



Leadership Awards Nominees 2012

Volunteer Animal Award

Mika Jarrett, Brussels Griffon Terrier

Mika is a dedicated Story PALS' volunteer at the Fish Creek Library. Wearing his blue PALS' handkerchief, Mika contributes time every week, without fail to proudly support literacy in our community! Mika is always attentive and non-judgmental as children in the program work to overcome their fears of reading out loud by reading to him. Mika's toothy grin and wagging tail make him an easy friend to trust and an important part of the participants' lives.

Catfish, horse

Catfish is a gentle soul with a passion for volunteerism. Since his owner bought him, Catfish has been a teacher for animals and humans alike. He started his volunteer career helping out pony yearlings that his trainer was teaching. He then moved on to grant a wish for a friend that was suffering from cancer -- a ride on a horse! For the past four years, Catfish has been giving his time as a confidence builder for children with disabilities. He tours the riders around the area, allowing them to develop their balance and strength.

Carter, Black Lab, Pet Access League Society (PALS) Volunteer

Carter has been a PALS member since 2005. He thoroughly enjoys his job of bringing love and friendship to those he visits (all the treats he gets helps, too). He is the head of the greeting committee at the grooming shops and also known as the puppy trainer. Everyone who gets a puppy has to have "Carter time" to learn how to play with dogs. He has brought enjoyment to youth who have been hesitant to interact with dogs. When kids get excited, Carter lets out a happy bark that makes everyone laugh.

Eddie B. Weimer, Yorkshire Terrier, Pet Access League Society (PALS) Volunteer

Eddie is a perfect example of "good things come in small packages". Eddie is a little dog, but his dedication and impact has been huge when participating in the CPS Pawsitive PALS pilot program. When discussing friendship, youth often point out that although Eddie is small, he is large in a personality that is curious and kind. His size has encouraged youth who are not familiar with dogs to meet him and engage in the interactive learning exercises relating to friendship, decision making and peer pressure. For such a little guy, Eddie sure provides a lot of happiness.

Lacie, Border Collie X, Pet Access League Society (PALS) Volunteer

Lacie has been a member of PALS since April 2011 and currently volunteers at Bowview Nursing Home. She also enjoys helping out at Story PALS at the Calgary Public Library, the Mini Parade at Alberta Children's Hospital, and helps out at other nursing and child care centres. Lacie quickly develops many friendships with youth as her quiet and sweet nature make her desirable in a busy classroom environment. She is very excited to go to "work" with her blue scarf on and loves to wag her tail when she sees people and kids, followed by kisses and a paw shake.

Lucy Lu, American Eskimo, Pet Access League Society (PALS) Volunteer

When PALS heard that she was an American Eskimo, they tried hard not to show concern that she might not pass the tests as the breed has not been suited for visitation in the past. Lucy is one of the few of her breed to be a PALS dog. Lucy has many volunteer commitments around the city. She visits residents at Father Lacombe, helps kids read at the Calgary Public Library Story

PALS program, she manned the Art Market booth, and participated in the Canmore Canada Day as a representative of Rocky Mountain Animal Rescue to promote dog adoptions. Whenever the PALS bandana comes out, she gets excited because she know she is going to work and get a whole lot of love in return.

Magic, Smooth Coat Collie, Pet Access League Society (PALS) Volunteer

Magic and his owner volunteer at the Father Lacombe Nursing home as well as the CPS Pawsitive PAL Program. He also did volunteer work at the Calgary Public Library' Story PALS program where kids would read books to him. Magic is extremely patient when youth interact with him. He happily engages youth during exercises and sits quietly during group discussions. He has excellent manners that make him very reliable in learning settings, coupled with a warm caring personality that makes his participation so effective in impacting youth. Whenever he sees his special scarf and knows it is time to volunteer, he is already at the door ready to go.

McDuff, Golden Retriever, Pet Access League Society (PALS) Volunteer

McDuff is only 2 ½ years old. He has been a PALS member since when he was 16 months old. He regularly visits at the Alberta Children's Hospital and has visited Bethany Care Centre, schools, children with autism, cerebral palsy and brain injured adults. He also helps recruit and welcome new applicants to the PALS program. He comes out to sessions and helps to create a comfortable and fun learning environment for youth. His big hearted personality makes even the quietest young people want to pet him and interact with him while learning important life skills.

Midas, Golden Retriever, Pet Access League Society (PALS) Volunteer

Midas has been a PALS dog since the fall of 2010. The volunteer work that he does has impacted people from young children to the elderly. He has visited seniors on a regular basis at Chinook Care Centre and Scenic Acres Retirement. He has also participated in sessions of Story PALS at several libraries, where he helps create a non-judgmental environment for youngsters to learn to read. His ability to adapt to settings ranging from one on one with a quiet child to a large group of excited youth makes him an awesome volunteer, educator and friend.

Leaders in Employee Volunteering Award

Elevated HR Solutions

Elevated HR is committed to supporting the community and giving back to communities that have given them so much. Each month, the team meets and chooses at least one charity or volunteer opportunity as the focus of their charitable outreach. Employees are encouraged to volunteer, create awareness, and raise or match funds for whatever the cause is. They have supported Junior Achievement, Making Changes Association, Mustard Seed, KidSport Alberta, among many others.

