



Volunteer Recognition



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... And a Good Time Was Had by All!

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AIDS Vancouver Volunteer Resources Program Philosophy:
 Volunteer Resources strives to build organizational commitment and competency by providing meaningful and relevant volunteer opportunities that support and enhance the mission of AIDS Vancouver. Paid and unpaid staff work together to alleviate vulnerabilities to HIV/AIDS.

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Volunteer Opportunities

- ? Gayway
- ? Care Teams
- ? Grocery Distribution
- ? Grocery Delivery Drivers
- ? Board of Directors who identify as HIV+

If interested please call our Information line at:
604-893-2266



Becoming a Member of AIDS Vancouver

As a member-based organization AIDS Vancouver relies on our Membership to lend strength to the agency and help maintain the foundation from which we build our future.

Becoming a member is easy. There is an application to fill out and a \$25.00 membership fee. But to make membership accessible, the fee is waived for those who are living with HIV/AIDS and for those who are actively volunteering with AIDS Vancouver.

This year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on September 14th, 2004 and members are invited to this important meeting. In order to be eligible to vote at the AGM you must be a Member in good standing.

To this end, should you wish to become a Member, we ask that you send your application back to us before July 14th, 2004. A blue application form is included with this issue of the Newsletter.

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Now, more than ever, we need your input and value your voice.

**On April 22, 2004
The Quality Hotel hosted
AIDS Vancouver in
celebrating the fabulous
contribution of
AV volunteers.**

Volunteers, their guests and staff mixed and mingled†as we enjoyed not only each otherís company but some good food, a cozy setting and much wanted door prizes.†It was a wonderful opportunity to meet new faces and welcome returning ones.†Kudos to all involved!



An extra BIG THANK-YOU
to our event donors and supporters:

Angela and Gabriels' Flowers
Denise Woodley
Nesters Farm Market
Purdy's Chocolates
Shel Neufeld
The Good Medicine Garden
The Quality Hotel Downtown
Vancouver New Music Society



Gay is Good

Come Out and Celebrate With Us on Pride Day

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The Pride celebrations held in Vancouver are a great time to celebrate the diversity of the community with bright colours, dancing bodies and blaring music. This year's celebration promises to be an even better event than usual because it marks one year since Gayway opened its doors!

This year's Gay Day plan is grand: our Gayway parade entry is going to be themed around the 'Gay is Good' advertising campaign that has been seen around town. We are going to enlarge the images so that everyone can see them and celebrate the diversity that they represent. To make it really happen though, we need lots of people to march along with us. It's going to be a great opportunity to show people how AIDS Vancouver can really party and have a good time. So, are you going to join us with your friends and family?

It's hard to believe, what with all of the exciting activities and services Gayway has offered to the community, that we've been open less than a year. The 'Gay is Good' theme is important to us because there are so many people have a contrary point of view and are quite loud about it. So we think gay people need reminding even every day that their lives are great, and that they are healthy, happy individuals like everyone else. It's by celebrating the strengths of both the individual and of the community that we are able to address the challenges and make real and sustainable change for the better.

Gayway will also have a Gay Day booth at Sunset Beach (who can forget last year's handwriting analysis machine?) and we're certain that it will be just as great this year. So, if you want to get involved, and we hope you do, please give Burkhardt a call at 604 682 3900 or come visit us at 913 Davie Street. We need many different people, especially on Pride Day, to walk with us and help put the float together.

Program Profiles... getting to know who's who

Willow Lloyd



What do you enjoy most about your work?

The diverse group of people I work with, the variety of their backgrounds and good spirits. I love being able to meet some of the basic needs of clients.

What drew you AIDS Vancouver?

I've always had a passion for working with people in need. I was drawn to learning about HIV/AIDS and working to remove the stigmas that are still associated with this disease. Although I've only been here a short period of time, I love the diversity, enthusiasm and our collective ability to make a difference.

What are some of the challenges you encounter?

Wanting to give clients more food and support.

Describe what you do in twenty words?

I coordinate volunteers for set-up and distribution of food, I order and receive foods, and also provide support for volunteers and clients. I spent time networking in the community for better buys on supplies as well as provide nutritional information to clients. I also am researching healthy approaches to nutrition and trying to be creative when preparing food items for different menus weekly.

What are you passionate about in life?

An ability to care for people in need by providing a comfortable, welcoming atmosphere for clients.

What's new in your work?

I am always investigating new opportunities for better deals when purchasing items along with potential donations. Being creative in ordering items that can be put together to offer a nutritional menu for clients.

What does your program offer to volunteers?

The opportunity to learn team work, individual responsibility, communication skills, computer skills, conflict resolution skills, organizational skills, shipping & receiving, better understanding of nutrition for themselves, food safe skills, learning to relate to people from a diverse background, working under pressure (over 600 bags per week) along with patience, understanding, and an ability to accept others ways of working.