

New Brand Sparks New More Interactive Website

Following the launch of our new Pioneers brand earlier this year, Pioneers Headquarters began developing the technology to help make learning about our mission, joining Pioneers, and finding volunteer opportunities more dynamic and inspiring. Our new Pioneers website, www.pioneersvolunteer.org, was launched this summer.

The new website better supports the organization's mission. It features an enhanced ability to search for local volunteer opportunities through the Pioneers Alliance Linkage System (PALS).

Pioneers Essentials, our new online store, offers Pioneers branded merchandise like T-shirts and caps, as well as materials to support your Pioneers projects and membership recruitment.

Our new site has been designed to be functional, intuitive and easy-to-use. In our Member Center, Pioneers unit leaders will find the tools and resources they need to conduct Pioneers business easily and efficiently. Members can access their member benefits, read the PioneersPress online, and easily search P4, the Pioneers Projects and Programs Periodical, to find innovative ideas. Non-Member visitors can discover who we are and learn about what we do. Anyone who visits can make a secure donation online to support our work.

The launch of our new site using our new 'spark' brand, provides enhanced tools and opportunities for current members and improves our ability to recruit new Pioneers to help us carry on our legacy.

Visit www.pioneersvolunteer.org today!

calendar

Sept. 8	International Literacy Day
Sept. 11	9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance
Oct. 15	Application Deadline for Pioneers Awards and Grants
Oct. 19-25	Kids Care Week
Oct. 25	Make a Difference Day
Nov. 1-7	Pioneers Week

For upcoming chapter events please visit www.bellaliantpioneers.com or go to the international website at www.pioneersvolunteer.org and visit the Member Center to find out about all the exciting Pioneering projects and activities going on in your local area and across the United States and Canada.

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letter from the chairman

Dear Fellow Pioneer,

Our new brand is an important part of attracting future Pioneers to carry forward our important legacy. At the heart of our new 'spark' logo is the Pioneers triangle. It signifies that while our look has evolved and changed, the traditional values on which we were founded are at the core of everything we do.

We remain an organization rooted in legacy, focused on future growth, united in our reason for being, making a real difference through our grassroots volunteerism. And stories of Pioneers exemplifying these values and commitment abound.

- A soldier overseas receives a care package lovingly prepared by a Pioneer. That soldier is reminded in a time when it means the most, that he is not forgotten by those who miss and appreciate him at home.
- A family devastated by natural disaster is given the essentials needed to recover by their local Pioneers chapter.
- A young child struggles to build the skills she needs to succeed. A Pioneer reaches out to tutor her and ensure her future success.

Thank you long-standing and new Pioneers for your dedication to building the Pioneers' legacy through your commitment of time and talents. Your volunteer efforts and participation in the Pioneers organization truly change the world.

As a Pioneer you play a part in creating positive change in a time in history when it is needed the most. Because of your compassion and hard work we will continue to take on new challenges and positively impact the growing needs of our hometowns.

I thank and honour you for all you have done and all you will do for others in the name of Pioneering.

Sincerely,



David Nichols
Chairman, Pioneers



membership matters

Benefits Because You Make a Difference!

As a Pioneer, you work hard to improve the lives of those in your community and the world. You are quick to respond when there is a call for help and always spread a message of hope and optimism. By recognizing that what you do does make a difference, we have carefully chosen select benefit partners that provide the best discounts and value to our members.

Member Benefits include:

Travel and Entertainment

- Discounted tickets for Disneyland, 800-872-5995 and Universal Studios, www.universalfanclub.com/orlando/memberbenefits/memberbenefits.htm
- Preferred rates at Hertz Car Rental, www.hertz.com, Pioneer code CDP#1082878
- Savings at Choice Hotels, 800-258-2847, Pioneers Special Rate Identification #00803230 and Wyndham Hotel Group, 877-670-7088, Discount ID number 1000005938

Retail

- Discounts on Dell Computers, 866-922-4922, EPP # 3056291

Health & Fitness

- Pioneers pricing on Jenny Craig Programs, 800-597-JENNY, coupon at www.pioneersvolunteer.org

Insurance

- No obligation quote on your home and auto insurance from Johnson's Insurance, 800-563-0677

For more information on these and other available member benefits, visit the Member Benefits Center at www.pioneersvolunteer.org.

fundraising update

Invest in the Future of Pioneering

Your support makes it possible for us to continue our good work. When you donate to the Pioneers, you support the work of our more than 620,000 volunteers who share their time to make our world a better place.

