

Celebrating volunteers with thank-you breakfast

(Penticton, BC – April 17, 2024) – When the call goes out for volunteers, Penticton always responds. And now it's time to show them some appreciation.

"Part of what makes Penticton such a vibrant and connected community is the volunteers who give of their time to make events – big and small – come off for the enjoyments of residents and visitors," says Mayor Julius Bloomfield. "From the arts to sports to environment, we're so fortunate to have so many people who want to give back and make a difference. We're so pleased to be able to play a part in saying thank-you."

This is National Volunteer Week in Canada, a chance to thank the person coaching a sports team, helping at the food bank or taking tickets at a cultural event. And the South Okanagan Similkameen Volunteer Centre has a special thank you planned for this Saturday – pancakes and the fixings at Gyro Park.

"We know *Volunteers Matter* and that's why SOS Volunteer Centre is proud to wrap up National Volunteer week in such a public show of thanks," says Subrina Monteith, executive director at the South Okanagan Similkameen Volunteer Centre.

The SOS Community Connections Volunteer Centre believes everyone can volunteer. One hour at a time, once every week, or for special events, every volunteer hour matters. "Volunteers are a critical part of all not-for-profit organizations as the key support to implementing the social programs, festivals or events to build vibrant connected communities," adds Monteith.

The city of Penticton, Travel Penticton, and McLeod & Schneiderat Lawyers are the main sponsors of the event in partnership with IGA, Bett's Electric, the Province of BC, Castanet News, Penticton Herald, and Move 97.1 Radio. SOS Community Connections Volunteer Centre is thankful to the event partners who recognize the high value of volunteerism in our community.

This year's volunteer appreciation event has over 200 volunteers who have RSVP'd to attend and more information is available at www.volunteercentre.info

The event will run from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The SOS Community Connections Volunteer Centre encourages people to visit their new look website at www.volunteercentre.info to learn more, browse current volunteer opportunities, sign up as a volunteer or register their organization as a member.

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