

# The Ourplace

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# Volunteer

## *In Praise of the Volunteer*

*We are prone to judge success by the index of our salaries or the size of our automobiles, rather than by the quality of our service relationship to humanity.*

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

*There is no better exercise for your heart, than reaching down and helping to lift someone up.*

*Bernard Meltzer*

*A pessimist, they say, sees a glass of water as being half empty; an optimist sees the same glass as half full. But a giving person sees a glass of water and starts looking for someone who might be thirsty.*

*G. Donald Gale*

*No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.*

*Aesop*

*When you cease to make a contribution, you begin to die.*

*Eleanor Roosevelt*

*Learn to lead in a nourishing manner.  
Learn to lead without being possessive.  
Learn to be helpful without taking the credit.  
Learn to lead without coercion.*

*Lao Tzu, philosopher*

*Tenderness and kindness are not signs of weakness and despair, but manifestations of strength and resolution.*

*Kahil Gibran*

*In every community there is work to be done.  
In every nation there are wounds to heal.  
In every heart there is the power to do it.*

*Marianne Williamson*

*Though government has an important role to play in meeting the many challenges that remain before us, we are coming to understand that no organization, including government, will fully succeed without the active participation of each of us.*

*Volunteers are vital to enabling this country to live up to the true promise of its heritage.*

*President Bill Clinton*

## **A Farewell to Open Door Pioneer Lawrence Edward Moon**

**August 5, 1927 - August 21, 2011**

It is with profound sadness that the family of Lawrence Moon announces his passing at the age of 84. During the past several weeks while in hospital, Lawrence maintained his ever gracious, gentle, and positive manner with everyone around him. He never wavered in his conviction that the Spirit of God held him and all of us in loving arms. From an early age, Lawrence had a deep sense of calling to work with people. He began his professional life with the YMCA as Director of Youth Work, which included a position at the Lake Edith camp near Jasper, AB. Later he began a long and influential ministry with the United Church, first at North Hill and Riverview United (Calgary, AB) and then First United (Victoria, B.C.). Lawrence was a progressive thinker and innovative leader and nurtured many, especially young people, in their journey toward an open-minded and heart-felt experience of faith. He was a pioneer in helping to establish Diaconal Ministry in the United Church. Lawrence responded strongly to the needs of the disadvantaged especially in Victoria's inner city. His vision and hard work led to the founding of the Open Door Ministry where, with a team of wonderful like-minded people, there was "unconditional love given in a non-judgmental way". He will be greatly missed by all who were touched by his eager delight in life. "We will always love you and hold you deep in our hearts."



## **Volunteer Absences**

If you know that you are going to be away in advance (for example, for a vacation), please contact Antoinette directly. If you are providing 24 hours' notice, please contact reception at (250) 388-7112 and ask them to let Antoinette and the manager in your program area know of your absence.

Cold and flu season is upon us. We would respectfully request that volunteers not take heroic measures to come in to volunteer if they are not feeling well. Thank you for your support!

## **How to reach your Volunteer Manager:**

antoinette@ourplacesociety.com  
or 250-388-7112 Ext. 243



## **We are always looking for volunteers**

We currently have openings in all of our program areas: the clothing room, dining room, hygiene area and nutrition bar. As well, we are recruiting volunteers to assist with our Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, October 6. If any of these opportunities is of interest to you, please let Antoinette know.

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