



Community Experience
Initiative
d'Expérience Communautaire

**DID YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF
THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR CHANGE –
Through the internship experience?**

Ravi Bhaskar - Ivey, MBA:

Yes. I always admired the Non Profit Sector. But with this summer experience I can't help but wonder what would happen to this world if not for the Non Profit Sector.

→ **Ravi has started a Sustainability Club at his business school!**

Everton Lewis - Ivey, MBA:

Yes, my understanding of the voluntary sector changed during my internship. If volunteer service agencies were removed from the infrastructure of Canada this would fundamentally change our society. The potential effect of the projected upcoming shortage of volunteers and leadership in the volunteer sector became clear after speaking with the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) representative at the strategy session. The government has identified the threat to our current society and committed resources through the HRDC to ensure this sector is protected and continues to provide services that help Canadians live.

Laurie Asuncion - De Groote, Bcomm:

Yes, definitely. I think the questions on the evaluations, really help me reflect on the importance of non-profit organizations and need for business leaders today, who can make a world difference than making profit through just products.

→ **Laurie is starting a Social Responsibility Club at her business school!**

Elana Ludman - McGill, Bcomm:

My perceptions of the voluntary sector definitely changed. I didn't realize how hard it is to find money, and more importantly how many organizations struggle to offer essential services because they lack money. I didn't know how hard it is to get money and convince people of your cause that don't know you. Before the internship, I didn't realize that many organizations could greatly benefit from business skills, especially strategy skills. I also didn't realize how vast the voluntary sector is; through the internship I have come in contact with so many different organizations – I didn't realize that there is a different organization for everything. Through the internship, I realized the importance of the voluntary sector to so many people in our society; so many people depend on these organizations and I now have a greater understanding of the importance and the work available in the social economy.

→ **Elana has stayed on part time with Le Santropol Roulant during her studies.**

Susan Harnarine – Rotman, MBA:

I appreciate the complexities of the issues confronting non-profits and voluntary agencies more clearly. There are several underlying causes-including inadequate support and resources for these organizations which hinder their ability to reach all goals and be as effective as possible.