

CABMN Newsletter

New: 2012 CAB Calendar

Pat Barnes proudly shows off the 2012 CAB calendar featuring our committees and programs. You can get 12 months of friendly faces for only \$10.00! It makes a



great stocking stuffer while supporting the CAB. Contact us today to get yours!

Become a Tax Volunteer

The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) was introduced in 1971 as a partnership between the Department of National Revenue (as it was known then) and various community organizations. It was intended to ensure that all taxpayers had equal access to the tax system.

In 1988, the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) established a partnership with Revenu Québec and volunteers from the province of Quebec, to have volunteers prepare both federal and provincial returns for eligible individuals.

Helping people in your community

Many taxpayers do not know how to prepare their income tax and benefit return themselves. We need volunteers like you to provide this important community service to taxpayers who have low income and a simple tax situation.

Volunteers **must** respect the confidentiality of taxpayer information, decline any offers of monetary reward for their services, and return all personal documents to the taxpayers they help.

Contact us to get involved!

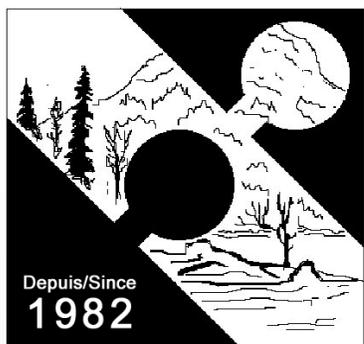
Volunteer Party

On December 5, 2011 the CAB celebrated the annual *International Day of the Volunteer*. A drop-in party was held at the main office to thank all our CAB volunteers. Volunteers, staff and Board members had the chance to mingle and get to know each other, while enjoying a variety of refreshments provided by the Potton Katimavik group. Once again, we would like to thank everyone for their hard work!



Chili Supper and Silent Auction

Join us on February 17, 2012 for a Chili Supper and Silent Auction at the St-Cajetan church (324, rue Principale, Mansonville). Once again our Ken Jones Centre Committee will be serving a hearty meal prior to a fundraising event full of treasures to bid on. Supper is \$15 (10 years and up), \$7 (5-9 years), the auction is free. Bring your own beverages! Tickets for the supper go fast, so please reserve early at ckjc@cabmn.org or 450-292-3114.



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Happy Holidays!

The CAB wishes its volunteers, users, and supporters much joy during the holidays and all the best in the year to come.



Holiday Closing

The CAB office will be closed for the holidays from December 23 to January 7, inclusively. The Youth Centre will be closed from December 18 to January 6, inclusively. In case of a social emergency please contact the CLSC or call 819-843-2572.

Comings and Goings

It was with best wishes and much gratitude that members of the Ken Jones Centre (KJC) bid farewell to Clara Bradley, a Katimavik volunteer assigned to KJC's weekly program since mid July. KJC provides social integration and leisure activities for adults with intellectual disabilities, and respite for their families. Clara's last day was December 15. The following day she returned home to Victoria, where she'll be studying political science at the University of Victoria.

Happily, the KJC also welcomed two new faces – Glen Allingham and Pascale Marquis – who are now lending their talents to the program. In Glen's case, a few weeks after moving to Potton from Morrisburg in September, word got out that he might be interested in working as a volunteer with KJC clients. Glen came highly recommended; by October he was on board. In Pascale's case, she was hired in November to fill the void left by two dedicated animators unable to continue because of medical and family responsibilities.



From left to right are Clara Bradley, Glen Allingham, Christine Brulotte-Ruiz, and Pascale Marquis.

Finally, Christine Brulotte-Ruiz was recently named Coordinating Animator; Chris has been with the program since 2008, and as the acting coordinator for the past nine months.

