



The 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games have come and gone, but the effects on the province, and the whole country, will remain forever. Several Team BC Mission Staff alumni jumped at the opportunity to be involved in the Games in various capacities, including Brenda Chinn and Michelle Collens.

Brenda, a veteran Team BC mission staffer since 2003, used her experience as the Manager of Operations for Canadian Sport Centre Pacific in Vancouver, to work as a national organizing committee assistant. Assigned to work with both the Canadian Olympic Committee and the Canadian Paralympic Committees at the athletes' village in Vancouver, she had to go through over 30 hours of training. She says it was a great experience, with many highlights, including the day Sydney Crosby offered to help her carry some boxes! Brenda also had the honour of carrying the Olympic Torch.

Michelle says she was very fortunate to have the opportunity to experience the behind-the-scenes working of the Games, which gave her a new appreciation for the Olympic movement and the power of sport. She had a key role working in athlete relations for short track speed skating, so also got to witness the politics of sport. As manager of sport tourism for 2010 Legacies Now for the past 2 ½ years she was also involved in organizing BC's sport tourism media showcase and in providing a sport concierge service to international teams, connecting teams with BC communities for pre-Games training. Michelle has been on Team BC mission staff since 2007, though she also experienced the Canada Games as an athlete in 1997 in Brandon when she was a member of the Team BC's silver medal volleyball team.

The 2011 Team BC Mission Staff for the Canada Winter Games in Halifax and the Western Canada Summer Games in Kamloops are being finalized and will be announced in the coming weeks.