

# Saint John Volunteer Centre

A United Way Member Agency

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# Annual General Meeting Agenda, April 30, 2010

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Welcome/ Call to order	John Hebert, President
Additions to the Agenda	Any
Approval of the Agenda	Any
Minutes of the AGM April 2009	Joan Wilkins, Secretary
Approval of the Minutes	Any
President's Report	John Hebert, President
Approval of President's Report	Any
Financial Reports	Zeeshan Jamshid, Treasurer
Approval of Audited Statements	Any
Appointment of Auditors for 2009	Zeeshan Jamshid, Treasurer
Executive Director's Report	Eileen McLaughlin
Approval of E.D. Report	Any
Training Committee Report	Danny Jardine, Chair
Approval of Training Report	Any
Other Business	Any
Nomination Committee Report	Karen Stephens
Approval of Nominations	Any
Adjournment	President, Board of Directors

# **Minutes Annual General Meeting**

## **Training Room, Saint John Volunteer Centre April 23, 2009**

Fred Garret called the meeting to order at 11:00 am  
Additions to the Agenda – nothing to be added.

John Hebert motioned for the approval of the Agenda; seconded by Nancy Martel. Motion carried.

Joan Wilkins reviewed the minutes of the 2008 AGM. Belinda Allen called for a motion to accept minutes from 2008; seconded by Danny Jardine. Motion carried.

Fred Garrett then presented the President's Report for 2008. Motion to approve report as presented, John Hebert; seconded by Karen Stephens. Motion carried.

Presentation of Financial report was given by John Hebert. Danny Jardine motioned to approve financial reports as presented; seconded by Fred Garrett. Motion carried.

John Hebert called for a motion to appoint Peter G. Gaulton as our 2009 Auditor. Motion by Karen Stephens; seconded by Fred Garrett. Motion carried.

Executive Director's Report – Eileen presented the Executive Directors report for 2008. Motion to approve by Lorene Johnson; seconded by Nancy Martel. Motion carried.

Nancy Martel called for a motion to amend the bylaws by repealing and enacting sections #5, 15, 39 and 40 as outlined in Exhibit A. This will allow for modernization of bylaws in regard to conducting meetings. Motion to approve by John Hebert; seconded by Belinda Allen. Motion carried.

## Minutes, continued

Other Business: no new business to be added

Nomination Committee Report – John Hebert presented the Nomination Committee Report.

Approval of Nominations – all current Board members nominations stood uncontested. No additional Board Members were nominated from those present at the AGM. Approval of nominations motioned by Danny Jardine; seconded by Karen Stephens. Motion carried.

Presentation of Current Board of Directors:

Fred Garrett (President)  
John Hebert (Vice President)  
Not filled at this time (Treasurer)  
Joan Wilkins (Secretary)  
Joyce Melvin  
Danny Jardine  
Brenda Prime  
Karen Stephens  
Zeeshan Jamshid

Fred then motioned to conclude the business portion of the meeting at 11:28. All attendees were invited to stay for the reception.

Submitted by  
Joan Wilkins  
Secretary, Board of Directors

# President's Report

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Saint John Volunteer Center Inc., I am very pleased to present this report for the year ending 2009.

The Saint John Volunteer Center has enjoyed another very successful and prosperous year in 2009. The success enjoyed in the past year is greatly due to the tremendous support that we received from our financial sponsors. I would like to thank the United Way of Greater Saint John for their ongoing support and commitment to our programs. The United Way has been very generous in their support of our programs and demonstrated their commitment by granting us funding at an increased level over previous years. This additional funding will allow us to continue to offer services and programs to our member agencies throughout Greater Saint John.

I would also like to recognize the New Brunswick Securities Commission for their renewed funding towards the ABC's of Fraud Awareness Program which is offered by the Saint John Volunteer Center across all communities in New Brunswick. This program which began a number of years ago has continued to be very well received by the various communities around the province and we have been fortunate to be able to rely on the many volunteers that deliver this program. Marie and Sharon continue to assure that the program is made available to those interested community groups across all regions of New Brunswick. I would like to call attention to the numerous volunteers who have been involved in the ABC's of Fraud Awareness for a number of years and who continue to give of themselves to assure that we are offering a worthwhile program. Thank you very much!!!!