BOWEN Workforce Solutions

Workplace volunteerism is a part of BOWEN Culture. The sense of volunteering and giving is important in the lives of all employees and the sense of pride they receive from working for a company that feels the same is valuable. In 2011, BOWEN employees built a playground through Parks Foundation Calgary, fed over 200 students with the Community Kitchen, supplied gifts and served Christmas dinner at the YWCA Sheriff King Home, and made lunches with Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids.

Apache Canada Ltd

Apache makes it a priority to build a recognizable and respected presence within its areas of operation through community involvement. They team up with organizations and seek out partnerships, which allow them to be involved in a volunteer capacity. They support volunteering during work hours as teambuilding activities, bringing employees together while giving back. They also match employees' contributions dollar for dollar. Employees have volunteered at CUPS, Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank, Calgary Educational Partnership Foundation, Mustard Seed, Ronald McDonald House, among others.

First Calgary Financial

First Calgary Financial encourages employee volunteerism as part of their social promise to make thoughtful choices that consider how members, employees and communities are affected. They believe that when

employees are engaged, the results are far reaching. Their social engagement group LIVE (Leadership, Involvement, Volunteerism, Employees) is employee-run, leading projects that benefit community. To further encourage volunteerism, they contribute \$1,000 towards the charity where an employee spends their time. Volunteers have helped Calgary Family Services, Calgary Folk Music Festival, and Ronald McDonald House, to name a few.

Fluor Canada

Fluor is committed to creating a positive impact on the communities they are a part of and touch through their work. Through employee volunteering opportunities, employees are encouraged to give their time as a way to make connections and build partnerships and bonds with each other and other organizations in the community. Fluor supports employees in accessing meaningful volunteer opportunities of all varieties. They have helped various organizations such as the Calgary Food Bank, Catholic Family Service, YWCA, Building Futures Program, Clean Up the Bow as part of United Way Days of Caring.

Nexen Inc.

Nexen's ReachOut Employee Volunteer Program is aligned with their corporate vision, supports employee engagement and gives them the opportunity to be a resource for charitable organizations. Nexen supports employee volunteerism through Giving, Matching and *Helping*. They encourage volunteerism through 2 paid volunteer days a year, as well as through the services of an Employee Volunteering coordinator who works with teams in identifying teambuilding volunteer activities. Teams have volunteered at various local organizations, including the Alberta Ballet, Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation, Banff National Parks, Soup Sisters/Broth Brothers, to name a few.

Penn West Exploration

Penn West has a robust community investment program that encourages employees to be active members in the community, giving back through donation of money, items or time. The Volunteer Impact Program was born out of the Penn West team's desire to give back. They participated in Volunteer Calgary's Paint the Town program in 2010, where groups of employees set out to paint homes of seniors. In 2011, volunteers have completed 21 volunteer activities with at least 10 organizations, totaling 1,900 volunteer hours. They have volunteered at Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids, Calgary Food Bank, Children's Cottage, Golden Age Club, and the Drop-In Centre, among many others.

TELUS

TELUS supports employee volunteering in an effort to foster a corporate culture of giving and to make a positive difference in the communities where they live, work and serve. They have 2 key volunteer programs which encourage volunteerism: TELUS Day of Giving enables teams to make an impact on communities collectively and Dollars for Doers which rewards volunteerism upon reaching a certain number of volunteer hours (\$200 goes to charity of choice). The TELUS team has volunteered with the Food Bank, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, YWCA Calgary, among many others across Canada.

Leader in Volunteer Management Award

LeeAnne Alexander, NeighbourLink Calgary

LeeAnne Alexander is passionate about working with volunteers who are vital to NeighbourLink's services and programs. She recognized the need for a volunteer management position, so she approached management with a plan in hand and offered her services. LeeAnne is now responsible for recruiting, engaging, and recognizing volunteers and helps develop programs and innovative processes that best fit the needs of clients and volunteers. She also ensures that volunteers feel connected and part of the team. LeeAnne's energy and passion motivate volunteers to make a difference in the lives of their neighbours in need.

Matt Baden, Action Coalition on Human Trafficking Alberta Association

Matt Baden strives to ensure that the organization effectively and creatively engages and recognizes volunteers. His acute understanding of the complexity of human trafficking has helped him create suitable strategies to engage volunteers. He ensures that the volunteers he recruits, trains, and managers become good ambassadors of ACT Alberta. Matt successfully maximizes the contributions of volunteers, while creating an effective, community-based response to trafficking. His strong passion for the cause strengthens volunteers' commitment to the organization.

Peta Collings, The Salvation Army Agape Hospice

Peta Collings is an integral part of Salvation Army Agape Hospice team and a strong advocate for her volunteers. She manages a comprehensive volunteer program and works with approximately 100 volunteers who give their time to provide support to residents and families. Volunteers reflect the organization's mission by providing unconditional love and individualized care. Peta strategically matches volunteers to roles that benefit the clients as well as volunteers effectively. She has a zest for life and a genuine interest in people that makes her a great leader to all the amazing volunteers that she works with.

Sharlene Coulter, Kids Cancer Care Foundation of Alberta

Sharlene Coulter has been working as the volunteer manager of Kids Cancer Care for the last 3.5 years and manages 360 volunteers. As such, she ensures that they recruit and maintain the volunteers needed to sustain their programs. Sharlene recognizes the importance of volunteers and focuses efforts on training and recognition. She implemented an innovative volunteer training weekend to make sure they get the best training possible. Sharlene's commitment, support, and generosity make it possible to make a difference and to see that come to life in the bright faces of the children that they support.

