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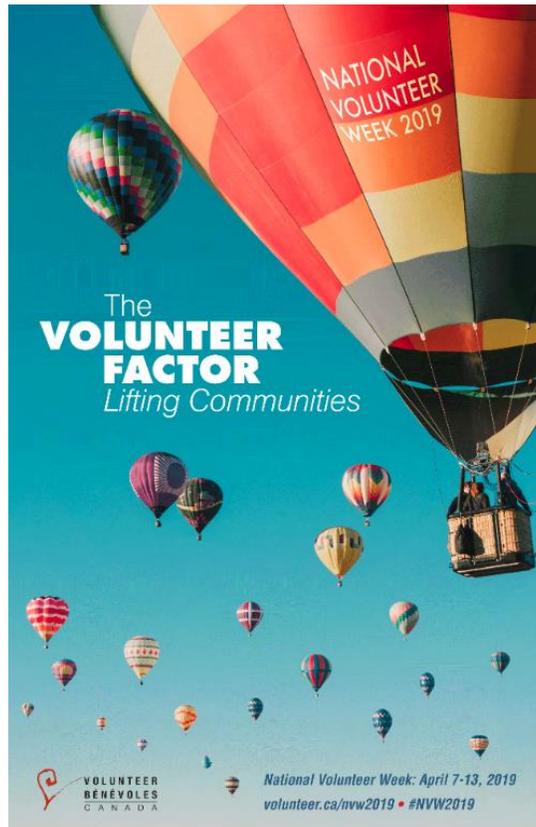
executive director

We are already preparing for National Volunteer Week which will be celebrated from April 7 to 13, 2019!

Each year, Canadians take the time to recognize the invaluable contribution of volunteers to our society. This year, the theme for Volunteer Week is **The Volunteer Factor – Lifting Communities**, and the hot air balloon images used in the campaign remind us how volunteers lift up individuals, organizations, and communities through their skills, dedication and passion.

We will once again have Volunteer Coffee Break Coupons available for our community volunteers and invite everyone to join the Celebration of Volunteers at the Volunteer Campbell River office on Thursday, April 4th from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

How is your organization planning to show appreciation to your amazing volunteers this year? Please contact our office if you would like any support with your plans.



Monday - Thursday 10-4

**Enterprise Centre
900 Alder Street
Campbell River**

250-287-8111



Are you looking for a way to make a difference, build your resume, pursue your passions, or make new friends? Volunteering in our community is a great way to do all of that!

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LOCAL HERO

Nominate an individual who has made a difference in our community!

There are two volunteering categories:

Community Volunteer: This individual(s) makes a positive contribution to the community by volunteering their time. This person is significantly relied upon by others.

Youth Volunteer: This individual (under 18) makes a positive contribution to the community through their volunteer efforts, community engagement, leading by example and has directly impacted the community.

[CLICK HERE TO NOMINATE A LOCAL HERO](#)



Our team is better because of the investment of the volunteers who contribute to Volunteer Campbell River. Toward the end of 2018 three volunteers joined our Volunteer Campbell River team in office and reception roles. Katie, Lila, and Trudy have brought with them a wealth of experience and loads of enthusiasm. I had fun interviewing this trio and am thrilled to shine the Spotlight on them today.

I wondered, what motivating factors are behind why these wonderful ladies chose to volunteer? I learned that it was different for each of them. Whether it is to meet new people, invest in the community, or for self care, volunteering is a means to use their time and skills in a rewarding way.

I learned a lot when chatting with the team to write this article. I not only learned why they want to volunteer, but also what they like about it, things that surprised them about the experience, and what other roles they might enjoy in the future.

I was reminded by their responses of the importance of meaningful work. Shredding papers and answering phones are meaningful work when you understand how those tasks make a difference! As we have begun to know our volunteers better, we have assigned some more complex roles, like database management or reviewing our policies for updates. As their exceptional skills are utilized, it benefits the volunteer, the organization, and the people we serve. When we connect the skills of our volunteers to their tasks and to the vision and purpose of our organization, the volunteer becomes an advocate of that vision!

I was also reminded of the importance of treating those who volunteer in our agencies as peers

and teammates! Perhaps it was because I was new to my role, or simply that these ladies bring such strengths with them, but a theme that emerged in our conversations was that they like knowing that their ideas, input, and investment are valued. This is a culture worth building in organizations - that everyone has value and their ideas matter - because they do.

Lastly, I was reminded of the impact of simple kindness. Kindness matters. Kindness fuels respect, belonging, and motivation to do good work. The many kindnesses expressed in an organization by board, staff, and volunteers permeates the culture of the office. I am so thankful to work in a place, and with a group of people who are warm, kind, and caring.