One of the many significant initiatives that occurred during 2009 was the Volunteer Recruitment Expo which took place at Brunswick Square in November. An estimated 500 plus volunteers signed up with the 34 organizations present at the Expo. Not only did this provide an excellent opportunity to showcase the work of the Saint John Volunteer Center, but also it provided an opportunity for member agencies to not only discuss their organizations, but also to increase their volunteer resources. We have heard back from at least a couple of agencies to whom we have since made referrals indicating that they are still going through the referrals received at the Volunteer Expo to fill any requirements. Our intent is to once again hold a Volunteer Expo in 2010 and we have applied for funding from the Greater Saint John Community Foundation.

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## President's Report Continued

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I would like to draw attention to the tremendous staff and Executive Director that we have supporting the operations of the Volunteer Center. The staff and Eileen give so much of themselves to assuring the success of our programs and we are truly blessed that they are so committed to our accomplishments. I would like to draw specific attention to the training programs being offered by the Volunteer Center. With the focus put on these programs by Brian in 2009, we have continued to see record setting attendance numbers. This demonstrates that not only is there a value to the programs, but shows our member agencies that we are providing relevant and interesting training topics.

The future of the Saint John Volunteer Center is very promising. Although we are constantly challenged to grow the number of volunteers offering their service to various member agencies, we continue to look for new opportunities to assure that we can "spread the word" in regards to the benefits of volunteerism and we are pursuing those opportunities throughout 2010 and beyond.

I would like to finally thank our Board who has continued to impress me with the dedication to the success of this organization. We are so fortunate to have a board of directors that are truly engaged in the achievements of the Volunteer Center and I feel fortunate to be involved with such tremendous individuals. Thank you all very much!!!!

Sincerely,  
John Hebert  
President – Saint John Volunteer Center Inc.

# Treasurer's Report

## Financial Position (unaudited) – As at December 31

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Current assets, including:		
Cash, accounts receivable and prepaid expenses	\$70,684	\$71,488
Current liabilities, including:		
Accounts payable and deferred revenues	<u>38,825</u>	<u>38,957</u>
Net assets (Deficiency)	<u>\$31,859</u>	<u>\$32,531</u>

## Financial Activities (unaudited) – Year ended December 31

Revenues	\$116,717	\$94,425
Expenditures	<u>113,674</u>	<u>93,288</u>
Excess of revenues (expenditures)	<u>\$3,043</u>	<u>\$1,137</u>

The fiscal year of 2009 has proven to be another successful year for the Saint John Volunteer Center. Revenues have increased by a whopping 24% as compared to the last year, and expenditures increased by 22%. This has brought an overall net increase by over 150%. These figures and others are being audited by the fine people at Peter Gaulton Corp. as we speak. In 2009, our major source of funding was from United Way of Greater Saint John. We strive to continuously work closely with United Way and expand further on our strategic partnership. We have also requested for additional funding for the upcoming year for the different projects that are in the pipeline. More specifically, a proposition has been put in place for an administration person at the SJVC. This individual will work closely with Eileen, our executive director, with some of the day-to-day chores. Having an extra pair of hands (and legs) will be extremely beneficial for Eileen as she will be able to focus on expanding the reach of the SJVC. In addition to that, we also received warm support from the New Brunswick Securities Commission, The Province of New Brunswick, Saint John Energy, among others. We greatly appreciate the relationships we have created with our partners and stakeholders. We wish to further improve on it in the upcoming year, and seek greater funding.

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## Treasurer's Report, continued

A renewed focus was given to diversifying our sources of revenue. 51 members contributed more than \$4,000 in 2009. Our training programs, which are offered in various formats and cover a whole host of topics pertaining mostly to volunteers, brought in more than \$8,000. Some minor sources of revenues were also obtained from renting this room, hosting the rent-a-Santa campaign, and the creating the Expo of 2009.

