



# ANNUAL REPORT

# 09-10

Wellington County Volunteer Award Recipients



**The Volunteer Centre is a community-builder.** We create awareness of the power of volunteering, and connect people who want to give their time and talents, with their neighbours who need it most. The resulting volunteer economy creates a rich tapestry of giving in areas from palliative care to foster care; teaching music to teens or soccer to toddlers; preparing meals or financial statements.

**The Stats** • 2,430 community volunteers were recruited through us last year • 63 volunteers contribute over 3,000 hours to the VC

Ontario Youth Volunteer Challenge



**Community building and capacity building are closely related.** Access to affordable, local training and development is a critical link. Through Leadership Guelph & Wellington, one-on-one consulting, professional workshops and customized seminars, we re creating a stronger knowledge base in such areas as governance, volunteer management, and non-profit management.

**The Stats** • the VC library has 823 holdings for its members • 695 people attended 46 customized workshops

**We strengthen the understanding of the value of volunteers.** Through events during National Volunteer Week and ongoing public relations, we create conversations around this important subject. We re engaging youth, empowering employees, celebrating volunteers and helping Guelph & Wellington remain Canada s most caring community.

**The Stats** • 20 local programs have been profiled in the short films on volunteering • thousands of workers and their employers have taken the Time to Give Challenge

**We ensure efficient referrals of essential local services.** Through Community Information Guelph, we connect our community programs to the people who are most in need. We customize the data for other organizations needs. And, the call patterns can be analyzed to better understand emerging trends in our community.

**The Stats** • the Volunteer Centre website has had 6,800,316 hits • we maintain quality, accurate data on 1,200 essential local social services

**Revisiting and refreshing our purpose.** This year, the Volunteer Centre updated the vision, values and mission that guide us. Taking our highest aspirations for the community as our starting point, we considered how we could have the strongest impact. Board members and staff discussed what is most important for us to accomplish and the values that underpin how we get there. Not only great team-building, but great results came out of the exercise. In 2010-2011, we will bring life to this foundational framework through the development of a community impact plan.

## SPOTLIGHT

### Leadership Guelph & Wellington

offers leadership skills training to emerging leaders in our community. This new collaborative program with the University of Guelph welcomed its first class of students in 2009 soon to graduate in June 2010! Through classroom work and mentoring activity with active community partners, participants learned about the local community, leadership skills and opportunities, and how they can make an impact.

This program has had a direct impact on my leadership skills in my workplace. **Geoffrey Abreu, Meridian Credit Union.**

**VISION** • Everyone engages in building a vibrant, healthy, resilient community.
   
**MISSION** • We provide resources and leadership to enable the development of people and organizations.
   
**Our VALUES** •
   
**1. We encourage a culture of giving. 2. We do what we think is right. 3. We believe being inclusive strengthens our community. 4. We embody a culture of continuous learning.**

### Snow Angels

is an important partnership with the City of Guelph to help eligible seniors or persons with disabilities remove their snow windrow (rows of accumulated snow left at the end of driveways when the streets are plowed following a heavy snowfall). With its first full winter season in 2009-2010, 40 volunteer snow angels served 50 residents keeping them safe and reducing isolation.



This program... allowed me not to worry about getting out of my driveway all winter. My angel was awesome!

## Our Staff

Liz Gallagher	Information Services Administrator
Eileen Haughey	Membership Services Coordinator
Sandra Hernandez	Database Assistant
Geraldine Howitt	Assistant Executive Director
Christine Oldfield	Executive Director
Cathy Taylor	Training & Consultation
Gayle Valeriote	Snow Angels Coordinator
Emily Vincent	

## Our Members

Members in Good Standing as of March 31, 2010

### Affiliate Members

Spark of Brilliance  
Outline

Focus on Nature

### Agency Members

2nd Chance Employment Counselling  
A Community for Offender Reconciliation  
Action Read Community Literacy Centre  
Advanced Foods & Materials Network  
AIDS Committee of Guelph & Wellington County  
Alzheimer Society of Guelph-Wellington  
Arboretum (The), University of Guelph  
Arthritis Society (The)  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guelph  
Bracelet of Hope  
Camp Quality  
Canadian Blood Services  
Canadian Cancer Society  
Canadian Mental Health Association  
Canadian National Institute for the Blind  
Canadian Red Cross  
Career Education Council  
CFRU 93.3 FM  
Chalmers Community Services Centre  
Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington (The)  
City of Guelph  
Community Living Guelph Wellington  
Community Resource Centre  
Community Torchlight  
County of Wellington  
Downtown Guelph Business Association  
East Wellington Community Services  
East Wellington Family Health Team  
Ed Video Media Arts Centre

