



Welcome to our newest members!

Saskatchewan Brain Injury Association - Saskatoon Chapter
Street Cat Rescue Program Inc. (SCAT)
Joanne Hritzuk
Saskatoon Gateway Players
Autism Treatment Services Inc.
Saskatchewan Cerebral Palsy Association

New in our Resource Library: Everything!

Our resource library has been re-catalogued as part of an ongoing project. With new sections and headings, we hope that using the resource library will be more efficient than ever! Thanks to Jeannette Meinema, one of our volunteers, for taking this project on. The newly re-catalogued resource library will be officially unveiled by the end of October.

Other online resources for our members:

A reminder that 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

Online resources for everyone:

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

Did you know?....

There has been much talk lately surrounding charity law and charity advocacy. Richard Bridge, a Vancouver Island based lawyer who has worked with IMPACS and the Charities and Democracy Project since 1999, helps clarify the issues in both areas.

What is a charity?

Bridge draws parallels between charity law in the UK and charity

law here in Canada, noting that both countries draw their definition of what "charity" is from *Pemsel's Case* in Victorian era 1891:

- Relief of poverty
- Advancement of education
- Advancement of religion
- Other purposes beneficial to the community

Although no longer bound to follow the British lead, our administrative practices, rather than the law, have changed. A recent reform of charity law in England suggests that changes may finally be on the way.

The draft Charities Bill introduced into the British Parliament on May 27, 2004 redefines charitable purpose to include eleven (as opposed to the traditional four) definitions, such as "the advancement of citizenship or community development", "the advancement of the arts, heritage or science", and "the advancement of environmental protection or improvement". It is hoped that these changes across the Atlantic may trigger reform in Canada as well.

For full article, contact Volunteer Saskatoon

Charities and Advocacy

Richard Bridge first points out what seems logical to most in the non-profit sector: That as "front line" establishments, we are advantageously placed to contribute to sound public policy development. However, the "10%" rule, upheld by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) limits charities not to use more than ten percent of money towards attempts to improve, change law and decisions at any level of government.

The issue is further complicated by the fact that the law and administrative policy in this field are poorly developed. The result is "advocacy chill" wherein most Canadian charities do nothing for fear of stepping over a line whose boundaries are unclear.

In September 2003 the CRA published a new Policy Statement on "Political Activities" (you can view it at www.cca-adrc.gc.ca/tax/charities/policy/cps/cps-022-e.html) Although it provides increased coherency of the CRA's position, in Richard Bridge's opinion it has shortcomings that only legislative amendment to the Income Tax Act could address.

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Member Profile: *Oliver Lodge*

Oliver Lodge first became a "twinkle" in Volunteer Saskatoon's eye because of the variety of interesting volunteer opportunities they sent to the Volunteer Saskatoon office. Their requests for folk art painters, movie night supervisors, and persons to set up creative displays all hinted at a very lively recreation program.

Daily activity is an important component of life at Oliver Lodge, a long-term care home for senior citizens. Events such as slideshows, "Koffee Klatches", Bookworm Clubs, and musical exercises, run on a daily basis as part of Oliver Lodge's recreation programs. The program is "targeted to specific individuals according to their needs and abilities", according to Joan Hugg, Director of Recreation and Volunteer Services at Oliver Lodge.

These programs are strengthened by a number of partnerships, notably with St. Edwards School, Holy Cross Lutheran Day Care and Next Generation Day Care. Their latest partnership, with Mount Royal Collegiate's Wellness 10 class, commenced just this fall with the creation of an exercise circuit for the Day program.

Oliver Lodge is composed of five communities dedicated to providing housing/long term care for seniors, and is operated in accordance with the purposes of the United Church of Canada. The first site dates back to 1962, when a 54-bed facility was opened at their present Faulkner Crescent location (Oliver Lodge had previously been situated over two abandoned air force barracks.) Additional wings were built in 1965 and 1975 respectively. Oliver Place and Wing 4 (now a secured unit dedicated to Alzheimer patients) were constructed in 1981, and Physiotherapy, Day Programs were established that same year. Each of the five communities (Sunshine Court, Nature's Way, Summer Garden, Rainbow Village, Angel's Cove) are distinct, but what they do have in common is the practice of an interdisciplinary team giving resident-centred care.

Education opportunity extraordinaire!

Mark "Linda Graff" in your calendars ... November 24th and/or November 25th, 2004, Volunteer Saskatoon presents two very special workshops with the renowned volunteer management specialist.

Risk Management in Volunteer Programs
Wednesday, November 24, 2004, Full day
\$75.00 Volunteer Saskatoon members
\$95.00 non-members

Each and every day, volunteer managers face situations such as the following:

- *An older adult is a volunteer driver for your organization; his capabilities seem to be declining recently and you wonder if he is still competent enough to do this risk work for you?*
- *Volunteers are working one-to-one with clients in isolated settings without a supervisor present*
- *Your board of directors has just asked you to recruit volunteers to do work that you think is risky, but the board says not to worry*

Sound familiar? In this workshop, you'll learn a simple, comprehensive risk management system that any organization can apply to their volunteer program. Practical, and applicable, whether you are new to the field of volunteer management, OR an "old hand", this is a can't miss opportunity if your volunteers are in direct contact with clients, or have access to valuables or confidential information.

One on One with Linda Graff
Thursday, November 25, 2004, Half-day(morning)
\$35.00 Volunteer Saskatoon members
\$45.00 non-members

A more casual "sit and chat", emphasizing discussion. Prepare to engage in "the big picture" of volunteer management, as we forecast the future of volunteerism with Linda Graff in a personal and up-close setting. Be prepared to bring one specific question to the session (anything but a "how-to" question please).

To register, or for more information, contact Volunteer Saskatoon, or download our registration form from our website (look under "training and events")

