

2021 National Volunteer Week Grant Recipient Celebration Information

Enhancement Funding or National Volunteer Week (NVW) Grants are provided by the Government of Alberta and distributed by Volunteer Alberta. This year, 67 NVW Grant recipients were awarded funds to host celebrations to recognize and celebrate the value and power of their community volunteers across Alberta. **Please note, event details are subject to change depending on COVID-19 and provincial health measures in April 2021. Please contact the organization directly for more details about their celebrations.**

Community/Region	Organization	Dates	Description	Contact Name	Column1	Contact info
Airdrie	Volunteer Airdrie Society	Mid March - April 24	Promotion and volunteer storytelling with videos happening online leading up to and during National Volunteer Week. On April 24th, they will be hosting a drive-in movie free for community volunteers.	David	Maffitt	dave.maffitt@volunteerairdrie.ca
Alix	Alix Lions Club	April 23 or 24	Distributing volunteer recognition items, gifts and door prizes to community volunteers.	Curt	Peterson	curt.peterson@homehardware.ca
Barrhead	Barrhead Family & Community Support Services	April 18-24	Hosting an online volunteer appreciation event and distribute volunteer recognition awards. Promotion of volunteerism and volunteers on social media.	Rae	Whiting	cdvc.fcsc@gmail.com
Bassano	Town of Bassano	April 14-24	Hosting an in-person event if health measures permit. If gatherings are not permitted, they will be promoting volunteerism on social media and distributing swag bags to community volunteers.	Victoria	Muhlbeier	fcsc@bassano.ca
Beaverlodge	Beaverlodge FCSS	April 18-24	Collecting volunteer nominations and hosting virtual volunteer awards showcased on social media, website and the local paper. Winners will receive gift baskets and an open registration process will be provided for any volunteers to sign up for goody bags.	Trudy	Hodges	thodges@beaverlodge.ca
Blackfalds	Town of Blackfalds	April 13-24 & May 14	Volunteer awards and video recorded to capture award presentation. All award nominees can pick up a token of appreciation from the FCSS office during NVW. Community volunteer drive-in movie is scheduled for May 14th at All Star Park.	Cara	Kroetsch	CKroetsch@blackfalds.com
Breton	Village of Breton	April 19-23	Offering volunteers and organizations vinyl window signs as well as offering coffee coupons at local restaurants to community volunteers. Promoting volunteerism and volunteer groups in the local paper and on social media.	Deanne	Young	fcsc@breton.ca
Bruderheim	Town of Bruderheim	April 18-24	Online promotion includes creating a YouTube video, social media campaign, thank you in local newspaper and promoting volunteer opportunities for local volunteers. Sending post cards and flowers to volunteers and placing a volunteer appreciation banner in their local park.	Sherry	Cote	sherry.cote@bruderheim.ca
Calmar	Town of Calmar	April 19 & 24	Hosting and recording volunteer recognition ceremony on April 19th. Recording will be shared with broader community on April 24th. Promotion of volunteers and volunteerism via radio, newsletters and social media during NVW. If gathering restrictions in place, they will distribute awards in a contactless manner and the virtual celebration on the 24th will still be held.	Taylor	Thomas	tthomas@calmar.ca
Canmore	Town of Canmore FCSS	April 22	32nd annual Mayor's Volunteer Awards & Celebration will be held as online event over zoom unless provincial restrictions allow for outdoor gathering. Goody bags, certificate and glass-blown trinkets will be provided to volunteers in the community.	Molly	Matheson	molly.matheson@canmore.ca
Castor	Castor & District FCSS	April 21	In-person or drive by barbeque. If the event is a drive thru event, they will deliver to people that do not drive. Volunteer recognition items will also be distributed.	Mandy	Fuller	castordistrictfcsc@telus.net
Clive	Village of Clive	April 24	Hosting a virtual outdoor event at Clive Green Space. They will be erecting a Quatro Post with a plaque to commemorate community volunteers creating a therapeutic music garden for the community to enjoy.	Connie	Malena	clivefcsc@lacombevcsc.net
Coaldale	Barons Eureka Warner Family Community Support Services (FCSS)	April 19-23	Times and days will vary as they will be covering the following communities: Barnwell, Barons, Coaldale, Coalhurst, Lethbridge County, County of Warner, Coutts, Milk River, M.D. Activities include banner signage campaign, window display packages, social media campaign, volunteer recognition items delivered to volunteers.	Kaitlynn	Weaver	kaitlynn.weaver@fcsc.ca