Thank you Lila, Katie, and Trudy for making our office team a kind, creative, and joyful place! Thank you for volunteering and for letting me shine the Spotlight on you!

Do you have a volunteer story to share? Contact Tiesha at mail@volunteercr.ca

Join us February 28th - Volunteer Recruitment



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Recruitment
Recognition and Appreciation
Equipping and Training
Conflict Resolution

4TH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

Join us from noon to 1:00
Bring your bag lunch!

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900 Alder Street

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FOR BEGINNERS
\$15

MARCH 12, 2019
10:00-12:00



Would you love to learn how to use our free Volunteer Management software, but just don't have the time to watch the free tutorials online? Come to our office for a hands-on training session! Learn how to post needs, how to manage postings, and even how to make them stand out from the rest.

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HELLO MY NAME IS:

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Tiesha Schmuland- Coordinator

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COMMUNITY GAMING GRANTS PROGRAM WORKSHOP

Comox Valley Charitable Gaming Society

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SATURDAY MARCH 9, 2019
11AM - 2PM

Presented by: Matt Dell
Manager of Policy and Community Outreach
Community Gaming Grants Branch

Comox Valley Lions Den
1729 Comox Ave, Comox, BC

RSVP by March 2nd
vcbsociety@telus.net



FROM OUR FRIENDS

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 7 pm. Please call 250-203-1972 for information.

The Campbell River Seniors' Centre is doing some spring cleaning and has a homeless cash register available for re-homing! Let us know if there is something your non-profit needs and we may be able to help you out! The Seniors' Centre will be holding its AGM on Wednesday, February 6th in the afternoon. Be sure to attend if you are a member, or if you are interested in joining!

Shoreline Musical Theatre Society will present Mary Poppins at the Tidemark Theatre from November 21- 23, 2019. Auditions will be held in May 2019. Watch also for a special event being planned for May 2019! Contact us at shorelinemt@gmail.com if you would like to join our group.

North Island Dragon Boat Society is hosting a meet and greet on Saturday, February 23, 2019 from 10 am until noon. Learn about upcoming competitions and events, meet members, learn about becoming a member, watch a paddling techniques demonstration, and learn about our cause. For more information, contact Nancy 250-203-7501.

Campbell River White Cane Chapter The White Cane club is for low-sighted and blind people, providing information and support to local residents. We are seeking new members. Activities include showing people how to use devices that assist with sight and hearing and a low vision chair yoga class. To learn more call 250-923-8546. White Cane Awareness Week is February 3 - 9. Find us from 10-2 at the following locations: Sportsplex (Feb.3), Community Center (Feb.5), Common Mall - Seniors (Feb.8), Strathcona Gardens (Feb.9).

Campbell River Daybreak Rotary Club is one of more than 32,000 Rotary individual clubs operating in over 200 countries. Meets every Tuesday Morning at 6:45 am – 8:00 am at the Maritime Heritage Centre, 621 Island Highway.

The Immigrant Welcome Centre and the Island Grind Coffee & Tea host a monthly Conversation Cafe exploring creative and innovative ways to foster a welcoming and inclusive Campbell River! Join us at the Island Coffee & Tea on Wednesday, February 27th 5:00pm – 6:30pm. Topic: **Lines in the Sand...**Do boundaries & borders protect us or divide us? For more information please contact Colin Funk, Colin.Funk@ImmigrantWelcome.ca Visit us at www.ImmigrantWelcome.ca to learn more about our programs and services.

The Campbell River Altrusa Club members are currently busy knitting, sewing and purchasing items for gift bags they are creating for newborns and their moms as part of the "Baby's Best Chance" program. In the gift bags we include much needed items such as diaper rash cream, sleepers, onesies, diapers, baby wipes, blankets, soap etc. If you have flannel, fleece or wool that you would like to donate that we could use to make into receiving blankets, bibs, wash cloths, slippers, hats, socks etc., or if you would like to make some items yourself, please contact Pat Tomlinson at 250-923-5845 or Britt Glass at 250-286-1510.

Rivercity Players would like to thank all who attended our Volunteer Appreciation/Lorna Pennock's 100th Birthday Celebration. Everyone had a great time visiting and reminiscing all of

the past productions.

Watch for the upcoming spring festival production of “Shirley Valentine” a Willie Russell play directed by Margaret Keene in April.

Campbell River First Open Heart Society The next meeting of the Campbell River First Open Heart Society is Feb. 27th at 1 PM at the Campbell River Community Center. For more information, call Ken at 250-923-3466.

We acknowledge the financial support of the Province of BC and these sponsors:

