



Unit C - 450 Eighth Street  
Courtenay, BC  
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## Position Details

We are looking for two new Board members. Meetings are held monthly. A interest In children's literacy is essential, but no previous experience is necessary. Board members are responsible for organizational matters, budget management and ensuring 1000x5 stays true to its mission. 1000x5 is a recycling program in which gently used books are prepared for distribution to identified pre-schoolers in the Comox Valley. Books suitable for 0-5 years are collected in schools and pre-schools from Miracle Beach to Hornby Island, and brought to a dedicated room at Courtenay Elementary School, where volunteers, sort, clean, level and package books. Attractive packages of 3 books are distributed to social agencies, which have identified vulnerable children and families in need of literacy support. The program is based on research that has established that pre-schoolers who have been exposed to 1000 books by the time they are 5 have enhanced chances for success at school. The program also supports the value of each child having his/her own personal library.

<b>Job Title:</b>	Board member
<b>Criminal Background Check Required:</b>	No
<b>Organization Name:</b>	1000x5
<b>Organization Address:</b>	4646 Clough Road
<b>Event Date ( If Applicable):</b>	0000-00-00
<b>Contact Name:</b>	Christine Dickinson
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Volunteers: Please take this form to the volunteer coordinator listed above. Member Organizations: If any information is incorrect on this form, please let us know as soon as possible by contacting 250-334-8063.

## Tips and tricks for a new volunteer

- 1. Choose Wisely/Research and Do Your Homework:** There may be a specific aspect of animal welfare that is very important to you. Are you passionate about spay/neuter? Homelessness? Animal therapy? Pet nutrition? Take the time to seek out an organization whose mission speaks to you.
- 2. Ask For/Offer Referrals:** Let people know that you are looking to volunteer, and what your interests are. Your own community is an ideal place to reach out when looking to be connected to a group that means something to you. Once you find something you love—spreading the word is a great way to further the cause.
- 3. Don't Overcommit:** As eager as you are to make a difference, you don't want volunteer projects to rule your schedule. Make sure you balance your time carefully so that your professional life or family time doesn't take a critical hit.
- 4. Have Fun:** Helping others is its own reward, but it shouldn't feel like a chore. Even the most mundane task can be fun if you manage it with a sense of humor and excitement for making a difference.
- 5. Consider Your Skills:** Ask yourself what you have to offer: What skills do you have and how can they translate to helping your animal welfare agency? If you're a good photographer, maybe you can take pictures of the animals up for adoption.
- 6. Learn Something New:** Yes, you've got something to offer, but what else can you get out of this experience besides the joy of giving back? Trying things that may be out of your comfort zone forces you to learn and adjust—a skill all of us can benefit from.
- 7. Combine Your Goals:** Look for volunteer opportunities that will help you achieve personal goals in addition to the goal to do good. Maybe you want to shed a few pounds? Find a shelter that needs a dog walker.
- 8. Pull In The Same Direction:** While you may have your own ideas on how things should be done, remember why you are volunteering—everyone is there with the same good intentions.
- 9. Involve Your Friends and Family:** When a family volunteers together, it's a win-win for everyone. The experience can bring everyone closer together, teach young children the value of giving, introduce skills and experiences never before encountered, and create special memories.

**10. Be Yourself:** Bring your heart, your sense of humor, and your enthusiastic spirit to your volunteer service.