

# TELUS thanks Greater Victoria volunteers.



Did you know that almost 48 per cent of Greater Victoria's population volunteers? At TELUS, we think that is something to celebrate! Our own Victoria-based TELUS team members and retirees reported volunteering over 16,000 hours in 2014, and have volunteered more than 138,000 hours since 2000. Today, during National Volunteer Week, we salute our TELUS volunteers as well as the thousands in Greater Victoria and on Vancouver Island who do good in their communities every day.

## Latest Grant Recipients

■ Artemis Place Society	\$ 7,000
■ Bipolar Disorder Society of BC	\$ 20,000
■ Chinook Racing Canoe Club	\$ 6,500
■ Crisis Intervention and Public Information Society of Greater Victoria	\$ 1,000
■ Edward Milne Community School Society	\$ 5,000
■ Green Teams of Canada	\$ 14,700
■ KidSport Greater Victoria	\$ 2,000
■ Oaklands Community Association	\$ 11,000
■ Open Space Arts Society	\$ 5,000
■ Pacific Opera Victoria Foundation	\$ 1,000
■ Scouts Victoria	\$ 30,000
■ The Navy League Sooke Branch	\$ 1,000
■ Threshold Housing Society	\$ 10,000
■ Victoria High School Alumni Association	\$ 1,000
■ Victoria Humane Society	\$ 1,000
■ Young Parents Support Network	\$ 10,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 126,200</b>

In 2014 the TELUS Victoria Community Board donated \$350,000 to 30 worthy causes in Greater Victoria. Since 2007, when it was launched, \$2.7 million has been donated to help 241 projects in our community.

## TELUS supports ORCCA Dental Clinic Society

Recently, when Chair Mel Cooper attended the Grand Opening of the ORCCA Dental Clinic in Sidney, he brought more than greetings – he brought financial support from the TELUS Victoria Community Board. The clinic provides children and youth from low-income families access to vital dental care, positively transforming their health.

"Without the TELUS Community Board's kick-off \$20,000 donation and the volunteer support of TELUS Community Ambassadors, we might never have turned our dream into a reality," says ORCCA Dental Society Board Chair Heather Burkett.

Mel was quick to add, "This is a success because of community involvement and Heather's active volunteer team!"



Mel Cooper, TELUS Community Board Chair, Dr. Mitra Hashemi, Orcca Volunteer Dentist and Heather Burkett, Board Chair, Orcca Dental Society

## The Courage to Come Back

Andrea Paquette speaks and acts from personal experience. Living with bipolar disorder and having formerly lived on the streets as a child, Andrea rehabilitated her life and has become a successful volunteer leader. The Founder and Executive Director of the Bipolar Disorder Society of BC, and widely known as "Bipolar Babe," she has spoken to thousands of school children, helping them better understand mental health issues. It's her passion and one of the key reasons she will be the recipient of a 2015 Courage to Come Back Award. The TELUS Victoria Community Board recently donated \$20,000 to help her organization continue their important work in mental health education.



Photo by Derek Ford photography provided by Bipolar Magazine

## Scouts historic building gets facelift from TELUS

Scouts Canada is the country's leading youth organization. For more than 100 years they've brought a world of adventure, outdoor experience and friendship to 17 million Canadian youth. There is a rich history here in Victoria too. The Marigold Scout House has been selected to receive a special grant of \$30,000 from the TELUS Victoria Community Board. And on Saturday, May 30th the Scout House will receive a refurbishment as part of the 2015 TELUS Days of Giving, held between May 16–June 14. This year marks the 10th anniversary of TELUS Days of Giving, when TELUS team members volunteer their time and effort in the communities where they live and work. The Scout House project was selected because of its commitment to youth and its connection to many TELUS team members in Victoria. Grace Seabrook, Development Officer for Scouts Victoria, has seen many of those team members go through the scouting program with their children.



An excited Scout in front of the 1921 Scout House.

"We are going to refurbish the old Scout house so that future generations of Scouts and other organizations in the community who use the building, can hold meetings and other programs without fear of the building coming apart around them," said TELUS Victoria Board Chair Mel Cooper.

## The Ultimate Volunteer – Bob Hope A TELUS Community Ambassador profile

Bob Hope is the President of the TELUS Community Ambassadors, where he gets to support a variety of charities. He attends nearly every community event where Ambassadors are involved!

Bob also devotes his time as Peninsula Football Club Secretary, with The Victoria Sports Hall of Fame, BC Summer Games, and with many other community organizations.

For his many years of volunteer leadership, he is recognized as the ultimate volunteer.



Bob Hope and 3 of our dedicated TELUS Ambassadors; Mary Pollon, Mary Knudsen and Karen Hilder, celebrate National Volunteer Week.

TELUS thanks our TELUS Community Board volunteers who dedicate their time and expertise to help find and grant worthwhile projects in Victoria. The TELUS Victoria Community Board includes Chair Mel Cooper, Vice-chair Ray Lawson, Phyllis Argue, Jane Butler McGregor, Malcolm Crow, Keith Dagg, Maria Dominelli, Maureen Duncan, Rick Leggett, Peter Mason, Marty Schubert, Cedric Steele and Howard Waldner. Welcome to our newest members, Marshall Berkin, Jill Howard and Cairine MacDonald.

We give where we live.

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