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Programs and Services



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Canadian Volunteers United in Action (CANAVUA) Programs and Services

Canadian Volunteers United in Action (CANAVUA) delivers a variety of programs and services for community associations, non-profit organizations and individuals in the area of volunteerism. In our six years of existence, we have accomplished more activities through our programs and services, which have had benefit to the community and families.

Here are some of our programs and services:

Francophone Traffic Safety Program:

In collaboration with Alberta Transportation (through the Alberta Traffic Safety Fund), this project educates the community about road safety and prepares newcomers to pass the Class 7 Learners License Exam. Many newcomers face challenges in passing the written test for the learner's permit. Through the six-hour class given to participants, more than 200 participants were successful in their written test and were able to understand the impact of the road safety in Alberta.

Objective:

- Raise awareness of road safety in the Francophone community



Programme de Reconnaissance des Bénévoles (PREB) :

This is an ongoing program which helps volunteers gain experience in the non-profit sector and builds their resume for their future job quest. Volunteers can use their professional qualifications to help the organization improve in different areas needed. Volunteers also gain experience in the Canadian work environment, which will benefit them in the future. Every year in April, we hold a big event in the presence of provincial and municipal authorities to recognize the outstanding volunteers of the year.



Meals by Bus and Food Bank:

Meals by Bus and our food bank are food distribution programs for the needy. These are some of the most successful programs that we have: we distribute 3000 kg of food to 100 families each month. The second phase of this program is food distribution in the street for the homeless. 100 hot meals are distributed five times per month.

Target:

- Newcomers, low-income families and homeless



Outcome:

- 1200 families benefit from this program each year and 500 hot meals are distributed to the homeless every month.



- Prepare the community to pass the written driver's test for class 7
- Translate traffic resources in French

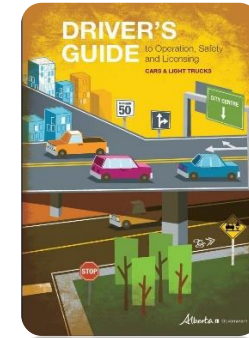
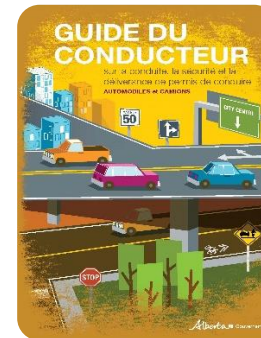
Target:

- The target for this program is the immigrant community who are of driving age in Alberta
- To date, 300 participants has benefited to this program
- This is an ongoing program designed to help prepare Francophone drivers for Alberta roads.



Outcome:

- 200 participants have been successful in their written test and have received their learner's permits
- 300 participants were informed about the dangers of impaired driving in order to keep Alberta's roads safe.



Health Navigator:

This is a volunteer transportation service to accompany pregnant women, seniors and low-income families to medical appointments.

Target:

- Pregnant women, seniors and low-income families

Outcome:

- 200 clients per year



Protocol Crew:

Volunteer service for protocol, cleaning and cooking tasks during events, seminars and meetings.

Target:

- All organizations

Outcome:

- More than 35 organizations per year



New Horizon Program:

This program promotes volunteerism between the elderly and the next generation. Through this program, seniors have the opportunity to express themselves by teaching the younger generation about the roots of the Francophone community. This program builds a bridge between the two generations and helps to prevent isolation in senior citizens.



Target:

- Primarily seniors and youth
- 50 participants
- This is an ongoing program

Outcome:

- TV programs with AltaTV where seniors and youth are interviewed
- Visit of historical sites with youth and seniors
- Workshops to raise awareness on the seniors' activities.

