

Volunteer Edmonton News Update – April 15, 2009

NEW: Wildrose Update

There have been new developments in the recent announcement of the loss of grant funding for the Wildrose Foundation. **You will be receiving a separate email from us with all the details—stay tuned for more information!**

FREE Volunteer Police Information Checks Sessions: RSVP Today

The Government of Alberta is launching a new, three-year pilot program designed to cover the costs of Police Information Checks (PICs) for eligible volunteers in nonprofit/voluntary sector organizations. To find out how you can apply to have PIC costs covered, attend a free information session happening on April 16 from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm OR 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the Old Timers Cabin (9430-99 St). Please send your RSVP including your name, agency name and which session you plan to attend to epham@volunteeredmonton.com. Visit <http://www.volunteeraberta.ab.ca> for detailed information about the new program.

One-Stop Festival Volunteer Shopping

Volunteer Edmonton is thrilled to be hosting the 2nd annual Festival Volunteer Fair happening on May 13 at the TransAlta Arts Barns. With support from the Edmonton Arts Council, Edmonton REALTORS® Association and Fringe Theatre Adventures, this free-of-charge, all-ages, *one-stop festival volunteer shopping* event will feature over 30 festivals showcasing their volunteer opportunities! Visit [our website](#) for more information.

Happy National Volunteer Week!

We're about one week away from National Volunteer Week! In celebration of this week-long event, we provided over 100 organizations in Edmonton with free promotional items to provide to volunteers. We'd love to hear what you're doing to recognize your volunteers, and any suggestions you'd like to share with us on ways we could help support your NVW activities. Send your comments, suggestions or story ideas to Evelyn at epham@volunteeredmonton.com.

Register for the CAVR Conference

The Canadian Administrators of Volunteer Resources (CAVR) will be hosting their 2009 conference in Edmonton at Grant MacEwan College on May 31 to June 3. Featuring a variety of keynote speakers and sessions, the conference is a great professional development opportunity for anyone working in the nonprofit/voluntary sector. Register online at <http://cavr2009-volab.eventbrite.com> or visit www.volunteeraberta.ab.ca for more information.

Understanding Privacy Legislation: Edmonton Dates

The Government of Alberta will be offering one-day training sessions to help organizations understand program and privacy legislation. The next Edmonton session happens on April 22 and runs until June 24. To view the full list of dates and information on how to register, visit <http://infosharing.gov.ab.ca/home/index.cfm>.

2009 Great Kids Awards

The Government of Alberta is proud to open nominations for the 2009 Great Kids Award! Take the opportunity to honor a child or youth between the ages of 5 and 18 for their exceptional

achievements at home, at school and in the community. For more information, visit www.greatkids.alberta.ca, call the Youth Strategies Branch at (780) 415-0085, toll-free at dial 310-0000 or email Jackie.Dickson@gov.ab.ca.

Nominate an Outstanding Nonprofit

The Donner Awards recognizes nonprofit organizations delivering social services with awards totaling up to \$70,000. Applications are being accepted until May 28, 2009. To learn more about eligibility criteria or to view past winners, visit <http://www.donnerawards.org>.