Kimberly Feodoroff, Calgary Legal Guidance Society

Kim Feodoroff's dedication and commitment to volunteers is evident in her daily dealings with them. She manages a team of volunteer lawyers at Calgary Legal Guidance who provide pro bono advice. Under her guidance, the number of volunteer lawyers has peaked to a point that exceeds the amount of work available. She is very efficient and precise and respectful of volunteers' time. Her personal demeanor is always one of gratitude, as she makes volunteers feel like they are indispensable, which makes her an absolute pleasure to work with.

Renée Fleming – Calgary Zoo

Volunteer Engagement at the Calgary Zoo is, in a word, HUGE! You might assume that this fun job is all smiles and visits with animals, but Renée Fleming's job is so much more. When Renée became responsible for the Zoo's volunteers the programs were not what they are today. With over 600 individual opportunities engaging over five hundred volunteers, their impact is felt by the over 1.2 million visitors to the Zoo each year. She truly understands volunteer engagement and has worked to empower volunteers by conducting reviews of satisfaction, studying retention and understanding motivation of volunteers.

Michelle Haywood , Elizabeth House

Michelle Haywood's deep understanding for Elizabeth House's mission, in addition to her compassion, insight, and empathy for the women they serve, enables her to work with volunteers and keep them engaged. She plays a vital role in defining the direction of the volunteer program, even developing volunteer

initiatives, like the Birth Companion Program which pairs volunteer birthing coaches with pregnant residents who need assistance. More importantly, she makes it a priority to acknowledge the importance of volunteers and continues to look for ways to strengthen the volunteer program.

Lori James, Champions Career Centre

Lori James works to help people – clients and volunteers alike - realize their full potential. As the Client Services Manager for Champions Career Centre, she works diligently to support, develop and strengthen their volunteer program and was instrumental in its inclusion in their strategic plan. She works closely with each volunteer, getting to know them and assisting them with meeting their individual needs and goals and aligning them with the organization's mission of changing the perception of disabilities in the workplace and creating inclusive workplaces. Lori is a natural leader who understands and demonstrates the value of volunteers to the agency.

Jessica Williams, Catholic Family Service of Calgary

Jessica Williams' role is to actualize the vision of integrating volunteerism into all programs at Catholic Family Service. She has strengthened the agency's awareness and implementation of services for volunteers by updating the principles and protocols that guide volunteerism in the agency. Jessica is always supportive and approachable to volunteers and serves as a mentor to many. Her vivacious engagement with volunteers is done effortlessly as it is based on a shared passion for volunteerism.

Volunteer Family Award

Chow Family - Linda, Robert, Meghan, Mandee

Volunteering is a Chow family tradition. Robert, Meghan and Mandee all volunteer at the TELUS Spark. As children, the World of Science played a major role and has impacted their learning and natural curiosity. Now grown up and in their teens, they hope to cultivate growth for the next generation as the staff and volunteers did for them many years ago. Their parents have played an integral role in creating this philosophy around volunteerism and strong family values. The three also act as mentors to their three younger siblings and hope that volunteering will continue to be a family tradition.

Dyck Family - Kimberly, Jason, Matthew, Hannah, Rylan, Dianne, Lyle

Like arthritis, supporting the Arthritis Society runs in the Dyck family. In the last 6 years, they have volunteered in various capacities – being a spokesperson, being event organizers, helping at fundraising events, and even being the organization's mascot. They believe that greater awareness in juvenile arthritis will result in an effort to find a cure one day, which will benefit everyone afflicted - young and old. The Dyck family shows no signs of stopping until that day comes.

Johnson Family - Garth, Kathryn, Connor, Teague

Having a loved one with a disability has motivated the Johnson family to give back to the organization that has made a difference in their lives – the Between Friends Club. They are involved in all program areas: Garth photographs events; Kathryn helps at the office and various events; Connor (14) volunteers at Camp Bonaventure. Teague's strong spirit continues to inspire them as the family contributes to building a caring community for everyone to enjoy.

Petrowich Family - Jamie, Mark, Carson, Haley

The Petrowich family are dedicated and enthusiastic about their volunteer role and are an inspiration not only to the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House, but to the volunteers they work with. For over 3 years, they have supplied nutritious meals for families of sick children and now provide over 240 sandwiches each week. They are a truly compassionate family who shares their blessings with others.

Leaders of Tomorrow Award

Elementary

Riley Beatty – Battalion Park

Riley is a man on a mission to find a cure for diabetes. He has a personal passion and determination to get to the bottom of this disease. He has been instrumental in helping to raise awareness and funds for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. He has been called upon to speak as a volunteer motivational speaker and has participated in many events with the organization. He has even organized his own event. Even at such a young age, Riley is already an inspiration to people of all ages.

Junior High School

Jeremy Dawson - Mountain Park School

If there is one job Jeremy knows how to do, it is his role as a volunteer school patroller at Mountain Park School. Jeremy makes it his business to make sure that the streets and areas around the school are safe for other children and teachers. He has demonstrated dedication and is learning valuable leadership skills in his work.

Michelle D'Souza - Blessed John XXIII Elementary/Junior High School

When Michelle sees a need, she is determined to fill the need and hopes that her contribution will help make the world a better place for everyone. Michelle has a strong belief that through her volunteer experiences she is giving back to the community that has blessed her with so much in life. She is a kind person who is a positive example to her peers.

