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Building Blocks for Family Volunteering

Volunteer Canada, in partnership with Manulife Financial, today launched two new interactive tools for use by families and organizations interested in family volunteering. The tools are designed to address the gaps identified in the [Bridging the Gap](#) research report, between what families look for in volunteer opportunities, and what organizations currently offer.

The first tool, *Building Blocks for Family Volunteering: Tools and Resources for Organizations*, leads organizations through the various steps of implementing a family volunteering initiative. From determining the feasibility of a family volunteering program, to identifying creative ideas for the recruitment and retention of family volunteers, the tool provides links to relevant research, policies, and templates.



[Click here](#) to view and download the *Building Blocks* tool for organizations on Getvolunteering.ca.

The second tool launched today is designed for families interested in volunteering. *Building Blocks for Family Volunteering: Key Resources for Families* directs families to a series of resources featuring information about family volunteering. The tool introduces the concept of family volunteering and provides families with various options for volunteer activities. It also identifies key considerations for families when searching for volunteer opportunities.

[Click here](#) to view and download the *Building Blocks* tool for families on Getvolunteering.ca.

A free pre-recorded video seminar outlining the two *Building Blocks* tool is available now for viewing online. [Click here](#) to view the video seminar on Volunteer Canada's YouTube page. The video session outlines the key components of the new *Building Blocks* tools.

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Volunteer Canada values the support of its more than 1,100 members and thrives on providing organizations the highest quality service. We put our member organizations first with a variety of quality offerings and exclusive member benefits.

[Check out Volunteer Canada membership benefits here.](#)

Register now for IAVE World Summit for Youth Volunteering

Registration is now open for the International Association for Volunteer Effort (IAVE) [World Youth Summit](#) held in Barranquilla, Colombia from November 3 to 5, 2011. [Click here](#) to register now. The Summit brings together youth from across the globe. It promotes youth volunteerism worldwide and celebrates the global accomplishments of young volunteers. The World Youth Summit features keynotes by international speakers, workshops, and presentations led by NGOs, government agencies, and the corporate sector. The first World Youth Summit took place in Tokyo in 2001 to mark the United Nations International Year of the Volunteer (IYV). The second Summit in 2011 will celebrate [IYV+10](#).