



Volunteers In Motion

THE FOOTHILLS ADVOCACY IN MOTION SOCIETY (AIM)

Volume 1

“It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do a little. Do what you can.”

Sydney Smith

HOW TO REACH US

If you have suggestions, articles, ideas, or comments, or you just want to talk to us, here is how you can reach us.

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WELCOME

Welcome to our first newsletter for volunteers. As this is the first issue, we are looking for your input, stories and ideas. Our purpose is to provide you with information and stories that are of interest and benefit to you. To let you know what's been happening and what is going to happen. If you have suggestions or comments, we want to hear them.

As you are already on our mailing list, you probably have some idea of who we are and what we do. Just in case though, this issue will provide you with some information about the history, programs and goals of the Foothills Advocacy in Motion Society.

We also hope to introduce you to each other and to the different roles a volunteer can have in our organization. So if you know someone that should be featured or if you would like to be featured, give us a call.

This newsletter is about volunteers, for volunteers and to show what a difference volunteers make.

WHOWE ARE

The Foothills Advocacy In Motion Society is a non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to the inclusion of persons with developmental disabilities in the Municipal District of Foothills.

Originally started in the late 1970's by a group of concerned parents and citizens, the Association was volunteer driven. Incorporated under the Societies Act on June 2, 1980 the society operated with one staff member and numerous volunteers. In 1989, as the demand for services and support grew, the Foothills Employment and Training Centre was opened. At that time there were 15 clients receiving vocational and employment support.

Several name changes later, the Society today supports over 50 clients and have recently moved into a new building.

If you want additional information about our history, visit our website at www.footaim.com.

**“From what we get, we make a living; what we give,
however, makes a life.”**

Arthur Ashe

DO VOLUNTEERS REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

If you have ever doubted that volunteering can make a difference, just take a look at the AIM building. This wonderful facility was made possible by the donations from the community, grant money and a lot of hard work. Volunteers gave over 700 hours of their time, effort and talents to make this dream a reality.

If you have not yet had a chance to see the new structure, drop by and take a look. We are located at 129 - 9 Ave SE in High River. You can also take a virtual tour on the website at www.footaim.com

WHY YOU SHOULD VOLUNTEER

- V Because our **Values** are the same
- O Because **One** person can make a difference
- L Because you can help someone to **Learn**
- U Because you can **Utilize** skills you already have
- N Because we **Need** you
- T Because you can **Teach** others
- E Because you'll **Enjoy** it
- E Because you'll help **Empower** others
- R Because you **Really** care

UPCOMING EVENTS

Volunteers are needed to help with the following events.

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| May 28, 2004 | Golf Tournament |
| July 1, 2004 | Fun Run |
| July , 2004 | Casino |
| Sept 19, 2004 | Motorcycle Rally |

We also have opportunities for volunteers to work with clients. These involve only a couple of hours a week. Training and support are provided.

If you would like to be involved, please let us know by calling Kerri at 710-9659 or emailing kerri@footaim.com

OUR WEBSITE

If you have not visited our website in the last few months, I would strongly recommend that you do. James Hill, our web co-ordinator has done some pretty amazing things with it. This site is a wealth of information about AIM, the people involved with the Society and the programs and opportunities we offer. You can find us at www.footaim.com .

***“Never doubt that a
small group of
thoughtful citizens can
change the world.
Indeed, it is the only
thing that ever has.”***

Margaret Meade

OTHER WEBSITES

If you are interested in other volunteers websites, here are a few I have found to be useful.

www.charityvillage.com
www.volunteerpower.com
www.volunteertoday.com
www.volunteercalgary.com

***Well that's it for this edition,
please share your thoughts
and ideas and we'll have more
information for you in March***