Saint John Volunteer Center closely monitors its cost structure. It's cognizant of the changing times and the shift in the economy. The board of directors are mindful of any wastage, and offer active advice to consider any cash savings. The center purchased accounting software in early 2009, after surveying the different programs available in the market. This will help to ensure that the future financial statements are clear and concise, and are a fair and accurate representation of the business.

Copies of our 2009 audited financial statements are now available for your review. It has been a great pleasure to serve the board and the center as your treasurer. I look forward to the exciting and rewarding times that 2010 will bring.

Respectfully submitted by  
Zeeshan Jamshid, Treasurer.

# Executive Director's Report

**What a great year!** There was a huge increase in awareness and support that made the Volunteer Centre an exciting place to be involved. I feel so fortunate to have a great team of staff to work with and a Board of Directors who are committed and really engaged in the organization.

**SJVC keeping up with changing trends** Volunteers now have two options: Office process or through the Internet . Increasing the human resource capacity within a network of **51** member organizations in 2009.

The number of people registering “in the office” has declined. The Saint John Volunteer Centre connected 89 new volunteers in 2009 through the office process. **586 referrals made in total.**

## **New “on-line” registration. Easy and convenient.**

A convenient **new electronic form** was launched in January 2010 which saves time and is more user friendly. The new form will provide additional data which will help us to enhance and to evaluate the effectiveness of our referral system. (Thanks to Patti McKerral, web-site volunteer) Internet/ web-site reduces ability to count referrals but increases information provided to them. (events calendar and list of opportunities)  
**Daily average 112 hits at [www.volunteercentresj.com](http://www.volunteercentresj.com)**

**Employer Supported Volunteerism** The Saint John Volunteer Centre can assist local businesses to coordinate an **ESV** project : to make the necessary connections; offer appealing projects to choose from; Host a Workplace Volunteer Fair. The list of employer contacts is ever growing.

# Thanks to all the volunteers in house 2009

## Office Help

Vrushali Deshpande

Michel Gauvin

Patti McKerral (web-site)

Chantal Bordage

## Expo Committee

Kerri Roy

Joan Wilkins

Brenda Prime

Stacey McLellan

Kristen Coombs

Cinnamon Savoie

Lorene Johnson



An estimated 500 plus volunteers signed up with the 34 organizations present at the Expo. **A huge success!**

**THANK YOU  
VOLUNTEERS!  
We couldn't do it  
without you!**

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# Membership List 2009

<p>AIDS SAINT JOHN ALZHEIMER SOCIETY ARTHRITIS SOCIETY BIRTHRIGHT BIG BROTHERS, Big Sisters, BUSINESS VENTURE GROUP CANADIAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND CENTRACARE Canadian MENTAL HEALTH ASSOC. Centenary Queen Square DAY CARE CENTRES CHILDREN`S WISH FOUNDATION COVERDALE CENTRE CFMH Campus Radio CRESCENT VALLEY Resouce Centre ELIZABETH FRY SOCIETY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE Saint John FIRST STEPS HOUSING FAMILIES PLUS LIFE SOLUTIONS GENTLE PATH Counseling GRACE Presbyterian Outreach &amp; Afterschool HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – RE-STORE KIDNEY FOUNDATION KENNEBEC MANOR LOCH LOMOND VILLA MADD MEALS-ON- WHEELS MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY MULTICULTURAL &amp; NEWCOMERS RESOURCE CENTRE NEW BEGINNING /SHARE NEW BRUNSWICK MUSEUM</p>	<p>NEW DIRECTION Inc. PRO Kids PASAGE Inc. (formerly PRIDE) RED CROSS, Saint John Office READ literacy program REGIONAL HOSPITAL AHSC SCHIZOPHRENIA SOCIETY ST. JOSEPH`S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION SJ Free PUBLIC LIBRARY SEAFARER`S MISSION SENIORS RESOURCE SHINING HORIZONS Therapeutic Riding SOPHIA RECOVERY CENTRE SUICIDE PREVENTION COMMITTEE UNITED WAY VON YM-YWCA</p> <p>ONE TIME EVENTS –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Canada Day/ IWK Telethon</li><li>•Fundy Bay Festival</li><li>•Trick or Eat</li><li>•Operation Red Nose</li></ul> <p><b>51 MEMBERS</b></p>
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# ABC's Of Fraud Program