Matthew Kryczmanik – St. James Catholic School

Through volunteering, Matthew has been able to build new and lasting friendships with seniors through the LINKages Society. Matthew has learned new skills from the older generation and has been able to teach the seniors a thing or two about his own generation. He has developed a great appreciation for those who have gone before him and their contributions to society as he makes his own contributions in his own little way.

Senior High School

Sanghoon (Sammy) Ahn – Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School

Sammy's volunteer experience not only expands throughout his generation, but extends to generations before him as he was key in coordinating a program called LINKages SWC Club, a program designed to bridge the gap between the youth of SWC High School and a senior retirement. He brought both bring positive and friendly vibes to the seniors of the Calgary community. He has a spirited personality and positive attitude for all areas of life.

Karim Alamy – Jack James High School

Stepping up to the challenge as a mentor to children, Karim has demonstrated that even the "too-cool-for-school" people have something to offer the community. Karim supports a Little from grade 2 through the Teens Mentoring Program with the BBBS and has helped this Little gain confidence and self worth during his development years.

Amanda Basque – Jack James High School

Amanda has been impacting the community around her through her involvement with Teen Mentoring Program at Big Brothers and Big Sister of Calgary and Area. She has been the mentor to a number of Littles for the past year, and has been a key player in their development through her volunteerism. Amanda is energetic, committed to her responsibilities, and has a contagious "can do" attitude.

Iyarusalem Biftu – Notre Dame High School

Iyarusalem credits her parents as true icons of what “hard work and dedication” mean. She uses their example as motivators when it comes to volunteering. Iyarusalem has been an influence in her volunteer activities at Notre Dame High school, in formulating programs that benefit her school, local community, and international locations. She is a leader and respected friend to all those she meets and interacts with.

Bretton Chad – Strathcona Tweedsmuir School

Bretton’s work in the volunteer sector literally stretches across the globe and across nations to help bridge the gap and build support for those in need. Bretton has walked and assisted others in very remote locations to bring happiness and kindness wherever she goes. She has been able to share her experiences and learnings with all those that she works with while attending Strathcona Tweedsmuir School.

Sarena Dharshi – Western Canada High School

Sarena has a huge heart and is ready and willing to help out where ever she can. Sarena is part of the Youth are Awesome program as a blogger, where she shares her poems and photography with the world through the blog. She has been known to bake cookies for the homeless and provide a warm and comforting smile to those she serves in her community.

Yvonne Dutallas – St. Mary’s Senior High School

Yvonne made a promise to herself to pay it forward. Yvonne has been a volunteer with Calgary Immigrant Women’s Association since June 2011. That selfless act has had a domino effect and affected the lives of many newcomers coming into Canada. She has been a support and guide to many of the new youth coming to a culture that is different but full of promise and blessing.

Chantelle Gill – Discovering Choices High School

Chantelle believes that “every kid has a right to be a kid” and feels that her service to the Boys and Girls Club of Calgary has allowed her to help children realize their potential and the impact they can have on the future. Volunteering gives Chantelle a sense of ownership and pride about the community she lives in.

Alexis Godin – Holy Redeemer Elementary

Alexis is persistent in her efforts to volunteer in the community. That persistence has become an asset to the Catholic Family Services organization and the Families and Schools Together program. Alexis is a positive role model with the children and the parents she works with. She is a true example of volunteerism can mean to a young child.

Sheliza Kassam – Western Canada High School

Among all of the volunteer work that Sheliza is involved with, she does manage to find time to do some school work. With Mentors like Craig Keilburger and Mother Teresa, she believes that the small acts of kindness she is involved with can help her achieve bigger steps in her life to come. Sheliza has been an energetic volunteer with Junior Achievement of Southern Alberta since early 2011.

Scott Keck – Sir Winston Churchill High School

Scott will jump at a moment’s notice, when called upon by Calgary Family Services to help out with an event or program operated by the organization. Scott is a caring and responsible young adult who is ready and willing to make things happen.

Karen Lam – Lester B Pearson High School

Karen is an individual who is committed to excellence in everything that she does. She truly exemplifies what it means to volunteer and give back to a community that has provided her with so much. Karen is dedicated to her role as a volunteer at the Calgary Public Library, but also in her other volunteer positions throughout the community.

Taylor McNab – Jack James High School

Taylor's life demonstrates how volunteering can impact and even change your life. He has been able to take his learnings from his volunteer experience, apply it in the real world and better support those he works with. Taylor has been a great example to the Little ones he leads and supports in the Teen Mentoring Program through BBBS.

Stephanie Mitchell – Jack James High School

Stephanie provides a shoulder to cry on when times get tough for her "Little". She is also a positive example to others who may be struggling. Through her volunteer experience, Stephanie brings a warm heart and cheerful smile to children in the Teen Mentoring program through BBBS. She is truly a role model for her Little and to other Bigs in the program.

Robin Ostrander – St James Catholic School

Robin is reminded every time that she volunteers with seniors that you only get one life to live, and that we need to cherish every moment we can. She feels that she has something to offer back to the community by offering her time and being a listening ear to those who may be lonely or just need a friend to talk to. She has been a volunteer with the LINKages Society for a number of months now.

Logan Peters – Bowness High School

Logan knows that the key to anything is to show true compassion to the things you do in life. He demonstrates and shares that compassion in her volunteer role as a mentor in the Calgary After School Mentoring program through BBBS. Her willingness to play games, bake and read with her "Little" ones truly makes a mark in her own life and in theirs.

