is looking to volunteer and join us in our goal of preserving our heritage. Thank you for considering us!



## Maximizing Your Organization's Impact Through Strategic Partnerships

In the fast-paced world of charity work, where every dollar and every hour counts, the ability to do more with less is a reality many charities face. As leaders of organizations dedicated to making a difference, you're no stranger to the challenges of securing funding, managing communications, and ensuring that your operations run smoothly. But with limited resources, how do you keep up?

This is where strategic partnerships come into play. Partnering with experts in grant writing, fundraising, digital communications, and back-office support can not only lighten your load but also magnify your impact. Imagine having a team that shares your passion for your cause, working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that your mission reaches as many people as possible. At Do Gooders, we believe that every charity and not-for-profit deserves the tools and support to thrive. Based in Kelowna, our small but mighty team has a proven track record of helping organizations like yours achieve their goals. From hospitals and mental health organizations to animal rescues and arts centers, we've partnered with a diverse range of clients across Canada, providing them with the tailored support they need to focus on what they do best—making a difference.



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By outsourcing key functions to experts, you can free up valuable time and resources, allowing your team to concentrate on the heart of your mission. Whether it's securing a critical grant, crafting compelling



digital campaigns, or ensuring smooth back-office operations, Do Gooders is here to help you succeed.

In today's competitive landscape, collaboration isn't just an option—it's a necessity. By working together, we can ensure that your organization not only survives but thrives, delivering vital services to those who need them most. Let's join forces and make your mission a reality. Reach out to Kathleen Lemieux at [kathleen@dogooders.ca](mailto:kathleen@dogooders.ca) to find out more.



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Childhood Connections Okanagan Family and Childcare Society enhances the well-being of children and families in the Okanagan. We focus on fostering strong relationships and providing services to support and empower children, families, and caregivers. Our goal is to create a nurturing environment where every child can reach their full potential. By supporting families and offering resources, we build foundations for a brighter future for all children in the Okanagan.



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The City of Kelowna's, Active Living & Culture department provides inclusive programs and event throughout the community. Volunteers are an important part of the diverse programming and events that are offered throughout the community. Our volunteer program offers short term and long term volunteer opportunities with people of all abilities and ages.



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CNIB is a national, non-profit organization driven to change what it is to be blind today through innovative programs and powerful advocacy that empower people impacted by blindness to live their dreams and tear down barriers to inclusion. Our work is strengthened by a network of staff, volunteers, donors, stakeholders and partners across Canada.

Hours Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30pm.

CNIB Smartlife Store for low vision technology open on site Tues-Thurs.

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C.R.I.S. Adaptive Adventures is a local non-profit offering outdoor recreation for people with disabilities, powered by our active and outdoorsy volunteers! Volunteering with us might look like riding a tandem bike along the Greenway, it might be a sunset paddle on a hot summer evening, it could be hiking with a trail rider in our local parks, or it could be cross country skiing at your closest nordic centre. It could be a lot of things - but it's always getting outside with great people.



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Elevation Outdoors provides outdoor programming for youth who wouldn't otherwise get the chance to learn sports skills and get outside! We provide youth with transportation, equipment and instruction in our hiking, rock climbing, mountain biking, snowboarding, and leadership programs! Our programs are made possible with the support of volunteers who want to get outside, build meaningful relationships with youth, and pass along their passion for the sports they love!



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Emergency Support Services (ESS) is a Provincial Program delivered by local authorities and First Nations to meet the basic needs of British Columbians impacted by disasters by providing short-term support in a compassionate manner. This includes providing temporary relief to individuals and families so they can begin to plan their next steps to recover after disaster. Primary services include food, lodging, clothing, and family reunification.



# Getting Involved with AFP Interior BC: A Path to Making a Difference

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Interior BC Chapter is dedicated to empowering individuals and organizations to practice ethical and effective fundraising. With a vibrant network of professionals across the region, AFP Interior BC serves as a cornerstone for those passionate about making a meaningful impact in their communities.

