



E-Connections

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The Brightest Night of the Year



Volunteers Are Stars

The 11th Annual *Volunteers Are Stars* Awards were held December 7, 2011 at the Radisson Hotel Vancouver Airport. The event, as always, was a spectacular celebration of Richmond's volunteer spirit. We'd like to congratulate all of the nominees and winners, and

thank our amazing sponsors, without whom the event wouldn't be possible.

At the close of the evening, Volunteer Richmond Executive Director Elizabeth Specht announced that, going forward, the *Star of Richmond Award* will be known as the *Milan Ilich Award for Leadership*, in honour of the late philanthropist and the incredible contribution he made to our community. The award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated exceptional leadership in the non-profit sector. We take great pride in knowing that Milan's legacy will live on through future recipients of the award.

2011 *Volunteers Are Stars* Award Winners

(Click the purple links to view profiles of the winners)

Star of Richmond Award

[Kim Jones](#)

Shooting Star Award

[Som Ghosh](#)

[Teddy Shih](#)

Constellation Award - Individual

[George Agnew](#)

[Louise Young](#)

Nova Star Award

[Team ALS of BC and Yukon](#)

Constellation Award - Group

[The Richmond Youth Foundation](#)

[Hand Up to Hope](#)

Shining Star Award

[Innovation Networks](#)



Volunteer Richmond News and Notes

Volunteer Management Training Series



Join us and learn how to set up and manage an effective volunteer program from experienced practitioners in the field of volunteer administration. The series includes six modules which cover all aspects of the volunteer management cycle, including planning, recruitment, interviewing & screening, orientation & training, supervision, evaluation, motivation, recognition, communications and staff / volunteer relations. Participants will be given tools, techniques, templates and ideas they can apply right away. A certificate of completion is provided.

3 Consecutive Fridays, January 13 - 27
9:30am - 4:00pm
Richmond Caring Place, 7000 Minoru Blvd.
\$250.00 (VRIS Members) | \$300.00 (Non-Members)

*Past participants of Volunteer Management Training Series who wish to complete the new series (approved as an equivalent course by Red River College) and receive the new certificate will receive a **50% discount**.*

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Programs

- Child Care Resource & Referral Centre
- Information & Volunteer Centre
- Leadership Richmond
- Richmond Christmas Fund
- Seniors Community Support Services

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- United Way of the Lower Mainland
- City of Richmond
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- Ministry of Children and Family Development
- Vancouver Coastal Health
- The Government of Canada

Circle of Friends

- Opacity Design Group
- Richmond Review
- Richmond Centre
- Coast Capital Savings
- Richmond Chamber of Commerce
- Milan & Maureen Ilich Foundation
- Innovation Networks
- Ashton Service Group

Caregivers Education and Support Program

The Caregivers Education and Support Program is for unpaid caregivers who provide care and support for older adults (55 plus) at home, in the community or in a care facility in Richmond. This free 5-week education series will provide caregivers with the tools to support their loved one and, more importantly, the skills to remain healthy and well themselves. Topics covered include stress management, navigating the health care system, communication, problem solving, and more.

5 Consecutive Mondays, February 6 - March 5
1:00pm - 3:00pm

Courtyard Gardens, Dogwood Room, 7051 Moffatt Road
FREE

For more information or to register, contact:

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Christmas Fund Done for Another Year

The 2011 edition of the Richmond Christmas Fund has come to a close. The program was once again a resounding success, as we were able to help brighten the holidays for over 2,000 low-income Richmond residents. Of course, this wouldn't have been possible without the help of 150+ volunteers, as well as the countless individuals, businesses, and community groups who have donated to the program. We'll have a complete Christmas Fund wrap-up in the next issue of E-Connections, but in the meantime, check out [this video](#) from the first ever Christmas Fund Drive-Thru Event, held the morning of December 8 at the Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel.



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