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**Online Registration Now Open!**

**Attend Canada's only national conference for Volunteer Managers:**

[CAVR 2009 Conference - VolpediA](#) – in Edmonton, May 31-June 3.

The online registration is now open at [CAVR2009.eventbrite.com](http://CAVR2009.eventbrite.com)! Tell one, tell all!

**Thérèse Casgrain Volunteer Award**

**2009 call for nominations**

**Nominate an outstanding volunteer for an outstanding award!**

Human Resources and Skills Development Canada is accepting nominations for the 2009 Thérèse Casgrain Volunteer Award. The award is presented annually to two Canadians.

The 2009 award will be presented to two exceptional volunteers - one for Youth Participation (from the age of 18 to 30) and one for Lifelong Commitment (from the age of 31 and over).

The award recognizes volunteers from across Canada. Award recipients are individuals whose commitment to their communities and persistent efforts have contributed significantly to the well-being of their fellow Canadians. The deadline for nominations is June 19, 2009.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

## **Federal Seniors' Council to Focus on Volunteering in 2009**

The federal government's Seniors' Advisory Council, a group of citizens from across the country who advise on policy for an aging population, met in Ottawa on March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Volunteer Canada's Ruth MacKenzie addressed the meeting on issues of volunteering and older Canadians, with special emphasis on the "new" cohort of seniors, the baby-boomers. Council members - who work with the support the federal Department of Human Resources and of the Minister Responsible for Seniors, Senator Marjorie LeBreton – have decided to make volunteering a focus for their activities this year, and have invited Volunteer Canada to work closely with them.

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## **Senate Committee on Aging Listens to Volunteer Canada**

The Special Committee of the Canadian Senate on Aging, chaired by Manitoba Senator Sharon Carstairs, reported on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Volunteer Canada's Ruth MacKenzie made a presentation to the Committee during its hearing phase, and the final recommendations show that the Committee listened well. The Committee's principal recommendation on volunteering states that there should be further study of volunteerism with a view to defining a role for the federal government in supporting the capacity of the voluntary sector. Volunteer Canada will continue to work with the Senate as it seeks ways to study and support the voluntary sector and volunteering in Canada.

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## **Major changes to Wild Rose Foundation grant funding**

The Government of Alberta released its 2009-2010 Budget, *Building on Our Strength*. As expected, the Budget forecasts deficits in years 2009-10, 2010-11, and 2011-12. The deficits are expected to be offset by money from the Sustainability Fund.

From a volunteer sector perspective the budget is disappointing and discouraging, due to the severe gutting of the Wild Rose Foundation. Grant funding from the Wild Rose Foundation is being eliminated, resulting in roughly \$6 million less in funding available each year to nonprofit/voluntary organizations.

[Read more.](#)

## The Home Depot's Annette Verschuren on giving back

The Home Depot is a familiar landmark in communities across the country, and increasingly in providing charitable support to communities across the country.

Annette Verschuren, President of The Home Depot's Canadian and Asian Divisions, and Co-Chair of the Canadian Corporate Council on Volunteering with Volunteer Canada, shares insights into the company's culture of voluntarism and giving -- values that have come together under the umbrella of the new **Home Depot Canada Foundation**.



[Read more.](#)

## The release of the 2007 CSGVP at Volunteer Canada's Annual General Meeting

Announcing **Volunteer Canada's Annual General Meeting**, and release of the 2007 **Canada Survey of Giving, Volunteering and Participating (CSGVP)**.

Monday, June 8, 2009.

**8:45 AM to 11:00 AM**

Location:

Library and Archives Canada, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa, ON

If you are interested in attending, please call 613.231.4371 x228 or e-mail [info@volunteer.ca](mailto:info@volunteer.ca).

## Volunteer Canada's News Updates

As another way to keep you informed of news from Volunteer Canada and the voluntary sector, we are pleased to provide members and subscribers with monthly news updates. Feel free to forward to a friend or colleague, and give us a shout if there is anything newsworthy to add to our updates! E-mail [info@volunteer.ca](mailto:info@volunteer.ca).