

# Volunteer Nanaimo



April 2022

## Dates to Remember

We are CLOSED  
Friday April 15 & Monday April 18  
for **EASTER**



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*We're Celebrating*  
**National Volunteer Week**

April 24-30  
'Empathy in Action'



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Hours of Business:

Mon. to Thurs. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



## Member of the Month:

### *Nanaimo Sport Achievement Awards*

Established in 2006, the Nanaimo Sport Achievement Awards recognize those within the sport community who, during the course of the year, have made a significant contribution to the community in which he or she lives.

The awards were announced virtually in 2021. But the upcoming 17th annual ceremony will be held in-person on Wednesday, May 18th at the Coast Bastion Hotel.

Organizer, Marilyn Sullivan, is so pleased to announce the awards ceremony return to its usual live format. She also praises the perseverance of our local athletes throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I know that athletes have struggled over the past two years but they have stayed true with training and working hard at their sport."

There are 17 different awards plus an additional two honours named after local sporting legends.

Those will include, male and female individual and team awards for juniors, up to the master's categories. Officials, partners, administrators and newsmakers will also be recognized.

**The Michael Rhode Memorial Award** will be presented to an athlete, coach, volunteer or advocate who gives time, energy and commitment to sports and our community; **The Steve Smith Memorial Award** will be presented, to honour outstanding achievement and dedication to an extreme sport.

A panel of judges made up of media and other members of the sports community will determine finalists.

The winners will be awarded based on the performances and achievements during the past 2021 calendar year



**NANAIMO SPORT**  
**ACHIEVEMENT**  
**AWARDS**

*Nanaimo Sports Achievement Award cont.*

**17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
NANAIMO SPORT  
ACHIEVEMENT  
AWARDS**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2022  
COAST BASTION HOTEL**

**TICKETS: \$70 INCLUSIVE**  
Tickets can be purchased by calling Marilyn at 250-716-6110

Nominate online at [nanaimosportachievementawards.com](http://nanaimosportachievementawards.com) or drop off or mail nomination forms to 3542 Country Club Drive or emailed to [marilynjsullivan77@gmail.com](mailto:marilynjsullivan77@gmail.com).

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**Volunteer Nanaimo  
Ongoing Services**



**TAX CLINICS**

Offered every Friday and Saturday through April 30.  
Third Friday of every month thereafter.

**(Note: No tax clinic on Fri. & Sat. April 15 & 16)**

**Call 250-758-7121 for information or to book an appointment.**

**WATCHDOG**

**Computer Services**

Technical support for non-profit agencies and individuals within our community.  
Offered by donation - plus cost if parts are purchased.



We welcome donations of used computers - **especially laptops** - which are refurbished and redistributed to members of the community.

**More information: 250-758-7121.**

**Autism Library**

**Our offices house the Autism Society of Central Vancouver Island's Autism Library.**

We have games, books and videos for all members of the family who deal with a special someone in your life.

**Drop by Monday through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 pm.** to 3148 Barons Road. Or call 250-758-7121 to book an appointment to check out these wonderful resources.





**Mark Your Calendars!**

If you enjoyed our winter craft fair, you'll love this one.



The poster features a green and white floral background. At the top, the text 'SPRING CRAFT FAIR' is written in large, colorful, bubbly letters. Below this, it says 'Vendors ★ Food ★ Fun' in a cursive font. The date and time are 'Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 10am - 3pm'. The location is 'Moose Lodge 1356 Cranberry Rd. (South Nanaimo)'. At the bottom, it says 'FUNDRAISER for Volunteer Nanaimo Angel Network Helping Hands Program'. There are small logos in the corners.



**Volunteers Needed for this program**

providing valuable assistance to seniors and challenged individuals in our community.  
De-cluttering, home and garden work, packing, short errands...

For more information contact us at 250-758-7121 or [vnhelpinghandsvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:vnhelpinghandsvolunteer@gmail.com)

**CONGRATULATIONS to the winners in our Spring Fling Draw**

- ❖ Ava McCluskey (Gift cards)
- ❖ Eloise Koop (Camping and fishing gear)
- ❖ Sienna Norgan (Wheelbarrow and outdoor toys)
- ❖ Wesley Stephaniw (Scooter)

**THANKS to everyone who participated** in the Family Activity Bingo. Over 100 children played, and there was a lot of positive feedback. We hope to see you all next year!

# Volunteer Nanaimo Youth Making a Difference!



**Volunteer Nanaimo youth making a difference one project at a time!**



Join a group of youth who are leading and inspiring change in the community.

Have you ever seen a need in the community or thought of a great project and needed volunteers? If you are a business, community group, non profit organization, or local government we would love to hear your ideas about how our youth can partner with you to make an impact. Our youth at Volunteer Nanaimo are making a difference one project at a time.

Volunteer Nanaimo oversees two youth programs.

**Youth NetWork** members between 11-18 years old volunteer at events in the community and collaborate with Youth 20/20 Can members on their projects.

Youth 20/20 Can is a youth-led project for youth between the ages of 15-29. Youth come together to share their ideas about projects, events and activities and then work with community partners to lead change in the community.

Check out the photos from this past month's activities.



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