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VY Press Release

“Yukon competes for top spot in volunteerism”

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According a recent Statistics Canada survey, Yukon has the nation’s second highest volunteerism rate, at 58%, one percentage point behind Saskatchewan. Prince Edward Island is in third place, at 56%.

Yukon’s volunteerism rate increased by 6% between 2004 and 2007.

The primary reason Canadians volunteer is to make a contribution to their community. Other popular motivations include the desire to make use of personal skills and experiences and having been personally affected by the cause that an organization supports.

Almost 12.5 million Canadians volunteered for charitable and nonprofit organizations in 2007. Collectively, these volunteers contributed just over 2.1 billion volunteer hours, equivalent to almost 1.1 million full-time jobs.

*The estimated economic value of volunteer activity in the Yukon, in 2007, is **\$25, 849, 417**.

For more information about the survey, please contact Volunteer Yukon at (867)456-4304, or drop by the office at 305 Wood St., in Whitehorse.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Caring Canadians, Involved Canadians: Highlights from the 2007 Canada Survey of Giving, Volunteering and Participating*, Catalogue no. 71-542-XIE2, 2009.

*Territorial figure is an estimate only, extrapolated from statistics featured in the report. Stats Canada was contacted to provide an exact figure, but there has been no response. If you wish to see how this amount was calculated, please contact Angela Street at 456-4304.

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