## Why Get Involved?

Involvement with AFP Interior BC offers numerous benefits, both personal and professional. By joining our chapter, you become part of a community committed to advancing philanthropy through education, training, and advocacy. Our members are a diverse group of fundraising professionals who share a common goal: to foster a culture of giving and to support the growth and development of the nonprofit sector in the interior of BC.

## Educational Opportunities

One of the primary advantages of being involved with AFP Interior BC is access to a variety of educational resources. We offer a variety of professional development opportunities, including workshops, webinars, and conferences. These events are designed to equip fundraising professionals with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in an ever-evolving field. Topics range from donor relations and major gift fundraising to the latest trends in digital fundraising and grant writing.

## Networking and Mentorship

AFP Interior BC provides unparalleled networking opportunities. Our events and meetings are excellent opportunities to connect with peers, share best practices, and collaborate on innovative ideas. Additionally, our mentorship program pairs seasoned professionals with those new to the field, fostering a supportive environment where everyone can learn and grow together.

## Advocacy and Ethics

We are dedicated to promoting ethical fundraising practices. Our chapter is actively involved in advocating for policies and regulations that support the nonprofit sector. By adhering to the AFP Code of Ethical Standards, our members commit to integrity and transparency in all their fundraising efforts.

## Community Impact

Being part of AFP Interior BC means being part of a movement that makes a tangible difference. Our members are instrumental in driving positive change, raising funds for critical causes, and improving the quality of life in our communities.

Whether you are a seasoned fundraiser or new to the profession, your involvement can have a lasting impact.

## How to Get Involved

Getting involved with AFP Interior BC is easy. Visit us at <https://community.afpglobal.org/afpinteriorbc/home> to learn more about membership options, upcoming events, and volunteer opportunities. By joining us, you can enhance your professional journey while contributing to the greater good.

Join AFP Interior BC today and be part of a community dedicated to advancing philanthropy and making a difference, one fundraiser at a time. Together, we can achieve more.



## THANK YOU TO ALL OF KELOWNA-LAKE COUNTRY'S SELFLESS VOLUNTEERS!

The spirit of Kelowna-Lake Country is alive and well everyday with each one of our dedicated volunteers in the community.

Volunteering is such a rewarding experience which helps many. For those who are able to, I encourage you to get involved in whatever ways you can.

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The Exercise, Metabolism, and Inflammation Lab (EMIL) at UBC Okanagan is at the forefront of investigating lifestyle approaches for the treatment and prevention of Type 2 Diabetes. We are currently conducting studies that explore the influence of exercise and nutrition on T2D remission, inflammation, and overall health. We also bridge the gap between research and the community through our free Diabetes Dialogue events, where we offer valuable insights into Diabetes management.



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Local volunteers who support the trail call themselves Friends of Okanagan Rail Trail, or FORT for short. FORT is a volunteer, non-profit organization and the official non-government partner to the rail trail owner jurisdictions. FORT programs and activities are coordinated with owner jurisdictions and include: - Trail Ambassadors, Trail Stewards and other volunteers - Trail Improvement and Input to Planning - Fundraising - Communication



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Entertain! Educate! Inspire to Action! Help us fulfill that mission! 'The Sustainable Development Challenge', 'Art for Social Change', & 'Reconcili-Action' events are held each Feb-March. Celebrate what Okanagan citizens' do to make our city & world a better place! Volunteers needed for all aspects of planning & implementing multiple events. Local artists are invited to showcase their work! Great for short-term/one-off volunteering. Open to all ages!



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Habitat for Humanity Okanagan has been a beacon of hope and change in the Okanagan Valley for over two decades. This non-profit organization is part of the larger Habitat for Humanity Canada network, dedicated to building strength, stability, and self-reliance through affordable homeownership. By mobilizing volunteers and community partners, Habitat for Humanity Okanagan creates affordable housing solutions for families in need, transforming lives and communities in the process.



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Hands in Service is dedicated to provide free, compassionate in-home assistance, referral services and access to food security for individuals with socioeconomic, mobility, and health challenges. We are focused on meeting needs, valuing people and building relationships because we believe that every individual deserves dignity and respect. We are building community by offering and encouraging volunteer opportunities and volunteer service benefiting clients and volunteers alike.



