

## Community Services

### Capital News: Volunteer Centre Column 2013 February 28

#### **Volunteer in arts, crisis line, mental health**

Here is a taste of some of the newest volunteer opportunities currently available on our website.

Creator's Arts Centre Society is a local non-profit dance and drama school looking for a fundraising coordinator and a grant writer. Rather than working in isolation, you would be part of two teams.

Their joint goal is to raise funds for tuition assistance so that children and youth can continue their dance and drama lessons.

Ideal skills for a fundraising coordinator include event planning, knowledge of the Revenue Canada fundraising guidelines for charities and experience overseeing volunteers.

As a member of the grant writing team, you will be researching grant opportunities, creating budget information and following up with the foundations. If you have experience in creating content for proposals that engage foundations to give, this could be your perfect fit.

Crisis Line Volunteers support telephone callers in distress. Support includes a listening with a compassionate ear, crisis intervention and referrals to resources when appropriate.

If you are serious about gaining some significant training and experience in order to help people at their most vulnerable moments, consider the Crisis Line at KCR.

Training takes place four times a year and consists of eight hours of home study and approximately 16 classroom hours. The next training starts April 24, 2013 and interviews take place early March 2013. Seating is limited.

Peer Support Mentors assist the Peer Support Team Lead with presentations in the community, primarily at the psychiatric unit at the hospital. They also facilitate a peer group meeting or lead a small group.

March training means that your application is needed by March 4, 2013 for this position with the Canadian Mental Health Association Kelowna & District Branch.

You can find contact information for all of these positions at [www.kcr.ca](http://www.kcr.ca), Volunteer Opportunities Search Central Okanagan.

**Dawn Wilkinson, Coordinator**

**Community Information & Volunteer Centre**

**Kelowna Community Resources**

**Email. [informkelowna@kcr.ca](mailto:informkelowna@kcr.ca) Phone. 250.763.8008 E. 24**

**Website. [www.kcr.ca](http://www.kcr.ca)**

**Address. 120 - 1735 Dolphin Avenue, Kelowna, BC V1Y 8A6**