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BRINGING  
GENERATIONS  
AND  
COMMUNITIES  
TOGETHER  
SINCE 1983

# Intergenerational Connections 2012

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## Creating Caring Communities



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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.
- Selecting 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 college and university field placement students for their support and dedication this year.

Left to right—Deborah Dillon, Ronique Quashie, Alyson Walters, Angelica Castello, Aliyah Than, Fang Li was not available for the photo.

**Grow old along with me, the best is yet to be—Robert Browning**



## Message from the President



This past year was a monumental year for Toronto Intergenerational Partnerships in Community (TIGP) as we celebrated 25 years of bringing generations and communities together.

Our Board Members had the pleasure of meeting with many of you at our “Celebrating Intergenerational Diversity” event where over 350 guests learned about the communities who partner with our organization. The sharing of cultural traditions and celebrations through stories, dance and song were highlights of the event.

We remained focused on our five-year strategic plan to strengthen the infrastructure of our organization with commitment from our board members to identify ways to meet the increasing demands for our services and supports.

With your support this year we were able to more than double our fundraising goals, increase our partnerships across the city and strengthen our base of members and community volunteers. Community businesses were overwhelmingly supportive and donated generously to our annual evening of Temptations, a live and silent auction fundraiser, while raffle ticket sales reached an all time high.

Although we were faced with challenges due to the disastrous fire at Danforth Collegiate and Technical Institute we were grateful for the generous support from our community partners who opened their doors for our staff to work from their facilities. In particular, we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to Toronto Community Housing staff and East York Acres seniors for immediately offering space for our staff to quickly resume operations within a week of the fire. In addition, special thanks to SAINTS and Greenwood Towers for providing us with occasional space as needed.

We remain constantly amazed by the passion and commitment of the communities that we serve as everyone works together towards creating caring communities.

Greg O'Grady  
President, TIGP Board of Directors

## TIGP Patron's Council

We are pleased to announce and welcome our new Patron Council members who endorse our programs:

**Jim Devellano**, a native Torontonion who currently serves as the senior vice-president of the Detroit Red Wings National Hockey League (NHL) team and vice-president of the Detroit Tigers Major League Baseball team [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jim\\_Devellano](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jim_Devellano)

**The Kiwanis Club of East York**, who provides men and women the opportunity to become personally involved in helping to make this a better world for everyone.  
[www.kiwanisclubeast york.ca](http://www.kiwanisclubeast york.ca).





## Highlights from 'Celebrating 25 Years of Bringing Generations and Communities Together' Event



**Dr. Chris Spence, Director of Education,  
Toronto District School Board,  
presenting Winnie Lu with the Youth  
Volunteer of the Year Award.**



**The "Celebrating Cultural Diversity"  
event enabled seniors to share their life  
experiences through stories, song and dance.**



**Board Member  
Greg O'Grady  
acknowledging Mary  
Card, TIGP President,  
for completing her  
six year term on the  
Board of Directors.**

**Mary continues to  
serve as Past-  
President of TIGP.**



**City Councillor Mary Fragedakis  
presenting Al Smith with the TIGP  
Seniors in Cyberspace Award.**





**Showcasing the talents of the Glenyan Manor Intergenerational Bollywood Dance Troupe, performing to the hit song Jai Ho.**



**Extending appreciation to our Intergenerational Volunteer Advisory Committee (IVAC) members for their years of dedication and support. IVAC members (left to right) Joan Jordan, Board Member Greg O'Grady, Charles Houston, Russ Smith, Trudy Konow and Dugald Matheson.**



**Recognizing our community partners for their intergenerational spirit!**



## BUILDING OUR COMMUNITIES

### Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) Award



**TIGP** was honoured to receive a **Toskan Casale Foundation Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) Award of \$5,000**, presented by **Monarch Park Collegiate youth - Zoe, Cameron, Isabel, Lea and Luke** and **Vice-Principal, Steve Yee**.

As part of their Civic Studies, Monarch Park Collegiate students researched TIGP's intergenerational programs to learn about the challenges faced by others in their community and learned about how intergenerational programs benefit younger and older generations alike. During the process, youth learned the fundamentals of philanthropy through their engagement as dedicated problem solvers and volunteers. While representing their school at a provincial competition, they gained hands-on experience and played a direct role in making a financial grant to our social service organization. We were honoured to be selected as their community project.