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Her International offers educational opportunities and life skills to marginalized women and girls. Overseas we provide educational scholarships, literacy and life skill courses, and run micro-edit groups. In Canada, we have a self-development and leadership training program. Our volunteers share a passion for our mission to empower 'her' through education.





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Kalano Club's mission is to provide a safe and social, alcohol and drug free environment for it's members and prospective members alike.



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Volunteers are at the heart of KCR's programs and services. Help newcomers feel welcome in our community. Provide support and resources to assist people in crisis. Become a mentor to parents and connect the with community resources. Share your knowledge and expertise as a workshop facilitator. Provide practical support and connection for newcomers seeking employment. All activities are conducted with the safety of our volunteers, participants and staff in mind.



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Are you looking for ways to give back and make a difference in someone's life? Are you a caring, empathetic, non-judgmental individual? You can be a part of this by volunteering with the Kelowna Crisis Line. Responders provide emotional support to people experiencing family and personal problems, mental health issues, suicide and more. You will empower people to explore their options and solve their own problems. You will support people using call or text. Training is provided.



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We have been advocating for Reproductive Choice for over 30 years. Our society supports access to all reproductive choices including reliable safe contraception and abortion services. We provide a voice to ensure these services remain readily available to all. A strong membership is essential to our effectiveness in being heard. Support choice, check out our facebook page. Become a member today, what is happening in the United States may slide across the border.



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The KDGS is a charitable society which provides education and assistance to their members and the public with their family history research. We partner with the Okanagan Regional Library to provide public programming and assistance through our Genealogist in Residence program, free of charge. We welcome people of all ages who are interested in family history. We offer many volunteer opportunities within our society.



Kelowna & District S.H.A.R.E. Society

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Kelowna & District S.H.A.R.E. Society, a charity serving our community for over 45 years, needs volunteers for a wide variety of positions; most are suitable for all skill levels and interests. Our latest 'Trash to Treasures' and 'Tee-Totes' Projects, offer groups and individuals opportunities to learn how to repurpose no longer useful items into trendy and unique designs. Unleash your creativity! Whatever the reason for volunteering, together we will have a greater impact on our community.

# Celebrating Community:

## KCR's 40th Anniversary



October 25, 2023 marked the 40th anniversary of the Kelowna Community Resources Society, now known as KCR Community Resources. To celebrate this milestone, we started a journey of reflection and celebration, sharing the stories of KCR team members and participants over time. These stories reflect the strength, resilience, and spirit of our community, showcasing how we collectively address challenges and embrace opportunities.

These are our full-circle stories!

Our year-long celebration culminates in a grand event

## A Night of Community & Giving October 25th, 2024

This special evening is a tribute to our collective journey and a celebration of our shared future. Join us in celebrating 40 years of community spirit, shared successes, and a collective vision for a stronger future. Together, we continue to build and support a vibrant and connected community. Be a part of creating this change for our community.

Your support is key to making a difference.

Get your ticket at <https://give-can.keela.co/40th-tickets>



## Introducing Kelowna's Community Volunteer Crew: Your Friendly Guides to Inclusive and Welcoming Events

KCR Community Resources, with sponsorship from the Prospera Foundation, is excited to introduce a new community volunteer program. The Community Volunteer Crew will become the welcoming faces of events in the Central Okanagan! Our vision is that the Community Volunteer Crew will have the honor of representing our community values of diversity and inclusion while providing essential information and assistance to event attendees. The role will involve offering guidance on event programs, schedules, and facilities, as well as directing foot traffic to ensure a seamless and enjoyable experience for all participants. They will not be responsible for security or event setup, but will create a warm and inviting atmosphere showcases the best our community has to offer.

If you would like to book the Community Crew for your next event, contact Wendy Williams at [wendw@kcr.ca](mailto:wendw@kcr.ca) or 250-763-8008 ext. 259.



