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On November 5th, Celebrate Your Volunteer Manager

Universally, people recognize the contribution of volunteers; they are involved in just about every aspect of service delivery in all walks of life.

Behind this army of volunteers lies an equally dedicated group of individuals and agencies who are responsible for the coordination, support, training, administration and recruitment of the world's volunteers. This is why we celebrate International Volunteer Managers Day every year on November 5.

It is important to let those professionals know that the spirit of volunteerism is enhanced and enabled by them, and to thank them.

We urge you to mark your calendar and make sure these leaders get the recognition they deserve!

For more information, please visit the [International Volunteer Managers Day website](#). Make sure you visit the ideas page for a [list of ways you can celebrate your volunteer manager](#), or join the growing list of International Volunteer Managers Day supporters from across Canada and around the world.

A Million Dollars Up For Grabs!

If you've got a great idea to create positive change within your community and are looking for funding, we've got a terrific opportunity for you.

Volunteer Canada is proud to support the [Aviva Community Fund](#) competition launching on September 27. Back for a second year with double the prize, Aviva is giving away \$1,000,000. Ruth MacKenzie, President and CEO of Volunteer Canada will be on the judging panel and will help select the final winners.

A new addition to the [Aviva Community Fund](#) competition is a donate button, which will be activated during the semi-final round in November for all ideas with a valid CRA charity registration number. It will allow your supporters and other members of the public to make donations to your community cause.

Visit the [Aviva Community Fund](#) website to get basic information on how to create a winning entry. After all, it could be worth a million dollars!

Book Launch: Volunteer Administration: Professional Practice

This long awaited, 18-chapter textbook was created by the [Council for Certification in Volunteer Administration](#) (CCVA). It is a comprehensive reference book and guide, providing a solid theoretical framework and professional context for the effective leadership and management of volunteer engagement.

Unlike many other existing publications, this book provides full coverage of volunteer management and administration, ensuring a thorough understanding of the concepts and principles that define managers, leaders and professionals in this field.

[Volunteer Administration: Professional Practice](#) is organized around the five core competencies which serve as a foundation for the profession of volunteer administration: ethics, organizational management, human resources management, accountability, and leadership and advocacy. These competencies have been identified by [CCVA](#) through a Practice Analysis study of the field with input from managers of volunteers in a wide variety of settings.