

## Community Services

### Capital News: Volunteer Centre Column 2013 August 8

#### **Ideas about where to volunteer this fall**

The weather has been beautiful and maybe you attended some of the outdoor community events.

Sporting events, fundraisers, dancing in the park, music festivals, camps . . . and the list goes on.

All of these activities are made possible because people just like you believe in a cause and give of their time to 'make it happen'.

Maybe you have been inspired to look for ways to give back and get involved in our community. Maybe you are unsure about where to start.

Start here. The annual Okanagan Volunteer Opportunities Fair showcases volunteerism in a family friendly atmosphere.

Bring your mom, dad and teenaged children or grandchildren. What will you find?

We have two large rooms filled with tables and displays. Over 75 nonprofit organizations provide information about how they serve our community and where you can best fit in.

You have questions; they have answers.

The Volunteer Fair will be held at Parkinson Recreation Centre on Saturday, September 7, 2013 between 10am and 3pm. The address is 1800 Parkinson Way, Kelowna.

Here is a sample of comments from last year.

- Found ways to get involved
- Enjoyed talking to a lot of nice folks
- Awesome opportunity to connect with small organizations
- Lots of fun
- Catered to a wide variety of people

This year's volunteer fair is brought to you by Beyond 50 Magazine, Investors Group, Astral Media, Central Okanagan Foundation, City of Kelowna, United Way and Kelowna Community Resources.

You can find out more and view photos of the Okanagan Volunteer Opportunities Fair on our website at [www.kcr.ca](http://www.kcr.ca), Community Services.

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