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HUNTINGTON IN THE KNOW

Volunteer Week 2013

Help celebrate Volunteer Week in Canada. April 21-27 is all about recognizing our hard-working volunteers that make a difference in the Huntington Society of Canada, across the country. We would not be where we are today without the incredible help of our dedicated volunteers. Thank a volunteer today.



IN THE NEWS!

Volunteer Highlighted by Victoria BC's Times Colonist
Kumiko Forsythe, of Victoria BC, visited Frank, a man with Huntington disease, everyday for 10 years. Check out her story [here](#).

Amaryllis Season Kicks Off!
You can inspire hope for families living with HD by taking part in HSC's Amaryllis fundraiser this year! Find out how to get involved [here](#).

Father Spirit
An unblinking look into the story of a son's hopeful effort to connect with his terminally ill father on one last epic journey. Watch the teaser [here](#).

Happy 1st Anniversary HDYO

HDYO The Huntington Disease Youth Organization is an international non-profit voluntary organization set up to specifically provide support for young people around the world impacted by Huntington disease. It is run entirely by and for young people. [Click here](#).

HDSA Celebrates the 20-Year-Mark of discovering the HD Gene

This April marks 20 years since the discovery of the HD gene. Discovering the gene was a massive leap forward, however, it was really only the start of the process. Research had to be done to find out about the protein that the Huntington gene produces, what the protein does, and what goes wrong when the gene has the HD mutation. The Huntington Disease Society of America is celebrating this anniversary by hosting a symposium. For more information, click [here](#).



Huntington's disease research news. In plain language. Written by scientists. For the global HD community.
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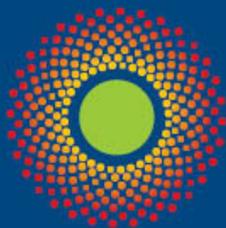
World Congress on Huntington Disease

The World Congress on Huntington Disease is taking place at the Sheraton Rio Hotel & Resort in Rio de Janeiro, on the coast of Brasil. This conference takes place on September 15-18, 2013.



Enroll!

Updates from the Enroll-HD global community



The February 2013 Newsletter from Enroll-HD is a great resource to learn all about Enroll-HD and what it can do for you. [Learn more here.](#)

Check out the Event Section of our Website

Contact us at info@huntingtonsociety.ca. Visit our website regularly to view upcoming events near you!



YOUR GIFT WILL BE DOUBLED!

DEADLINE: MAY 31ST

An anonymous donor will match all mail and online donations to the Spring Challenge before May 31st. **Help us get to \$100,000!**

Celebrating 40 years!



Huntington Society of Canada's 40th Anniversary Campaign: Grassroots to Mountaintops. Building a new chapter in our history starts now. [To learn more click here.](#)

"We achieve amazing things given our small infrastructure. Our blessing is the wonderful volunteers that support us at all levels of the Society and from all areas of Canada. We could never achieve what we do without the amazing commitment of the many volunteers that help us be the best that we can be. Daily we are grateful for the wonderful volunteers that choose to make a difference with us."

**Bev Heim-Myers, CEO & Executive Director
Huntington Society of Canada**

"Our volunteers come from our families, their friends and their communities. It is their passion that keeps us focused. We are so grateful for their commitment, their energy and enthusiasm."

**Anne Brace, Chair of the Board of Directors
Huntington Society of Canada**

"HSC's volunteers are the heart and soul of this organization. It is our volunteer core that makes real differences in the lives of individuals and families affected by Huntington disease. Actively raising awareness in their communities, advocating for the rights of those affected by HD, and raising funds that contribute to groundbreaking research triumphs, are just some of the inspiration that our volunteers provide us to continue our march toward a world free from HD."

**Devin Bonner
National Chapter Development Manager
Huntington Society of Canada**



National Volunteer Week

April 21-27, 2013

"Volunteers are involved in a range of important activities from raising funds so we can provide Social Work supports, to Chapters and Support Groups, to helping out their friends and neighbours. Volunteers are the backbone of HSC, their efforts and commitment are felt in all we do."

**Maribeth Meijer
Director Family Services &
Chapter Development
Huntington Society of Canada**

"HSC was started by volunteers. Even after 40 years they still play a huge role in the growth and success of the Huntington Society of Canada. We could not function without their valuable input."

**Ariel Walker, Co-Founder
Huntington Society of Canada**

"I have been volunteering for over 20 years for many different organizations. I strongly believe in giving back; especially in my local community. Most recently I have been volunteering at HSC. It is great to be able to put my skills and experience to use in the office. Working together as part of a team behind the scene, I feel a great sense of accomplishment in seeing and knowing that the tasks I accomplish will have a positive larger ripple effect on individuals and families who are affected by HD."

**Dorothy Rehberg, Volunteer
Huntington Society of Canada**

The Huntington Society of Canada would like to thank each and every one of our volunteers across the country. We deeply appreciate your hard work & dedication. [Thank you!](#)

If you have a volunteer story you would like to share, email us at news@huntingtonsociety.ca or share it on facebook www.facebook.com/huntingtonSC.