

Community Services

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Volunteering builds community and brings smiles



Most of the time, we think of volunteering as an individual effort but there are lots of opportunities to volunteer with a group of friends, work colleagues and family members.

The United Way matches groups wanting to volunteer with projects that need doing by not-for-profit organizations.

Are you already involved with a local not-for-profit? Does your organization have any 'wish list' of projects that a group of people could complete through a Day of Caring?

Maybe it is painting, organizing, minor repairs, outdoor clean-up . . .

If you do, please contact Avril at the United Way by phone (250) 860-2356 or email avril@unitedwaycso.com.

The Easter Pancake Breakfast is coming up on Good Friday, March 29th, and that is a fun, family friendly event for you to consider volunteering with your group.

You can flip pancakes or help serve. The free clothing section needs to be organized and people might need some 'fashionista' advice.

What about the Easter egg hunt? There are 15,000 candy filled eggs to spread around to make the hunt exciting for children of all ages.

There are a host of other children's activities that are made safe and operate smoothly when more volunteers are involved hands on.

Perhaps you like to direct traffic through the parking lot. Are you focused on safety and want to become activity on the security team?

Maybe you would like to donate in advance of this event. Organizers are looking for door prizes, gently used or new clothing – especially for men and children.

Cash or online gifts are also welcomed. You can contact Victory Life Fellowship by email vlf@shaw.ca, phone 250-862-3044, or visit their website at www.victorylifefellowship.net. To view a clip of last year's event, look under 'VLF Special Events'.

Come for the fun on Good Friday, March 29th from 10AM to 1PM at Parkinson Recreation Center in Kelowna.

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