



May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Executive Committee of Council (Community Grants)  
C/o Clerk's Department  
The City of Burnaby  
4949 Canada Way  
Burnaby, BC  
V5G 1M2

**RE: 2015 GRANT APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTEER BURNABY**

Dear Executive Committee:

Please accept this letter in support of our request for a community grant in the amount of \$15,000 for the calendar year 2015.

2014 was another busy and productive year for Volunteer Burnaby. We invested in new innovative forms of volunteer training to make it easier for volunteers and managers of volunteers to improve their knowledge base. As an organization, we also committed resources to ensure we promote the value of volunteerism to the greater community through our relationship with the Burnaby Now. As a dedicated focus we continue to promote volunteerism as a right and a responsibility of all Burnaby citizens.

In terms of our tangible service to the community, in 2014 we facilitated over 18,000 web and in-person referrals and supported eleven major community events. We worked with over 70 agencies and over 9,237 active clients. We were featured in 23 newspaper articles. We held 24 workshops. We distributed 3,350 volunteer orientation packages and involved over 13,000 community volunteers in local activities. As a final note, we supported 87 local non-profit organizations with their volunteer programming. Once again, these numbers represent a significant growth in overall service.

Burnaby is a community that is rapidly growing and organizations like Volunteer Burnaby serve an important role by fostering community values, citizenship and involvement. If you require any further information regarding this request please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at your convenience. With your help and support we will continue to build and strengthen the volunteer community within Burnaby.



As stated previously, we are formally requesting a \$15,000 community grant in the interest of sustaining vital Burnaby programming.

Volunteer Burnaby could not possibly express our full appreciation to the City for your on-going support. A copy of our 2014 annual report to our membership and our audited financial statements are included for your review.

Thank you for your consideration, we sincerely look forward to your response.

Warm regards,

VOLUNTEER BURNABY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Dave Baspaly', written over a horizontal line.

Dave Baspaly  
ED, Volunteer Burnaby

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2014



**VOLUNTEER**  
BURNABY

### President's Message

As Board Chair of Volunteer Burnaby, I continue to be thankful that the enthusiasm and vision with which our Society began in 1979 has not only been maintained but continues to flourish. Our strong organizational structure, the stability of our leadership and the commitment of our talented staff has strengthened our collective dedication to our purpose.

Although our mission has remained constant over the years, the programs and services we provide have evolved as the needs of our community have changed. We have learned much about what needs to be done and how to do it.

We appreciate that the United Way, Community Living BC, the City of Burnaby, and the Provincial Gaming Branch has provided the foundation for long-term sustainability but we continually face the challenge of finding ways to raise additional funds in an unpredictable economy. We gratefully acknowledge the local community partners such as Chevron, the Burnaby Now and Brentwood Town Centre who offer small project funding or in-kind contributions that allow us to expand our boundaries and consider all that is possible.

The establishment and continual growth of our volunteer sector has fostered important, exciting and relevant collaborations with community partners who willingly share their time, resources and guidance. Together we make great things happen in our community.

We are proud of the work we do and are pleased to share it with you. It is our hope that this report will provide accurate, timely and useful information.

Stephen Sjoberg, President

**Promoting volunteerism** is one of the core activities of a volunteer centre. In 2014 we employed a number of creative strategies. We displayed a cross street banner on the pedestrian overpasses over Kingsway and Canada Way to promote our web presence and our database of volunteer opportunities. We published a bi-monthly volunteer page in partnership with the Burnaby Now Newspaper. In this particular media initiative, we highlighted the work of the non-for-profit sector in Burnaby and celebrated national and international events such as National Volunteer Week. To promote our local community activities, we highlighted our Burnaby Festival of Volunteers and other volunteer driven special events. To support the spirit of volunteerism, we actively promoted International Day of Volunteers and International Day of Mangers of Volunteers. We were heavily involved in social media and face-to-face community development. From a philosophical perspective, throughout 2014 we helped ensure public awareness of volunteerism as a right of people of all backgrounds and levels of ability.



## Building Community

through volunteering means that we endeavour to bring people together to create altruism and good will. Every community connection we make, every volunteer match, every organization we assist, contributes to our goal of driving positive change in Burnaby. By embracing volunteerism we feel those involved are actively transforming Burnaby, and by extension, are helping to improve the quality of life for all citizens.

One of our best mechanisms to **Connect People** with opportunities continues to be our database of volunteer opportunities. Our moto is *"Community Involvement Starts Here"*. Throughout 2014 we received thousands of monthly visits to our website and hundreds of phone calls from people seeking ways to participate in their community. By connecting people with meaningful opportunities we make Burnaby a better place to live.

[www.volunteerburnaby.ca](http://www.volunteerburnaby.ca)

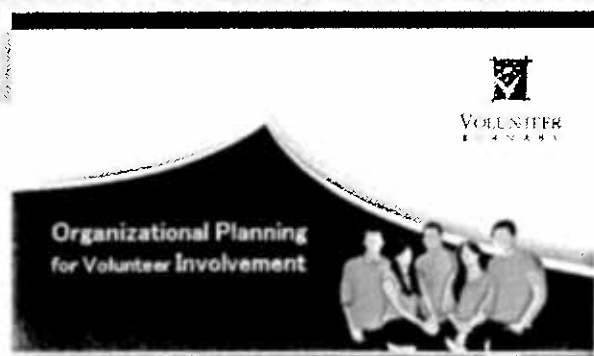


■ New Visitors  
■ Repeat Visits

Our **Special Needs Access Program** continues to offers assistance for people with intellectual disabilities as they explore volunteering as a way to enrich their life. More than 240 individuals have been assisted through this program over the past twenty years.

