Volunteering is part of our identity as Canadians – we value civic participation and embrace a spirit of community. The tremendous efforts of Canada’s 12.5 million volunteers help make our country a vibrant, safe place to call home.

Across the country, Canadians are getting involved and leading positive change in a variety of ways. The work of volunteers is essential to maintaining healthy, dynamic communities at home and around the world.

National Volunteer Week is all about taking time to recognize the incredible contributions of Canada’s volunteers and letting them know how much their efforts are appreciated.

For more information, visit Volunteer Canada’s website at www.volunteer.ca

In 2010, a force of 13.3 million Canadians over the age of 15 participated in volunteering, an increase of more than 800,000 since 2007. These Canadians contributed 2.1 billion total volunteer hours.

Source: Canada Survey of Giving, Volunteering & Participating

The Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes a volunteer that has made a significant impact through the commitment and dedication. This volunteer constantly goes above and beyond, demonstrates solid leadership skills and showcases that “attitude is everything”.

The Rick Kelly Memorial Award recognizes a volunteer that has demonstrated growth and development as a camera operator in studio, mobile and/or ENG settings.

Join us at our Appreciation event on Wednesday, April 18 to see who the lucky recipients are!
Volunteer experience has become an asset for those searching for paid work. A growing number of employers today accept it as a valid part of work history. In fact, some employers even look for volunteer experience when hiring new staff because it shows that a candidate has initiative and cares about the community. Volunteer activities are definitely a marketable asset.

I find myself entering my 20th year of volunteering at Rogers TV. Many people, including Rogers volunteers have asked through the years, why I still volunteer for Rogers. The reason is simple, I enjoy it.

I have seen many staff and volunteers come and go through the years. One of the staff members that has been there as long as I have (to my knowledge) is Chris Janusitis. Chris and I came from Maclean Hunter Cable many years ago. Through the years, the corporate name has changed a few times. I have a closet full of jackets, tee shirts and hats with the different names from the past. I now have started a new collection with Rogers TV.

I found that through the years, my preference is working on mobile productions. The reason is, that I enjoy the setup challenges of different locations, some indoor and others being outdoors. Each location is unique. The other factor about mobile productions is the fact that when you get there, nothing is already setup. You have to setup everything. One of the many setup challenges is the running of camera cables between floors, over ceilings, over driveways, around cars and across fields. Some locations, such as the GM Center are very large and we have the luxury of connecting to the existing building camera cables. Another challenge, in past, was to find one or more electrical outlets that can support the mobile studio. Now we usually bring the mobile generator with the mobile studio, no more problems.

Congratulations to Derek Christian, who will be celebrating his 20th year of service as a volunteer with Rogers TV and community television! 20 years….that’s longer than 1/3 of our volunteer population has even been alive! Impressive! Here’s his story!

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One of the major challenges with mobile productions, when it’s an outdoor event, is the weather. I have been through it all, cold weather, hot weather, rain, snow and icy conditions. Weather always make the shoot interesting, sometimes good and sometimes bad. I find that if you dress for the expected weather, the weather will not affect you and you will have a good time.

Some of the more memorable mobile productions that I have participated in over the years are: BandWarz, Mosport, Durham summer Games and Oshawa New Year’s Eve indoor and outdoor events.

Rogers, from time to time, organizes tours for the volunteers. I personally enjoy these tours. Several tours that come to mind, that I have attended over the years have been tours of Rogers Center and City TV. I also remember a boat cruise as well.

As I get on in years, I am now experiencing some minor problems that prevent me from participating fully with setups and strikes but I am still fully able to participate with the actual mobile productions. I am extremely happy that Rogers has worked with me adjusting my duties, to still allow me the pleasure of partially participating with the mobile productions. It just shows that Rogers will work with anyone even with some limitations. This will allow me to continue volunteering for years to come and to enjoy the experience.

Thanks, Rogers TV.

Derek Christian
Volunteer since 1992

Derek, high in the trees shooting the Ajax Santa Parade in 2006

Derek, circa 1996

Derek, celebrating his first year as a volunteer (and yes, that IS Chris Janusitis on the far right!)
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For those that have been with us for some time, know that POPCORN is definitely one of the highlights of the week. Well, great news all! Throughout the week we’ll have fresh popcorn a’popping. Come by for a bagful and top with your favourite seasoning.

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream! Twirlees Ice Cream will be setup in the front lobby for the duration of National Volunteer Week. Please come by to enjoy some fresh soft-serve ice cream.

From Monday to Friday, we’ll be doing a daily draw. Just by being a volunteer with RTV, your name is automatically put into a hat. For each show that you crew during the week, we will add an additional name to the hat!

Daytime crew lunch will be catered by the one and only Christian Pritchard on Monday, April 16 at 12:30pm!

Bring your friends and family for our skating event at the GMC on Sunday, April 15 from 5-7pm!

Party with us at Trinity Irish Pub and Restaurant on Wednesday, April 18 from 6-9pm!