Check presentation at New Brunswick Securities Commission – funds for 2010



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# ABC'S of Fraud

Once again the ABC's of Fraud teams have done a phenomenal job of reaching significant audience numbers. With two teams spanning the province, the coordinators Sharon and Marie have trained and managed the dedicated volunteer presenters in 2009, creating new multimedia resources and new skits covering investment fraud, identity theft, internet fraud, credit card tips and more.....

We were very pleased that funding was confirmed to December 31, 2010 by the New Brunswick Securities Commission. This funding ensured that ABC's could be offered in French and English throughout New Brunswick.

15 English volunteers

6 Francophone

People reached:

September 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009          2,127

People reached

July 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009          550

*(Reporting year since changed to January to December)*

# ABC's of Fraud 2009 volunteers

**Sharon  
Stout, Coordinator  
English team**

Heather Aske,  
Sandy  
Bonnycastle,  
Brian Boudreau,  
Barry Bower,  
Murray Carpenter,  
Rose Colwell,  
Mark Flewwelling,  
Lorene Johnson,  
John Olsen,  
Carol Shaw,  
Christina Shaw,  
Ron Smith,  
Sharon Stout  
Robert and Jean  
Taylor.

**Marie LeBlanc,  
Coordinator  
Francophone Team**

From Tracadie-Sheila  
Agnez Hall  
Jeanne D'arc Comeau  
Médéric Comeau;  
Charlene Beaulieu;  
Delpha LeBreton;  
  
From Edmondston  
Jacque Nadeau

# 2009 Training Resources Committee Report

The Training Committee had another very successful year. The chart above outlines our progress and it should be noted that there was a 7% increase in attendance this year over the previous year. A total of 18 sessions were offered with over 300 attendees. Sessions ranged from organizing a National Conference for the Canadian Military Family Resource Centres to our ongoing “Noon Nuggets”. The “Noon Nuggets” covered topics ranging from volunteer retention to program evaluation. In total, more than \$10,000 was raised through our Training Resources Committee offerings for the Saint John Volunteer Centre.

This would not have been possible if it were not for a dedicated team of volunteers. These volunteers include our Training Committee members and trainers (all listed below). Of course, Brian Boudreau, the SJVC staff person assigned to training, is owed much of the credit for our successful year.

Experienced trainers facilitate a variety of topics on Board Development and Volunteer Management topics.

**April 1st, 2009 – March 31st, 2010**

# Training Resources Program Summary



Service Type	Sessions Offered	Registered	Attended	Revenue
Noon Nugget	9	113	87	\$1,110
Workshop	8	114	101	\$4,285
Conference	1	115	115	\$4,949
Room Rental				\$450
<b>Total:</b>	18	342	303	\$10,794

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# Training Resources Team 2009

## **2009 Training Programs Committee**

Chair: Danny Jardine  
Staff: Brian Boudreau,  
Eileen McLaughlin  
Betty Hitchcock  
Lorene Johnson  
Vita Kipping  
Karen Stephens  
Scott Weatherhead

## **2009 Training Team**

Betty Hitchcock  
Lorene Johnson  
Steven Crawford  
Michael Park  
Vita Kipping  
Marilyn Singh  
Kathryn Hanson  
Jacie Clark  
Stacey McLellan

## **Other Volunteer Trainers**

Gary Chouinard  
Bob Crowley  
Chuck Crawford  
Jillian Jordan  
Nancy Martel  
Mary Carpenter

Training Report respectfully submitted,  
Danny Jardine  
Chair of Training Resources Committee

# Dr. Florence Christie Memorial Bursary

Funds for the Dr. Florence M. Christie Memorial Bursary in 2010 are in the amount of \$1,500. are provided by the Greater Saint John Community Foundation. The award was established in recognition of the contribution Dr. Florence M. Christie made to the Saint John Community as Executive Director of Family Services, Founding Director of the Human Development Council and first President of the Volunteer Bureau (now Saint John Volunteer Centre, Inc.). The Florence Christie Memorial Bursary is awarded each year to a student who demonstrates the spirit of volunteerism.

