Our January Lunch & Learn was a great start to the year. In that session, we talked about volunteer screening. There seems to be a lot of confusion out there about what screening tools should be used for volunteering with the vulnerable sector. Ultimately, the decision to use any screening tool (Police Information Checks, Ministry of Justice Criminal Records Review Program) is up to the policy makers in your organization. Take a look at this comparison chart from Volunteer BC. These two checks produce somewhat different information, both types of which would be useful to an organization. For example, the PIC (VS) includes information about contact with local police that may not have led to convictions but may be relevant in terms of safety for vulnerable persons. If your volunteers interact with the vulnerable sector, we recommend using both screening tools - the local RCMP Police Information Check and the Ministry of Justice Criminal Records Review Program.
Joedy Williams got his first guitar when he was 10 years old and dreamed of playing with Elvis! His early music education and guitar knowledge came from the school music program. Through his teen and young adult years, Joedy’s guitar traveled with him and he spent endless hours practicing scales and learning popular songs of the day. Over the years, he would check in with his strings and pic now and then, but it wasn’t until a few years ago, when he began working as a youth outreach worker with School District 72, that Joedy found his musical calling. Since then, he has been filling his classroom with many instruments, and getting more than a few young people started on their musical journey, as well as helping them find a healing path through the tough times that some youth experience. Recently, Joedy’s interest and passion in his own playing has led to many more hours honing his skills and taking his playing to a new level. Joining Inclusion, the band, in the fall of 2017, was the next amazing stop on Joedy’s music journey. Playing tunes from various genres, working on new skills and licks, and becoming part of the gang are all very positive aspects of being in the band. Performing brings its own level of enjoyment and marveling at the musical skills of his fellow band members, some of whom live with intellectual disability, also brought the incredible power of music home for Joedy. “It is an honour for me to play in our band and it brings such a smile to my face when I see how talented and skilled these musicians are.” Inclusion plays for many community events and the audience smiles, foot stomping and dancing make each performance a grand success. By following his passion and contributing to the enjoyment of others, Joedy’s musical journey is a great example of how giving is also receiving when it comes to sharing one’s passion. And if you have ever seen Inclusion perform, you know that his dream of playing with Elvis has come true!
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!

**CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES**

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**It's here!**

Our 4th Annual Triple B Fundraiser is coming up. Enjoy a delicious Burger, refreshing Beverage, and listening to fun tunes from recent decades. Now is the time to book a table, buy your tickets, and get ready for a great night of supporting the work of Volunteer Campbell River!

Gather your friends and book a table for a night of fun! (8 per table)
TRIPLE B FUNdraiser

Supporting: Volunteer Campbell River

Friday | March 29th | 5:30pm
@ Campbell River Curling Club

MUSIC BINGO

Tickets $40 Include:
Burger Dinner, Beverage & Music Bingo

Prizes | 50/50 | Silent Auction

For Info & Tickets
mail@volunteercre.ca
or 250-287-8111
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.

**DEADLINE - March 8, 2019**

**NOMINATE A VOLUNTEER TODAY**

**TRAINING EVENTS**
VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT 101 LUNCH & LEARN

Screening
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!

Volunteer Campbell River
900 Alder Street

info: 250-287-8111
www.volunteercr.ca
We are excited about this year’s celebrations to recognize the incredible impact of volunteers in our communities, province, nationally and internationally. This year’s celebration theme is The Volunteer Factor - Lifting Communities which recognizes the exponential impact of volunteers and how they lift our communities. The beautiful image of the hot air balloons of different sizes, shapes and colours reflects the diversity of community volunteers. It also illustrates that when people volunteer together, the sky is the limit, in terms of what they can achieve. By lifting each other, we can achieve our personal and collective goals. In Campbell River, we will again be acknowledging our volunteers through the Volunteer Coffee Break as well as a Celebration of Volunteers and Open House at the Volunteer Campbell River office on April 4th. Watch for details of these events in the coming weeks!
Habitat Vancouver Island North: 2019 excitement is building as we move towards serving 4 new families in the community of Campbell River at 477 Hilchey Road.