#### TIGP 2012 Toronto Challenge Walk Sponsors:

- Dr. D. Marangos
- IntegraCare
- Kiwanis Club  
of East York
- Shoppers Home  
Health Care
- The Big Carrot
- The O'Neill Centre

### Toronto Challenge Walk in Support of Seniors

Thank you to all who have walked, volunteered and made pledges in support of Toronto Intergenerational Partnerships.

Please join us this year on June 10, 2012 as we walk together, once again, in support of programs for seniors.



## Annual Festive Bazaar—Book Sale Fundraiser



Our 1st Annual Festive Bazaar was a fun-filled event with community vendors displaying their handmade crafts and TIGP selling a wide variety of new books suitable for children, youth and adults. The Festive Bazaar will be held annually to raise funds towards our intergenerational programs. New vendors are welcome to join us.



**Learning about traditions at the East York Acres—CultureFest Event**



**Celebrating communities from around the World at the Winchester Square—Heritage Day Event**





## Youth Engaged in Community Service

### DCTI Youth in Action

The newly formed Danforth Collegiate Intergenerational Club evolved as a result of ten youth volunteering with seniors at Greenwood Towers during the past 3 years.



Whether raising funds through Hot Chocolate Sales, assisting TIGP at special events and fundraisers or spending quiet times with their senior partners at Greenwood Towers, the club members can always be counted on to help in and around their school community. What a great group of youth volunteers! Appreciation is extended to Danforth Collegiate and Technical Institute for providing TIGP with funding through a Ministry of Education, Urban Priority High School grant. This funding enables TIGP to provide a lunch and transportation program for youth who become engaged in their communities.

### Creating Intergenerational Spirit at Riverdale Collegiate

"The Riverdale Intergenerational Club was revived after 10 years of silence thanks to teacher Mary Card and a group of keen students. Having a sincere interest in being involved with older generations, I worked with my friend Ling Ta to form a new club at our school. The club had slow beginnings, however by the end of the first year accelerated towards its mission: to enhance the lives of the senior citizens in our community. With the much appreciated help of TIGP, which we proudly work alongside with, we volunteered at various TIGP events to raise funds, such as the Festive Bazaar and Temptations. Our club made and distributed over 60 Christmas and Easter Cards for seniors, introduced Riverdale's first Button Drive, which successfully raised over \$400, all in support of the seniors of our community. As well, we provided opportunities for students to earn volunteer hours, such as interacting with seniors at East York Acres. History repeats itself as most of the members are graduates, and the reason for the first Intergenerational club fading out was due to members graduating. However, the new Intergenerational Club at Riverdale is only beginning its journey." – Catherine Lee, President, Riverdale Intergenerational Club







## The Golden Girls at Notre Dame

Nea Okada and Emily Marzari wanted to bridge the gap between their school (Notre Dame) and seniors residing at Main Street Terrace. Inspired by a television program, Nea and Emily consulted with Notre Dame teachers and Main Street Terrace staff to develop a program to enable students to develop intergenerational friendships through volunteer service. Lori Chizewski, Program Manager at Main Street Terrace shared that “the seniors are delighted when the girls visit and many special memories have been created.” In addition to weekly social visiting with their senior partners, the Golden Girls have also helped with the annual Christmas wrapping and have assisted at two Main Street Terrace special events.

## Benefits of Intergenerational Programs

### For Community and Society as a Whole

- Healthier populations (improved emotional, mental and physical health)
- Safer neighbourhoods (less crime, less abuse, less violence)
- Stronger communities (everyone’s strengths are utilized)
- More harmonious communities (positive regard for different generations and cultures; less discrimination)
- Demographic change management (smoother management of demographic change and the aging population)
- Generational knowledge transfer (reduced loss of societal and cultural knowledge and skill)

### Benefits to Children and Youth

- The development of healthy attitudes towards aging
- Educational enrichment and ongoing skills development
- Improved self-esteem, social and life skills
- A strengthened sense of community and social responsibility
- The promotion of culture, heritage and history

