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December 5, 2010 is **International Volunteer Day** and this year, the date marks the beginning of the yearlong celebration of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV +10). During IYV +10 Volunteer Canada will be putting the spotlight on volunteers and the great work they do. An integral part of celebrating volunteers is putting a face on Canadian volunteerism by publicizing individuals who are currently doing incredible things and Volunteer Canada is looking to showcase these individuals and their stories. We will be choosing 20 incredible volunteers from coast to coast to represent volunteerism in the media and act as official Volunt-Heroes.

We are looking for inspirational stories such as the one of Margaret Coshan and Chris Hallett who left a financially comfortable life in Cabbagetown to start up Community Matters in St. James Town in Vancouver. Community Matters helps new Canadians transition into Canadian life and also helps support the cultural diversity of their neighbourhood. To view their amazing story click [here](#).

Have a similar inspiring story to share? We want to hear from you! For more information please contact Kate Brownlee at kbrownlee@volunteer.ca or by phone at **613.231.4371 ext 223**. To nominate a great volunteer from your organization, please submit their story by **Friday November 12 at 4pm** for consideration – we look forward to hearing your story!