



SCAW CONNECTIONS

A Newsletter for Volunteers

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REMINDERS

NOV. 7 - SLEEP DAY (WEAR YOUR PJs TO WORK)

BEDKITS MAKE WONDERFUL HOLIDAY GIFTS—ORDER EARLY!

ENSURE YOUR VOLUNTEER PROFILE IS UP-TO-DATE. LOG IN <https://scaw.thankyou4caring.org/login>. Click on "Update Volunteer Personal Information".

CHECK YOUR SPAM BOXES FREQUENTLY FOR SCAW NOTICES.

NEED A BEDKIT FOR PRESENTATIONS ...WE HAVE SOME FOR PERMANENT LOAN. CALL THE OFFICE.

CHECK THE SCAW WEBSITE FOR MORE WAYS TO BECOME INVOLVED... OPPORTUNITIES ARE POSTED. www.scaw.org

OCT. 5 - EMAJJIN CHILDREN'S GALA- Contact kscott99@gmail.com

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD (Dave Dryden)

We feel good when we talk about Sleeping Children. Our message is positive, it's joyful and it needs to be heard. That's the purpose behind "CONNECTIONS" ...to keep you updated, warm-at-heart and energized. Let's make CONNECTIONS a two-way conversation. Give us your feedback and thoughts. We now have a group focusing on SCAW volunteers. Our aim is to be the best volunteer organization in Canada. Let's all join together and make the SCAW circle bigger and stronger.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT KAREN SCOTT

"SCAW has changed my life and changed me as a person."

Karen's journey with SCAW began in 2003 when her father received a picture of a Sri Lankan child who had received a bedkit as a memorial to Karen's deceased mother. Overcome with emotion, and strongly encouraged by her father, Karen investigated SCAW and immediately felt a strong connection. She was completely overwhelmed by her first distribution trip to Pune, India in 2013 where she personally delivered a bedkit in memory of her now deceased father. She has since been to Togo and Sri Lanka and will be part of the Kenya team in 2017. Karen finds that each distribution is more special than the last and she now finds that



"ordinary" travel experiences seem "empty" to her. This year, Karen presented SCAW to the Emajjin Children's Foundation, an organization dedicated to helping disadvantaged children reach their potential. Emajjin chooses one charity each year to highlight for awareness and financial assistance. Because of Karen's passion and efforts, SCAW will be the featured charity at a gala on October 5th. When asked what she believes sets SCAW apart from other similar charities, Karen answered, "It's the people. They are all so passionate about the same mission."

TRAVELLING VOLUNTEER UPDATE (Beth Poad & Lois Wey)

With the aid of our amazing new program, Raiser's Edge, we have been able to determine past and current distributions for over 600 travelling volunteers. A chronologically ordered list has been generated to ensure that travelling volunteers who wish to travel again are placed on lists according to their most recent distribution, as well as countries preferred and months of availability. Several Team Leaders have agreed to take an additional person on a team, bringing many teams to a total of 7 members. This, of course, is dependent on transportation and accommodation in the host country.

As a result, we have been able to offer the opportunity to travel with a SCAW team to a large number of people, some of whom have been waiting for several years. With this in mind, we are nearly finished staffing the teams for 2017. Teams generally consist of 1 Team Leader, 4 experienced team members and 2 new team members. We are pleased that over 90 volunteers will participate in 2017.

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