Present your personalized e-certificate during National Volunteer Week, for a complimentary breakfast at Eggsmart (Oshawa location only). E-certificates will be sent out later this week!
Thank-you! My heartfelt gratitude goes out to all of you for your dedicated energy and enthusiasm to Rogers TV. The intelligence and commitment of our fantastic group of volunteers ensures that we deliver high quality programming to the community. Simply, without you we could not prosper. It is inspiring to watch all of you achieve success in your various roles at Rogers TV; your accomplishments each day are greatly appreciated and exceed all expectations. I hope you realize the value of your achievements and are as proud of your success as we are.

Rick Pereira
Supervising Producer

My sincere thanks to all of you for the graciously dedicating you time to Rogers TV. The level of commitment, professionalism and dedication you demonstrated each day is unparalleled. I am continuously overjoyed with watching you each grow and prosper in your evolving television careers – and love the moment when I see the light bulb go on and you yourself realize that you have gone from good to great! I have thoroughly enjoyed your friendship and camaraderie and would like to wish you the happiest National Volunteer Week! Eat lots, mingle more and enjoy the week! Congratulations to all of you for a wonderfully successful year. Cheers!

Erika Goreski
Coordinator of Volunteer Resources

The Community Cruiser has been hitting the streets to support local initiatives, cheer on teams and create energy at various events in Durham Region. I would like to acknowledge and personally thank two volunteers who have made the Community Cruiser a tremendous success. With their enthusiasm and general love for being involved with the people in the community, Tara Buzza and Sharon Lindsay are inspirational leaders for our Cruiser Crew. Since August 2011, the Community Cruiser has been to 14 events, and between Sharon and Tara they attended all but one event. They have been seen at children’s concerts, charity walk-a-thons, a number of festivals - apple, butterfly, waterfront, and maple syrup. They both helped hand out Rudolph noses at the Whitby Santa Claus Parade, lent a hand at the Rogers TV Game Night at the GM Centre, and most recently they were a part of the OHL Playoffs Fan Van. Thank you ladies for your dedication to the Community Cruiser and for being such exemplary ambassadors for Rogers TV.

Amy Thorn
Promotions Coordinator
It’s been two weeks since I’ve walked through the Rogers doors, and every day since I have been greeted by the most welcoming arms. Among the sea of new faces, however, I couldn’t distinguish who were the volunteers – for every Rogers member was just as professional, dedicated, and as hard working as the next.

Scott Bremner impressed me with his conversation and intellect – his charm gave me an instant smile. The talent and positive outlook people like Scott possess is infectious.

But I feel the need to single out Doug Boyd -A master of the camera and one of the kindest souls I’ve met thus far. His series “Mayors Just Want to Have Fun” has propelled me into my role as Videographer, and I am more than thrilled to be a part of such a brilliant concept. He’s been my right hand man, my second -maybe first- set of eyes, and has so graciously dedicated his time to teach me everything he knows about great photography. What a man, what a visionary, what a volunteer. Thank you to Dougie, Scott, and to every person who dedicates their time in giving Durham the best TV there is!

Dena Chiarcossi
Videographer, My Community is Durham

“There’s nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer.” That may be a line from a movie (can you name it?), but the sentiment is never more pronounced than in National Volunteer Week. Let there be no doubt that the staff at Rogers TV Durham Region appreciates the efforts of our corps of volunteers.

Johnson Lai
Technical Director

I would like to thank the many volunteers who came out to a season of Oshawa Generals Hockey coverage. Having done approx 40 games, with a minimum of 13 crew per game and approx 8 hours per shoot, that makes a total of 4,160 onsite production hours at GMC that you have contributed to. The hours are long and in most cases, late, the arena is cool, with a lot of lifting, alot of walking, and a lot of pasta but the production is one of the best we do and that is a reflection of your dedication and professionalism. Thanks very much, its always a pleasure working with you all! Get your sunblock and bug spray ready.....Hope to see you all this summer for soccer, lacrosse (lots of lacrosse!), concerts and maybe even some football.

Scott Lindsay
Mobile Producer
It is a privilege and a joy to work with each and every one of you every time we have a production. The time you donate to us to help put on a show is critical to the success of our station within the community. Without you we would not be able to put on many quality programs that we output on a consistent basis. From Live, to shot and edited features, every single production allows us an opportunity to work within our community and demonstrate material we all can be proud to deliver on our channel. We do so much here at the station and it’s all because of you. Thank you all so much and I look forward to our next production together. Thanks!

_Brent Huckfield_  
Associate Producer

V is for the _Value_ which you aim to achieve in "live" production and victory when it is achieved.  
O is for the _Outstanding_ service and support you give to Rogers TV daytime  
L is for the _Little things_ you do that make such a difference in our show  
U is for the _Unspoken words_ that sometimes mean just as much  
N is for the _Need_ you fill when others aren’t able  
T is for the _Time_ you give of yourselves on top of your own busy schedules  
E is for the _Emotional support_ you continually give  
E is also for the _Endless energy_ you all seem to possess  
R is for the _Responsibility_ you have taken on and the Rock solid rehearsals you participate in every daytime morning!  
S is for the _Smiles_ you bring to the set and the _Stars_ that you are to me everyday we are together!

