

Volunteer Nanaimo



Dates to Remember

November 11
We are closed
for Remembrance Day



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Craft Fair

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Hours of Business:

Mon. to Thurs. 9am to 3pm



ANGELS WANTED!

The Christmas Angel Program provides an important service to individuals, families and seniors in our community over the Christmas season. In 2022 we served over 1,550 individuals.

We serve families of all sizes, individuals and vulnerable youth. This is no limit or minimum that Angels 'need' to do - it's totally up to you!



You might choose to help in one of several ways:

- ☆ Plan with your family, friends or colleagues to 'Adopt' a family or individual – youth, adult or senior.
- ☆ For a great alternative to adopting a family or individual, provide items included on our 'wish list ... see page 3.
- ☆ Make a financial donation to help fulfill the specific wishes of our clients – via eTransfer to vnanaimo@gmail.com or in person at our office at 3148E Barons Road.
- ☆ **For more information on the difference you can make in someone's life this year, CONTACT US** at vnanaimo@gmail.com or 250-758-7121

Member of the Month: Global Village



In 1998, we were all learning to enjoy slow cooker meals and starting to drink Red Bull. The minimum wage in BC was \$7.15, the Nanaimo Daily News published its last edition, and the Google Search Engine was founded.

This was also the year Global Village Nanaimo opened its first Christmas Pop-Up store. Since then, our seasonal store has sprung up in various locations, including downtown, Commercial Street, Metral Crossing, Longwood Station, Rock City Centre, West-Hills Town Centre, Nored Plaza, plus locations within the Old City Quarter. More recently, we launched a year-round online store, and for the past seven years, pop-op stores open each May to celebrate Fair Trade Month. These spring stores are often in Nanaimo North Town Centre or Country Club Centre.

The team of volunteers who make the store a pleasant, comfortable place to shop and our leaders who have contributed to the board of directors over the years have been essential to the success of this non-profit store. Their flexibility, their commitment, their willingness to share what they know about fair trade, and their positive attitude through a kazillion changes have created a very strong organization. Several of the volunteers and most customers have actively supported Global Village over the years, as others are just becoming acquainted with Fair Trade more recently.

Through it all, Global Village has worked hard to keep the product assortment fresh and interesting for customers while supporting fair trade artisans. These are artisans who have never been to Canada, so have a tough time knowing our tastes, preferences and needs. This has created a beautiful working relationship in which their unique skills and cultural traditions are combined with practical, useful products that appeal to us in Western Canada.

Many people are starting to notice that almost everything imported by Global Village Nanaimo has a practical use. This is becoming important to our customers, particularly as many of us are becoming more intentional with our spending.

Now is an important time for ethical businesses like Global Village Nanaimo - it's as though the impact of fair trade is being shouted around the globe all the way from Nanaimo!

Global Village Nanaimo.
NOW OPEN in the Old City Quarter
427 Fitzwilliam Street, to December 23.
Store hours: 10 am to 5 pm.



Volunteer Nanaimo Ongoing Programs

Our Watchdog Tech Team helps with your technology challenges and matches non-profit groups and individuals with used or refurbished tech equipment.

The Tax Program resumes in March.

Our offices house the **Autism Society's Library** of books and learning materials.

For more information call 250-758-7121,



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Event for Seniors



Join in a Card Making event
& have some fun!

Friday Nov. 17

1-3pm

Volunteer Nanaimo

E-3148 Barons Rd.

Let us know you are coming!

Email Handinhandnanaimo@gmail.com




**Volunteer Nanaimo
Christmas Angels**

CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, Nov. 4th
9:30 am - 3 pm

Moose Lodge Hall (upstairs)
1356 Cranberry Rd

Admission by donation, includes a ticket for our raffle basket of goodies. Funds raised will be used to purchase grocery gift cards for Angel families and seniors.



Many Thanks to everyone who attended our recent Open House.

Draw winners were:
Gift Cards -
 Ross C. and Joyce K.
Potted Mums -
 Pam M. and Robin H.



Western Coast Insurance and Western Financial Group have partnered with Volunteer Nanaimo to be a

"Christmas Angel"

From **November 1, 2023** until **December 15, 2023**, we will be collecting monetary donations and items for gift hampers for people who are less fortunate.




Items can be dropped off at any 4 of our Nanaimo locations

Aulds Road Branch
300-6581 Aulds Rd.

Port Place Branch
105-648 Terminal Ave.

Bowen Rd Branch
20-2220 Bowen Rd.

University Village Branch
202-550 Fifth St.



To learn more about the program, visit
volunteernanaimo.ca/christmas-angels-2023



After November 11

You can also drop off donations at:

Fitness World, Country Club Mall
 The Moose Lodge, 1356 Cranberry Drive
 Nanaimo Assoc. of Community Living
 96 Cavan Street, #201
 Volunteer Nanaimo, E3148 Barons Road

**Christmas Angels
Wish List**

- ☆ Toiletries
- ☆ Gift cards of \$10 for groceries or restaurants
- ☆ Dish towels
- ☆ Umbrellas
- ☆ Fuzzy blankets
- ☆ Turkey vouchers
- ☆ Puzzles & puzzle books
- ☆ Adult gloves
- ☆ Socks

**No donation is too small!
THANK YOU!**

Volunteer Nanaimo Youth Making a Difference!



Are you between 11-29 and looking for a fun, hands-on volunteer experience in Nanaimo that makes a difference?

We have a youth program for you at Volunteer Nanaimo.

- Youth Network is for 11- 17-year-olds who want to volunteer at events in the community. It is a great program to start your volunteer journey with.
- Youth 20/20 Can is a youth-led project for 15-29-year-olds. Youth volunteers share ideas about projects, events or activities that matter to them. Then youth work with community partners, to turn their ideas into reality. Our youth volunteers participate in free workshops, build connections, gain employment skills, have fun, meet new friends, and lead change.

If you are a community group, non-profit organization or business and want to partner with Youth 20/20, contact us.

Turning bottles into donations!

We have a charitable account at the Regional Recycling Depot Nanaimo.

1. Return your bottles to the Bottle Depot
2. Mention our charitable account name: **Volunteer Nanaimo Youth**
3. Proceeds will go directly to YouthNetwork and Youth 20/20 Can

Upcoming Events

- **Bi-weekly planning meetings**
On Wednesday, 6 to 7:30 pm, November 1, 15 and 29. Youth 20/20 Can hosts meetings where youth meet to discuss and plan projects and events that matter to them.
- **Group Guitar Lessons with Cam**
Every Tuesday, 5 to 6 pm. We offer group guitar lessons at Volunteer Nanaimo.
- **Safe Space Meeting with Dani**
On Monday, November 13 and 27 from 6-8 pm. We are holding safe space meeting for LGBTQ+ youth and allies at Volunteer Nanaimo.
- **Resume Writing Workshop**
We are hosting a resume writing workshop on Monday, November 6, from 5-6:30 pm at Volunteer Nanaimo.
- **Diver Lake Work Party with the City of Nanaimo**
On November 18, we are joining the City of Nanaimo for a work party at Diver Lake Park from 10 am to noon.



Thank you to everyone in the community who donated to our **Halloween for Hunger** event. Your generous food donations helped make a positive difference in our community.

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