

# **CANADIAN CODE FOR VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT**

## **Values for Volunteer Involvement**

**Volunteer involvement is vital to a just and democratic society.**

It fosters civic responsibility, participation and interaction.

**Volunteer involvement strengthens communities.**

It promotes change and development by identifying and responding to community needs.

**Volunteer involvement mutually benefits both the volunteer and the organization.**

It increases the capacity of organizations to accomplish their goals, and provides volunteers with opportunities to develop and contribute.

**Volunteer involvement is based on relationships.**

Volunteers are expected to act with integrity and be respectful and responsive to others with whom they interact.

## **Guidelines Principles for Volunteer Involvement**

**Voluntary organizations recognize that volunteers are a vital human resource and will commit to the appropriate infrastructure to support volunteers.**

The organization's practices ensure effective volunteer involvement.

The organization commits to providing a safe and supportive environment for volunteers.

**Volunteers make a commitment and are accountable to the organization.**

Volunteers will act with respect for beneficiaries and community.

Volunteers will act responsibly and with integrity.