



# E-Connections

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## VolunTHERO Contest

UNCOVERING VOLUNTEER SUPERHEROES



### Who's Your VolunTHERO?

National Volunteer Week is approaching faster than a speeding bullet, and this year we've decided to mark the occasion in a truly unique way. We've had enough experience with volunteers to know that there's something special about them - their passion for making a difference, their willingness to take action for a cause they believe in, their undeniable impact on the community. Do these qualities sound familiar, perhaps bringing to mind certain caped crusaders and masked do-gooders who

grace the pages of comic books and movie screens? To us, the resemblance is striking: in ways too numerous to count, volunteers are very much like superheroes. If you agree, then we encourage you to take part in our VolunTHERO Contest.

To enter the contest, all you have to do is tell the story of a volunteer superhero or super group making a difference in Metro Vancouver. This can be done in the form of a song, a video, an illustration, a photo collage or, of course, a written story. The key is to be creative. The goal is to bring the work of volunteers into the public eye so the community can thank them for all that they do.

Entries can be submitted by individuals, groups, or organizations, and are being accepted from March 4 to April 4. A panel of judges will determine three finalists in each of the above categories, with the eventual winners being determined by an online vote during National Volunteer Week, April 10 - 16. Prizes include a KOBO eReader, an 8GB IPOD Shuffle, and a \$100 Richmond Centre Gift Card.

For complete contest details, [click here](#).



### The Making of a Mascot

Early in the planning stages, we knew that the contest needed a "hook," something to draw people in and inspire them to take part. Our solution? A mascot of course! After meeting with us to discuss ideas, an extremely talented graphic designer by the name of Andrea Autelitano - a volunteer himself - worked his magic and came up with some concept art. From there, we decided on a final look for the mascot, and Andrea did the rest. The end result is VolunTHERO, who you see above. Click [here](#) to read his origin story!

# Volunteer Richmond News and Notes

## New VRIS Membership Benefits Added!

It's that time of year again! Don't forget to **renew your VRIS Membership** and enjoy the generous list of benefits available exclusively to our members. New benefits include three FREE workshops for each member agency per membership year (staff or volunteers can attend).

Member agencies are also able to list **unlimited** volunteer postings on the **Volunteer Richmond!** database and showcase volunteer positions through the popular **Volunteer Match** individual-appointment service.

For a Membership Application or a complete list of Membership Benefits for Non-Profit Organizations, please call us at 604-279-7020, e-mail [info@volunteerrichmond.ca](mailto:info@volunteerrichmond.ca), or visit [volunteerrichmond.ca](http://volunteerrichmond.ca).

## Workshops & Training

### Information & Volunteer Centre

#### Synergy for Success:

##### The Power of the Facebook Generation

Thursday, March 17 | 11:15am - 12:45pm  
FREE (VRIS Members) | \$10.00 (Non-Members)

#### Leave No One Out:

##### Community Training in Emergency Planning

Tuesday, May 10 | 9:30am - 3:30pm  
FREE

#### Volunteer Management Training Series

Wednesdays, May 18 - June 22 | 6:00pm - 9:00pm  
\$250.00 (VRIS Members) | \$300.00 (Non-Members)

#### Growing Staff and Volunteer Leaders

Thursday, May 26 | 1:00pm - 4:00pm  
\$40.00 (VRIS Members) | \$55.00 (Non-Members)

### Seniors Community Support Services

#### Caregivers Education Series

Tuesdays, April 5 - May 10 | 1:30pm - 3:30pm  
FREE

#### Smart Seniors: Talking With Your Doctor

Wednesday, April 6 | 9:30am - 11:30am  
FREE

#### Programs

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

#### Funders

- United Way of the Lower Mainland
- City of Richmond
- Province of British Columbia
- 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

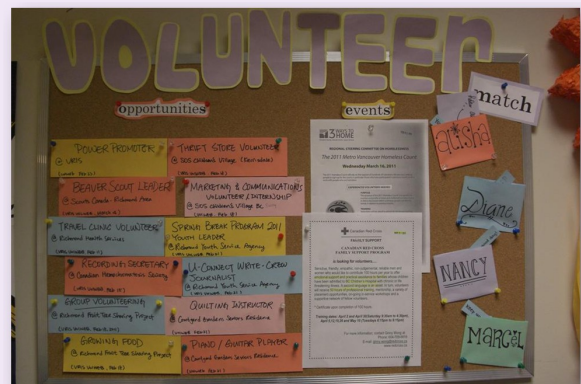
## Volunteer Match Bulletin Board Unveiled!

Are you looking for volunteers?

Hoping to showcase your volunteer program?

Update your volunteer postings on the **Volunteer Richmond!** online database and send us your promotional posters! Your opportunities will be displayed on our bulletin board and viewed by all individuals seeking volunteer opportunities.

For more information on how to update your volunteer postings and to send in posters, please contact us at 604-279-7020 or email [info@volunteerrichmond.ca](mailto:info@volunteerrichmond.ca).



The Volunteer Match bulletin board is filled with the latest volunteer opportunities from VRIS member organizations.



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