Matt Pettifer – Jack James High School

Matt is very active in his community. He has learned the value of volunteerism and how it has benefitted his life and the lives of those around him. Matt has been instrumental in his participation with the Calgary Board of Education in providing a voice on behalf of the students in the Chief Superintendant Student Advisory Council. He has also be a huge support to the Little ones through a mentoring program at BBBS.

Sikta Samantray – Sir Winston Churchill High School

Not only is volunteering fun for Sikta, but she says she finds it enjoyable and has taught her about the importance of being compassionate and understanding of the world around her. Through volunteering, Sikta has felt inspired to contribute back to the community through the areas of education, children, seniors and the environment. She is an active and dedicated volunteer with the Youth Volunteer Corp and brings excitement and passion in her participation.

Joani Schoultz – Bert Church High School

Joani has gone above and beyond the call of duty when it comes to her volunteer position with the Werklund Foundation. She has learned through this program and all her volunteer experiences that continual growth means to be continually challenged. She continually expresses love and a true commitment for her work as a volunteer.

Darren Touch – Western Canada High School

With a passion for understanding Human Rights and how it impacts all of humanity, Darren has made it his mission to bring the Human Rights issues to the forefront of all individuals' minds. He wants to initiate change and believes that building dialogue and then starting action are important keys to success. Darren has been influential leader in the development of the Amnesty International Youth Club at Western Canada High School.

Bill Tran – Western Canada High School

Bill is a true leader. He knows what it means to "step up to the plate" and does so as he actively leads the Youth Week Calgary 2012 committee and making it an event that will benefit all youth in

Calgary. Bill has also become an active blogger for the Youth Are Awesome blog hosted by Youth Central.

Shine Vazhappilly – Bishop O-Bryne High School

She “Shines” for a reason. Her ability to nurture and care for those around her is definitely felt by others in the community like a warm ray of sunshine. Shine is an excellent role model and peer to those she works with and supports. Shine has demonstrated her excellence through her involvement with the CCIS Youth Connection programs. This program supports young newcomers to Canada and assists them with the adaptation and integration to social and community life.

Sarah Waugh – William Aberhart High School

Sarah really knows how to bring one community together, but she also knows how to extend her reach to other communities together in a time of dire need. Sarah was significant in pulling together her school and community to gather items for victims of the Slave Lake fires. Her energy and tenderness helped to warm the hearts of the community of Slave Lake and Aberhart High School.

William Wilson – Western Canada High School

William believes that we should not stand by and watch life pass us by, but that we should take part in an active lifestyle. He is now working towards finding new and innovative ways to engage and impact the community he is a part of. William is a lively and passionate volunteer with Youth Central and many other initiatives and organizations.

Travis Zavislake – Centennial High School

Travis is proof that volunteering can make a difference in your own life and in the lives of others. Travis has grown by leaps and bounds and has become an amazing asset to the Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank. His dedication and passion to give of his time is felt by all of his co-volunteers on the CIFB team.

Heart of Calgary Award

Janet Astle

Janet’s first volunteer experience was serving tea in a psychiatric ward in England. She was 13 then. Today, she dedicates time to numerous organizations with volunteer roles as meaningful as they are diverse. 2012 marks her 14th year of volunteering with St Giles Presbyterian Church and with the Foothills Wanderers Orienteering Club and 12 years with the Glenbow Museum. She has also volunteered for Nature Conservancy Canada, Carewest George Boyack, and Heritage Park Historical Village. Janet demonstrates how much power a single person has to do good in the community in a lifetime.

Ashid Kumar Bahl

Over the past 31 years, Mr Bahl has helped over 100,000 children in need as the president and founder of For the Love of Children Society. Through countless volunteer hours, his organization has supplied the financial assistance needed to provide medical equipment and treatments to children in our community who would otherwise fall through the cracks. From specialized formula to specialized wheel chairs and smart walkers. For 20 years, the annual North Pole-Calgary Tower for disadvantaged children and families has brought smiles of joy to hundreds of Calgary children and families. Mr Bahl’s dedication has also allowed his organization to reach out across borders funding and building orphanages, schools and homes in some of the world’s poorest and most devastated countries.

David Botterill

David began volunteering by packing Christmas boxes for Samaritans Purse 15 years ago and has kept doing it since. Volunteering has grown into a way of life for him. As a volunteer for Inn from the Cold, he has been dubbed an “Inn-bassador”, a spokesperson, a leader, a fundraiser, and whatever he needs to be. He has also volunteered for Kidney Foundation & Liver Foundation, Youthlink Calgary, Calgary Mental Health, TELUS World of Science, Heart and Stroke Foundation and all the way in Peru

and Mexico! David truly is a volunteer extraordinaire and possesses a gift of caring and compassion for others.

Ruth Bullivant

Ruth's energy, positive approach to life and wisdom prove that even in one's eighties, one can be an important influence in enriching the lives of others. Her empathy for peoples' needs and willingness to help show in her daily activities. She has an impressive roster of volunteering activities, including MS Society, Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, Calgary Ski Club, etc. Even in her mid-80s and with some health issues, she continues to volunteer at ATP's gift shop, reads for Voice Print, and makes sandwiches for Inn from the Cold. Ruth is a woman small in stature, but big in heart.

Catherine Forsyth

Catherine is a true blue Girl Guide. She has been involved with Girl Guides of Canada for 21 years. Her dedication to guiding and her fellow sisters are visible with her commitment and genuine care for everyone. She has taken on many duties from camp cook to mentor to younger leaders. She is currently the district secretary and treasurer. She also volunteers outside guiding with the Food Bank and the Samaritan's Purse. Cathy is always full of great stories to tell and many lessons to teach and is a great guiding force and role model for the organization and its members.

