



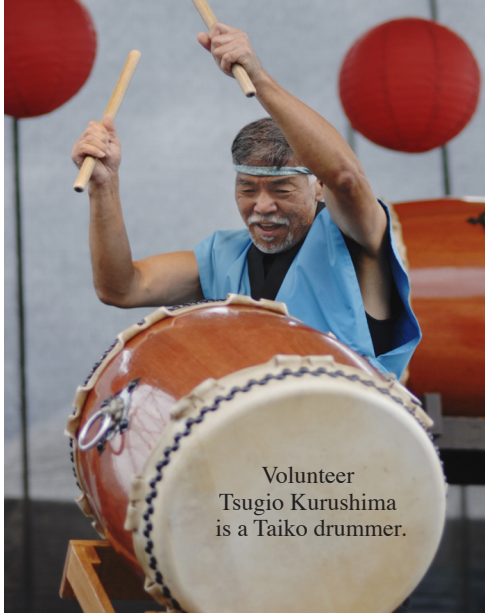
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VOLUNTEER'S NEWSLETTER

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"ourplace Society works in compassionate Christian love with those who are homeless and others in need to enrich and improve the lives of all."



Volunteer
Tsugio Kurushima
is a Taiko drummer.

Drop-in Hours

A number of volunteers have shown a preference for dropping in to see me, which I greatly appreciate. Unfortunately, I often find myself unavailable when you do drop in. For this reason, I have set aside two hours (from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.) on Tuesday of every week to meet with volunteers on a drop-in basis.

Bus Passes

We are currently in the process of setting up a bus pass program in consultation with B.C. Transit. Volunteers are welcome to participate in this program. The cost is \$58.04 per month, and you must sign up for a year by providing post-dated cheques for the 1st of every month. Please contact Antoinette at 388-7112, extension 243 or by e-mail at volunteer@ourplacesociety.com if you would like more information.

Some news from Antoinette

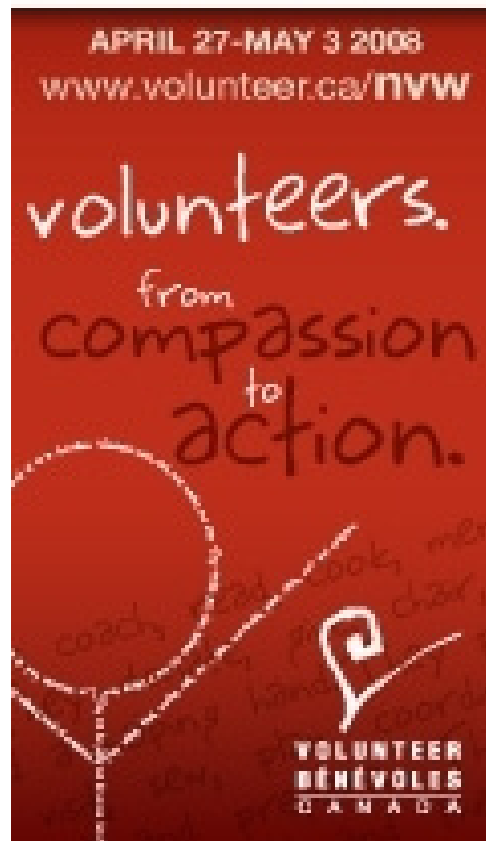
I have made the difficult decision to leave the role of Volunteer Coordinator in order to pursue another opportunity here at Our Place Society: that of Reverend Al's Executive Assistant. I have enjoyed my work as your Volunteer Coordinator over the past few months very much, and I am hopeful that even though I will no longer be working with you directly, we will continue to chat and interact in the days ahead.

Volunteer Placements

So just where do volunteers spend their time?

Our volunteers assist with preparing and serving meals in our dining room; serving coffee and refreshments in our nutrition bar; sorting and distributing donated clothing, toiletries, bedding and other items in our clothing room; providing family members with access to a hot shower in our hygiene area; soliciting and organizing donated books for our lending library; assisting users of our computer lab; and publishing and circulating our volunteer newsletter and the Our Place newsletter. Volunteers sit on our board and are actively involved in both developing and offering many of our specialty programs (for example, the men's and women's circles and the arts and crafts circle). Volunteers give generously of their professional expertise in many areas (for example, the vets for pets program, the accountants who prepare tax returns for family members and the nurses and doctors who spend time on site). The list goes on and on....

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK



Ask Vickie



When will the opening celebration for the new building be held?

Dear Gentle Reader,

Unfortunately, we are still in the process of identifying a day and time to celebrate our grand opening. The celebration is intended to be a day-long affair. A number of special guests will be in attendance, and they will be making speeches at some point during the day. Further information will be provided in the days ahead. All volunteers will be welcome to attend, and we are hoping that you will be able to join us.

Next month's question:

Can anyone use the computers and take books out?

Donations

Clean adult clothing (such as socks, hats, coats, sweatshirts and pants) in good repair are needed. In addition, we need towels, toiletries, warm blankets and sleeping bags. Patrick A. is also looking for picture frames. Please contact Audrey at 388-7112, extension 221 or by email at audrey@ourplacesociety.com if you have any questions about donations.

If you wish to make a financial donation, please stop by our new building at 919 Pandora Avenue. Our staff will gratefully receive donations, whether by cheque, cash or credit card.

Calling all Volunteers

In addition to our ongoing efforts to recruit volunteers for the dining room and the nutrition bar in the drop-in centre, we are also currently looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- * Bread Pick-up
- * Hygiene Area
- * Clothing Room
- * Reception

If any of these current opportunities is of interest to you, please contact Antoinette at 388-7112, extension 243 or at volunteer@ourplacesociety.com.

"Unconditional love given in a non-judgemental way."