The Arthritis Society. We could not have come this far in our more than 70 year history without our volunteers, and we are truly thankful for their contributions and continued dedication. Our volunteers come from diverse backgrounds and bring with them a wealth of skills and experience. Together we all have one thing in common – a desire to make a difference in the lives of Canadians effected by arthritis. We invite you to join us and share your time, skills and experience to a great cause.

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 all 250-203-1972 for information.

Canadian Disaster Animal Response Team (CDART) Free Open House Volunteer Information session at Black Creek Community Centre on Sunday, March 10th from 6:30-8:30 pm. CDART provides disaster response services for domesticated animals, trains volunteers, and educates the public. Join us to find out how you can get involved. For more information, contact Amanda at 250-202-1326 and visit www.cdart.org.

Shoreline Musical Theatre Society: Mary Poppins The Broadway Musical will be performed at the Tidemark Theatre from November 21 to 23, 2019. Shoreline Musical Theatre Society will hold auditions on May 23 and 26, 2019 at RainCoast Studio. Contact us at shorelinemt@gmail.com if you would like to join our group.

Campbell River & District Adult Care Society: Please join us at Campbell River & District Adult Care Society (12-142 Larwood Road) for our annual fundraiser "Mardi Gras" on March 2nd. Tickets are available at 12-142 Larwood road. Contact Pam for further information at 250-923-0991.

The Black Creek Community Association is holding a TEAM TRIVIA night fundraiser! Teams of 8 people ($80/team) are invited to test their skills and good humour on Friday March 15 at
6:30pm. 3 rounds of 25 skill testing questions and a whole lot of fun! There will be a licensed concession and bowls of chili by donation. Call 250-337-5190 to pre-register your team - tables are going fast!

**Rivercity Players** is hosting an Improv Workshop Series with Gerry Mcateer, a 3 time Just for Laughs and World Improv Champion. Come and join the fun and learn how to perform improv comedy. 6 wk program starts on Saturday March 9 at 10am. Contact: [glen@glenclark.ca](mailto:glen@glenclark.ca) for more information and registration.

The next meeting of the **Campbell River First Open Heart Society** is March 27th at 7 PM at the CR Community Centre. The speaker is Linette Scott from The CR Hospital Pacemaker Clinic. FMI call Ken at 250-923-3466.

**The Campbell River Twinning Society** is pleased to be sponsoring 12 SD72 students, and 4 chaperones on a 10 day trip to Japan over Spring Break. The group will visit southern Japan (Osaka & Kyoto) and then travel north to spend 5 days in our Sister City of Ishikari, Japan. This trip to Japan occurs every two years and on the off year, Ishikari sponsors students to come to Campbell River on the same type of program. This year will be the 36th year of Twinning and we are very proud of our students for being such exceptional ambassadors for our Society as well as our city. For more information please email [event-coordinator@twinningcr.bc.ca](mailto:event-coordinator@twinningcr.bc.ca)

**The Campbell River Twinning Society** will be hosting a Japanese Cultural Fair on May 25th at Spirit Square in downtown Campbell River. Featured this year is a kimono fashion show, Bonsai display, Taiko Drummer performance, displays of Judo, Karate and Aikido, as well as crafts, food and booths with Japanese themed items for purchase. This is a wonderful family friendly event. For more information please email [event-coordinator@twinningcr.bc.ca](mailto:event-coordinator@twinningcr.bc.ca)

**The Campbell River Comets** track and field club offers an opportunity to participate, train and compete in the sport of track and field to all athletes aged 9 to adult within the community. Our club is 100 percent volunteer-based with all coaching staff, officials, and parent helpers all volunteering their time and knowledge to the development of the sport. [www.campbellrivercomets.ca](http://www.campbellrivercomets.ca)