Cochrane	Town of Cochrane-FCSS	April 18-24	Volunteer appreciation social media and traditional media campaign. April 24: take-out pancake breakfast. Door prizes and hand-written thank you cards will also be delivered to volunteers.	Renita	Bartlett	Renita.bartlett@cochrane.ca
Cold Lake	City of Cold Lake	March 10 - April 23	March 10-April 12: Contest for residents to nominate volunteers (ages 12+) to win one of three prize packages. Prize packages include: a four person fishing charter on Cold Lake, a weekend stay at a cabin on a private island or a lake adventure. All prize winners will be drawn at random. Also distributing 400 starter size pansies for volunteer appreciation items with a thank you message and shout out to volunteerconnector.org.	Leanne	Draper	ldraper@coldlake.com
Coronation	Coronation & District Support Services	April 18-24	Volunteer appreciation social media campaign including website promo. Presentation for schools about the value of one and the power of many. Community drive-through BBQ.	Diane	Schmidt	twncoron@telusplanet.net
Delburne	Village of Delburne - FCSS	April 18-24	Volunteer recognition gifts and hand-made thank you cards to be delivered to volunteers' homes through a community nomination process. Promotion of volunteerism online, social media, posters and banners.	Carol	Kihn	delbfcss@delburne.ca
Drayton Valley	Town of Drayton Valley	April 18-24	Promotion of volunteerism through social media, online and by traditional media. Promotion of volunteer recruitment and new website to connect locals with volunteer opportunities and spotlighting volunteer organizations. Distributing volunteer recognition items such as gift certificates to local retailers.	Emily	Hickman	homelessness@draytonvalley.ca
Drumheller	Town of Drumheller FCSS	April 19-23	Town Plaza Interactive Display for the community to recognize volunteers' contributions. Door prizes also available at town plaza display. Volunteer appreciation social media campaign and recruitment form on Town's website. Volunteer recognition items to be distributed including post cards to redeem free coffee or cookies.	Heather	Carlson	hcarlson@drumheller.ca
Edmonton	Edmonton Chamber of Voluntary Organizations (Attention Katie Whittingham)	April 18-24	Promotion of volunteerism, recruitment and volunteer engagement specialists including a radio campaign with Sonic 102.9. Virtual volunteer fair, and a presentation for becoming a virtual volunteer in partnership with Propellus, highlighting volunteerconnector.org. Volunteer and volunteer engagement specialist recognition toolkits to be developed and shared with the public. Other presentations and program offerings throughout the week.	Emma	Wallace	emma@ecvo.ca
Edmonton	Alberta Chinese Cultural Education Society	March 27	Zoom online celebration with community volunteers. Volunteer recognition items such as thank-you cards, awards, certificates and other swag to be distributed.	Sally	Sui	accesedmonton@gmail.com
Edmonton	Canadian Volunteers United in Action Society	April 18-24	Zoom online celebration for community volunteers, including the Francophone community will be hosted on April 23. Volunteer recognition certificates to be distributed during the virtual celebration.	Dicky	Dikamba	direction@canavua.org
Falher	Smoky River FCSS	April 19-24	Youth bowling/pizza party event with certificates distributed. And an evening dinner for community members with a small gift. Tickets will need to be purchased for the supper.	Community Programmer		admsrfcss@live.ca
Fort Macleod	Town of Fort Macleod FCSS	April 18-24	Developing a video to promote and celebrate local volunteers and shared as part of a social media campaign. Volunteer recognition items and postcards may be delivered to community volunteers.	Angie	O'Connor	fcss@fortmacleod.com
Fort McMurray	Fusesocial Wood Buffalo Society	April 19-23	Radio campaign and contest called "Volun-CHEER a volunteer" for volunteer nominations and prizes. Promotion of volunteerism and recruitment on social media and on website. Nominations for the Heart of Wood Buffalo Awards will also be opened and distributed to community volunteers.	Candace	Sturgess	candace.sturgess@fusesocial.ca
Fox Creek	Town of Fox Creek Community Resource Centre	April 19-23	Volunteer recognition items such as grocery store gift cards to be distributed to community volunteers. Volunteer of the Year awards and nominations for adult and youth categories. Volunteer appreciation social media campaign. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the week.	Brianne	Staples	crcsupport@foxcreekcrc.ca