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Join a team that enriches our community through the presentation of visual arts. Art is for all of us! Volunteer Docents help out with our school tours for children grades K-12 (Sept-June: requires a weekly daytime commitment of 2 hrs). Event Volunteers assist with the team that hosts art openings and other special events (event-by-event commitment, typically Friday evenings). Family Sundays, geared for high school students, helps out with our Family Sundays art activities (scheduled).



Since 1976 we have been sharing our craft in the Kelowna area, offering private lessons, group programs and performing opportunities in pre-school music, youth choir, string ensembles, theory and more, for all ages, abilities and backgrounds. We could not have done so without the support and dedication of our volunteers. By joining us on our dynamic Board, or in a more hands-on way, help us continue giving the gift of music to our community and be part of our exciting project to find a new home!



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Friends enthused about libraries, books & reading support Okanagan Regional Library branches. Opportunities: fundraising book sales year-round: set-ups, sorting & replenishing (physical labour), cashiering, clearing donation bins; hosting library activities, irregular. Large book donations: #114-2476 Westlake Rd., West Kelowna. Kelowna drop-off bins - ORL Admin Centre 1430 K.L.O. Rd. & Parkinson Rec Centre, Harvey Ave



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Does volunteering with patients in a hospital setting appeal to you? Volunteers visit, guide, support, and provide directions and information to visitors or patients. Volunteers make a difference in the lives of patients and their families and work to complement the care that staff provides. Volunteers are on duty in a variety of shifts and departments from approximately 6:00am-11:00pm, 7 days a week.



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Kelowna Gospel Mission (KGM) is a faith-based non-profit organization committed to feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and helping the hurting. KGM ministers to the whole person, spirit, soul, and body by sharing Jesus with a servant's heart. Our services include outreach, case management, emergency shelters, dental clinic, thrift store, and supportive housing. Volunteers are at the heart of our organization.



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Since 1981, the Kelowna Kasugai Sister City Association has fostered a vibrant bond between Kelowna, Canada, and Kasugai, Japan. We promote cultural exchange and economic collaboration through student exchanges, musical performances, and Kasugai Gardens in downtown Kelowna. We seek volunteers to join us in enhancing our shared future through cultural understanding and lasting friendships.



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www.kelownamuseums.ca  
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The Kelowna Museums Society provides the public with educational exhibitions and programs that foster personal participation, stimulate curiosity, and engage the senses with the cultures, histories, and possibilities of the Okanagan region. Our volunteers welcome guests at the front desks of our 3 museums, serve as hosts at special events, or participate in family programs. Our volunteer positions are excellent opportunities to practice already acquired skills or to develop new ones such as communication, organization and team work.



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Kelowna Women's Shelter (KWS) provides programs and services from Oyama to Peachland for women and children that are, or have, experienced domestic abuse as well as 24-hour support for all community members. The KWS Thrift Store proceeds help fund our programs and provides an opportunity for our participants and community members through our voucher program to choose their own clothing and small household items at no cost.

# purppl is proud to champion the work of KCR Community Resources and the volunteers who commit their time and energy to making a difference in our community every day.

Volunteerism plays a vital role in the nonprofit sector, serving as a powerful force for social change and community development. Social enterprises, which blend business practices with social goals, often rely on volunteers to achieve their missions. This synergy not only strengthens the impact of social enterprises but also enriches the volunteer experience, creating a virtuous cycle of community engagement and support.

Recognizing that volunteerism is a cornerstone of the nonprofit sector and a crucial component of social enterprise success, Purppl (a social enterprise itself) has been working with volunteer-supported organizations for years to access the tools, knowledge, and networks they need to thrive. Through our coaching, consulting, and collaboration services, we help social entrepreneurs and impact leaders operationalize their impact and build sustainable business models that contribute to long-term, regenerative outcomes for communities served. Our team of experienced Entrepreneurs-In-Residence (EIRs) provide tailored support in leadership development, impact strategy and measurement, financial management, and organizational development.