We promise that your hard-earned dollars will be put to work changing the lives of others. In fact, when you support fundraising campaigns like our annual Pioneers Calendar, 70% of the net proceeds are distributed back to our Pioneers chapters.

There are lots of ways to support the Pioneers! Become a part of our President's Circle by making a gift of \$100 or more. President's Circle donors show their commitment to the future of Pioneering through their exceptional generosity. Pioneers President, Marty Lee, recognizes Circle supporters with specialized communications throughout the year.

Pioneer Champions, our automatic giving program provides Pioneers, their friends and family, and the public with an opportunity to support and sustain their local Pioneers by making regular monthly or quarterly gifts. Recurring donations are made automatically by credit card or electronic funds transfer (EFT) from a bank account.

The Pioneers' Special Occasion Giving program enables you to make a financial contribution even more meaningful through commemorative and memorial gifts.

Our newly designed website --- www.pioneersvolunteer.org --- provides a safe, secure way to support the Pioneers anytime. Your gift truly helps us grow. The stronger we become, the stronger the communities we serve will be!



Pioneering Opportunities for Future Growth

A study of existing and prospective Pioneers led by an independent research firm found that Pioneers today are particularly interested in "one-shot deals" for volunteering. Their ideal volunteer project would take place on the weekend and allow family members and friends to participate, too. Helping others and feeling like they are part of a community is important to today's volunteers as well.

Pioneers Headquarters listened to what members and prospective members had to say and a series of pilot projects that meet these criteria will be launched in the fourth quarter of 2009 to help us grow our ranks.

Participating chapters will spark change in their communities through programs that provide books for children in need, support soldiers and their families, and promote community clean-ups and environmental awareness. Not all projects are new, but the way they're being implemented will help ensure that loyal volunteers are engaged, new members are recruited, and the corporate social responsibility objectives of our sponsor companies are met.

Our goal is organizational growth! Visit www.pioneersvolunteer.org for updates and more information on pilot projects.

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Pioneers news and benefits? Simply
register your email address at our website
at www.pioneersvolunteer.org

pioneers leadership insight

Dear Bell Aliant Pioneer,

As you read this newsletter, you will see how the new Pioneers brand is being implemented throughout our organization. Our Pioneer values remain the same as we stay rooted in our heritage, we stay focused on fellowship and community service, and we continue to grow and strengthen our organization for our members and families, our sponsor companies and our community partners.

We have a diverse membership and being active means different things to different people. Thousands of Canadian Pioneers volunteer with partners and families on Pioneer projects, thousands contribute by supporting Pioneer fundraising projects and activities, and thousands volunteer with other organizations. Collectively Canadian Pioneers contribute over 250,000 volunteer hours to communities and fundraise over \$500,000 annually! Our communities are much better because of the significant work you do. THANK YOU!

I hope you have enjoyed your summer and thanks for being a Pioneer!

Yours in Pioneering,



J. Michael Sears
President, Pioneers of Canada & Proud Pioneers Member

Thank you from the Canadian Board of Directors

The Canadian Board of Directors, comprised of volunteers from most provinces in Canada, would like to extend a sincere thank you to the close to 20,000 Canadian members. We recognize you all lead busy lives and we appreciate the significant contributions you make to Canadian communities throughout the year.

As mentioned in our President's column, Canadian Pioneers volunteer over 250,000 hours annually to communities in over 200 projects. These projects range from Heart Pillow creation, filling Backpacks for Kids in need, to visiting seniors, reading on line books in the Pioneers Power Up To Read program and refurbishing computers. Other members, who may not be able to volunteer, participate in our fundraisers which entirely fund our great projects.

Whatever you do, thank you for making a tangible change in our local communities. If you would like to search for volunteer opportunities in your area, visit www.pioneersvolunteer.org and click on the Volunteer tab. We would also like to encourage you to report your volunteer hours monthly to your local Pioneer leader so we can continue to show value to our members, our sponsor companies and to our communities.

How We Spark Change!

Pioneers is a network of volunteers who effect immediate, tangible change in local communities, in partnership with their sponsors.