Grande Prairie	Grande Prairie Volunteer Services Bureau	April 19-23	Social media and traditional media campaign to promote volunteerism and volunteer recruitment. Video interviews of volunteers and "Caught in the Act" volunteer photo submission campaign.	Carol-Anne	Pasemko	director@volunteergp.com
Grimshaw	Town of Grimshaw Community Services	April 22	Volunteer trivia ad in local newspaper. 240 former volunteers of the month will be recognized on social media and in the local paper.	Misty	Bagan	fcss@grimshaw.ca
Hanna	Hanna Volunteer Association	May 1	Hosting the "Amazing Race Hanna" - activities to take place outdoors and will adhere to health measures. In teams of two, each team must complete challenges at seven different locations throughout the community. Volunteer recognition items to be distributed.	Doray	Veno	doray.veno@hannalearning.com
Hinton	Hinton FCSS and volunteer centre	April 18-24	Promotion of volunteerism and NVW online, on social media, on local radio stations and in local papers. Volunteer recognition items to be distributed.	Lisa	Brett	volunteer@hinton.ca
Hythe	Village of Hythe	Month of April	Promotion of volunteerism in local paper and on social media. Volunteer recognition items to be distributed.	Carrie	Hogg	fcss@hythe.ca
Innisfail	Town of Innisfail	April 18-24	Distributing Volunteer Appreciation Kits. Promotion of volunteerism and volunteer recruitment/volunteer opportunities at community establishments, on social media and in local papers. Door prize of a volunteer basket to be drawn based on volunteerconnector sign ups.	Karen	Bradbury	karen.bradbury@innisfail.ca
Jasper	Jasper Employment & Education Centre	April 19-23	Launching a volunteer initiative and campaign on social media. Creating a dedicated volunteer hub on Facebook to share volunteer opportunities, celebrate local volunteers, etc. Raffle prizes to be distributed. Host an online live event with a guest speaker on Facebook on April 22.	Myles	Berrington	learn@jasperemployment.com
Lac La Biche	Lac La Biche County FCSS	April 18-24	Displaying "Thank you volunteers" banners throughout downtown Lac La Biche and downtown Plamondon. Featuring volunteer stories in local newspaper. Volunteer recognition and appreciation social media campaign. Volunteer recognition gifts to be distributed to 400 community volunteers.	Trish	Leduc	Trish.leduc@laclabichedcounty.com
Lacombe	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lacombe & District	April 19-23	Volunteer Appreciation Kits to support local business	Crystal	Zens	crystal.zens@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca
Lacombe	Lacombe & District FCSS	April 19-23	Virtual volunteer webinar on the benefits of volunteering	Jan	Pocock	jpocock@lacombefcss.net
Lamont	FCSS Lamont County Region	April 18-24	Volunteer Appreciation: stop by the local cafe and have a coffee and pie, compliments of the FCSS	Jan	Pocock	jpocock@lacombefcss.net
Lamont	FCSS Lamont County Region	April 18-24	Online events and sharing volunteer stories throughout the week	Darlene	Onushko	darlene.o@lamontcounty.ca
Lethbridge	Volunteer Lethbridge Association	April 18-24	Volunteer flag raising Volunteers of YQL virtual gala City Hall light display (April 18) Other campaigns, messaging and formal recognition	Chelsea	Eastman	communications@volunteerlethbride.com
Lloydminster	City of Lloydminster	March 8-April 30	A local survey on the benefits of volunteering A drive-in movie event on Saturday, April 24 Two Zoom sessions in collaboration with Propellus & showcasing the regional VolunteerConnector platform for the community	Amber	Fast	afast@lloydminster.ca
Mannville	Mannville, Minburn, Innisfree FCSS	April 18-24	Filming a video with community partners, organizations and volunteers showcasing the benefit and impact of volunteering.	Jannette	Riedel	director@mannville.com
Maskwacis	Maskwacis Cultural College	April 18-24	Hosting a virtual program on April 18 with guest speaker, Patricia Morgan. Learn about the micro-learning programs and volunteer experiences	Manisha	Khetarpal	mkhetarpal@mccedu.ca
Morinville	Sturgeon County	April 18-24	Drive-by volunteer appreciation event with FCSS and Council Members Zoom appreciation event to learn more about Building Block award recipients and volunteering	Marg	Clark	mclark@sturgeoncounty.ca
Nanton	Nanton Quality of Life Foundation	April 18-24 or May 3-7	Volunteer appreciation packages and a guest speaker discussing benefits of volunteering	Jennifer	Herman	quallife@telus.net