For volunteer-supported organizations, Purppl offers unique advantages. Our customized coaching and consulting services help these organizations leverage volunteer contributions effectively, enhancing their operational capacity and impact. By

connecting volunteers with meaningful roles, we ensure that their efforts are aligned with the organization's mission and goals, creating a more cohesive and productive environment.

Additionally, Purppl's emphasis on building respectful relationships and community collaboration ensures that volunteer-supported organizations are not working in isolation. We facilitate connections with other social enterprises, funders, and community stakeholders, fostering a network of support and shared learning. This approach not only amplifies the impact of individual organizations but also contributes to the broader social economy – and our vision of a just, regenerative economy that advances collective wellbeing and the health of air, land and water.

Interested to explore how Purppl can support your organization's success? Visit [purppl.com](http://purppl.com) to book a free 30-min consultation with our Community Engagement lead, Jude Brunt.

# purppl

**Building Social Impact, Together**

## Save Money and Live More Comfortably with FortisBC and BC Hydro's Energy Conservation Assistance Program.

This program was developed to assist lower-income households over 13 years ago and has helped thousands of BC families ever since. By entering the program participants will receive several low-cost or no-cost energy-savings tips, a FREE in-home energy assessment, and FREE professionally installed energy-saving products. Applying to the program is easy - a single application form to provide our team with just enough information to ensure we bring the right products to your personalized in-home assessment.

Social Service Organizations, like KCR, who partner with FortisBC and BC Hydro receive \$50 honoraria for each

approved applicant that enters the program. As a community partner of FortisBC and BC Hydro we ask that you inform and assist your clients in applying (as needed). These important community partnerships allow our energy conservation program to thrive, supports community prioritization of local programming, all while providing education and energy saving products to households that need help the most.

Let's work together to help vulnerable BC homes achieve a higher level of comfort, health, and safety!

We're working together to help B.C. save energy.







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The KGH Foundation is actively seeking dedicated individuals to join us in a variety of volunteer roles, including; the Perking Lot, Royal Bistro, Centennial Mercantile, Rutland Thrift, and JoeAnna's House. All funds raised through these efforts support our mission to provide world-class health care right here in our community. Whether you're a student, retiree, or professional, there is an opportunity for everyone to contribute and make a meaningful impact.



KI-LOW-NA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY

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The Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society was founded in 1974 and was registered as a non-profit society. Here at KFS we provide for the mental, emotional, physical and spiritual well-being of all peoples through community-based services, while encouraging the community to preserve, share and promote Aboriginal cultural distinctiveness. Greater events held by our organization include Red Dress Day Walk, Turtle Island Festival, and Truth and Reconciliation.



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The Lake Country Food Bank provides nutritious food to individuals and families in need. We seek volunteers with a positive attitude who want to make a difference while having fun. Whether assisting with food packing, distribution, or behind-the-scenes work, your skills can make a real impact. We offer training to ensure you're ready to contribute effectively. Join us in strengthening the Lake Country community and helping those in need!



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Lake Country Health is a registered charity in Lake Country, British Columbia, that works to connect community members to the services they need and provides a hand up for those who are facing challenges. We are also developing a Community Health Centre in Lake Country.



lendapaw.org

Founded in 2023, Lend A Paw Pet Food Foundation aims to help support companion animals in the Okanagan whose owners are experiencing pet food insecurity. We hope to provide a low barrier "paw up" and allow animals to stay with their owners and not end up in rescues or shelters. Pets are extremely important to our well being and mental health and we hope to take some of the pressure off those having a hard time. We get zero funding, and operate only volunteers and donations.



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Niteo supports children and families to develop literacy skills needed to build bright & hopeful futures through reading programs and providing access to books! Globally, we ship gently used children's books to support libraries & reading programs in Uganda. Locally, we run a family reading program and youth creative writing program for families who are new to Canada. We hope you can volunteer with us this year! Check out the volunteer application on our website



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The music we present inspires, entertains and awakens curiosity as we share our love for and the power of live orchestral music. Besides public concerts, we offer a variety of community engagement programs that aim to foster a deeper connection and appreciation of music among audiences of all ages. Volunteers are needed to support our concerts, administrative duties and marketing initiatives. Both youth and adults are invited to apply for our versatile volunteer positions.