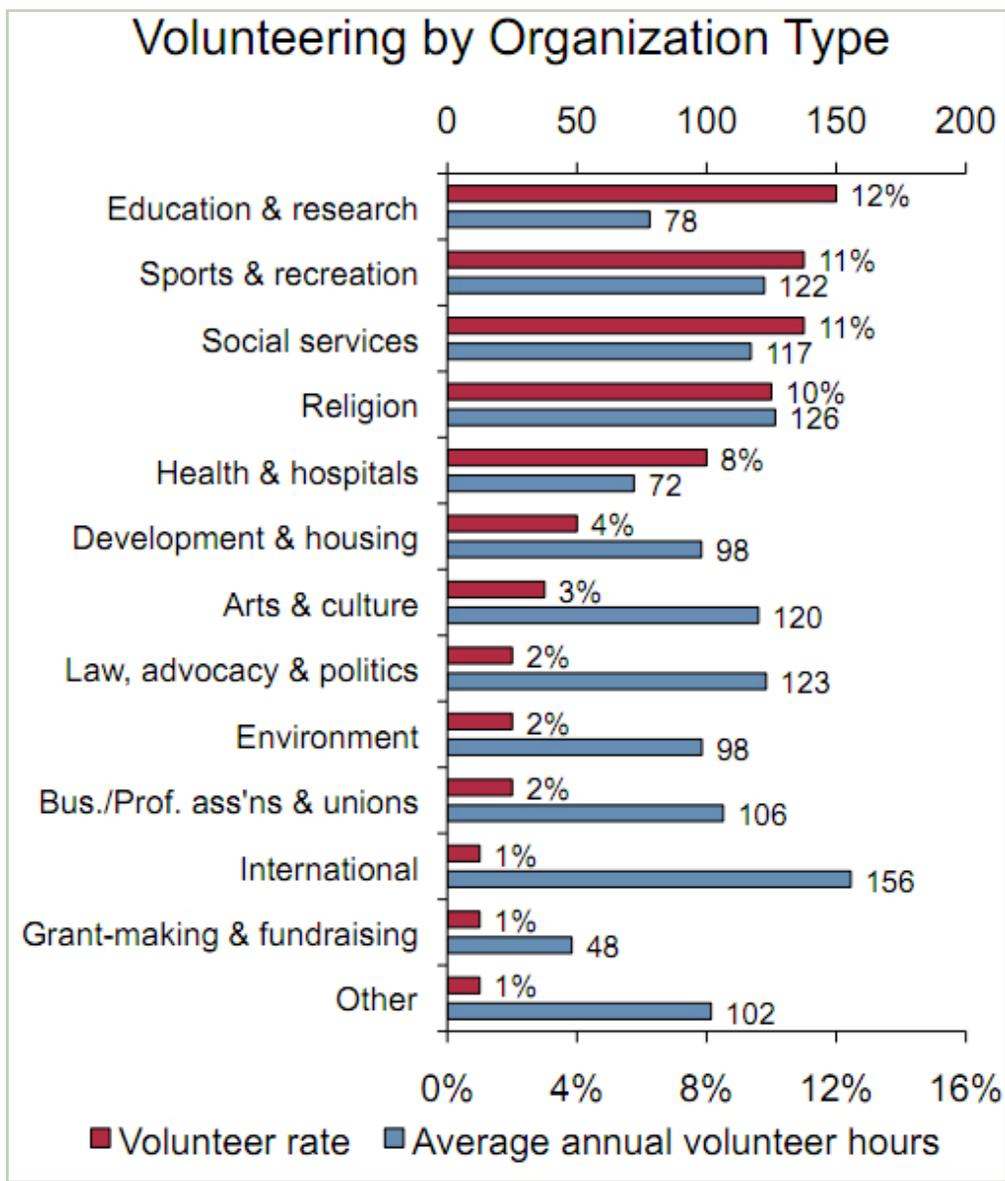
As many as 13 clients participate in the program each week.



It looks like respite clients and workers – who had just finished decorating the tree – might be waiting for Santa Claus. If so, they weren't disappointed. This year, the big guy arrived on a regular respite day after a special Christmas lunch, then dispensed gifts with more than a few "Ho Hos."

Canadian Volunteer Statistics

Eleven percent of Canadians each volunteer an average of 117 hours per year to social services organizations.



Source: www.givingandvolunteering.ca

Business in Neighboring Town Supports Mansonville SADD

The Missisquoi North Youth Centre salutes The Shack Dawes Jewellers in Knowlton for donating 10% of their gross sales at the store from The Annual Midnight Madness event, as well as tips received for gift wrapping over the holidays to the Mansonville SADD Chapter. Thank you Angie, Barb and Dave!

Halloween Hero

"Deejay Jason" Ball's 3rd Halloween Party to benefit the CABMN was once again a great success. Special thanks to Jason for his hard work and dedication!



Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Mansonville Chapter Quebec Provincial Police (QPP) Information Sessions

On Friday evening, December 2, the Mansonville Chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), sponsored by the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre, held an information session for parents and youth with two officers from the Quebec Provincial Police (QPP), Eric Tremblay and Claude LeBel.

The Police discussed the dangers of driving at excessive speed and the various factors in question when an accident occurs. The two officers gave the youth and parents attending the opportunity to ask questions, express concerns and seek advice on the subject at hand.

The Mansonville SADD chapter youth have organized an annual information evening with the Provincial Police for over twenty years now. Topics for the evening are always related to destructive decisions and have included: impaired driving, drugs, vandalism...



The 2011-12 Mansonville SADD chapter members are: Ethan Ball, Kristi-ann Bouchard, Natasha Charby, Alexandra Dalglish, Jeremy Hamilton, Ryan Hamilton, Joshua Jersey, Jordan Nichols, Kira Nichols.

Thanks Danielle & Katherine

A big thanks to Katimavik volunteers Danielle Bateman and Katherine Dzbik who spent part of their stay at the CAB office. We wish them well as they go on to new challenges.



Danielle



Katherine