



Volunteer Newsletter

Vol V – June 2023

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Happy Summer Volunteers! This is truly my favorite time of year. I love the green grass, flowers and escaping to our trailer in BC as often as I can with my family. I hope you too have some plans to enjoy the sunshine and longer days!

REMINDER: We are closed, July 3 in lieu of Canada Day!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

We had a great time at our BBQ for Volunteer Appreciation Week in April. ATCO generously provided the grill and volunteers to BBQ burgers for us. It's always nice to get together and celebrate our volunteer family. I still have some appreciation gifts here for many of you, so let me know if you're able to stop by this summer to pick them up.



The Western Wheel agreed to come and take a group photo of us. I'm just sorry not everyone was able to make it.



COMMUNITY GARDEN

Our garden is flourishing! Thank you to the volunteers who have planted, watered, weeded and have already begun harvesting. Thank you to Bente as well for being the staff member who oversees the garden, often visiting outside of her work hours. We appreciate you! What a privilege to have this space to grow nutritious vegetables for our clients!



Planting May '23

June 23, 2023

SUMMER SHIFTS

We are busier than ever and many people are away on vacation. Please help me by communicating your plans as soon as you know them so I will have time to find replacements for each shift. If you know your schedule for July & August and can go in and book your shifts on Better Impact, that would be fantastic!!! We have 170 volunteers but only about 50 of you come in on a consistent basis (weekly or monthly). I'd love to fill our shifts with current volunteers this summer and hold off until fall to recruit, interview and train new people. Please send me an email or text if you need help scheduling your shifts!

SAVE THE DATE

We're hoping to have an end of summer potluck BBQ on Aug 28th at 12pm. Stay tuned for more details!



VOLUNTEER CORNER

Here's our new volunteer corner. Hope you like it! 😊



SUMMER EVENTS

Our summer events have already begun, with 2 fundraising Golf Tournaments, the Okotoks Parade and the Children's Festival all in June. We have such an amazing community!



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 1 – Canada Day Cornhole Fundraiser

<https://www.westernwheel.ca/local-news/teams-needed-for-inaugural-okotoks-cornhole-classic-7050682>

July 6 – Teddy Bear Picnic

July 22 – Taste of Okotoks

July 22 – Fundraiser for us at Big Beaver Brewing

Aug 20 – Okotoks Show & Shine

Aug 26 – Chilifest

VOLUNTEER HOURS Jan - Mar 2023 (Q1)

Core Volunteers	2012.5
Cobs Bread	43.5
Food Bank Shopper	36
Store Pickups	225
Garden	0
Soup Sessions	60.5
Community Events	0
Hamper Delivery	8
Corporate Groups	40
Board Activities	60
Students	105
TOTAL	2590.5

Whether you've volunteered for just one event or are a regular volunteer, we appreciate each and every one of you. We want to give a special shoutout to our volunteer **GORDON EVANS** who has logged over 250 hours with us in the past year! Gordon faithfully comes 3-4 times a week and we are so grateful! Also, **GAIL JOHNSON** is moving to BC next month. We will miss you and wish you all the best! Sorry about not having a photo of you.



We ♥ Volunteers