

# The Ourplace



# Volunteer

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## How to reach your Volunteer Coordinator

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## Donations

We are always in need of new or lightly used basic adult clothing: SOCKS, underwear, more socks, fleece or heavyweight tops and jeans, socks again, seasonal jackets. Musical instruments and **art supplies**, boardgames, alarm clocks, toiletries, sleeping bags, blankets and coffee mugs. Our library is in need of good **paperback fiction**. Please contact reception by phone at (250) 388-7112, extension 221 or by e-mail at admin@ourplacesociety.com for any questions regarding donations.

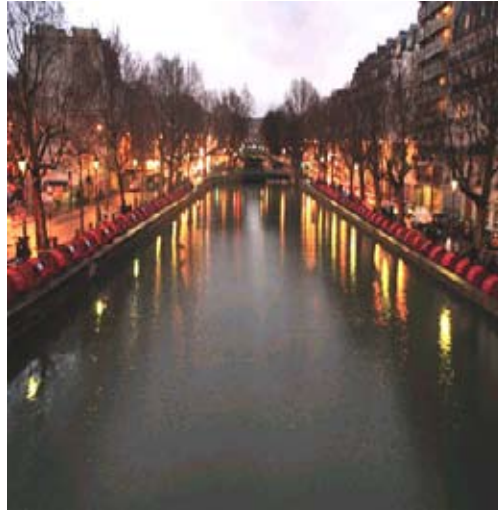
## Personal Belongings

Volunteers are reminded (and strongly encouraged) not to bring personal belongings and valuables with them when they come in for their volunteer shifts. Unfortunately, thefts do occur every now and then, and we are unable to guarantee that your personal items and valuables will be safe here. If you do need to safely secure any belongings, please visit the clothing room, where lockers are provided to volunteers.

## Homeless man in Paris



## Ah Paris!



## Tents Situation on the Seine

Photo of 350 tents put on the Canal Saint-Martin in Paris end of December 2006 by the NGO Les Enfants de Don Quichotte, in support of the "right to lodging" (Droit au logement). The NGO invited well-lodged people to sleep a night in the tent, alongside homeless people. The NGO Médecins du monde (MDM) had taken the initiative, in 2005, to give tents to all homeless people in Paris, in order to provide them with minimal privacy and to make misery visible. But the prefecture of police, under orders of Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy, was progressively expelling homeless people camping in Paris. Thus, the Enfants de Don Quichotte's action attracted attention to this expulsion. In the context of the presidential election, Jacques Chirac announced that the "opposable right to lodging" would be enacted into law before the end of his term

## 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.

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.

## Ask Vickie



When is National Volunteer Week, and what will be happening during that week?

National Volunteer Week (a national, Canadian initiative) is being held from April 18 to 24 this year. This is a week of celebration and recognition for the very many volunteers who provide service and support within their communities. Our Place volunteers can expect to be celebrated and recognized in, we hope, some very special ways, including an invitation to a formal recognition event. Details and more information will be provided in the days to come.

Next month's question: How can I make my voice heard and provide feedback on my volunteer placement with Our Place?

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