

Intergenerational Connections

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SOCIAL VISITING AT KENSINGTON GARDENS

A Grade 9 SES English Class at Heydon Park Secondary School has been involved with a Reading Club at Kensington Gardens Long-Term Care Facility where Kensington Gardens residents "mentor students from Heydon Park with their literacy skills".

Erin Wilson, Supervisor of Life Enhancement at Kensington Gardens says, "the residents eagerly await the students' arrival each week, taking a keen interest in their students' progress". Margaret, age 70, a retired ESL teacher, is proud of the fact that she is taking such an active role in mentoring these young women. Ruth, age 93, wastes no time when her student arrives. Barbara, age 87, suggests books of interest and asks what else she can do to help.

"The school has seen a transformation as the students shine with their seniors," says teacher Judy Grant. "Arshaya becomes animated, cheerful, and articulate; Rebecca focuses entirely on reading and chatting with her senior; Kaitlyn wouldn't miss a day of intense reading and conversation with her senior. When the students wrote their class story about a recent visit, one student wanted to add a short sentence "We love our seniors". There was full class agreement.

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OUR MISSION AND MANDATE

Vision

We work towards creating a society that values, supports and welcomes the contributions of all individuals throughout their lives. For this reason, we engage people of all ages, backgrounds, cultures and experiences in a variety of intergenerational activities.

Principles

We believe in:

- Respecting and valuing the ways of all ages, backgrounds, cultures and experiences.
- Respecting and valuing the thinking of all generations.
- Eliminating artificial, systemic barriers created by age stereotyping and all other forms of discrimination.
- Extending and sharing intergenerational support beyond family and acquaintances.

Objectives

Our objectives are as follows:

- Promoting intergenerational harmony and lifelong learning.
- Designing and delivering programs that encourage the participation of individuals of all ages, backgrounds, cultures and experiences.
- Striving to become a centre of best practices for intergenerational programming.
- Promoting and incorporating access and equity principles in all our activities.
- We select diverse community agencies with whom we can form specific, finite, renegotiable contract partnerships. The goal of such partnerships is an intergenerational program under the auspices of the partner's agency.



Appreciation is extended to our field placement students for their support this year. Left to right - Darlene Paes, Kaley Guy, Ingrid Yanekian, Vivian Ha and Teya MacVicar. Also thanks to Matthew Fogel for all of his assistance.



Message from the President

On behalf of the staff and members of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank our volunteers, community partners, funders and foundations for their continued commitment to Toronto Intergenerational Partnerships. The ongoing sharing of your knowledge, skills and interests and your belief in our mission and mandate has enabled us to enrich lives as we work together to develop intergenerational harmony and strengthen social networks across Toronto.

This year we have experienced an unprecedented year of growth at TIGP as we continued to respond to increasing requests for programs and services. During our recent Strategic Planning session we not only identified strategies for responding to these increasing requests, but also developed a five year plan for our continued growth.

As we enter our 25th year of bringing generations and communities together, our staff and members of our Board of Directors are committed to meeting the increasing needs and interests of the communities we serve and we look forward to your continued involvement with us in the coming years.

My involvement with TIGP over the last ten years has not only been personally rewarding for me, but also of great value to the youth that I teach at Monarch Park Collegiate. It has been an honour to meet many of you at TIGP intergenerational programs and events during these years. By continuing to work together we can continue to promote intergenerational lifelong learning in our communities and together we can “Make Magic Happen”!

Mary Card, President, TIGP Board of Directors

Toronto Challenge Walk in Support of Seniors



Together we raised over \$2,800 in support of intergenerational programs that benefit seniors.

Thank you to all who walked, volunteered and made pledges in support of Toronto Intergenerational Partnerships. We welcome you to join us on June 13, 2010 for our 2nd Annual Walk.

Please call us at (416) 531-8447 ext. 2 to lend your support.

WAYS THAT YOU CAN SUPPORT TIGP

Become an Individual Member

There is no cost to becoming an individual member of TIGP. As a member you support our vision and mandate of bringing generations and communities together.

