



MEDIA RELEASE

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Volunteer Recruitment Expo coming to Saint John in October 2009

The Saint John Volunteer Centre (a member of the United Way of Greater Saint John) will be hosting a Volunteer Recruitment Expo for the Greater Saint John area October 1, and 2 from 9am-7pm in Centre Court, Brunswick Square Mall, Saint John. The theme of the expo is ***Unleash your energy: Be active... Volunteer!*** - focusing on active volunteering to energize the body, mind, and spirit. About 40 non-profit agencies will have booths set up with information to share on active volunteer opportunities. *(A list of some of the participating agencies is attached)*

Amy Clark, announcer with the WAVE radio will M.C. the **opening ceremonies** to be held Thursday, October 1 at **12 noon**, and guests include Honourable Brian Kenney, Minister responsible for Community Non-profit Organizations; speaking on volunteerism are Ermine Cohen, retired Senator and lifelong volunteer; and Leah Secord, recipient of the Youth Red Cross Humanitarian Award; and Elizabeth Jadoo Executive Director of United Way of Greater Saint John will bring greetings..

There will also be a giant slide show "Volunteering: A Gateway To Physical Activity". Volunteers teach rock climbing, coordinate exercise classes, build houses, paint, do carpentry , create parade floats, march in parades, coach sports, groom horses, run in marathons and ride in bike rodeos, and much more....portraying the benefits and enjoyment of physical activity while volunteering.

A unique feature of the Volunteer Recruitment Expo will be the ArtConnect silent auction hosted by Fusion, a networking group. Fusion will be hosting a silent auction comprised of art from emerging local artists. The artwork is to be purchased by a corporation and would remain on display for the duration of the Expo at a table staffed by FUSION members. At the end of the auction the "five highest bidders" will sign a memorandum of understanding with the non-profit organization their choice. Upon completion of his or her volunteer hours, the successful bidder would receive the artwork.

Sponsors of the Volunteer Expo include: Fortis Property; Province of NB, Wellness, Culture and Sport; Fusion; Acadia Broadcasting; Telegraph Journal; Nubody's; Diversified Office Services; Delta Brunswick; Brunswick Square Mall

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