

# volunteer bulletin

## *This Year's Holiday Grocery*

Many thanks to all the staff and volunteers for making this years holiday grocery such a huge success! Everyone helped to unload food, stock and decorate tables and distribute food. Many thanks to London Drugs, Terra Breads and Capers on Robson for their generous donations of food and funds.

The Holiday Grocery distributes two to three times the usual amount of groceries at the end of December to help supplement food budgets over the holidays and our numbers are up by 10% over last year. This is done to alleviate any burden that may be caused by the two week closure that follows Christmas. This year AIDS Vancouver distributed 683 bags of groceries to its clients on December 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.



## *Wow, More Groceries!*



## *Special Volunteer Opportunity - National Aboriginal Hepatitis C Conference*

Vancouver will be the host of the 2003 National Aboriginal Hepatitis C Conference, a gathering for Aboriginal Canadians infected or affected by Hepatitis C and those that care for them. The conference will be held from May 4-8, 2003 and will be attended by hundreds of people from around the country. Hepatitis C is a blood borne illness that affects many of the HIV+ clients we serve at AIDS Vancouver.

The BC Centre for Disease Control is leading the planning for the conference, and AIDS Vancouver is part of the Planning Committee. There will be many opportunities for individuals to volunteer with the conference in a variety of capacities from registration, to providing directional information, to assisting with banquets. Volunteers will have an opportunity to view sessions and participate in activities if they wish to do so.

AIDS Vancouver's Volunteer Resources will have more information about specific opportunities in the New Year, but if you are potentially interested in volunteering to help out at the conference, contact Parm by phone 893-212 or e-mail [parmp@aidsvancouver.org](mailto:parmp@aidsvancouver.org) to let her know.

## *Report from the Executive Director*

Happy Holidays to you all during this season of lights and celebration. I hope this time of year draws you close to the friends and family who care for you the most. Here at AIDS Vancouver we care about you more than words can express. Since my arrival at AIDS Vancouver, I have had time to think back to my own experience as a volunteer. I participated in the volunteer core training back in the early 90's never once believing that it would lead to my current position. That's the power of volunteering. It opens doors in your life that you never expected.



I have been a volunteer for my entire adult life. I believe that the service you do on behalf of others is one of the greatest gifts you can give. Here at AIDS Vancouver we could not exist without you. You are a valued part of this organization. Every volunteer brings a part of themselves to this important work and for this we thank you. Whether you help us at the administration level, or assist with reception, visiting clients in the hospital or home, help out with our grocery program, the library and our support programs you are the heart and soul of this organization and we rely on you all so much.

Thank you for your time this year. I will be personally mailing you all a letter outlining the past months and keeping you up to date on our fundraising activities.

We have a lot to accomplish in the New Year and will be calling on you to give a hand organizing annual events like the AIDS Walk. In 2003 AIDS Vancouver turns 20 years old. This is a huge accomplishment that we want to share with our community clients and partners.

Stay in touch and keep being involved! I look forward to meeting you all over the next year and hope you will come by our new Maple Site to say hello and to visit the new volunteer space we have set up for you.

Thank you for your years of service to HIV/AIDS.

Valerie Atyeo  
Executive Director

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### *Upcoming Trainings*

Our next **Agency Education & Orientation** for all new volunteers will take place February 21st from 6-9 pm and February 22nd from 9 am - 4pm at 1107 Seymour St. Further details will be sent to you by mail.

The next V.I.S.I.T. (Volunteer Orientation) training will take place on February 10th from 5:45 to 9 pm, location to be announced. Seating is limited, so if you are interested call Parm at 893.2212 to register.

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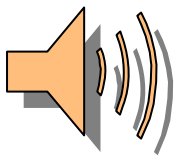
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## Volunteer Opportunities

- ◆ Registered Counsellors
- ◆ Helpline
- ◆ Helpline-Online
- ◆ Newsletter
- ◆ Grocery
- ◆ Care Team
- ◆ Home/Hospital Visitor
- ◆ Reception Services

If interested please call our  
Information line at  
**893-2266.**

## Purpose and Policy of the Volunteer Bulletin

**Purpose**

The Volunteer Bulletin is a medium for the communication of information regarding volunteerism, HIV/AIDS and related issues, volunteer activities and AIDS Vancouver organizational information. It is also a vehicle for the development and appreciation for the volunteer community of AIDS Vancouver.

**Editorial Policy**

All volunteers are encouraged to submit material, which is appropriate to the above stated purpose of the Volunteer Bulletin. The Editors reserve the right to edit any material submitted.

All persons submitting material for publication are required to sign their submission, thereby accepting responsibility for their views. Names will be withheld by the approval of the Editor. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted.

The opinions expressed in the newsletter are those of the individual authors and not necessarily those of AIDS Vancouver.

When submitting written material please do so as a Word document in standard paragraph formatting. This means:

- no graphic treatments (i.e. reverse bars & grey bars)
- no hard returns in paragraphs
- no text formatting (i.e. centered text)

If you would like to include pictures please send scanned version if possible.

## RAINY DAY READINGS

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