Become a Long-Term Care Member

Recognize the benefits of being a long-term care member. We welcome and value your annual membership at various membership levels.

Volunteer Your Time

Our Board of Directors and staff value your contributions. Our volunteers include professionals, companies that share their employees' time and expertise, retirees, adults, youth, children and our community partners. Ask us how you can make a difference in your community!

Make a Monthly Donation

For as little as \$10 per month or just 34 cents a day, you can support intergenerational programs in your community. You will receive one convenient tax receipt on an annual basis, before the end of January each year.

Donate a Gift in Memory

Your single gift in memory of a loved one or in honour of a friend or an occasion, will support TIGP in making lasting memories in intergenerational programs. A card will be sent in your name and the Gift of Memory will be recognized in our Annual Report.

Donate your Air Miles – Club Z – Shoppers Optimum – Petro and Esso Points

By donating your points to TIGP you will be enabling us to turn your points into valuable items that can be used in our annual fundraising campaigns.

Join us as we walk in the Toronto Challenge Walk

Sign up your family, friends and colleagues and join us as we walk in support of seniors. This 1K and 5K fundraising walk and run is held in June each year. All proceeds go directly to TIGP.

Sponsor TIGP

Partnering with TIGP can bring lasting benefits to a company, from improved community relations to increased employee motivation and involvement. We develop mutually-beneficial partnerships based on the interests of our partners. Bring your company on board to support TIGP. There are a number of ways to get involved such as:

- **Sponsorship** - increase awareness of your company among consumers
- **Matching Gifts** - a way to give with your employees
- **Employee fundraising** - an effective way to motivate staff and provide team-building opportunities
- **Cause-Related Marketing** – enhances your brand and helps retain customers
- **Donations and Gifts-In-Kind** – donate to our annual fundraising campaigns



“Making the Magic Happen”



TIGP served over 1,300 lunches to seniors residing at Greenwood Towers. The seniors and youth from Danforth Collegiate and Technical Institute developed new friendships while sharing their knowledge during the nutritious lunch program. Appreciation is extended to **The Rotary Club of Toronto** for supporting this program.



We honor these donations that have a major impact on communities, while contributing to the success of Toronto Intergenerational Partnerships -

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Appreciation is also extended to all of our Temptations 2010 Donors and to those who supported TIGP in our 1st Annual Toronto Challenge Walk.

WAYS TO DONATE TO TIGP

Donate Online: Visit our website – www.tigp.org – to make a secure online donation through **Canada Helps** using your Visa, MasterCard or American Express.

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Attention: Sue McMahon, Executive Director

“Growing Together” at Greenwood Towers

We are pleased to announce funding from **Toronto Community Housing Corporation, Social Investment Fund**, for the “Growing Together at Greenwood Towers” project, in partnership with the **Greek Community of Toronto**. This two-year project will increase the participation level of seniors and create inclusive programming for culturally diverse groups of seniors through fitness and social activities.

A steering committee was formed to engage seniors in the process of developing activities and events that place an emphasis on positive learning experiences, community service, life-long learning and community safety.

Tenant Representative, Sinan Wu, believes “this program is a bridge between youth and seniors. The youth help to break isolation and loneliness.”

Celebrating Canada Day Together



The Greenwood Towers Halloween Party was a howling success and plans are underway for next year's bash!



Over 100 tenants and youth volunteers enjoyed song, dance and festivities!

Intergenerational Wii Fitness

Seniors are learning about new technology and getting fit with Nintendo Wii.





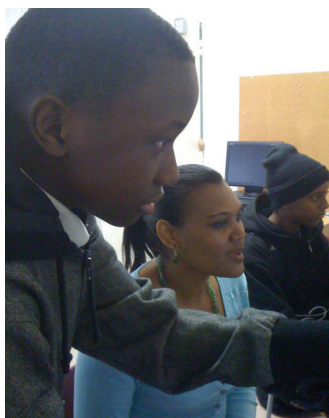
“Community Connections” at Teesdale Place

Debbie Atkinson demonstrates how to make the Social Club activities accessible by printing Braille on the recreational games.



