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CARIBBEAN DAYS FESTIVAL ASKS: WHO WANTS TO HAVE AN AFFAIR? Volunteers create lasting relationships at annual festival.

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, Canada – On May 26, Caribbean Days Festival organizers are holding a first ever Volunteer Affair. Hosted by the Trinidad and Tobago Cultural Society of BC at the Sapperton Pensioners Hall in New Westminster, from 7-9pm, the community will have the opportunity to find out more about CDF and how they can develop a volunteer relationship with one of the largest festivals in the lower mainland.

“Volunteerism is being encouraged for 2010 and we’re hoping the community wants to start volunteering in the cultural sector now”, says Rachel Ramsaroop, Volunteer Coordinator for CDF 2008, “there are valuable volunteer opportunities with community events like CDF and they’re great training grounds for ‘Olympic’ positions”. Rachel notes that all ages are welcome with a special call to youth and young adults, “I began volunteering in the Youth tent and the experience and references I gained as a youth from senior volunteers has been invaluable in my personal and professional life, I guess my ‘volunteer affair’ hasn’t ended!”

This long-term affair with the Caribbean Days Festival is not a unique experience. Ron Rogers has been a volunteer from the inception of CDF 21 years ago. “It has grown so much, from just a family picnic, to a cultural mainstay in attended by all ages,” says Ron, “opportunity for growth as a volunteer and to learn about Caribbean culture and community has grown as well. Relationships are formed - there are some people who volunteer year after year just to reunite with the friends they made the year before”.

The Caribbean Days Festival Volunteer Affair will allow potential volunteers to talk with representatives from several areas of involvement. With free refreshments available attendees can find out first-hand about how they can be involved with or take a leadership role in security, hospitality, arts and crafts, children’s entertainment, infrastructure, set-up and take down. For more information you can contact Rachel Ramsaroop at (604) 716-0842 or visit www.caribbeandays.ca/volunteer.

The Trinidad & Tobago Cultural Society of BC was established in 1990. Since its inception the TTCS of BC has provided opportunities for youth development, seniors programs, cultural activities, diversity awareness programs and support for charitable causes. The Caribbean Days Festival was created to fulfill the aims to raise awareness of BC’s multicultural community while cooperating with similar organizations. Now in its 21st year, this free event hosts a diverse crowd of 63, 000 over 2 days providing live music and dance performances, arts & crafts, food and a growing parade. It will be held this year on July 26 and 27. For more information visit www.caribbeandays.ca.