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Office closed December 21 to January 2



International Volunteer Day

International Volunteer Day (IVD) is a global celebration of volunteers. It takes place every year on **December 5** to shine a light on the impact of volunteer efforts everywhere. This special day was founded by the United Nations in 1985 and continues to promote the work of volunteers at all levels, including local, national and international. We celebrate you, the volunteers in our community who are a part of this positive impact at home and around the world!

From the desk of Mary Catherine.....

This is a time of year when we think a lot about gifts and giving. The stores are busy and bank balances seem to take a nose dive. Like many of you, I have experienced the stress of trying to find the right gifts, within in my budget, and scrambled to make it all come together. In the end, sometimes the gift is perfect and sometimes it is quickly forgotten. But there is another way. In fact volunteers have it figured out! The gift of your time, energy, experience, and skill is priceless and so meaningful. Knowing that what you do really matters to the person or project on the receiving end is a bonus. If you are lucky, you might see a smile or evidence of the impact of your effort, and hopefully once in a while someone says "Thanks!" What you do matters and the world truly is a better place because of your effort. Thank you for giving now and throughout the year. "The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away." — William Shakespeare



Starting in January, we are going to feature local volunteers or volunteer programs in our newsletter. If you know someone who will share their volunteering story, or a volunteer program that others would enjoy hearing about, let us know. Please ensure the person or program agrees to appear in the newsletter. We will ask you a few simple questions to get the information needed for the "Volunteer Spotlight" and we will publish a new story in each monthly newsletter.

Volunteer Spotlight



Thank you for using your life to invest in causes that matter in our community. So many agencies and causes could not do the important work they do without the investment of volunteers. We thank you and wish you peace and joy this holiday season!



Update on Police Information Checks

Our staff spoke with our local RCMP this week and learned that all volunteer positions that may interact with children, seniors, or other vulnerable persons, must include a vulnerable sector record check. Those record checks can take a bit longer to process, so be aware that it might take more time to get your record check back!

Also, many generous volunteers choose to give their time to various agencies. How many Police Information checks should you get? Most of the time, just one is enough. When your record check comes in, bring the originals to the agencies and they can take a photocopy of the original and sign and date their copy. The original belongs to the volunteer, as it is their information.



Volunteer Campbell River is collecting hats, socks, and mittens to help keep people warm this winter! We would love for you to help us fill up a box of warm winter gear. Please bring new or gently used and clean items to our office. We will deliver it to local agencies that serve our community.

Member News

Campbell River Hospice Society will host a Lighted Garden Vigil on December 18 from 5-7 pm at the Hospice Care Centre, 440 Evergreen Road. Please join us in our lighted garden to honour loved ones who have passed. Enjoy music of local harpist and hot chocolate. Call 250-286-1121 for info.

The Black Creek Community Association is hosting their annual Craft Market, the Black Creek Winter Market on Saturday, December 1st and Sunday, December 2nd from 10am-3pm both days. Visit this cozy, rustic setting in the heart of Black Creek where you will find over 30 local vendors, one-of-a-kind gifts and handmade delights! Food truck on site, Bake Sale, Coffee & Tea by donation, 50/50 Draw and Sealed Bid Auction will be ongoing throughout the market.

The Campbell River and North Island Transition Society is thrilled to announce that we have been approved for funding for forty units of affordable housing for women and children. On February 23 2019 we will be hosting the 'Coldest Night of the Year" fundraising walk at the Navy League Hall. Revenue from this walk will be dedicated to the building project. Please check out the website CNOY.org

Campbell River Hospital Auxiliary is pleased that the public nominated and voted us Best Gift Shop and Best Thrift Shop for 2018. Without the support of the community we would not be able to supply things like the Mammography Machine, UVB Light Booth or wheelchairs to the hospital. Thanks everyone!

Campbell River Family Caregiver Support Group - Alzheimer Society of B.C. Alzheimer's disease and dementia can leave care partners feeling isolated, but you are not alone. Caregiver supports groups are a safe place to share experiences and find up-to-date information to manage the challenges dementia brings. Call Rosanne at 1-800-462-2833 to find out more.

Habitat for Humanity VIN Thanks to dedicated ReStore and Build volunteers and staff, and community support, Habitat for Humanity VIN will have two more families in their new homes in time for Christmas. Four of the 11 homes at the affordable housing development at 477 Hilchey Road will be occupied. Work will continue through the winter. www.habitatnorthisland.com

CR Emergency Support Services Team (CRESST): We are trained emergency response volunteers who help evacuees in an emergency. CRESST meets on the last Monday of each month upstairs at the Search and Rescue Building located at 261 Larwood Road at 7pm. Please call 250-203-1972 for information.

The Campbell River First Open Heart Society X-mas luncheon is December 5th at 12 PM at the Salmon Point Pub. All members, their family and friends are invited. Small gift exchange and collection for the Food Bank.

The Campbell River Hospital Foundation and the BC Ambulance Service Paramedics are welcoming back the 20th annual Trivia Night, Feb 9th at the Campbell River Sportsplex. Doors at 6, play begins at 7! Teams of 8, \$25.00/player – register early to avoid disappointment!

CR Paws is gearing up for their Winter Online Auction from November 25 - December 2, 2018. Please send them a message on Facebook, or at www.campbellriverpaws and they will arrange pick up/drop off.

Volunteer Campbell River

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