

October 2024

Holiday Edition

Nov 14th

Volunteer Coffee Connect

Join us for a holiday version of our Volunteer Coffee Connect! We will be meeting at 9717 Franklin Ave at 11am Nov 14th to wrap presents for a local holiday gift campaign. Spend time connecting with fellow community volunteers while supporting a great cause. This Coffee Connect will be BY REGISTRATION as space is limited
Sign up here!



Nov 14th 11:00 - 2:00 Snacks and Refreshments will be provided
* Please note address change - 9717 Franklin Ave *

I pledged
15 hours



NORTHSTAR 
WB Volunteer Centre

Did you make a pledge to Volunteer in 2024?

There's still time to complete those hours! The holiday season is one of the busiest for volunteer opportunities and a great time to fulfill those remaining hours.

Make your way to www.woodbuffalovolunteers.ca to see everything available in the coming months. Check back often as new opportunities are uploaded daily!

Volunteer Stories

All aboard the Volunteer Express!

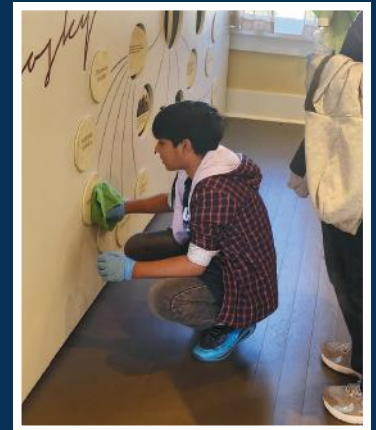
In October the Northstar Ford Wood Buffalo Volunteer Centre and the YMCA partnered to show a fantastic group of community newcomers what volunteerism can bring to their lives and to our community. After a learning session at the YMCA's new Franklin Ave location we boarded the Volunteer Express to Heritage Village where we helped them to prepare for the changing of seasons.

Mackenzie Stokes
LIP coordinator YMCA shares:

We had amazing feedback on the event. There was a total of 24 on our registration sheet. Multiple clients told their workers they had so much fun, loved seeing Heritage Village, and they were so happy to learn more about volunteering.

They said that it completely changed their view on volunteering and they are so excited to begin their volunteer journey to support their job search. They told their workers that they have already created a volunteer profile/registered on your site following the session!

We thank you!



HELP US CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL NOV 5TH

Volunteer Manager's Day!

THIS YEAR WE HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THE RMWB'S FINEST



[Jessica Perry - Fort McMurray Airport Authority](#)

Jessica Perry plays a multifaceted role as Specialist in Route Development & Passenger Experience, including her position as Manager of the YMM Volunteer Program since its launch in fall of 2023. She oversees the onboarding process by conducting tours of YMM and providing essential information to new volunteers. Additionally, Jessica greets volunteers at the beginning and end of their shifts and is readily available to answer any questions they may have. Her kindness, support, and passion for managing the program contribute significantly to enhancing the passenger experience for YMM guests.

"Jessica is the perfect person to work with volunteers. She always has a smile on her face, is affectionate, and willing to help. As an immigrant, I was looking for a place to volunteer so I could feel part of something, meet people, and feel useful. Jessica was amazing during this process—she made me feel welcome and embraced. My entire experience has been fantastic. She always gives me tips, encourages me, and provides support. I believe every company should have a 'Jessica,' as professionals like her truly make a difference." – Fernanda Dutra

[Sandy Williams - Heritage Park](#)

If you wander down to Heritage Village on any given day, you will meet up with Sandy Williams. Sandy joined the team two years ago, and the Society cannot remember a time without her ever since. If she is out front in the gift shop she connects with people as soon as they walk through the door. People have visited from all over the world, and have kept in touch because of their love for Sandy and how she treated them when they came to visit. Last year she drove some men from Germany and Ireland who had missed a tour bus during the Communities in Bloom tour. After they returned home they sent a special thank you for all she had done for them. During the summer months some of the camp participants couldn't wait to see "Miss Sandy" every day since they knew she would probably have a treat for them. Sandy has worked so hard on recruiting and keeping our volunteers, and no doubt she will continue to do so for many years to come. We love you Sandy, and the community loves you as well.



[Carla Cooper - St. Aiden's Society](#)

Carla has been the Volunteer Coordinator at St. Aiden's Society since August, 2021. Carla jumped into her role enthusiastically. She quickly broadened the scope of volunteer service delivery and expanded opportunities for community members to make a difference in the lives of seniors. She is compassionate and kind and makes herself available to support the matches and sure both seniors and volunteers feel fulfilled and have a positive experience. She is an incredibly valued member of the larger St. Aiden's team and is always willing to help her coworkers with anything they may need. A champion of seniors and senior rights, Carla is always looking for ways to make a positive impact in the lives of older adults.



Impact/Recognition



Emergency Social Services

Serving with courage, patience and commitment



Our Fuse social team had an incredible experience at the 2024 Emergency Social Services Evacuation Exercise!

It's so important to prepare for potential evacuation scenarios, and it's wonderful to see community and E.S.S. volunteers collaborating for such a crucial cause. A big thank you to the RMWB and all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication to making the event a great success!



Volunteer Spotlight

David Popoola

To me, Volunteering is important because it is a show of kindness, it shows you are interested in improving both yourself and your community. It also portrays your dedication to the society where you live in. I volunteer to show gratitude to the community, even when you think you do not have anything to give to the society, you can surely demonstrate your love by volunteering. Volunteering has made a huge difference in my life, because I also learn new things as I volunteer. I have been able to meet people from different walks of life and I am able to say thank you in my own little way.



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Send us your volunteering pictures & stories!

Show us what you've been up to

We want to feature you!



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Volunteers Needed

A volunteer is like a rare gem, when placed in the right setting and cared for they will shine - Unknown



We Remember
Legion 

Volunteer today!



**Spread the
Holiday Cheer**
Volunteer Today!

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REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF WOOD BUFFALO

SNOW ANGEL'S 2024

While snow in the driveway is not a fun sight for anyone, for some, it can mean missing out on important medical appointments, not being able to get groceries or seeing loved ones. Community members with mobility challenges need your help this winter to shovel snow from their walkways and driveways. Sign up as a Snow Angel and make sure your neighbour can safely access their home and stay connected to their community.



*Santa
IS
Coming*

**Saturday
Dec 7th**

**Sign up to be part of the RMWB
2024 Santa Clause Parade**



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