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To Volunteer BC Members and Supporters:

Volunteer BC Appoints New Board at Provincial Summit

Volunteer BC, the provincial association of volunteer centres, community organizations and individuals working together to promote excellence in volunteerism for British Columbia, is proud to announce the appointment of its 2004 - 2005 Board of Directors. These 11 individuals will play a pivotal role in building and sustaining the foundations of quality volunteerism in BC at a crucial time for the Province. With the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games set to come, the momentum and the need is here to create a volunteer legacy that starts before the games begin and lasts long after they are over.

The 2004 -2 005 Board of Directors are:

- **David Kimpton** - President
- **Carol Biely** - Past President
- **Jane Boulton** - Vice-President
- **Tim Beachy** - Secretary
- **Michael McCoy** - Treasurer
- **Dave Baspaly**
- **Justin Ho**
- **Rachel Holmes**
- **Gail Joyce**
- **Barbara MacLellan**
- **Elizabeth Specht**

The appointment of the new board took place at the association's Annual General Meeting, which was part of the Volunteer BC Provincial Summit, where representatives from voluntary sector organizations from across the province came together to rejuvenate, strategize and inform. The Provincial Summit was held on September 24 and 25, 2004 in Richmond.

Leaders from the voluntary sector were presented with the findings of the first ever National Survey of Non-profit and Voluntary Organizations (NSNVO) by *Dr. Vic Murray*, Adjunct Professor in the School of Public Administration, University of Victoria. Some of the ground-breaking findings were that the work of volunteers accounts for a quarter of the value of total labour services, equivalent to 1 million full-time jobs. The voluntary sector as a whole contributes over \$60 billion to Canada's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), more than any industry in Canada – including retail trade, mining, gold and gas extraction; or motor vehicle manufacturing. The non-profit sector accounts for 6.8% of the Canadian economy, 8.6% when you add in the replacement cost value of volunteers.

Complete findings can be accessed at: www.statcan.ca:8096/bsolc/english/bsolc?catno=61-533-SIE and at www.statcan.ca/english/freepub/13-015-XIE/13-015-XIE2004000.htm.

Mary MacKillop, the Director of Volunteer Resources at Providence Health Care and past President of the Canadian Administrators of Volunteer Resources (CAVR) made an impassioned speech on the opportunities that lie ahead for volunteerism in the years to come before and after the 2010 Olympics.

Richard Mulcaster, President and CEO of Vancouver Foundation (the province's largest community foundation), spoke of the potential long-term benefits of investing back into BC communities by establishing a permanent provincial foundation dedicated to supporting voluntary organizations and volunteerism. Whether the foundation be linked to Volunteer BC or a government funded foundation, similar to the Wild Rose Foundation in Alberta and Trillium Foundation in Ontario, the need is long overdue.

Conference participants were also informed of several online resources for the sector, including the expanded website of Volunteer BC (www.volunteerbc.bc.ca) as well as the BC & Yukon Technical Support Network (www.bcyk-tech.net). *Peter Royce*, Coordinator of the Vancouver Community Network

(www.vcn.bc.ca) described how the voluntary and information technology sectors can take advantage of this online support network so that voluntary organizations can connect with affordable IT assistance and expertise.

President's Bio:

David Kimpton is President of Volunteer BC and has been a board member since 2001. He was a child welfare social worker for 34 years and after taking an early retirement in 1988, he joined the board of Volunteer Richmond where he served as a director for 12 years (four as President). David is active in fundraising for the Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) where he also served as a board member, Camp Fircom Society, the Greater Vancouver Food Bank and the Gilmore Park United Church's Dream Auction to eliminate poverty in Richmond. David is serving his second term as President.

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