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VolunHERO Contest

UNCOVERING VOLUNTEER SUPERHEROES

VolunHEROES Revealed!

20 entries. 9 finalists. 16,700 votes. Together, these three numbers tell the story of our first ever VolunHERO Contest, which proved to be successful beyond our wildest expectations. But there's another, more important part to the story, one that can't be told with a simple statistic. Of course, we're talking about the hundreds of volunteer superheroes the contest helped reveal.

We now know of Sam Wade, a giver of hope whose bike adventures across North America have helped raise money to fight prostate cancer and send children with disabilities to summer camp.

We learned of the heroic efforts undertaken by the committee and volunteers of Richmond's annual Nite of Hope, a dinner, fashion show and silent auction that benefits the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation (this year's event raised \$215,000).

And how about the McMath Secondary students who travel Richmond teaching preteens about life skills and emotional resiliency as part of CHIMO Crisis Services' Stepping Out program?

We could go on and on recounting one inspiring story after another, but doing so wouldn't do the entries - or the volunteers - justice. It's much better if you see them for yourself.

To view the finalists in each entry category, click [here](#). The other contest submissions - the unsung heroes, if you will - can all be seen [here](#).

The Winning Entries

Determining the winners of our VolunHERO Contest was no easy feat. First, we assembled a panel of expert judges to select three finalists in each entry category - Individual, Group and Organization. The finalists were chosen based on their overall creativity, how effectively they demonstrated the superhero qualities of their featured volunteers and how well they incorporated the theme of **Passion. Action. Impact.**

Once the finalists had been established, we posted all of them on our website and for one week, from April 9 - 15, we held a public vote. These are the entries that came out on top.

INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY

Giver of Hope

Submitted By: Becca Wade

Featured Volunteer: Sam Wade

GROUP CATEGORY

Team Passion. Action. Impact.

Submitted By:

Pamela Lui, Peggy Tang, Lea Tsang and Sienna Chen

Featured Volunteers:

Volunteers of Seniors Community Support Services

ORGANIZATION CATEGORY

The Outsteppers

Submitted By: CHIMO Crisis Services

Featured Volunteers:

McMath Secondary Stepping Out Program



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Volunteer Management Training Series

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

This series is an approved course equivalent to *Working with Volunteers*, one of the six core courses toward the Volunteer Management Certificate Program offered by Red River College (this certificate program is available via distance delivery with some classroom delivery).

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.

Upcoming

Information & Referral Networking Meeting

Wednesday, May 18 | 9:00am - 11:00am
FREE

Growing Staff and Volunteer Leaders

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

Branching Out: CAVR National Conference 2011

June 12 - 15 | Click [Here](#) for a Daily Schedule
Click [Here](#) for Registration Details

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

BC Family Caregiver Week

Family Caregiver Week, May 7 - 13, is a time to recognize the over 1 million unpaid family caregivers in BC who provide care and support for family members and friends who are chronically ill, disabled or elderly. For additional information and resources, including promotional materials and a list of scheduled events, be sure to visit the Family Caregivers' Network Society's [website](#).

If you'd like to learn more about Volunteer Richmond's Caregivers Education and Support Program, click [here](#).

Save the Date

Tuesday, June 7

Minoru Place Activity Centre

The Annual General Meeting of



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