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Volunteer Canada Announces Business and Community Partnership Forum

We are pleased to announce that Volunteer Canada and Imagine Canada will be partnering to bring you the 2011 Business & Community Partnership Forum. Together Volunteer Canada and Imagine Canada are developing a forum that brings together business and the non-profit sector to discuss social initiatives and corporate community involvement. The focus of the forum will be on building and maintaining sustainable partnerships, promoting best practices and discussing how to implement programs that promote and foster positive change and impact across Canada. The Forum will have something for everyone!

The 2011 Business & Community Partnership Forum will take place June 7-9, 2011 at Fairmont's Le Chateau Montebello conveniently located halfway between Ottawa and Montreal.

As Volunteer Canada and Imagine Canada members we are committed to delivering Canada's premier partnership and community engagement event for you. We value your opinions and invite you to complete the attached survey to ensure that the Business & Community Partnership Forum meets your organization's needs.

Please look for more information regarding the 2011 Business & Community Partnership Forum in the months ahead!

Thank you for your support.

[CLICK HERE](#) to take the Business and Community Partnership Forum survey!

House of Commons passes National Seniors Day Act

On June 17th, 2010, the House of Commons unanimously passed Bill C-40 *An Act to establish a National Seniors Day*. This bill moves to distinguish October 1st as a day to be celebrated annually recognize the past, present, and future contributions of Canadian seniors. October 1st also coincides with the United Nations Day of Older Persons.

Seniors make a resounding impact on our communities and are essential to the voluntary sector. The *Canada Survey of Giving Volunteering and Participating* notes that the top volunteers in Canada are most likely seniors and contribute more than 78% of the total volunteer hours.

On October 1st, make sure you take a moment to celebrate the efforts and achievements of Canadian seniors from coast to coast.

Congratulations to Volunteer MBC

Volunteer Canada wishes to congratulate Volunteer MBC, Mississauga-Brampton-Caledon, on their second anniversary.

Volunteer MBC fosters and develops volunteerism in the Region of Peel, serving the cities of Mississauga and Brampton, and the Town of Caledon, by raising awareness of the power of service.

In September 2008, Volunteer MBC's vision became a reality. They built a volunteer centre that unites all citizens to ensure a healthy community where people truly care for each other. Volunteer MBC creates and nurtures an environment that promotes growth, diversity and respect.

For more information, visit <http://www.volunteermbc.org/>

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