Ralph Garnett

Ralph is an amazing individual who displays strength and drive, and gives of his time and energy selflessly to contribute to a better community. After a stroke in 2002, he was told he was never to walk and talk again. Obviously, this has not deterred Ralph from giving back and for being the best and most giving person he can be. He has volunteered with the Multiple Sclerosis Society for 21 years, helping with various committees and events. He has also volunteered with the Salvation Army, Calgary Stampede, Theatre Calgary, Running Room, to name a few. He is an inspiration, for his strength and willpower to live fully and make a difference in the world.

Craig Hill

Cheri Macaulay

Cheri's personal vision for a rich and positive community life is inspiring. She helped found CivicCamp Calgary, which explores new ways of encouraging civic engagement and volunteerism through citizen-led community projects. It engages Calgarians in creating a city that works for everyone. She has a long history of volunteerism, working with the Brentwood Community Association, the Mayor's Committee for Civic Engagement. While Cheri is a capable strategic thinker and a passionate advocate for a better Calgary, she is not afraid to tackle hands-on tasks that must be done to help achieve bigger goals. Calgary needs more volunteer leaders like Cheri.

Gerry McConerry

Gerry has dedicated his adult life to educating the public about HIV/AIDS. For over 14 years as a volunteer with AIDS Awareness, Gerry has had a variety of key roles with the organization, including the Speakers Network, Positive Action program as a Board Member, Casino volunteer, Media Spokesperson, AIDS Walk volunteer and Nutrition Program volunteer. His volunteer roles have given him the opportunity to have an enormous impact on the community at large as he spreads understanding and education around this disease and on the organization itself strengthening it from within through his volunteerism.

Donna McTaggart

Donna McTaggart is an individual with a passion for the Arts and for helping out. She is committed to making Calgary a better place and to make life better for Calgarians most in need. Her volunteering career began in 1979, working with kids in camp. Since then, she has helped out with Calgary Mustard Seed, Inn from the Cold, Emergency Family Shelter, and Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids, among many others. She is also involved in the Arts as a volunteer with Calgary Folk Festival and Calgary Folk Club. She also spearheaded two charitable fundraisers via social media network in which she actively participates – Twestival and Holipalooza. Donna is energetic, compassionate and is continuously overflowing with community spirit.

Munira Nagji

Munira Nagji embodies the spirit of volunteerism and community giving in all that she does. It began as a simple offer of tutoring to neighbourhood children new to Canada unable to thrive in the English speaking

schools. It soon turned her living room into a classroom and has taken her passion for helping those in need across the community and the world. Munira is involved in the Eagle's Back PowWow Dance Program for Aboriginal youth in Calgary. She runs the Montessori program for new immigrant children at her local mosque, takes in women in need at her home and continues to home school special-needs children. Most recently, she volunteered at an orphanage in India teaching children in a small village school.

Jack Neufeld

Jack uses his talent as a businessman, knowledge as a contractor/builder and passion for helping others over a long and successful career of volunteerism. He has assisted many organizations in achieving goals that have benefited local, national, and international communities. He served as a board member for Ambrose University College. He donated an incredible volume of hours as chair of Samaritan's Purse Canada and Billy Graham Evangelistic Association's Building Committee and was responsible for selection of the site and construction of facility that now houses the Canadian head office. He is also member of the Ministry Committee which provides leadership to international relief and development projects. Jack is a true leader who donates time and skills to making great things happen.

Maureen Procter

For more than 20 years, Maureen has sought out volunteer opportunities that allow her to make a significant impact in the lives of Calgarians. For the past 9 years, she has been a passionate volunteer with the Calgary Public Library's Read Through Me early childhood literacy program for struggling readers in grades 1-6. For the past 8 years, Maureen has been a volunteer at the Calgary Zoo and the Calgary International Airport. She has also spent 10 years volunteering with the Calgary Corporate Challenge and with Junior Achievement. In the 90's she was an active volunteer with the Calgary Cancer Society, United Way, Volunteer Calgary and the Heart & Stroke Foundation, over the years she has impacted hundreds of lives and inspired countless Calgarians by her generous spirit.

Nyssa Ritzel

Nyssa is a full-time engineer and a wholehearted volunteer. This hardworking professional incredibly makes time to honour several volunteer commitments – from the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, Calgary Corporate Challenge, and the Calgary International Film Festival to several engineering committees. She has helped with fundraising efforts for United Way, Heart and Stroke Foundation and the Mustard Seed. Nyssa serves as an inspiration to young professionals as she donates countless hours to various causes with a bright smile and positive attitude.

Carol Smith

Carol has been an active volunteer in the Calgary community for most of her life, touching thousands of lives volunteering through her church, as a fundraiser for the Tim Horton's camps, the McHappy Day event and as a Stampede volunteer on the Caravan committee for many years. In recent years, Carol has developed a passion for the issues that face seniors in our community and now commits a large amount of her time volunteering with the Aspen Lodge and at the McKenzie Towne Care Centre.