This years bursary worthy recipient is **Justine Jarvis**. Justine is attending the University of British Columbia and working toward her Bachelor of Science degree. Her volunteer involvements are numerous and varied. It is apparent in her application and references that Justine is a very caring compassionate young woman who does not shy away from difficult challenges.

Justine's volunteering includes work with an autistic child, softball, hospital, yearbook editor, literacy project, emergency shelter project and more. Justine definitely demonstrates the spirit of volunteerism. Congratulations Justine, the bursary is well deserved.



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# Member Agency Excellence Award

Every year at our annual General Meeting, a certificate is awarded to one agency in recognition by the Saint John Volunteer Centre. This year, we have selected the Saint John Chapter of the Kidney Foundation. Here representing the Kidney Foundation are Karen Van Wart, President Board of Directors and Judy Cannon, Chapter Coordinator.

The criteria for this award are:

An organization is considered to be “Striving for excellence in volunteer management practices and organizational development” when they attend training, and use resources (like the SJVC library) offered by the Saint John Volunteer Centre.

The agency must have renewed their membership for three or more consecutive years. The membership fees are also paid promptly without reminders.

A strong partnership refers to good communication with the Saint John Volunteer Centre staff by responding to memos, invitations (RSVP) and confirming receipt of referrals, etc. A strong partnership means a good exchange of information, providing “timely” updates and requests for assistance.

Agency participation in educational and special events demonstrates interest and commitment to volunteerism and non-profit sector issues. Events (like the Rally leading up to the EXPO) are valuable opportunities for networking and full participation in activities.

**Thank you, for being a GREAT MEMBER !**

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# Volunteer Spirit Award

Carol Shaw and Rose Colwell, Spirit Award ABC'S OF FRAUD

The ABC's of Fraud Program has a group of dedicated volunteers second to none! However, this past year two special ladies have particularly stood out in our ranks. They are Carol Shaw and Rose Colwell. They have gone above and beyond expectations so many times. Their "acting" skills have amused and enlightened so many folks and their willingness to both lead and innovate is much appreciated.

So Carol and Rose, thank you on behalf of the ABC's Program, the Saint John Volunteer Centre and all your fellow volunteers. As one of our clients stated, "they are a couple of gems!"

Submitted by  
Sharon Stout  
Coordinator

# Volunteer Spirit Award

## **Lorene Johnson – Training Program Spirit award.**

Lorene is a Trainer for the Saint John Volunteer Centre on Board Development. She does Organizational Needs Assessments for boards. Currently is on their Educational Committee. She held the position of President of the board of the Volunteer Centre. One of her fun volunteer activities is as one of the Volunteer Centre's ABCs of Fraud program presenters. She is always cheerful and only a phone call away. She is very helpful and knowledgeable on Board issues.

Lorene has a full time job as a wife and Mother and also works full time as a Community Mental Health Nurse.

Lorene also volunteers her time as current president of the Saint John Chapter of Saint John Chapter of Schizophrenia Society New Brunswick and co-ordinator of the Saint John Community Suicide Prevention Committee, she Was a Volunteer for Canadian Mental Health Association for over 20 years starting as a Suicide Crisis Line Volunteer and recently completing 8 years on the board.

Lorene is facilitator of several programs including safeTALK which is a suicide prevention program; "Strengthening Families Together" which is a program for families with chronic and persistent mental illness; a Smoking Cessation Program for individuals with mental illness and most recently has facilitated her second "My Choices, My Health" which is a program you may have seen recently advertized for persons with any chronic illness.

Her personal interests include auctions and interior decorating having graduated with her certificate in Residential Interior Decorating from NBCC in June 2009.

Submitted by  
Brian Boudreau

# Volunteer Spirit Award

Wendy Sanford, MADD volunteer

For Wendy Sanford, there is no such thing as giving less than 150% of herself in her daily assistance with the inner workings of Mothers Against Drunk Driving. She is always prepared to help in any way she can, and consistently goes above and beyond expectations to get things done.

