

Volunteer Nanaimo



Dates to Remember

We are **CLOSED**
December 20 – Jan 3

Reopening
Monday, Jan 6



December 2024



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Hours of Business:
Mon. to Thurs. 9am to 3pm

'A year at a glance, in the blink of an eye'

Not for profits in BC continue to combat soaring expenses as costs rise and revenue stream are fixed.

Over the last 12 months, our sector reported all revenue sources on the decline. More expenses are being incurred, which results in reduced funding available for programming. Many local not for profit agencies and charities have been forced to close their doors.

At Volunteer Nanaimo, we continue to work hard to serve our community and feel blessed in remaining an energized program. We are humbled to witness the many endeavors of hundreds of volunteers working hard in our community.

We proudly continue to offer many programs to many populations. *See overleaf for a glimpse of our activities.*



Volunteer Nanaimo Cont.



The annual Volunteer Recognition Lunch is always well-attended



Our youth volunteers take on many projects in the community (See p. 4)



Seniors enjoy crafts and other activities through the Silver Adventures program (see below)



A happy winner in our annual Fling Into Spring spring break program

Volunteer Nanaimo continues to offer this exciting seniors' program

Silver Adventures Cafe!

The program is funded by New Horizons for Seniors Program and is free to all. Socialize, meet new friends, try new things and have fun!

Here's what we have lined up for you in December.



Silver Adventures Cafe

December



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday 1-3pm	Wednesday	Thursday 1-3pm	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Bingo	4	5 "It's a Wonderful Life" Movie * Note Landmark Theatre	6	7
8	9	10 Christmas Tea with "Eaton's Once Upon a Christmas Show" *Note St. Andrews Church	11	12 Line Dancing *Note at the Moose Hall	13	14
15	16	17 Service Project for Loaves & Fishes writing cards	18	19 Christmas Outing for contest winners only	20	21
22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
29	30	31 New Years Eve			29	30

All events at Volunteer Nanaimo 3148 Barons Rd. unless otherwise noted.
Please RSVP to silveradventurescafe@gmail.com

For more information visit www.volunteernanaimo.ca under the seniors tab or call Gwen at 250-667-1803

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED - LIMITED PARKING



MONTHLY MARKET
SATURDAY 11am - 4pm
December 7th

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
4235 Departure Bay road
(behind Country Club mall)

Featuring LOCAL, handmade, unique gifts
all occasions - birthday, holiday or just because
Chance to WIN 1 of 3 prizes!

Angels donation dropoff site
for families/seniors in need of:
toiletries (shampoo/conditioner/personal hygiene)
sports socks / tea or bath towels / blankets
movie passes / gift cards (Tim's or Subway)
art supplies and more

FREE admission & great parking

Drop off Christmas Angels donations here.

**Other drop-off locations
for Wish List items and toys**

RONA at Nanaimo Town Centre
Original Joe's, 3280 Island Highway
Fitness World at Country Club
Volunteer Nanaimo, 3148 Baron's Road
(Mon – Thurs, 9am – 3pm)



**Wanted:
Christmas Angels!**

**YOU can help
less fortunate families to enjoy a Happy Christmas!**

180 families still need Angels!

The Christmas Angel Program provides an important service in our community over the Christmas season. 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.
- ★ Provide items included on our 'wish list', below.
- ★ Donate small gift cards of \$10 or more from any grocery store or Tim's, Subway, etc.
- ★ 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.
(We are open Mon – Thurs. 9am to 3pm)

To share in the joy of making a memorable holiday for someone else, give us a call at 250-758-7121 or email: vnanaimo@gmail.com.

Wish List

- Toiletries and personal care items
- Tea and bath towels
- Sport socks
- Fuzzy blankets
- Coloring books for adults and kids
- Markers
- Art supplies
- Movie passes
- Grocery cards
- Turkey vouchers

**Drop-off locations
for Wish List items and toys
to the left... including Dec 7 market.**

Volunteer Nanaimo Youth Making a Difference!



Volunteer Nanaimo offers young people the opportunity to develop leadership skills while making a positive impact in the community through volunteering.

Join YouthNetwork in spreading warmth and joy this holiday season!

Coats for Christmas 2024

We are excited to announce our annual **Coats for Christmas** donation drive in Nanaimo. Help us make a difference by donating new and gently used coats, hats, gloves, and socks for women, men, teens, and children.

We will be at Maffeo Sutton Park on Friday, Dec. 13, from 3-7 pm and on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 11-3 pm. Ready to collect clothing donations.

Alternatively, you can drop off your clothing donations at the Volunteer Nanaimo Monthly Craft Market on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 11 am-4 pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (4235 Departure Bay Rd.) *See p.3.*

Your generous donations will go to the Salvation Army to directly support community members in need. Let's come together to ensure everyone stays warm during this winter.

'Tis the season to volunteer!

It is the season of joy and gift-giving. And one of the greatest gifts you can give is your time. Volunteer Nanaimo's *YouthNetwork* brings together youth ages 11-29 to create and lead projects that matter to them. Youth volunteers:

- Collaborate with community partners to realize their ideas.
- Participate in free workshops.
- Build connections and gain valuable skills.
- Have fun, make new friends, and create meaningful change!

Are you a community group, non-profit, or business looking to collaborate? Partner with *YouthNetwork*, email us at volunteernanaimo.youthnetwork@gmail.com.



Become a Major Sponsor of the YouthNetwork Program

Help us empower youth in our community! We are currently fundraising to support the impactful work of the YouthNetwork program. If you are interested in becoming a major sponsor and making a difference, please contact us at volunteernanaimo.youthnetwork@gmail.com.

Together, we can create meaningful opportunities for young leaders.

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