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Ozanam Recovery House is an 18-bed transition home for men who are recovering from drug addiction and mental health issues. The negative impact of drug addiction on our society and on individuals is devastating and the Society needs people with both strong personal and community values - here is a chance to contribute to the solution. We are currently looking for board members to compliment our dedicated team.



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During the past year we have focused on teaming up many new volunteers with individuals who reside in supported housing accommodations. Thanks to volunteer commitments we have now connected individuals with opportunities to enjoy new friendships and explore community safely in one-on-one scheduled visits. Pathways is always excited about introducing new volunteers to our many services areas. If you want to make a positive difference and are available to volunteer, please contact us!



Pets and People®  
Therapy Visits  
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Pets and People® have been a Canada Registry since 1986. In our 37 years, we have always strived to have calm, happy, well-trained, & well-screened dogs. Many breeds of dogs. We have also had cats, rabbits, ferrets, & even gerbils! Outside, sheep/lambs, goats/kids, etc., & fashion shows. Have some fun too. Visits to facilities, camps, support groups, wherever, we are asked/needed to be. Have a Pet who loves people? Is your Pet a visitor to bring more smiles, laughter and to be loved? Call us!



Project Literacy  
CENTRAL OKANAGAN SOCIETY  
Learning Together

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Okanagan Society

Project Literacy Central Okanagan Society was founded in 1986 and is a registered charity. We provide literacy support for adults, refugees, immigrant families, children and seniors. We have helped thousands of people from across the Central Okanagan enhance their literacy skills and improve their quality of life. Project Literacy is funded entirely by grants and donations. Currently, Project Literacy has over 100 tutor/learner active pairs enrolled in our programming.



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Volunteers help RDCO affect positive change by maintaining trails, helping with special events, connecting park visitors to nature and building relationships and connections around the region. If you are interested in volunteering, you can apply online or email parks.volunteers@rdco.com.



Rotary Club of Kelowna  
Ogoogo  
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At the Rotary Club of Kelowna Ogoogo, we give back to our local community and internationally through volunteer, hands-on and fundraising activities with a focus on youth. Locally we support the Child Advocacy Centre of Kelowna; Elevation Outdoors; Brain Trust Canada and Youth Music Programs. Internationally we support library projects for schools in Honduras; washroom improvements for schools in El Salvador and literacy education for mothers and children in Bangladesh.



Royal Canadian Legion  
Branch 26 Kelowna BC  
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Funds generated during the Poppy campaign will go to the Poppy Trust Fund which helps to support Veterans and their families in times of need as well as bursaries for children and grandchildren of Military veterans and RCMP. Funds are also awarded to community projects that meet the qualifications that are set out by BC Yukon Command.



Giving  
Hope  
Today

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Volunteers make it possible to expand the range and enhance the quality of services that a ministry unit or program can offer. Volunteers bridge between the ministry unit or program and its community. Volunteers also receive as they give – they become part of the ministry unit or program, and we compensate those who volunteer with a gratitude discount. Consider being part of the Salvation Army and let's Give Hope Together.



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Self-Management BC, supported by the Province of British Columbia, offers NO COST health programs for adults of all ages with one or more ongoing health conditions such as heart conditions, diabetes, chronic pain, cancer, mental health challenges and other health conditions. Programs are offered in person, virtually, by telephone, by trained leaders or self-study for adults living in BC. We are inviting you to be trained as a leader impacting people seeking to manage their health effectively.





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Volunteer with a senior in your community! Seniors Outreach provides a variety of social services to improve the belonging, independence, and wellbeing of older community members. Volunteer opportunities include friendly visiting, social recreation programs, technology coaching, food deliveries, handyman repairs, tax preparations and more. Great for students, newly retired and anyone who wants to make a difference. Do good, feel good!