The ideal MADD volunteer has 6 components to their personality. These characteristics include courage, to do what you believe in and persevere through resistance from all points, to have the strength to smile through the pain felt at another's loss, to have the determination to continue following heart felt beliefs that you can make a difference, to be compassionate and understanding, doing what ever is possible to alleviate another's pain, to have the sense of loyalty to assist someone in need, and lastly, to have the confidence to face each difficulty with the knowledge that time will bring you a better tomorrow, and you will never give up.

Wendy Sanford encompasses all of these traits. She is strong, courageous, determined, compassionate, loyal and confident. Her actions show just how dedicated she is to eliminating the need for our Chapter, by doing everything she can to decrease the number of people who drive impaired. She is out in the community every week raising awareness through checkpoints, her TADD group work, and her daily life. She is truly an inspiration to all of us.

Sincerely,  
MADD Saint John & Area Chapter

# Volunteer Spirit Award

## **Kathleen Morris, Community Volunteer Income Tax Program**

One cold winter morning last March, I met a young lady waiting to have her Income Tax prepared at the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program clinic at the Salvation Army. I invited her inside to have her tax return prepared immediately, but she said she wanted to wait for Kathleen Morris. (Kathleen was preparing the tax return of a senior citizen at the time.) We chatted a bit, and she told me how Kathleen had befriended her and guided her through some troubled high school days. I was relatively new to the CVITP Coordinator position, did not know Kathleen well, so I asked the young lady to tell me more about this special person.

I discovered Kathleen has been a rock-solid volunteer helping many organizations and people in the Saint John area throughout the past ten years since she retired from teaching. She volunteers two or more days per week at various Income Tax clinics during February, March and April. As a Co-ordinator of this program, it eases my workload knowing I can always count on Kathleen being there, no matter what else may be happening. I have discovered Kathleen has worked on the Christmas Exchange program for many years. Every Wednesday throughout the year, Kathleen can be found volunteering with the Red Cross. She has been a member of the "Meet & Greet" team welcoming cruise ship passengers to our city during the summer months. Noon hours on many days, Kathleen can be found driving around the city with "Meals on Wheels". Weekends can find Kathleen playing the organ at her Church, or catching up on paperwork in her role as President of the University Women's Club. These are just some of Kathleen's activities I am aware of.

I feel Kathleen exhibits many of the qualities of an ideal volunteer. She is generous with her time, she demonstrates a sincere wish to help others, does so in a respectful and cheerful manner, and is one of the most reliable people I know. I would therefore like to see her nominated for the Volunteer Spirit Award for her activities.

Submitted by  
Al Morrison  
CVITP Coordinator  
Saint John Tax Services Office

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Submitted by  
Al Morrison  
CVITP Coordinator  
Saint John Tax Services Office

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# Volunteer Spirit Award

## **Myrna Pearson, Volunteer Sophia recovery Centre**

I would like to submit the name of Myrna Pearson as a possible candidate for the Volunteer Spirit Award. Myrna has been a volunteer with Sophia Recovery Centre for two years and has been committed to the role of mentor and support person for women recovering from addictions. Her experience in the field of addiction has helped numerous women who come to the centre looking for support and help. She believes in and has a passion for the mission of Sophia recovery Centre which is to provide a safe and supportive environment, offering education, counseling and integration into twelve step spirituality for women seeking recovery from addiction. The women benefit from her experience, strength and hope in their endeavour to stay well.

Myrna is a reliable and trustworthy volunteer who assumes responsibility for keeping the centre open when the directors are away on business.

Submitted by staff,  
Sophia Recovery Centre

# Volunteer Spirit Award

Peter Connell & Hitomi Nishikawa , husband and wife volunteers at SJ Multicultural & Newcomers Resource Centre.

Peter and Hitomi have been volunteering here since shortly after our grand opening last May. Peter leads the English discussion forum class on Wednesday nights, while Hitomi often helps out, and has helped launch Origami classes at the centre.

