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Release of the 2007 Canada Survey of Giving, Volunteering, and Participating

Volunteer Canada, in conjunction with Imagine Canada, successfully hosted the release of the results from the 2007 Canada Survey of Giving, Volunteering, and Participating (CSGVP) on June 8, 2009. Close to one hundred participants were among the first to see the long-awaited results. You can view the results on volunteer.ca, or by going to givingandvolunteering.ca. [Click here](#) to see the story that appeared in the Globe and Mail on June 9, 2009.

AGM 2009

Immediately following the release of the 2007 CSGVP, Volunteer Canada held its Annual General Meeting for 2009. The organization welcomes two new board members – Frank Seguin and Bill Pigott – as well as a new board chair, Rosemary Byrne. You can see our Annual Report, published online, by [clicking here](#).

First Report of the Institute of Wellbeing Released

[Click here](#) to see the first report from the Institute of Wellbeing, an independent, non-partisan organization affiliated with the University of Waterloo. Chaired by the Honourable Roy Romanow, the Institute has recently released its first report on wellbeing. A major component of the report focuses on *community vitality*, of which volunteering plays a major role. "The indicators reveal that Canadians, by and large, have strong social relationships with their families and their communities," says the report. "On balance, the positive trend of most of these indicators is heartening, suggesting that the wellbeing of Canadians, as measured by the quality of their relationships, is improving over time."

Readyforcrisis.ca

Volunteer Canada has received extended funding to manage and update the readyforcrisis.ca website through October 31, 2009. Since March 31st, we have been continuing to post updates and maintain the site. Just this week, we updated the homepage to announce the upcoming World Conference on Disaster Management later this month in Toronto also provided a link in the Media Room to an interesting article entitled Faith based groups discuss how to meet community needs in health emergencies posted in The Sudbury Star that we were alerted to. Given that the RFC website is continuing to remain viable, we need YOUR HELP! If you wish to post an upcoming event or related piece on the public website, please contact Don Lapierre via email at (dlapierre@volunteer.ca).

Trudeau's motion on youth service defeated

In February, 2009, Liberal Member of Parliament Justin Trudeau presented a private member's motion that would have mandated the House of Commons Committee on Human Resource and Skills Development to study the question of a "youth service policy" for Canada. However, when Mr. Trudeau's motion came to a vote in the Commons, on June 3rd, 2009, it was defeated 173 to 103.

Book Review: A People Lens: 101 Ways to Move Your Organization Forward

On May 1, Volunteer Vancouver launched a new book entitled A People Lens: 101 Ways to Move Your Organization Forward. From recruitment strategists to branding specialists and communications dynamos to grant writing wizards, the book includes a wide range of success stories. The goal is to demonstrate to organizations the vast number of ways volunteers can be employed in order to further their mission. Some stories are told from the volunteer's perspective, and others from the organizational perspective, but all offer insight and direction for anyone considering how to more effectively engage people. The book also contains perspectives from sector thought-leaders, and is sprinkled with best-practice tips and tools to get you started! For more information or to download a copy, visit www.volunteervancouver.ca.

United We Serve – US President Barack Obama calls on Americans to participate in "recovery and renewal"

In an online video, US President Barack Obama calls on Americans to participate in the recovery and renewal of their country by serving in their communities. United We Serve is an all-new campaign that was recently launched online at serve.gov. From June 22 to September 11, the campaign will begin to engage Americans from coast to coast in addressing community needs in education, health, energy and the environment, and community renewal. Members of the Obama administration will be spearheading this initiative. [Click here for more info.](#)

Feature Video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A5GryIDI0qY>

Click the link to watch volunteerism in action. An amazing story of a cause that has inspired millions to come together and change a whole country!

NNVIO Member Profile: Oxfam Canada



Oxfam Canada works with allies in Canada and around the world to change the policies and practices that perpetuate poverty and injustice. We believe that to end global poverty, we must secure women's rights and ensure that every person receives an education, an income, affordable health-care, protection from disasters and violence, and has the right to have a say in her or his own future. Founded in 1963, Oxfam Canada is a member of Oxfam International – a confederation of 13 Oxfams that together work in over 100 countries. From the grassroots to the international corridors of decision-making, Oxfam strives to secure human rights for all.

Oxfam Canada has been an active member of the National Network of Volunteer-Involving Organizations (NNVIO) since 2004, represented by National Volunteer Program Coordinator Jennifer Brammer. Jennifer notes that "Oxfam is able to have more impact in all aspects of our work by collaborating with other organizations. Our membership in Volunteer Canada and participation in the NNVIO has been such a valuable resource to keep connected to the pulse of volunteer leadership in Canada. It is a unique forum for ongoing exchanges with other national organizations about volunteer program development."

Oxfam Canada includes a network of hundreds of volunteers who take action locally to create global change by campaigning, fundraising and organizing educational activities. There are six Oxfam offices across Canada: St. John's, Halifax, Toronto, Saskatoon and Vancouver. Volunteers who reside outside of these areas can work online as 'virtual' volunteers, or in community and campus-based Oxfam Groups that bring together volunteer who share a common interest in social justice and sustainable development.

Contact volunteer@oxfam.ca to learn more about Oxfam Canada's volunteer opportunities or visit us online at www.oxfam.ca.