

Inside THE CUPBOARD

VOLUNTEERS – MAKING THE DIFFERENCE!



National Volunteer Week is quickly approaching and it is yet another opportunity for us to thank the fabulous team of volunteers that we have here at The Lending Cupboard.

Central Alberta is well noted for its incredible level of volunteerism. We've seen evidence of this throughout our community. Here at The Lending Cupboard, volunteers are the very backbone of our operations. From the moment clients are greeted in the store, our team takes great care to see that they are fitted and provided with the appropriate equipment. Then there's the crew that make sure all the equipment is sanitized and in good operating shape – they're awesome! We also have volunteers that step to the plate when we have special projects, and the organization is overseen by a skilled (volunteer) Board of Directors. All of these people joined The Lending Cupboard because they have compassion and passion for the people we serve and the service we provide. On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff, I personally want to take this opportunity to thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your contribution keeps the Cupboard doors open and the atmosphere warm.

Dawna Morey
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Executive Director

NUMBER NUGGETS

Volunteers make the Lending Cupboard tick, and here's what the numbers tell us from last year.

8,204 Volunteer hours 2015

86 Registered Volunteers

10 Engaged Board Members

A GREAT WAY TO HELP PEOPLE

Volunteer Kim Jeske has been working with clients at The Lending Cupboard since March of 2013. She enjoys helping clients fill out their order forms, find the right equipment and make sure it is fitted to size.

Kim is an enthusiastic member of our volunteer team celebrating six years of working out in the front store area of our operations where her interests and skills shine. As with all the volunteers, Kim is provided the training and support from members of the staff team and some of our seasoned volunteers giving her the confidence to serve our clients well.

"I love meeting new people and listening to their stories," Kim says. "Sometimes people are going through a very hard time when they come to the Cupboard, and it feels good to give people a shoulder to lean on."

Kim appreciates how all the volunteers work together and help each other. The positive atmosphere and opportunity to have a meaningful impact on the lives of Central Albertans makes it a very worthwhile volunteer experience.



Kim Jeske Celebrating 6 years of Volunteering with The Lending Cupboard

People choose to volunteer for a variety of reasons:

- ✓ Making a difference to the lives of others
- ✓ To feel valued and part of a team
- ✓ Gain new skills, knowledge, experience, and enhance their confidence and self-esteem
- ✓ Use their skills and knowledge to benefit others
- ✓ Meet new people; a chance to socialize and make new friends

Volunteers at The Lending Cupboard undertake these important roles:

- ✓ Greeting clients
- ✓ Assisting with completion of loans forms
- ✓ Finding and fitting equipment
- ✓ Cleaning, repairing and maintaining equipment
- ✓ A variety of clerical tasks

For more information or to volunteer, contact Volunteer Coordinator Terena Seaward at 403.356.1678 or volunteer@lendingcupboard.ca

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ELECTRICAL WHEELCHAIRS & SCOOTERS

Did you know?

The Lending Cupboard is, on occasion, the recipient of the generosity of people who donate electric wheelchairs and scooters.

Though we are not able to lend out this equipment, we do an assessment on them and, in many cases, find them to be in excellent operating condition, sometimes just in need of new batteries. We are then able to offer them for sale at a very reasonable price. All dollars raised from these sales help us to continue to offer the rest of our services at no cost.

If you are interested in purchasing such equipment, call us at 403-356-1678 or email contact@lendingcupboard.ca for more information.



Different styles for different needs and sizes. Speak with a member of our team to learn more!

SPOTLIGHT

Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another.

Erma Bombeck

Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.

Author Unknown

UPCOMING EVENTS

Central Alberta Quilters Guild

The Lending Cupboard will have wheelchairs and walkers to LOAN OUT at the 'Central Alberta Quilters Guild' Show - Held in the Parkland Pavilion building at Westerner Park on April 1st and 2nd. We are hoping that our help will enable more seniors to get out and enjoy the show. More information about the show can be found at <http://www.centralalbertaquilters.org/>

Farmers Market

Farmers Markets will be starting up soon and we hope to be out there again this year. Check our website once the markets start for dates and places.



Ladies Luncheon

This year's Ladies Luncheon is set to happen on May 19th. What a great way to ring in spring! The Committee is just finalizing some of the details including a few new surprises! Mark your calendar and keep an eye on our website for more details.

If you know now that you will be attending and can maybe bring a friend or two, RSVP to our receptionist at 403.356.1678.



WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Contact our volunteer coordinator at the Lending Cupboard: volunteer@lendingcupboard.ca or 403.356.1678.

STAY TUNED

Want to learn more about the Lending Cupboard? Visit our website at www.lendingcupboard.ca anytime to stay up-to-date on events, and be sure to look for the 2016 editions of "Inside the Cupboard" coming in the summer.

