



## Parkland Valley Sport, Culture and Recreation District Celebrating Volunteers Initiative

**Purpose:** To assist communities and organizations in thanking and recognizing volunteers in the areas of sport, culture, and recreation in the Parkland Valley.

**Target Group:** Sport, culture, and recreation sector volunteers of all ages who reside within the Parkland Valley District boundaries.

Parkland Valley Sport, Culture and Recreation District knows how essential and important volunteers are to the everyday success of non-profits, organizations, and events. Volunteers devote their time, skills, and energy into activities, serve as board members and deliver critical services to their local communities.

Parkland Valley District's Celebrating Volunteers Initiative looks to assist communities and organizations with celebrating their volunteers during National Volunteer Week (April 27 – May 3, 2025). This year's theme, Volunteers Make Waves, highlights that just like waves, each volunteer's contributions creates ripples of positive change in our communities. Each individual volunteer contribution, big or small, creates momentum and has the power to influence and inspire, joining a wave of positive change. Ensuring you recognize your volunteers is a big key in retaining your organizations volunteers for years to come. This is where Parkland Valley District wants to help!

Parkland Valley District will provide interested organizations with the following items to assist with volunteer recognition and retention:

- Customized volunteer certificates to be handed out to your organization's volunteers.
- Token of appreciation to your organization's volunteers.

Interested organizations and groups need to complete the following:

- Fill out the Celebrating Volunteers Initiative Request Form and request the number of certificates and tokens of appreciation required by your organization.
- Plan a small National Volunteer Week event to recognize your volunteers during National Volunteer Week (April 27-May 3, 2025) and present your volunteers with the customized volunteer certificate and token of appreciation.

### **Guidelines**

1. Complete and submit the online Google Request Form by: Friday, February 28, 2025.
2. Organizations and communities can request up to 10 specially designed Celebrating Volunteers Certificates along with token of appreciation for each volunteer they want to recognize.
3. Applicants must be sport, culture and recreation related and located within the Parkland Valley District Boundaries.
4. Parkland Valley District will mail each applicant the certificates and token of appreciation.

If you have any questions about the Celebrating Volunteers Initiative, please contact Darla Batke, Community Consultant, at [dbatke@parklandvalley.ca](mailto:dbatke@parklandvalley.ca) or (306) 786-6585.