



JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our monthly VOLUNTEER NANAIMO NEWSLETTER! Information, events and regular features will be shared on a monthly basis bringing you up-to-date with what's happening in the non-profit sector. We welcome your comments, suggestions and submissions at 250-758-7121 or at vn3148@gmail.com

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

NANAIMO ARTS COUNCIL

The Nanaimo Arts Council needs your help to ensure that a vibrant arts community that serves people of all ages and means thrives in Nanaimo, and that there is a central facility to provide classes, rental studios, gallery space and performance venues.

The NAC's current goal is to establish this community arts space in Nanaimo, similar to the Old School House in Qualicum Beach or the McMillan Arts Centre in Parksville. Nanaimo is the only city in BC that doesn't have a dedicated community arts facility.

To accomplish this goal the NAC needs committed volunteers to meet regularly, formulate a plan to move forward with the establishment of this arts facility, and gather community support, funds and visionary individuals who together will make this a reality in 2020.

This volunteer group will be responsible for charting the future of the Nanaimo Arts Council. It is a big responsibility with huge potential rewards for our community. Being part of this team will literally allow you to DREAM BIG!!

Are you

- passionate about the arts and want the arts to flourish in Nanaimo
- someone who cares deeply about creating a community arts space
- capable of making a time commitment to community service
- experienced in business, finance, fund raising, social media or project management
- familiar with working in a non-profit charity environment
- creative and/or visionary and enjoy working with others
- someone who would love the unique opportunity to chart a future for the arts in Nanaimo

Please email/mail either a resume and/or a letter outlining

- why you would like to join the team
- some information about your arts or entrepreneurial background
- what specific experience/skills you would bring to the team
- how many hours per week you could commit to for this project

Thank you so much.

The Nanaimo Arts Council is excited to hear from you.

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FEBRUARY MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

Heart & Stroke

Society for Equity, Inclusion and Advocacy Central Vancouver Island - Look for it!

VOLUNTEER VIEW

Our volunteer view this month comes from the Volunteer Nanaimo Christmas Angel volunteers.
Please read their stories:

ANGELS CAN APPEAR AT ANY AGE

It's never too early to introduce children to the joy of giving to others who are less fortunate. Such is the philosophy of one generous Nanaimo family which involves their three young granddaughters, ages 3, 5 and 7 in Volunteer Nanaimo's Christmas Angel Program. For the past five years, Brooklyn, Hannah and Paige, along with their grandmother Marian, get excited about finding, buying and wrapping

Christmas



presents for needy families. “As a grandma, I wanted to teach my girls the value and pleasure of giving. The angel program provides our family with a great opportunity to do so. I explain to the girls that we are going to help a less fortunate family to make their Christmas brighter.” After contacting Rita at VN, the “angels” are assigned an anonymous family to sponsor. They then go on a mission to find the items on the wish list and deliver the wrapped gifts back to Volunteer Nanaimo which arranges for delivery to the appropriate families. The experience is a win-win on many levels, building the spirit of giving in the children and creating unforgettable memories for a grandma and her girls!

TEAMWORK OFF THE ICE

Anyone who has ever played or watched hockey appreciates the importance of individuals working together to create a collective outcome that is greater than what an individual player can achieve. Such is the case with the Nanaimo Pee Wee T1 Clippers, a team comprised of players, aged 11-12, from Duncan to Nanaimo and from Parksville to Port Alberni. These young fellows decided to participate in a Canada-wide “Good Deeds Cup” challenge, that encourages players to be the best that they can OFF the ice. Sponsored by Chevrolet Canada, the good deeds fulfilled by the players will be featured in a short video.

The PeeWee Clippers, with the support of their parents and coaches, held a brain-storming session during which they generated a list of good deeds that they could accomplish over the Christmas season. They created a Good Deeds Grid to track all their positive activities, both big and small. One major team good deed, involved the gathering of food and treats to fill four giant Christmas hampers for Christmas Angels families. Together, this team demonstrated the power of working together off the ice to do an amazingly good deed for four thankful families. Well done Clippers!



Here are the Nanaimo Pee Wee Clippers, with board members Chris Boldt and Gail Bunnage, dropping off their donations for our Christmas Angel families.

THOUGHT FOR JANUARY

What is the essence of life? To serve others and do good. *Aristotle*