Each one of you have touched my heart and shown me the true meaning of what giving of oneself really can do to a community. Each day you have shown the community how valuable you are and WE appreciate you! Simply put,

_We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give._  
To all of you, I thank you :)

_Sandi Grant_  
Producer, Daytime
March 20, 2012

Erika Goreski
Coordinator of Volunteer Resources
Rogers TV – Durham Region
301 Marwood Drive
Oshawa, ON L1H 1J4

Dear Ms. Goreski:

On behalf of Council of the Municipality of Clarington, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my personal thanks and best wishes to all of the volunteers at Rogers TV – Durham Region during National Volunteer Week.

National Volunteer Week is held during the week of April 16 – 21, 2012. Volunteers are an integral part of our community and I understand that Rogers TV has over 180 dedicated volunteers who assist in many aspects of television production.

The volunteers at Rogers TV – Durham Region are to be commended for giving so freely of their time, sharing their knowledge and expertise in order to assist Rogers TV in producing timely, relevant community programming.

Congratulations to all of the volunteers at Rogers TV – Durham Region and I wish you continued success in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Adrian Foster
MAYOR

/Cc
March 7, 2012

Erika Goreski
Coordinator of Volunteer Resources
Rogers TV - Durham Region
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Subject: Letter of Support – Rogers TV Volunteers
- File: A-1000-001

On behalf of the City of Pickering and its Members of Council, I am pleased to acknowledge the dedicated volunteers at Rogers TV for the outstanding contributions they make to our city.

Rogers TV plays an integral role by reporting, events and stories that matter to our community. Without the support of its volunteers, Rogers TV would not be able to provide this valuable service. The work of these volunteers is an excellent example of community partnership and pride, and is a wonderful opportunity to showcase all that Durham Region has to offer.

Once again, on behalf of my colleagues on Council, I commend Rogers TV volunteers for their dedication and efforts. Through their continued support, we are creating a stronger and more vibrant community.

Yours truly

[Signature]

Dave Ryan
Mayor, City of Pickering
A Message from Mayor John Henry

On behalf of my colleagues on Council and the residents of Oshawa, it is my pleasure to acknowledge the tireless efforts of the many dedicated volunteers throughout Oshawa and the Durham Region, all of whom provide valuable assistance in bringing community television to our communities. With the increased quantity of sports mobiles and studio productions this year, volunteers had the opportunity of performing specialized duties such as director, switcher, producer and so much more. On behalf of the fans of our beloved OHL hockey franchise, I must applaud the dedicated production crew for the Oshawa Generals Hockey game coverage – outstanding!

For over four decades, across Ontario and Newfoundland, the volunteer spirit has been flourishing both behind and in front of the camera in an exciting and rewarding partnership with local TV positively contributing to the continued development of our community. Rogers TV has provided a window to the communities it serves for over 180+ talented and dedicated volunteers to experience the enormous value of community television, and especially the delivery of local alternatives to commercial broadcast television.

Individually and collectively the Rogers TV volunteers continue to make a vital contribution to Rogers TV’s award winning programming providing approximately 2500 volunteer hours. National Volunteer Week gives the community an opportunity to say thanks to each of the volunteers for their service to their communities across the Durham Region.

Yours truly,

John Henry
Mayor
March 19, 2012

To all the volunteers at Rogers TV Durham:

On behalf of Council and the Town of Ajax, I want to thank you for your efforts in keeping residents of Ajax and all of Durham Region informed on all the great things going on in our community.

More than 180 volunteers generously donate their time and energy to help Rogers TV share the Durham story through quality, local programming that also provides valuable, hand-on experience that will be beneficial in future for those entering a career in television.

So as we celebrate the 69th annual National Volunteer Week, I want to once again thank you for giving back to your community.

Yours truly,

Mayor Steve Parish
Town of Ajax
April 16, 2012

Ms. Erika Goreski  
Coordinator of Volunteer Resources  
Rogers TV – Durham Region  
301 Marwood Drive, Oshawa L1H 1J4

Dear Ms. Goreski:

On behalf of the residents of the Town of Whitby and the Members of Council, it gives me great pleasure to express my appreciation to the many dedicated volunteers from across the Region of Durham who work together with the team at Rogers TV.

Volunteers generously donate their time, skills and passion that allows Rogers TV to report and broadcast the events and news that personally affect our residents. Each volunteer has a unique set of abilities and a wealth of knowledge which assists them in achieving their personal goals while providing an irreplaceable benefit to the organization.

I am personally grateful for each of the Volunteers who make our community a richer and more exciting place to live, work, and play, and I wish them great success in all of their endeavours.

Sincerely,

Pat Perkins  
MAYOR
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