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Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a Canadian non-profit organization whose goal is to provide new twin beds or bunks to children who don't have beds. Each chapter raises funds in their communities by partnering with local groups, businesses and individuals to hand build beds, outfit them with new bedding and deliver them to children. SHP Kelowna Chapter builds beds for youth ages 3 to 17 with volunteers from the community. Sponsor a Build Day or Donate money, materials or time by volunteering with us!



THE UNIVERSITY  
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
Southern Medical Program

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Volunteer Patients allow medical students to gain confidence by practicing clinical skills in a realistic setting. Volunteer Patients participate as themselves and represent their authentic medical history, whether healthy or living with an illness or chronic condition. A Volunteer Patient is a teaching model for a small group of students who perform specific physical examinations. People of all ages, genders, physical condition and backgrounds can participate.



**Tetra Society**  
*of North America*

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Do you or someone you know have a knack for building or designing?  
The Tetra Society is actively seeking technical volunteers to create custom assistive devices! Join our passionate and creative team dedicated to assisting individuals with disabilities. By designing and constructing unique devices, we aim to help them overcome the environmental barriers they encounter in their daily lives.

TOURISM  
**KeLOWNA**

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Tourism Kelowna has an outstanding team of volunteers that work hard to ensure visitors receive all the recommendations and information they need. Our volunteers can be found at our downtown visitor centre, airport information kiosk, and throughout the Central Okanagan with our mobile visitor services team. Interested in becoming a volunteer for Tourism Kelowna or want to learn more about volunteering opportunities at Tourism Kelowna contact us today!



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We perform a range of services from assisting people with disabilities to providing information on the community. Our volunteers are positioned throughout the airport seven days a week, 365 days a year and can be identified by their red blazers or golf shirts to help travellers. In partnership with Central Okanagan Public Schools, YLW launched the Junior Ambassador Program in the summer of 2010 where high school students in grade 10-12 at Central Okanagan Public Schools can earn volunteer hours.



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Bring your passion and 1 hour a week to help the YMCA ignite the potential in others. As a local charity, the YMCA is devoted to building a healthier community. Whether you're passionate about developing young minds, equipping kids with water safety skills, sharing the Y's impact through events and fundraising or helping others achieve their health goals, volunteering at the Y provides opportunities for personal growth and community impact.



**OKANAGAN  
VOLUNTEER  
FAIR**

**SEPT 20,  
2025**

Parkinson  
Recreation Centre  
1800 Parkinson Way  
Kelowna  
10am - 2pm



**Whatever you're feeling,  
you're not alone.**

**9-8-8 is here for you.**  
Call or text. 24/7/365.





9-8-8: Suicide Crisis Helpline is funded by  
the Government of Canada


# 9-8-8 Suicide Crisis Helpline

In 1975, the need for a crisis line was identified, leading to the formation of the Kelowna Crisis Line in October 1976. Initially established by the Central Okanagan Social Planning Society, it evolved over the years, merging with Advice Services Kelowna in 1983 to become CR-3 Community Resources. By 1989, it was renamed the Kelowna Community Resource and Crisis Centre. Still a vital program at KCR Community Resources, the Crisis Line offers 24/7 support where trained volunteers listen without judgment, helping individuals explore their feelings, identify problems, and develop action plans.

Today, KCR is a proud partner in the 9-8-8 Suicide Crisis Helpline, a new national service for anyone in Canada who is thinking about suicide or worried about someone they know.

You can call or text 9-8-8 toll-free anytime for support in English or French, where responders are ready to listen and provide help without judgment.

To volunteer with us call 250-763-8008 ext 112 or email [shae@kcr.ca](mailto:shae@kcr.ca).




**VOLUNTEER**

**ENRICH THE LIVES OF OTHERS.**

**You have a lifetime of knowledge and skills. Bring us your passion and one hour a week to help the Y enrich the lives of others in our community. Tell us what you love to do, or what skill you would like to learn, and we will find a role that is a true match.**

**BRING YOUR PASSION**  
[YMCASIBC.CA/VOLUNTEER](http://YMCASIBC.CA/VOLUNTEER)





**VOLUNTEER WITH US**  
**Crisis Line Responder**

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