



August, 2010

Dear Colleagues,

We are writing to you today as a fellow nonprofit leader to invite you to the **Saskatchewan Forum for Charities and Nonprofits**, jointly hosted by Imagine Canada and the United Way of Saskatoon & Area, being held at the Delta Bessborough Hotel in Saskatoon on **Wednesday, October 6, 2010**.

We are all aware that these are challenging times for charities and nonprofits and while there is huge diversity in the Sector, there are many common issues, challenges and opportunities that we share. Common discourse couldn't come at a better time for our sector.

Imagine Canada is working in partnership with leadership organizations across the country on a process of engagement to support that discourse. ([Building a Collective Action Plan](#))

Following more than 20 community conversations with charitable and nonprofit held organizations across the country last year, the initiative has now entered the second phase: provincial gatherings - one of which we are pleased to be jointly hosting here in Saskatchewan.

The focal point for discussion at the Forum will be a [Framework for Action](#) that reflects the tone and content of preliminary and on-going discussions with key partners in the sector and with organizations across the country. The Framework for Action identifies [drivers of change](#) that we believe will have an impact on our sector over the next 5 to 10 years. Information that comes out of discussions at the provincial events will be fed back to the pan-Canadian event in 2011.

While Imagine Canada is taking a leadership role at a pan Canadian level in helping spark this conversation, nothing will be possible without strong collaboration with other national, provincial and local partners. Success will come from shared leadership, from shared responsibility and from shared accountability.

We hope you are able to join us for the **Provincial Forum** as we continue to move forward collectively. **Please register today** (registration form attached). Your presence and participation is greatly valued!

We also invite you to join us the following day, **Thursday, October 7th**, for excellent learning opportunities. The HR Council for the Voluntary and Not-for-Profit will deliver a morning workshop entitled “Mind the (Generation) Gap.” The afternoon workshop will feature David Hartley, Director, Insurance & Liability Resource Centre, with a focus on leadership, good governance and risk management. See attached information and registration forms for this **Learning Day for Charities and Nonprofits**. These learning opportunities are open to anyone interested. Feel free to pass on this information to staff, volunteers and board members.

If you have any questions, please contact our project coordinators:

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Again, we look forward to your participation, visioning and discussion on October 6th in Saskatoon.

Your Co-Hosts,

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REGISTRATION FORM

IMAGINE CANADA & UNITED WAY OF SASKATOON & AREA

SASKATCHEWAN FORUM FOR CHARITIES AND NONPROFITS

Wednesday, October 6, 2010

8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Delta Bessborough Hotel, Saskatoon, SK

Salutation:	
Name:	
Organization:	
Title:	
Address:	
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Imagine Canada would like to know: (please check response boxes)

- Check if you **DO NOT** wish to have your name on a participant list
- Check if you **DO NOT** wish to receive further information from Imagine Canada
- Check if you **ARE** a member of Imagine Canada
- Check if you **PARTICIPATED** in a community conversation with Imagine Canada in **2009**

Please complete form and return by fax or mail by September 15th:

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