

Bonjour à tous,

Today is the International Volunteer Day, and, though your contributions are valued throughout the year, we would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks.

The Alliance Française de Calgary, as a non-profit organization, relies on the time, energy and enthusiasm of its volunteers. With your help this year, the Alliance has made enormous progress. In particular, we would like to thank you for your help with the following initiatives:

- The Renovation of the Media Library – including an enormous weeding out, a re-organization and book sale in early spring 2008, and, more recently, the integration of 700 new documents and the refurbishment of the gallery space.
- 30 successful events at the AFC and with our cultural partners – events included gallery openings, lectures, concerts, theatre, readings, and social events.
- Support in the administration of the AFC – including archiving and organization, updating data bases and research.

We appreciate your assistance and above all we value your presence at the Alliance Francaise of Calgary. We would like to thank you for your interest and to express how much your personalities add to the ambiance at the AFC. We hope that you will continue to visit, even if you no longer have the time to volunteer.

In exchange for your time, we are pleased to offer our volunteers a Student Membership to the AFC. Benefits include access to the Media Library and discounts on events. In addition, starting in January, 2009, for every hour of volunteering, you may accumulate one hour of instruction in one of our collective general French classes for yourself or for a friend.

We hope you will join us on Saturday, December 13th, at a Fête for students and volunteers of the AFC. We invite you to come with your friends or family, whom we'd be pleased to meet. Finally, as an expression of our thanks, we invite you to join us on February 19th for *l'Invisible* by Marie Brassard, a play in French at the Grand. (Please RSVP by January 31st.)

We look forward to seeing you in the New Year, either as volunteers or participants at the AFC.

Un grand merci et a bientôt donc!

The Alliance Francaise de Calgary