

## **Volunteer Edmonton News Update – November 17, 2009**

### **First Breakfast Series Session Sold Out**

If you didn't get a chance to register for the first session of the Breakfast Series, "Digital Immigrants: How to Use Social Media Successfully in Your Organization", stay tuned for more information about the next session happening in January 2010. The Breakfast Series is a networking and learning opportunity designed for nonprofit leaders. The series is delivered in partnership with the City of Edmonton, Edmonton Chamber of Voluntary Organizations and Volunteer Edmonton.

### **Mark Your Calendars for International Volunteer Day**

December 5 is International Volunteer Day—it's a time to reflect upon the extraordinary impact volunteers have within your organization and celebrate their valuable contribution. As we begin looking ahead to the New Year, consider sharing your volunteer stories with us; we're always looking to highlight the work of volunteers in our communities through our various newspaper columns. Send your suggestions and ideas to Evelyn at [epham@volunteeredmonton.com](mailto:epham@volunteeredmonton.com).

### **Sharing Resources Online**

A new website called [OurSharedResources.org](http://OurSharedResources.org) is a free online service designed to help volunteer managers "avoid re-inventing the wheel time and time again" by allowing volunteer managers to add useful resources, ideas and information related to volunteer management. Start uploading your resources or browse what others have posted by visiting the search page.

### **Give a Day, Get a Disney Day**

In early December, Volunteer Canada will announce access for nonprofit organizations and volunteer centres to input volunteer opportunities into a centralized national database for inclusion in their new promotion. Beginning January 1, 2010, those who volunteer with a participating organization—and their commitment is completed and verified—will receive a one-day admission pass to Walt Disney World or Disneyland theme park. For more information, visit [www.volunteer.ca](http://www.volunteer.ca).

### **Citytv Seeking Heroes**

Do you know an outstanding volunteer? Or someone who excels at what they do? Citytv is looking for heroes—people who have made a positive impact on the community—to profile for its weekly feature, "Your City Heroes". Visit [www.citytv.com](http://www.citytv.com) to view recently profiled heroes, and send your suggestions to Reid Wilkins, Associate Producer at (780) 271-2791 or [reid.wilkins@rci.rogers.com](mailto:reid.wilkins@rci.rogers.com).

### **Timeraiser Results Are In**

Edmonton's first Timeraiser proved to be a big hit with more than 300 people in attendance raising 4,145 hours at the TransAlta Arts Barns on October 17. To view photos of the event or to learn more about this unique volunteer fair, visit us at [www.volunteeredmonton.com](http://www.volunteeredmonton.com).