### Benefits to Adults and Seniors

- Improved life satisfaction and enhanced self-esteem
- Ongoing skills development
- Feelings of continued usefulness and connectedness in the community
- An opportunity to decrease social isolation through the development of meaningful relationships with younger generations that extend beyond family and friends

## **Congratulations to Fairview Nursing Home recipient of the 2011-2012 TIGP Community Partnership Award.**

"Receiving the TIGP Community Partnership Award is so amazing. Our connection to Alex Muir Gladstone Public School has truly strengthened our sense of community and family here among the Residents. The Residents love the Grade 1 class visits. The visits from the Grade 7/8 class have been an instant success with each student pairing up with a Resident to work on "Memories" booklets which are part of their biography writing prompts."

- Karen Wall, Recreation Therapy Program Manager



## **Sharing Cultural Stories**

"Lakeside Long Term Care Centre has been a part of the TIGP program, connecting seniors with young people, for a number of years. However, the relationship formed this year between Ms. Hayley Mezei's Grade 5 class and the residents at Lakeside Long Term Care Centre is different than previous years. Over the past year, the students from Queen Victoria Public School have interacted and shared in various programs with the residents at Lakeside, but one activity that really stood out in the minds of the residents was the presentation the students did wherein they shared their cultural backgrounds. The students came in traditional dress and performed cultural songs and dances for the residents. The residents really enjoyed the students' performances, but especially enjoyed interacting with the students afterwards; looking at their cultural dress, asking the students questions about their culture and learning more about countries they knew little about. The students seemed to enjoy being the teachers and the residents seemed to enjoy being the students. It was a great learning activity that created a special bond between the residents and the students and it was wonderful to have been a part of it!"



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- Rachelle Cuaresma-Canlas, Resident Program Manager, Lakeside LTC

*Our Social Visiting Partnerships are made possible through funding from the Toronto Central Local Health Integration Network (TCHLIN) and the City of Toronto.*





## SOCIAL VISITING HIGHLIGHTS

### Timeless Treasures Revealed—Opening the Time Capsule



The opening of a Time Capsule created 10 years ago by students at Essex Public School and seniors residing at The O'Neill Centre was an exciting event! The seniors and children attending the opening ceremony were intrigued by the items placed in the Time Capsule and conversations flourished as to why these items were important to other people. The students and seniors talked about what they would put in to a new Time Capsule and shared memories of why these items were important to them. Residents found they related well with the items in the Time Capsule as many were memories of the war. It was a great experience for the seniors to reminisce about days gone by and for students to image what life was like 10 years ago.



### Home Help

Do you need help with cutting grass, raking leaves, shoveling snow or odd jobs around your house?

Our **Seniors Assistance Home Maintenance (SAHM)** program can provide you with a student or adult worker for \$10.00 an hour.

NOTE: This is not an emergency service so please register early by calling Diana Locke at (416) 531-8447 ext. 2.



## VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

### Congratulations to Monarch Park Collegiate, recipient of the 2011-2012 TIGP Seniors in Cyberspace Award.

Monarch Park Collegiate staff and students have a history of supporting lifelong learning. The school has been opening its doors to enable community seniors to learn how to use computers and the Internet since 2001. Special thanks to Mary Card (now at Riverdale Collegiate Institute) for spearheading the school program and to Elliott Scolnik for redeveloping the program at Monarch Park Collegiate.



### Congratulations to Jo Yang recipient of the 2011-2012 TIGP Seniors in Cyberspace Award.

Jodie Yang explained that she “gained an understanding of the aging process and provided seniors with mental stimulation while teaching seniors about new technology” in the Working Women Community Centre’s “Senior in Cyberspace program”. In her fifth session she is “still amazed at how keen seniors are to learn.”



*“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”  
—Ghandi*

### East York Acres Volunteers Brighten the Lives of Seniors!





# VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS



**Congratulations to Laura Newland  
recipient of the 2011-2012  
TIGP Volunteer of the Year Award.**

“Laura Newland has been a volunteer storyteller at Eglinton Public School for ten years. She has told wonderful stories to students from kindergarten to grade 6. Many of the students have enjoyed her stories from year to year during their time at Eglinton. The stories Laura tells come from many cultures and traditions. She often uses homemade props and puppets to enhance the stories. She has inspired many of our students to learn to tell stories themselves. The children love Laura and her stories!”