As the leader of one of our English Conversation Groups, Peter is dedicated and reliable. He has taken initiative to brand his group as a “discussion forum,” where he leads a variety of newcomers in discussion of an important, and often sensitive, issue. Peter has an ability to work with a wide range of English-speaking abilities, and to confidently lead the group, pushing when necessary, but also being sensitive not to make people too uncomfortable. His class is well-attended with many repeat students, and Peter can always be counted on to arrive on time and well-prepared. When available, he has also been willing to fill in for other teachers on short notice if necessary. In addition, he has taken on a role as a mentor to a new volunteer, who has interest, but no experience, in this area. This woman has also been very happy working with Peter, and continues to help him with the class and build her confidence.

Hitomi, meanwhile, helps with the group, and developed the idea to launch an Origami class. She and a friend led two classes last year, which were well-attended by members of the community, who enjoyed the opportunity for cultural sharing. She plans to make Origami a regular event in 2010.

Peter and Hitomi chose to volunteer at SJMNRC because they enjoy themselves here. They are relatively new to this town as well as SJMNRC. They found out about us on the Internet, contacted us, started right away, and have been volunteering for us ever since. They mentioned volunteer work helps them meet new people and create networks. And above all, they have a good time interacting with people in and through SJMNRC.

Submitted by  
Nathan White  
SJ Multicultural & Newcomers Centre

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# Nominations Report

I am pleased to report that for 2010, the Saint John Volunteer Centre has been able to maintain better consistency in regards to its Board Membership. Although we have had some changes, we are very fortunate to have 8 Board Members who will be continuing to serve for 2010. The Board of the Saint John Volunteer Centre has worked diligently to fill a few positions vacated in previous years. We continue to ensure that our Board recruitment is representative of the entire population that we serve while filling the critical skill sets that will ensure our success.

I would like to present to you on behalf of the Nominations Committee your board:

John Hebert (President)  
Cinnamon Savoie (Vice President)  
Zeeshan Jamshid (Treasurer)  
Joan Wilkins (Secretary)  
Danny Jardine  
Joyce Melvin  
Karen Stephens  
Brian Smith  
Nicholas Ouellette  
Fred Garrett (Leave of Absence)

Note: Add any nominations from the floor who have been elected or by acclamation.

At this time, I would like to thank and acknowledge our outgoing Board Members for their service in 2009: Brenda Prime

Mission Statement: The Saint John Volunteer Centre promotes and encourages volunteerism by developing, managing, and supporting volunteer resources.

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The Staff of the Saint John Volunteer Centre 2009 want to say thank you to each and every volunteer who help us achieve the goals of the Saint John Volunteer Centre!

Marie LeBlanc & Sharon Stout, ABC's of Fraud  
Brian Boudreau, Training Resources Program  
Eileen Mclaughlin, Volunteer Services/ Executive Director

# Agenda

## Recognition & Awards 2010

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Executive Director of United Way of Greater Saint John, Elizabeth Jadoo presents mock check representing their support for the Saint John Volunteer Centre.

The 2010 Florence Christie Memorial Bursary recipient Justine Jarvis. Introduction of the representative of the Greater Saint John Community Foundation by Joan Wilkins, Board Member and bursary committee member.

Member Agency Volunteer Spirit Award presented by Brian Smith, Board Member to:

- Kathleen Morris, CRA Volunteer Income Tax Program
- Wendy Sanford, MADD Saint John Area
- Peter Connell & Hitomi Nishikawa, Multicultural and Newcomers Resource Centre
- Myrna Pearson, Sophia Recovery Centre

Internal Volunteer Spirit Award for Training Program presented to Lorene Johnson by Brian Boudreau

Internal Volunteer Spirit Award for ABC's of Fraud Program presented to Carol Shaw and Rose Colwell by Sharon Stout.

Agency Excellence Award presented to the Kidney Foundation Karen Van Wart, President Board of Directors and Judy Cannon, Chapter Coordinator. by Eileen Mclaughlin, Executive Director.

**Please stay for the refreshments following the Awards.**