The “**Community Connections**” project at Teesdale Place, funded through **Toronto Community Housing Corporation, Social Investment Fund**, is led by Teesdale Tenant Representatives who are working to bring the generations and community together through a variety of intergenerational programs. A new social club has been formed offering bingo, euchre and social recreational games. Youth are gaining valuable community service hours as Internet Coaches in the new Families in Cyberspace program and tenants are identifying ways that they can become involved in the development of programs in their community. The new Internet Cyber Café provides tenants with access to computers and the Internet at their leisure.

Making Connections at Families in Cyberspace



Youth and adults are volunteering to share their knowledge about information technology.



“Back to School Bash”



The Annual “Back to School Bash” brought the Teesdale community together for a BBQ, with games, entertainment and information about community supports and services.

TIGP Annual Festive Celebration

The TIGP 12th Annual Festive Celebration brought together over 100 community volunteers, partners, youth and program participants to celebrate the festive season. Seniors and youth formed an impromptu choir to lead Christmas carols. Special thanks to the Danforth Collegiate Charity and Volunteer Committee youth volunteers for assisting throughout the event.



Making a Fashion Statement at Glenyan Manor

Glenyan Manor seniors took a break from their Community Kitchen program to organize a cultural fashion show.

As models, the seniors showcased their designs from around the world.



Seniors in Cyberspace Award

*Working Women
Community
Centre leads the
way with their
award winning
program,
5 consecutive
years in a row.*



**Congratulations to Working Women Community Centre
recipient of the 2009-2010 TIGP
Seniors in Cyberspace Award**



Lifelong Learning in Communities



Sanderling Place

Seniors at Sanderling Place were keen to learn how to use their new fitness equipment as part of the new Wellness project, funded through a grant from New Horizons for Seniors Program.



Winchester Square Connects

Rong Xin Zhang enjoys coming to the new computer program at Winchester Square as “the students teach me about computers and the Internet and I get lots of help and learn and more each time I come.” Jarvis Collegiate youth volunteers are dedicated instructors, sharing their IT knowledge and skills.

2010 Citizenship Awards

Congratulations to these TIGP Volunteers who are being recognized by the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration’s Voluntary Service Awards for over five consecutive years of service with TIGP:

Mary Card
Joan Jordan
Kate Powadiuk
Russ Smith

Ryan Rogers is also being recognized for a Youth Award for two consecutive years of service with TIGP.



Sunrise Towers Connects

Funded through a grant from New Horizons for Seniors Program, seniors residing at Sunrise Towers are now connecting with family and friends in their new Seniors in Cyberspace program with support from Victoria Park Collegiate youth volunteers.

East York Acres Exercisers



Fitness, fun and new friendships were the outcomes of the East York Acres Exercisers program.

“Things turn out best for the people who make the best out of the way things turn out” - Art Linkletter

SOCIAL VISITING HIGHLIGHTS

Special Times Together

Students from Hawthorne Alternative Bilingual School look forward to visiting their new friends at Vermont Square.

Spending special time together has enabled the students to gain an appreciation for and a better understanding of the aging process. Genuine friendships have developed through interactive activities that build bridges across the generations.



“The senior residents cannot get enough of the visits. The relationships have grown and will only get stronger.” Barbara Michalik, Director of Residents Programs The Rekai Centre

Young at Heart

Students from Duke of York Daycare visit residents at the Rekai Centre twice a month engaging in singing together, arts and crafts, and friendly conversations. The seniors say the social visits brighten their day. One resident finds the energy from the children gives her that “spark” to do her daily activities.



Fascinated by the Past

The Grenadier Retirement Residence welcomes students from Humberside Montessori into their home for mornings of singing songs, playing games, and crafts. Storytelling is also a favourite activity at the program. Seniors share stories about their past festive celebrations and traditions and students listen intently and learn from the wisdom of age.



VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS



Congratulations to James Oepkes (left) and Stephanos Derza (right), recipients of the 2009-2010 TIGP Volunteer of Year Award.

Stephanos and James are a team in the community. Together they have made a difference by visiting and helping seniors and assisting TIGP with programs and events.

Congratulations to Louis Tram, recipient of the 2009-2010 TIGP Seniors in Cyberspace Youth Award.



Jarvis Collegiate student, Louis Tram, has trained seniors at City Hope and Winchester Square for two years. Seniors value his commitment to lifelong learning.

Youth in Action

Youth in the D.D. Class at Danforth Collegiate have a long time partnership with Nisbet Lodge where they enjoy friendly visiting and exercising with their senior partners. In addition, the youth assist TIGP with community gardening and eagerly assist wherever needed. Their commitment to caring is invaluable!



Congratulations to the D.D. Department at Danforth Collegiate and Technical Institute, recipient of the 2009-2010 TIGP Community Partnership Award.

The Canadian Way



Poy Tong has been an intergenerational volunteer for 15 years. He has spent the last 13 years volunteering at Dundas Public School where he works with children who are new to the community and Canada. Teacher-Librarian, Lori Locke writes, "Poy's kind and gentle manner allows him to support newcomer students in a way that we would never be able to do in a regular class. He helps the students become comfortable with a new language and also provides a weekly introduction to the Canadian way of life. His own personal experiences as a new Canadian provides him with insight and knowledge. He is a remarkable example of how giving of one's time, and sharing personal experiences enriches the lives of others."

Congratulations to Poy Tong, recipient of the 2009-2010 TIGP Volunteer of the Year Award.

OUR 2009-2010 COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Elementary Schools

- Alexander Muir/Gladstone Junior/Senior
- Blake Junior
- Bruce Junior
- Dundas Junior
- Eglinton Junior
- Essex Junior/Senior
- Hawthorne II Alternative Bilingual School
- Humberside Montessori
- Keele Street Junior
- Kensington Junior
- Kew Park Montessori
- McMurich Junior
- Montrose Junior
- Queen Victoria Junior
- Rose Avenue Junior
- Winchester Junior

Secondary Schools

- Danforth Collegiate & Technical Institute
- Don Mills Collegiate
- East York Collegiate
- Heydon Park Secondary School
- Jarvis Collegiate Institute
- Monarch Park Collegiate
- Victoria Park Collegiate

Colleges and Universities

- George Brown College
- Guelph Humber College
- Ryerson University
- Seneca College

Day Care, Child Care and Parent Resource Centres

- Danforth Child Care Centre
- Dawes Road Centre for Early Learning
- Doncrest Early Learning Centre
- Duke of York Daycare
- Future Stars Child Care
- Jesse Ketchum Child Care
- Kids and Company Daycare
- Parent Resources
- St. Mark's Child Care Centre
- Special Moments Child Care Centre
- West End Parents Daycare

Agencies and Organizations

- Belmont House
- Castlevue Wychwood Towers
- Christie Gardens
- City Hope
- Extend-A-Care Scarborough
- Fairview Nursing Home
- Four Villages Community Health Centre
- Fudger House
- Gibson Long-Term Care
- Grenadier Retirement Residence
- Hellenic Homes

- Heritage Nursing Home
- Kensington Gardens
- Lakeside Long-Term Care
- Maynard Nursing Home
- Meighen Retirement Residence
- Nisbet Lodge
- Reikai Centre
- Second Mile Club
- Seniors Service Network
- SERVE Canada
- St. James Town Network
- Sunshine Centre for Seniors
- The O'Neill Centre
- Toronto Community Housing Corporation
 - Blair Court
 - East York Acres
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 - Glenyan Manor
 - Greenbrae
 - Gus Harris
 - Flemington Area
 - Greenwood Towers
 - Sanderling Place
 - St. James Town
 - Sunrise Towers
 - Teesdale Place
 - Winchester Square
- Teesdale Service Network
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- Vermont Square
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- Wellesley Central Place
- Working Women Community Centre

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