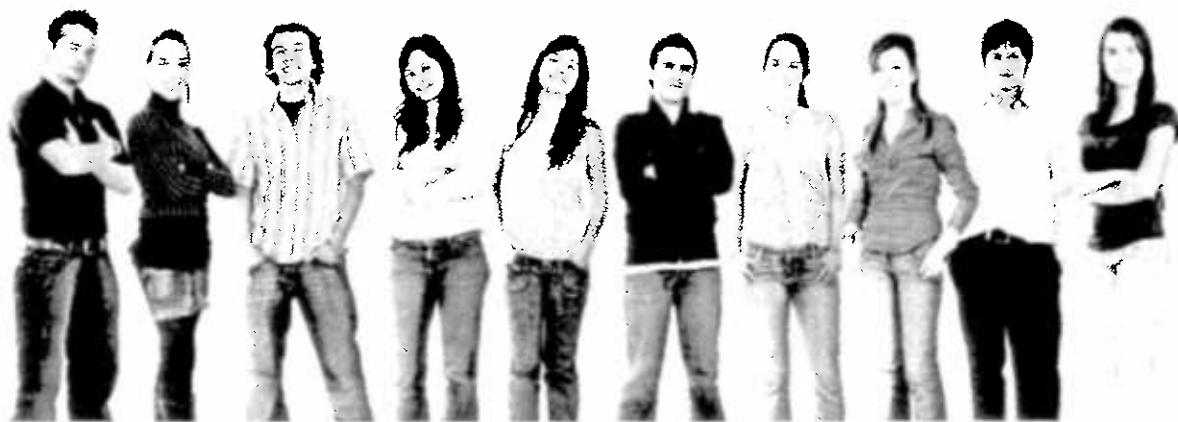
Volunteer Burnaby is a recognized **Leader** on issues related to volunteerism and volunteering. Our role is to provide people and organizations with volunteer information and educational opportunities. The capacity of an organization to achieve its goals is related to its tenacity and willingness to learn. To support this goal, Volunteer Burnaby has invested resources to create a comprehensive online learning program for administrators of volunteer resources. In the coming year, we intend to expand in this area to develop an introductory course as well as an online self-directed version for individuals interested in volunteering.

Volunteer Burnaby continues to support local social planning and community development endeavours. We regularly participate with the Burnaby Interagency Council, the Burnaby Heights Merchants Association and the Edmonds Festival Committee in East Burnaby.



**What you can do** We encourage you to volunteer your time to the cause or organization closest to your heart. Organize team volunteer activities in your work place or school, connect your business with a not for profit organization, sponsor a Volunteer Burnaby program or event or make a tax deductible donation to Volunteer Burnaby. If you wish, you are also welcome to become a member of Volunteer Burnaby by visiting [www.volunteerburnaby.ca](http://www.volunteerburnaby.ca).

Remember, you can make a difference in your community. At Volunteer Burnaby, community involvement starts here!



Financial information, including full financial statements, are available from Volunteer Burnaby upon request.

## Membership

BC Common Ground Alliance  
Boys & Girls Club of South Coast BC  
Burnaby Association for South East Side(BASES)  
Burnaby Citizen Support Services  
Burnaby Community Connections  
Burnaby Family Life  
Burnaby Hospice Society  
Burnaby Neighbourhood House  
Burnaby North Community Association  
Burnaby Parks & Recreation - Burnaby Village Museum  
Burnaby Parks & Recreation - Cameron Recreation Centre  
Burnaby Parks & Recreation - Confederation Centre  
Burnaby Parks & Recreation - Edmonds Community Centre  
Burnaby Parks & Recreation - Willingdon Community Centre  
Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services  
Burnaby Seniors Outreach Serv. Society  
Burnaby Task force on Homelessness  
Canadian Cancer Society-BC & Yukon Division  
Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB)  
Cerebral Palsy Association of BC  
Community Centred College for the Retired  
ConnecTra Society  
Dixon Society  
Douglas College - I-CARE Program  
Eurofest BC Society(European Festival)  
Fair Haven United Church Homes  
Fraser River Discovery Centre Society  
George Derby Centre  
Girl Guides of Canada-West Coast Area  
Heights Merchants Association  
Immigrant Services Society of BC  
Journey Home Thrift  
Junior Achievement of BC  
L'Arche Greater Vancouver  
Metro Vancouver Regional Parks  
MOSAIC  
Neil Squire Society  
New Westminster Family Place  
New Westminster Parks, Culture & Recreation  
Nikkei Seniors Health Care & Housing Society  
Pacific Immigrant Resources Society  
Queen's Park Care Center  
Royal Columbian Hospital - Volunteer Resources  
Royal Soccer Club  
Scouts Canada  
Seniors Services Society  
Shadbolt Centre for the Arts  
Simon Fraser Campus Radio Society  
St. Michael's Centre  
Strive Living Society  
The Canadian Red Cross Society  
The New Vista Society  
Variety - The Children's Charity  
Volunteer Grandparents  
Willingdon Care Centre

## Funders

City of Burnaby  
Community Living BC (CLBC)  
Human Resources & Skills Development Canada  
Province of BC – Community Gaming Branch  
United Way of the Lower Mainland

## Thank You Supporters

Brentwood Town Centre  
Burnaby Now  
Chevron Canada  
City of Burnaby  
Lotus Café

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