

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
Monday, April 19th 2010
Ms. Martha Hall Findlay (Willowdale, Lib.):

Mr. Speaker,

This week is Canada's National Volunteer Week and I wish to underline the importance of volunteers to our country.

The work of volunteers often goes unnoticed, but some of our most valued institutions run on volunteer work. Thousands of volunteers work every weekend without pay to ensure that things like hockey and soccer happen for our kids. Without volunteers, many children simply would not have access to community sports and activities.

Consider the Olympic Games: while our athletes proudly represented us in competition and in the media, it was the thousands of volunteers working behind the scenes who made this major sporting event possible. The Olympic Games could not have happened without them.

Volunteers work in more than just sports. They work in hospitals from coast to coast to coast, in schools, in political parties and in grassroots clubs. This week gives us an opportunity to highlight the invaluable contributions these people make to their communities.

Volunteers make our communities