SUNSHINE COAST
VOLUNTEER CENTRE

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Dear Prospective Member of the Volunteer Centre,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member. We have recently reworked our membership benefits/application package and are happy to provide the services listed.

As you will discover, membership with the Sunshine Coast Volunteer Centre has many benefits. Many of you have made use of our offer to meet and discuss your agency's volunteer recruitment, board issues and best practices for managing your organization. We welcome all questions – if we don't have the capacity to help, we can refer you to other professionals or workshops. Each agency is different, with its own unique blend of service and people – we try to make the most of all the possibilities that exist for you in our community.

We also advertise our members' volunteer opportunities in the Coast Reporter newspaper. For some agencies, this can be the single most successful means of recruiting volunteers on a regular basis.

Our Volunteer Centre organization directory is available to anyone online, but we also do customized lists for our members. For example, you might need names and contacts for Gibson's area non-profits or you might need agencies with charitable status. We can certainly comply within the limits of our database.

Automatic membership with Volunteer BC is a benefit of membership with us.

Last year, we provided some opportunities for members to attend conferences free of charge. The Charitable Tax workshop and the Leadership and Synergy conference are two examples of situations where the Volunteer Centre provided the organizers with a "guest list" of potential attendees, which included our members. This year we are offering reduced rates to two Board Governance workshops.

Hopefully you will consider utilizing our membership benefits this year – feel free to contact us anytime.

Cathy Smider and Tracy Wright

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Membership Benefits for 2011

Members will receive:

- Listing on our web site under community information with details of service and contact numbers kept up to date.
- Advertising on our website in the Volunteer Opportunities page.
- One page detailed listing and description of volunteer position kept on file with us.
- Advertising volunteer positions for a limited time in the Coast Reporter in the Sunshine Coast Volunteer Centre column in classified ads.
- Volunteer referral and recruitment services.
- Newsletter emails pertaining to upcoming courses related to non-profits.
- Access to current information on volunteer management, fundraising, board development and changes to the non-profit sector.
- Assistance with Volunteer recognition - consulting and suggestions, supplies (tablecloths, vases, candle holders, certificates, thank you cards etc.) and some assistance with funding.
- Access to overhead projector, display screen and flip chart as booked.
- Assistance with resource development and fundraising. Free access to Imagine Canada, the largest grant making database in Canada. Help with proposals and information on funding available locally and provincially.
- Reduced rate on courses offered throughout the year on nonprofit development.
- Reduced rate on consulting services for development purposes.
- Automatic membership with Volunteer BC ($75 savings).

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Membership Application

Date:

Name of Organization or Service:	
Purpose:	
Contact Person:	
Address:	
Email :	
Phone:	

Annual Fees for Membership with the SC Volunteer Centre (circle one):

- $ 50 for a national or provincial agency
- $ 30 for a local agency
- $ 20 for an individual

Cheques can be made out to the **Sunshine Coast Volunteer Centre.**

Payment Included ____ To Be Billed ____