



Powell River & District United Way

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Local Action : Local Reaction

Summer/fall 2009

2009 Campaign Target \$200,000

Bringing United Way to the People

Do you know what United Way does here in Powell River?

We know that a lot of people don't, and yet our community rallies behind us to help achieve our Campaign targets.

This year, and from now on, we are working hard to ensure that everybody is aware of what we do.

First of all, we are a Charity. There are United Ways across Canada and internationally. Each small branch, just like Powell River's, concentrates on supporting their own community in the best way they can.

For us, we have three initiatives under our Powell River & District United Way umbrella, and we support ten Member Agencies.

We find this to be the best way to serve the community in need. Each Member Agency works with a different population of our community, providing services to help everybody feel included and to live an integrated and inclusive life here in Powell River.

Our initiatives form a framework of support.

Volunteer Powell River acknowledges that many of the services provided to the community are only made possible

by the timeless work of volunteers and organizations who are willing to fill the gaps of need.

Success by 6 realizes that by helping young children get a good start in life, they have the tools to reach their full potential as an adult.

Working mostly with ages 0 - 6 years, Success by 6 also brings other age groups together through the ORCA bus. Seniors volunteer to bring early childhood education to outlying areas of our region.

And, the Helping Hand Fund is available for anyone who needs help purchasing much-needed medical supplies, dental work, eye-wear, or food and shelter.

When you donate to Powell River & District United Way your donation stays within your community. It helps your friends, neighbours and relatives to live the quality of life one would expect in such a beautiful area of British Columbia.

For the 2009 Campaign we aim to raise \$200,000. In the following pages you will find out how you can contribute.

Thank you for your continued support!

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Visit us at www.unitedwayofpowellriver.ca and find out how you can help.



Visit us at our office above
RONA
Phone: (604) 485-2132
www.volunteerpowellriver.com

Goal: To match volunteers in Powell River with various organizations and to promote volunteerism and recognize volunteers around our community!

Quick Facts

- We have almost 600 registered volunteers!
- Come to our office for fantastic, personalized volunteer consultation or sign up online.
- We are ALWAYS looking for new volunteers and organizations to submit volunteer postings. Sign up with volunteer Powell River to find out what's happening around town.
- Watch for our open house in August, 2009!
- We would love to find some group projects for our volunteers. Tell us your idea.

New Volunteer Postings!

Special Presenters at Scouting Meeting

This is an ideal volunteer opportunity for someone with a busy schedule and not able to commit to a long-term position. The 1st Powell River Scouting Group is inviting community members to share any talent or skill at a weekly meeting. Be brave!

Video Journalist

Shaw Channel 4 is looking for a dedicated long term volunteer to serve as a Production Assistant for approximately 3 hrs biweekly at City Council meetings.

Two hours of volunteering = one **Day of Music On the Labour Day Long Weekend** (September 5 & 6) volunteer as a gates person at the Sunshine Coast Music Festival. After your two hour shift enjoy a day of music for free.

The Fruit Tree Project wants volunteers to pick fruit from various types of trees in many different areas of town. You get 1/3 of the fruit you pick, another 1/3 goes to the tree owner and the last 1/3 goes to a local charity.

Various Board Positions

Many boards around Powell River are looking for secretaries, treasurers, board directors and more! Some are centred around children, animals, health, recreation and more.



Success By 6

Helping all children succeed for life.



United Way Success By 6® Partners

When you are around a child it doesn't take long to start seeing the world through their eyes. Everything is an adventure, something new to explore.

During the ages of 0 - 6 years a child's brain goes through its most critical development and 90% of the brain's growth happens by age 5. This is an ideal time for heightening experiences.

It's a time when a young child is developing emotional and social attachment, language and motor skills. If a brain is stimulated from infancy, children will learn easily and function well physically.

Early stimulation will help a child reach his or her full potential as an adult. And, it is with that understanding that Success By 6 gears its programs.

Here in Powell River you cannot help but see the ORCA Bus. On the Road with Children's Activities is an old school bus that was donated by School District 47. Many community members, supported by generous business donations, refitted the bus to make it into an indoor playroom, and volunteer drivers take the bus to outlying areas of our region so that early childhood education programs and resources can be brought to preschoolers.

Success By 6 has a vision: In Powell River all children and families are valued, respected, nurtured, cared for and given the opportunity to develop to their full potential as healthy, educated, competent, caring and responsible people.

With such a vision, Powell River & District United Way is proud to be involved with Success By 6.

Call Heather Gordon, Success By 6 Coordinator at 604 414-3939 or visit www.successby6powellriver.ca and dive into the world of children.

Helping Hand Fund

Sometimes it is difficult to put together the funds for dental work, eyewear, medication, transportation to medical care, and counseling. Food and shelter may be beyond somebody's reach. That's where the Helping Hand Fund comes in.

United Way believes everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect and that everyone has a

right to live in a community that is safe, embraces differences and offers individuals opportunities to feel connected.

Your donation to United way helps people to gain dignity and enhanced quality of life.

For more information contact Rick at 604 485-6067.

Ten Member Agencies

Your donations help support the following agencies:

- Powell River Therapeutic Riding Association
- Powell River Association for Community Living
- Westcoast Access
- St. John Ambulance
- Canadian Diabetes Association
- Canadian National Institute for the Blind
- Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
- Community Services Association - Community Based Victim Services Program
- Brain Injury Society
- B.C. Children's Hospital





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Personal Pledge Form

Thank you for picking up this Pledge Form. Please fill out the form and mail it, together with payment, to the address above. Alternatively, give us a call and we would be happy to stop by your home or office to pick it up.

1. Donor Information

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr.

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

We would like to acknowledge receipt of your donation. Please note whether you would prefer to receive acknowledgement by mail by email or, by phone

2. Amount and Method of Payment

My total donation to United Way is \$ _____ All donations over \$20 will receive a tax receipt.

Cash Cheque

Please make cheque payable to "Powell River & District United Way"

Donations also can be made through Preauthorized Giving and Payroll Deduction. Call us for information.

3. Signature

Please sign to confirm your donation.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Thank you!
Every donation helps your local community

United Way Vision: A healthy, caring, inclusive community 2009 Goal \$200,000