Cameron Stewart

As a Calgary police officer for over 25 years, Cam Stewart knew the devastating impact of hatred & prejudice and it convinced him to become an active participant and volunteer in the field of diversity, inclusion and intercultural communication in Calgary. For many years, he has immersed himself in the community as a volunteer providing leadership in programs that address gang violence and conflict resolution. He has worked tirelessly, bringing young people together and founding Calgary's Diversity Cup Soccer tournament. Cameron has spent many years with both Calgary Learns and the Alberta Assoc for Multicultural Education and, in 2010, he also ventured into the political arena as a strategist & volunteer for Wayne Stewart's Mayoral Campaign.

Mitzie Wasyliv

Mitzie is a true visionary. She co-founded the Ranche at Fish Creek Restoration Society with her husband in 1995. They restored the historical Bow Valley Ranche and restore it to its original splendor. In 2001, the Ranche was designated as a provincial historical resource. Through active fundraising efforts, Mitzie was able to set up an endowment fund of \$450,000 to ensure the gardens will always be maintained and managed properly. Today, it is home to a popular restaurant and the Artisan Garden, a unique space that will become Canada's largest permanent outdoor art display. Mitzie has given so much heart, energy and leadership to this cause. Her vision will continue to be enjoyed by Calgarians for generations to come.

Herrat Zahner

You would not think that Herrat is turning 82 this year, with her boundless enthusiasm, energy and her determination and passion for helping others help themselves. She began volunteering with the Arthritis Society in 1987 when she was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis. Her commitment to helping improve the quality of life for people is exemplified in her extensive volunteer career, including as volunteer with Canadian Cancer Society, Canadian Speech Communicators Association, Winston Churchill HS, debate judge for various schools for 10 years. Herrat reaches out to people and touches them with sensitivity, love and light, and encourages them to be strong and be the best, no matter what the battle.

Volunteer in Profile Award

Theresa Acchione

Theresa Acchione lost her father in 2000 to a cancerous brain tumour and since 2002, she has been giving back to Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada, an organization that gave her and her family compassionate support. Theresa knows how difficult and overwhelming the journey through diagnosis and treatment can be, so she reaches out to others who are trying to cope. She has been the rock for the Calgary support group and her dedication to them has helped keep it together. Her compassion and dedication mean the world to those whose lives she touches.

Jolene Bergeson

Jolene Bergeson is hardworking, professional and goes above and beyond the call of duty. She is dedicated and passionate about Calgary Corporate Challenge, as a means to create bonds with people. She provides support to companies during the games, a role best suited to a "people person" like Jolene who enjoys supporting, mentoring, and providing creative solutions to challenges. Her cheerful face is a certainly welcome sight at each event site.

Terry Deets

Terry Deets volunteers with the Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank since 1982, and he loves what he does. He volunteers from 8-4pm EVERYDAY, as a full-time volunteer. Since 1999, Terry has volunteered 20, 505 hours! Terry can load up to 150 hampers in an afternoon, but also wears many different hats and is always willing to help out where he is needed, greeting clients or welcoming new volunteers. His jovial outlook is infectious and inspires other volunteers. He has earned the well-deserved nickname "Mayor of the Food Bank"

Laverna Jennings

80-year old Laverna has delivered meals to client's homes twice a week with her husband. They have built great relationships with the people that they serve. Whether it is snowing, raining or even during rush hour, she knows the importance of meals getting delivered to the clients. She displays compassion and she loves bringing happiness and good health to people.

Dal Langenberger

Dal Langenberger is an RCMP Veteran with a wealth of historical knowledge that comes in handy as an exhibit host and tour guide at Fort Calgary. The 77-year old enjoys interacting with people from all over the world who come to learn about the history of Western Canada. In addition to his time (1,000 hours in 10 years) and knowledge, Dal donated a carousel horse that took him more than 600 hours to hand carve and finish. Visitors of Fort Calgary can now see the novelty horse that also holds a time capsule.

Don Nelson

Don Nelson arrives at the Prostate Cancer Centre at 8am on Tuesdays to have the first pot of coffee brewing before the first patients arrive. He volunteers because he finds that having another person who's gone through the same ordeal to talk to makes it a bit easier. His presence

alleviates men's stress and his love for humanity is very well received and evident from the many patients who return looking to thank him for his help during a tough time.

John Norrish

John Norrish feels blessed with a good life and positive role models growing up, so he wanted to have the same impact on a young boy who may not have a father, uncle, or older brother to look up to. During his time with Big Brothers Big Sisters, John has been matched with six different young men, having a dramatic impact on each of their lives. He is truly a Big Brother with a big heart.

Priscilla Popilchak

As a former teacher, Priscilla Popilchak loves working with children. She started volunteering with Child Find Alberta in 1994. From rewriting Child Find's educational presentations to hiring a new executive director, Priscilla has helped shape Child Find Alberta. After 10 years on the Board of Directors, she retired and now focuses on presenting for Child Find, teaching children how to stay free from harm. Priscilla is kindhearted, giving, and truly a positive influence to the children and everyone that she meets and works with.

Arlie Ring

Arlie Ring joined the Calgary Public Library volunteer team in August 2007 and has contributed over 500 hours to various programs. Arlie loves working with young people in the Read With Me Program and getting them excited about reading. She goes out of her way to discover what their interests are and helps find them something they are excited to read. Arlie brings warmth and kindness to all her interactions with customers, their families and Library staff.

Teresa Ryan

Teresa Ryan has consistently been a family and child advocate, a brain-stormer of new ideas, a confidence builder for our artistic director, an imaginative and lateral thinker. She joined WP Puppet Theatre Society in 2008 and has found her main joy comes from the school program where she is able to apply her talents and creativity – building intricately designed puppets. Her love and enthusiasm for what she does shine through her creations and bring smiles to the audience wherever they go.

