



The Second Annual Saskatoon Volunteer Recognition and Awards Celebration has come and gone!

This year the celebration was held at the Centennial Auditorium's Main Stage on April 19, 2004. More than 330 people attended this unique community event, which was an opportunity for all organizations to honor their volunteers, and volunteers in general. This year 47 nominees were honored in the categories of human service, spirit of volunteerism, youth, arts, cultural diversity, community development, family, sports/recreation, and workplace volunteer program. Keep an eye out for the Awards section of our website; we'll soon be posting pictures of the event there. We'd like to acknowledge the event's *title sponsor*,

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as well as our various *category sponsors*:

Investor's Group Financial Services (Sports and Recreation),
Saskatoon Credit Union (Community Development)
Saskatoon Health Region (Human Service)
United Way of Saskatoon (Youth)

We'd also like to thank table sponsors, door prize donors, and table contributors. And to those who nominated volunteers, thanks for answering the call!

Interested in being a sponsor in 2005? Please call Volunteer Saskatoon.

CVI Symposium - February 20, 2004

80 participants from throughout Saskatchewan and across the voluntary sector attended this event, presented by Volunteer Saskatoon and hosted by the CVI (Canada Volunteerism Initiative) Local Network and Volunteer Canada. The outcomes for the symposium were to provide people with information about the work of the CVI Local Network, to develop a shared vision of volunteerism for the province of Saskatchewan, and brainstorm ideas and suggestions for the future work of the CVI Local Network. People from all sectors including health, arts, culture, recreation and youth attended. Special thanks goes to all those who attended this ground breaking event. Hopefully it will

be the first of many opportunities to work together. The most common feedback? "We were left wanting more!"

For more information, please visit:

www.unitedwayregina.ca/pages/volunteer_regina/news.php#sector

Volunteer Management Course - May 10-15, 2004

The auditorium at Saskatoon's Mendel Art Gallery was the venue for the Certificate Course in Volunteer Management, Levels I and II, last month. As with the CVI Symposium in February, registrants hailed from across Saskatchewan. The depth of organizations represented echoed the geographical range. Representatives from more than 40 organizations dealing with everything from theatre to health were in attendance. Even with a maximum enrollment of 50 per level, we still had a waiting list! Thanks to presenters Barb Gemmell, CAVR and Aileen Feicho, CDVH/CAVR, and to our partner host, Volunteer Management Group.

New in our Resource Library:

- 1) The Thin Book of Appreciative Inquiry, by Sue Annis Hammon
- 2) Family Volunteering Guide, by Volunteer Resource Centre (Minneapolis)
- 3) Charities doing commercial ventures: Societal and Organizational Implications, by Brenda Zimmerman and Raymond Dart
- 4) It's Our Way, (a video celebrating volunteer activity in the Aboriginal community), produced by the National Aboriginal Voluntary Organization

Online resources:

A special agreement has been made with Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association allowing Volunteer Saskatoon to access their considerable resource library. For more information, including a listing of resource titles, go to www.spra.sk.ca/rcentre/rcentre.htm

The Canadian Centre for Philanthropy's John Hodgson Library serves the information needs of the charitable, voluntary and nonprofit sector in Canada. *Any member of the public* may access their free online library of electronic resources from their home or office at www.nonprofitscan.ca

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THEY INSPIRE! The first in a series of profiles spotlighting our member organizations

Saskatoon Community Youth Arts Programming Inc., or SCYAP Inc., has been a member of Volunteer Saskatoon since November 2003. They were founded two years prior in order to address the social, educational, and economic needs of "at risk" youth in Saskatoon. Through community supported art and culture-based projects (such as the Urban Canvas Project, a 35 week commercial art skills training program), young people in our community gain self-confidence, a foothold on education and employment skills, and a greater bond with their community. SCYAP Inc. also organizes art workshops, works on individual contract opportunities (painting signs, murals, digital work...) and donates paintings.

This relatively young organization has already amassed stories of changed perceptions and of bridges built between estranged members of our community. In one instance, a SCYAP participant worked on a mural in the neighbourhood where he had previously lived. Having been viewed as a "bad boy", an elderly resident was very wary to see him in the vicinity again. The participant, in turn, was uncomfortable because the elderly resident had judged him harshly in the past. By the end of the project, both parties had experience a change in their perception of the other. "You know, that old man is really nice," commented the youth.

Upcoming projects include a mural on the Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan trailer, and a mural for 25th Street Theatre's Fringe Festival. SCYAP Inc. welcomes donations and funders for core and project operations, as well as art contract opportunities.

Feel free to visit them in their new downtown office and gallery from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, at 253 3rd Avenue South.

"New to the fold" - Volunteer Saskatoon welcomes new members!

Canadian Red Cross - Respect ED project
Kelsey Trail Health Region
St. Mary Family Wellness Program
Consumer's Association of Canada - SK. Branch
Saskatchewan Institute on Prevention of Handicaps
Recreation and Tourism Department - SIAST Kelsey Campus
Saskatchewan Native Theatre Company
Youth Media Workshop

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