

have stepped up to help others and also recognition of those who have stepped back from volunteering to protect themselves and others. This annual special section honours the value of volunteers. Join this community-wide thank you and let volunteers know their efforts are appreciated.













National Volunteer Week 2 21 April 18-24, 2021



The value and power of volunteers celebrated

The National Volunteer Week theme for 2021, "The value of one, the power of many" reflects on the abundant acts of kindness by millions of individuals and the positive results when we work together towards a common purpose.

According to Volunteer Canada, during the past year, people have been supporting family, friends, neighbours, and strangers, people standing up to systemic racism, and people sharing insights on how to create a more just and equi-

The organizers of National Volunteer Week, April 18 to 24, recognize the value of the caring and compassion that each one has shown another, and the power of people, organizations, and sectors working together.

"The power of people working together can bring about monumental changes. We have

seen people work together on legislative changes related to impaired driving, same sex marriage, and assisted dying," states the organizing body.

The theme is a nod to Volunteer Canada's past, a reflection of its present, and a wink to the future. "The value of one, the power of many" was the theme for National Volunteer Week in 2001. The International Year of Volunteers. It reflects the individual and collective efforts, being seen during the pandemic, and it sets the tone for re-imagining the next 20 years as the value of one act and the power of many enables us to thrive together, according to Volunteer Canada's promotion of the week.

As part of the celebration of volunteers, organizers are inviting submissions related to the theme. Here are some examples....

"The value of one person calling another to check in. The power of many people working to prevent social isolation."

"The value of one person volunteering at a food

The power of many people volunteering on a Food Security Advisory Committee."

"The value of one person standing up to transpho-

The power of many people calling for the protection of gender diversity."

Send your theme-related couplet to info@ volunteer.ca.





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