Irwin Vines

Irwin Vines started volunteering with the ALS Society in 2000 because a friend of his was on the Board. His friend sadly passed away from ALS a few years ago, but Irwin continues to stay involved. Irwin's business provides IT support for the society, saving them thousands of dollars worth of services. Irwin feels very fortunate in life and feels the need to pay it forward. His favorite saying is "from those to whom much is given – much is expected".

Gus Yaki

Gus Yaki's passion for nature is evident through his volunteer work. He's been leading bird outings in Fish Creek Provincial Park since 1993, guiding nature enthusiasts through green spaces throughout the city. For four days a week, he conducts bird watching courses meanwhile infecting participants with his dedication to protect and preserve the many species of plants, birds, insects, and other wildlife in Calgary. He is truly a friend to nature and nature lovers alike.

Leader in Volunteer Engagement Award

Calgary Corporate Challenge

Calgary Corporate Challenge (CCC) is a professionally run, volunteer-driven, Olympic-style event for Calgary's business community. With 180+ companies, up to 1,300 volunteers and over 18,000 athletes, CCC is one of the largest annual, amateur, athletic events in Canada. Participating companies provide over 1200 volunteers to help ensure the smooth execution of events. It takes approximately 11,500 hours of volunteer time to run the games each year.

Chrysalis Volunteer Program

Chrysalis was created by parents and community members to provide adults with disabilities equal opportunities to contribute to their communities. The Individual Volunteer Program expands the goals of the organization and provides a program that creates opportunities for participants to experience the feeling of making a difference, experience a self-fulfillment of personal values and goals, remain active in community and gain valuable work experiences.

INNspiration House Project - Inn from the Cold

Launched in 2011, INNspiration House has developed into a unique program that raises awareness and funds for the organization. From start to finish, the program has engaged its volunteers at every stage from the initial ideation and planning to the building, construction and marketing of the project. The INNspiration House is a small 6' x 8' house which travelled around Calgary throughout the year, making appearances at company, community and private events and gatherings, all thanks to a core group of volunteers engaged in many capacities with hearts minds and hands to turn this INNspiring idea into a powerful program!

Living Library Program – Calgary Public Library

The Living Library Program, launched in 2009 in 5 Calgary libraries, engages volunteers as resources or 'Living Books' to promote a culture of understanding by providing the wider community with an opportunity to learn about different social and cultural identities. 'Readers' can browse a catalogue of living books and 'borrow' one to engage in a conversation or ask questions. The program has evolved in response to community need and interest and now provides opportunities for a diverse group of volunteers to share their knowledge and experience in many ways. Living Books share their stories in 1 on 1 conversations, as part of small group discussions or by presenting to large groups.

Native Gardens - The Ranche at Fish Creek Restoration Society

The Native Gardens surrounding The Ranche at Fish Creek Restoration Society is a volunteer-run program that supports the society's mandate to restore this historical site to its original turn of the century grandeur and sustain the historical Bow Valley Ranche for generations to come. The Gardens are tended to by a group of approximately 30 volunteers who maintain the garden, the surrounding paths, lanterns and gazebo. Many of the volunteers have been engaged since the garden's creation over 10 years ago and have 'adopted' particular areas of the garden as their own and visit several times a month to ensure it is maintained.

Right to Play Club - Calgary

The Right to Play Club is an international non-profit organization that has also established itself as a pioneer in international advocacy on behalf of every child's right to play and is actively involved in research and policy development in this area. The Right to Play Club Calgary was founded in 2010 and is a student-run organization based out of the University of Calgary. Here in Calgary, the program is completely supported through student volunteers who are instrumental in planning and executing special events, volunteer recruitment, and fundraising efforts of this local branch. In its inaugural year, the club attracted over 90 students and the number continues to grow. In the past 2 years, local student volunteers have hosted more than 11 events and donated more than 300 hours.

Soup Sisters and Broth Brothers – The Doorway

Soup Sisters was founded in 2009 to support women's shelters across the country with the very simple but heartfelt gesture of providing a monthly supply of soup. Since then, they have delivered over 5,000 servings of nutritious soup to women and children at the Calgary women's Emergency Shelter; they make 500 bowls of nutritious soup monthly and have engaged over 600 volunteers in the past year. "Warming hearts... one bowl of soup at a time is a truly fitting tagline for this group.

Teen Leadership Program - Kids Cancer Care

This program is one of many programs provided by Kids Cancer Care and is provided to children affected by cancer at no cost. The program offers teens ages 15-17 a chance to give back to their community by volunteering at KCC programs and special community initiatives such as Inn From the Cold and the Calgary Marathon and culminates in a trip to Mexico where the young participants build homes for low-income families. The program develops strong leadership skills and expands the sense of social responsibility in all its young participants

The Youth Volunteer Corps – Youth Central

The Youth volunteer corps (YVC) is the largest program of Youth Central offering group-based volunteering to youth between the ages of 12-18 years. The program provides the young volunteers with opportunities to develop leadership and teamwork skills while creating a flexible environment of Calgary youth to engage in the community: The Food Bank, Inn from the Cold, Calgary International Children's Festival, Calgary International Film Festival, Alberta Cancer Foundation's underwear Affair and many more. Last year, YVC engaged 2440 youth on 767 projects completing over 35,000 volunteer hours.