Eden Mills Writers Festival  
Edgewood Camp & Conference Centre  
Edward Johnson Music Foundation  
Elliott Community  
Elora Community Theatre  
Elora Festival and Singers  
Everdale Environmental Learning Centre  
Faery Fest  
Family & Children's Services of Guelph and Wellington County  
Family Counselling and Support Services for Guelph  
Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario  
Fergus Lions Club  
Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games  
Foundation of Guelph General Hospital (The)  
Grand Valley Trails Association  
Guelph & District Multicultural Festival  
Guelph Arts Council  
Guelph Chamber Choir  
Guelph Chamber of Commerce  
Guelph Community Foundation  
Guelph Community Health Centre  
Guelph Contemporary Dance Festival  
Guelph Enabling Garden  
Guelph Environmental Leadership  
Guelph General Hospital  
Guelph Humane Society  
Guelph Independent Living  
Guelph Jazz Festival  
Guelph Little Theatre  
Guelph Rowing Club  
Guelph Soccer  
Guelph Wellington Seniors Association  
Guelph Youth Music Centre  
Guelph Youth Singers  
Guelph-Wellington Women In Crisis  
Habitat for Humanity  
Heart & Stroke Foundation  
Hillside Festival  
Homewood Health Centre  
Hospice Wellington  
Ignatius Jesuit Centre of Guelph  
Immigrant Services  
John Howard Society  
Junior Achievement Guelph-Wellington  
K9 Helpers Service Dogs Inc.  
KidsAbility-Centre for Child Development  
Learning Disabilities Association of Wellington County  
Lutherwood  
Michael House

MS Society of Canada - Wellington County Chapter  
Neighbourhood Support Coalition, City of Guelph  
Onward Willow Better Beginnings, Better Futures  
Rainbow Programmes for Children  
Rotary Club of Guelph  
Rotary Club of Guelph - Trillium  
Royal City Christian Life Centre  
Scouts Canada  
Special Olympics - Guelph/Wellington  
St. Joseph's Health Centre  
Stroke Recovery Canada, Guelph/Wellington Chapter  
Student Volunteer Connections  
Sunrise Therapeutic Riding and Learning Centre  
Suzuki String School of Guelph  
The Julien Project  
Trellis Mental Health and Developmental Services  
Trillium Waldorf School  
United Way Community Services of Guelph and Wellington  
Upper Grand District School Board  
Upper Grand Learning Foundation  
Victim Services Wellington  
Victorian Order of Nurses (VON)  
Village of Riverside Glen (The)  
Wellington Catholic School Board  
Wellington County Museum & Archives  
Wellington Early Learning Centres Inc.  
Wellington Terrace Long Term Care Home  
Wellington Water Watchers  
Wyndham House  
YMCA-YWCA of Guelph

### Employer Members

Blackmont Capital  
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Guelph Chamber of Commerce  
Guelph-Wellington Seniors Association  
MacMillan Marketing Group  
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Ontario College Application Service  
Premium HR Solutions  
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Trellis Mental Health and Developmental Services  
United Way Community Services of Guelph and Wellington County  
University of Guelph  
Wellington Catholic District School Board

## Board Members

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Sally Wismer  
Steve Wynen  
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## Volunteers

Paula Allen  
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Suzanne Bone  
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Ken Dardano  
Christina Della Croce  
Brenda Doner  
Alicia Evans  
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Tamara Grant  
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Stella Hill

## Summer Students and Placement Students

Peter Blouw  
Khalid Moomand  
Ingrid Osland  
Amanda Topping

## Thank you!

The essential programs and services of the Volunteer Centre would simply not be possible without the support of our funders, corporate leaders and community partners. Together, we are building a stronger Guelph and Wellington County!

### Funders & Grant Providers



Human Resources Development Canada  
Imagine Canada  
Waterloo Wellington  
Community Futures

**Audited financial statements for the year ending March 31, 2010 are available by contacting the Volunteer Centre of Guelph/Wellington.**

## Corporate & Community Partners

### Volunteering Partner



### Volunteering Leaders



### Volunteering Supporters

Investors Group Financial Services Inc.

### Proud member of:

Community Information Online Consortium (CIOC)  
Guelph Chamber of Commerce  
Imagine Canada  
Inform Canada  
Inform Ontario  
Ontario Volunteer Centre Network  
Volunteer Canada

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