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A Note from the Executive Director

The Secretariat has now completed the first round of Regional conferences. Thank you to all who took part. It was a great opportunity to meet many of you and for organizations within a region to begin networking. As we continue moving forward in implementing recommendations we will keep you informed and will incorporate the suggestions you have provided to us. Continue providing us feedback and the great work you do in your communities.

National Volunteer Week April 19-25, 2009

In anticipation of National Volunteer Week 2009, Volunteer Canada is inviting individuals and organizations to submit photos and videos of their volunteers as part of [the campaign's new website](#).

National Volunteer Week was first proclaimed in 1943 as an initiative to draw the public's attention to the vital contribution of women to the war effort on the home front. In the late 1960s, the focus was revived and broadened to include all community volunteers. With the support of Investors Group, Volunteer Canada is proud to be leading the celebrations once again.

Disability Awareness Week

Disability Awareness Week (DAW) continues the tradition of National Access Awareness Week first established in 1988 to promote better community access for people with disabilities. The Week promotes awareness of issues related to persons with disabilities and runs from May 31st to June 6th. This year's slogan is "Disability Supports Create Self-Sufficiency".

The New Brunswick Disability Awareness Week organizing committee will be offering the possibility of special recognition awards that will be unique to New Brunswick. These awards will honor those who have made significant efforts to improve opportunities for persons with disabilities to participate more fully in meaningful and independent lives.

For more information, visit the Disability Awareness Week [website](#) or call **1-800-442-4412**.

RCMP Foundation

[Working to Support Canada's Youth at Risk](#) - The RCMP Foundation raises funds to develop local community programs in support of Canada's youth at risk in areas such as Community Policing, child safety, drug awareness, crime prevention, anti bullying literacy, internet safety and victim services. Projects are funded twice annually, spring and fall, contributing approximately \$250,000 annually. Deadlines for submissions are April and October. For more information and details on the funding process please visit the foundation [website](#).

Resources

Charity Village

- [Four effective steps to help take your proposals from "Trash It!" to "Fund It!"](#)
- [Right on the money: What board members should know about their financial responsibilities](#)

Atlantic Coordinating Committee on Crime Prevention and Community Safety - Navigating Change: 23rd Annual Atlantic Crime Prevention Conference. For more information please visit the [website](#).

Training Opportunities

Please watch for an upcoming survey being conducted by the Secretariat on training. In the next few weeks we will be sending you an email asking for your feedback.

"L'APPRENTISSAGE AVEC LES TIC; ÇA CLIQUE" APTICA (Association pour l'avancement des technologies de l'Information et de la communication en Atlantique) will be holding a conference on May 7 and 8, 2009, at the Faculty of Education, Université de Moncton. The conference is designed to promote the use of technologies in educational settings and is intended for all levels, i.e. elementary, high school, vocational, college, and university. You may register online by visiting our website: www.aptica.ca. For more information: info@aptica.ca or wilfrid@aptica.ca. (french only)

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Celebrate [National Volunteer Week](#)
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