- Claire Gorman, Teacher-Librarian, Eglinton PS

Alexander Muir Gladstone Public School students have been visiting Fairview Nursing Home for over fifteen years. Nancy Presedo, Grade 1 teacher, has encouraged the development of intergenerational friendships with her class for over six years. In addition, 12 members of the student council have started to visit seniors on a weekly basis. Their commitment to strengthening their school's community partnerships is outstanding!

**Congratulations to Alex Muir Gladstone  
Public School, recipient of the 2011-2012  
TIGP Community Service Award.**



## 2012 Ministry of Citizenship Awards

**We are pleased to announce the youth recipients of the Ministry of Citizenship – 2012 Volunteer Service Awards for 2 years of service with Toronto Intergenerational Partnerships —**

### Victoria Park Collegiate Youth Volunteers

Winnie Lu  
Gnanaluxumy Panchadcharagnanar

### Danforth Collegiate and Technical Institute Youth Volunteers

Tony Ye                      David Yang  
Shuhao Li                  Stephanos Derza



# 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 your 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

Please contact Sue at [sue@tigrp.org](mailto:sue@tigrp.org) regarding donations through bequests, insurance policies and property.





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

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South Riverdale Community Health Centre  
WoodGreen Community Centre

### Community Builders

(\$5,000 to \$9,999)

Geoffrey H. Wood Foundation  
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### Special thanks to our funders and to the corporations who supported TIGP through financial and in-kind support:

- Citizenship and Immigration Canada
- New Horizons for Seniors Programs
- The City of Toronto
- The Toronto District School Board
- Toronto Central Local Health Integration Network (TC LHIN)
- Toronto Community Housing



## WAYS TO DONATE TO TIGP

**Donate Online:** Visit our website – [www.tigp.org](http://www.tigp.org) – to make a secure online donation through **Canada Helps** using your Visa, MasterCard or American Express credit card.

**By phone:** Call us at (416) 531-8447 ext. 1     **By Email:** [sue@tigp.org](mailto:sue@tigp.org)

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800 Greenwood Avenue, Room A36  
Toronto, Ontario M4J 4B7  
Attention: Sue McMahon, Executive Director

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# OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS 2011-2012

## 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
- Montrose Junior
- Queen Victoria Junior
- Rose Avenue Junior
- Winchester Junior

## Secondary Schools

- Danforth Collegiate & Technical Institute
- Don Mills Collegiate
- East York Collegiate
- Jarvis Collegiate Institute
- Monarch Park Collegiate
- Riverdale Collegiate Institute
- Rosedale Heights
- Victoria Park Collegiate

## Colleges and Universities

- Everest College
- 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
- Flemingdon Childcare
- Hillcrest Daycare
- Kids and Company Daycare
- Parent Resources
- Special Moments Child Care Centre
- West End Parents Daycare

## Agencies and Organizations

- Castlevue Wychwood Towers
- Cedarvale Terrace LTC
- Fairview Nursing Home
- Fudger House
- Gibson Long-Term Care
- Grenadier Retirement Residence
- Hellenic Homes
- Heritage Nursing Home
- Kensington Gardens
- Lakeside Long-Term Care
- Loyola Arrupe
- Main Street Terrace
- Nisbet Lodge
- Rekai Centre
- Second Mile Club
- Skills for Change

## Agencies and Organizations

- Sunshine Centre for Seniors
- The O'Neill Centre
- Toronto Community Housing Corporation
  - Blair Court
  - East York Acres
  - Gilder Club 31
  - Glenyan Manor
  - Greenbrae
  - Gus Harris
  - Flemingdon Area
  - Greenwood Towers
  - Sunrise Towers
  - Teesdale Place
  - Winchester Square
- True Davidson Acres
- Vermont Square
- Wellesley Central Place
- Working Women Community Centre

## Members of —

- GTI Seniors Service Alliance
- Kiwanis Club of East York
- Ontario Gerontology Association
- Scarborough Southwest Local Integration Partnership
- Seniors Service Network
- Social Planning Toronto
- Teesdale Service Network
- Toronto Council on Aging
- Volunteer Toronto

**Bringing Generations and Communities Together since 1983**



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