Okotoks	Town of Okotoks	April 18-24	Volunteer appreciation and promotional campaign 26th Annual Volunteer Leadership Award distribution	Jana	Giger	kgiger@okotoks.ca
Oyen	Oyen FCSS	April 18-24	Volunteer appreciation & deliveries to local orgs and volunteers	Maryann	Burns	oyenfcss@telus.net
Penhold	Town of Penhold	April 18-24	Ongoing virtual recognition during NVW	Jennifer	Blaylock	jblaylock@townofpenhold.ca
Ponoka	Ponoka FCSS	April 18	Pizza and drive in movie event/video stream	Shelly	Van Eaton	programc@ponokafcss.net
Provost	Provost & District FCSS	April 18-24	Provost & District FCSS is partnering with local businesses to give out coffee cards	Carrie	Olson	pdfcss@telus.net

Red Deer	Volunteer Central Society		Join Volunteer Central, local organization reps, Mayor and City Councilors for a Volunteer Drive-through Appreciation event at Westerner Park from 1:00-3:00 pm	Pam	Snowdon	
		April 24				community@volunteercentral.ca
Redwater	Town of Redwater	April 18-24	Volunteer appreciation and deliveries to local volunteers	Jacquelyn	Moren	cscordinator@redwater.ca
Sexsmith	Town of Sexsmith FCSS	April 23 & 24, 2021	Drive-in movie appreciation event	Naomi	Robinson	fcss@sexsmith.ca
Spirit River	Central Peace FCSS	April 2021	Month long promotion celebrating the spirit of local volunteers	Julie	Temple	fcss@mdspiritriver.ab.ca
St. Albert	City of St. Albert/St. Albert FCSS	April 20 7-8pm	Zoom appreciation event - join local orgs. volunteers and the mayor in a celebration of community volunteerism	Jennifer	Becker	jbecker@stalbert.ca
Stettler	Stettler Information and Referral Centre	April 18-24	Join Stettler Volunteer Centre for a block party celebrating 20 years of volunteerism in Stettler on the 20th anniversary of the International Year of the Volunteer. See photos, stories, and hear about the community spirit of volunteerism	Lorraine	Hankins	lorraine@stettlerinfo.ca
Stony Plain	Stony Plain FCSS & the Volunteer Centre	April 18-24	Partnering with local organizations to recognize volunteers. Contact FCSS for more information	Dianne	Dube	ddube@stonyplain.com
Sundre	Sundre FCSS	April 2021	Volunteer appreciation and promotional campaign (virtual)	Sari	Werezak	sari@mygnp.org
Sylvan lake	Town of Sylvan Lake Volunteer Centre	April 18-24	Social media campaign and promotional video on volunteering Commemoration of a park bench and tree planting	Amy	Boutin	volunteer@sylvanlake.ca
Thorsby	Town of Thorsby	April 18-24	Promotional campaign and gathering input on virtual volunteering strategies	Tamara	Sloboda	CAO@Thorsby.ca
Three Hills	Kneehill County - Kneehill Regional FCSS	April 18-24	Volunteer nominations and awards - recognize an outstanding volunteer in your community!	Shelley	Jackson Berry	shelley@krfcss.com
Tofield	Town of Tofield	April 20	Video message and recognition of local volunteers	Tracey	Boast Radley	tboastradley@tofieldalberta.ca
Vegreville	Town of Vegreville / Vegreville FCSS	April 18-24	A virtual tribute to volunteers, nonprofit, and community members	Julie	Gottselig	jgottselig@vegreville.com
Viking	Viking/Beaver Family and Community Support Services	April 18-24	A promotional campaign recognizing local volunteers Groundbreaking ceremony with local leaders featuring a commemorative plaque and a tree planting on a local walking trail to recognize volunteer contributions Tokens of appreciation available throughout town	Dawn	Chrystian	DChrystian@vbfcss.ca
Village of Holden	Viking/Beaver Family and Community Support Services	April 18-24	A promotional campaign recognizing local volunteers Groundbreaking ceremony planting a tree for volunteers in the newly established "Serenity Garden" for everyone to enjoy Tokens of appreciation available throughout town	Dawn	Chrystian	DChrystian@vbfcss.ca
Vulcan	Town of Vulcan	April 21	Appreciation dinner or drive-in movie with volunteer awards recognizing volunteerism and individual contributions	Bonnie	Ellis	bellis@townofvulcan.ca
Warburg	Village of Warburg	April 22 & 23	A celebration of local volunteer award recipients from 2020 and 2021 at the Pioneer Agricultural Centre	Tami	Tubbs	fcss@warburg.ca
Waskatenau	Village of Waskatenau	April 26-30	Join local organizations, school groups, and individuals and participate in a city-wide clean up of local spaces. Volunteer appreciation event to follow	Bernice	Macyk	waskvillage@mcsnet.ca
Whitecourt	Town of Whitecourt	April 18-24	Celebrate local volunteers from Whitecourt and Woodlands with Volunteer Appreciation Awards in 5 categories. Volunteer appreciation tokens being distributed through local organizations	Fay	Arcand	fayarcand@whitecourt.ca