

LIFELONG LEARNING

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CREATING CARING COMMUNITIES



Learning about cultural traditions, sharing life experiences and bridging generational gaps is what Flemington Park residents are doing to create a caring community.

CultureFest 2008 was a highlight of the year as seniors and volunteers showcased their countries and talents at Glenyan Manor.



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TEMPTATIONS 2008

Our 3rd annual evening of **Temptations** was a night to remember!

With the support of over 40 volunteers and 100 corporate and community donations, we were able to raise over \$6,500 in support of our intergenerational programs.

Special thanks to our auctioneer "Cisco" for keeping the auctions alive and to "Mantee & the Shy Guys" for the dazzling performance.

We hope you can join us next year!

Going once, going twice, SOLD!





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We value the support from -

- Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
- Toronto Central—Local Health Integration Network
- City of Toronto
- Toronto Community Housing Corporation
- Social Development Canada, New Horizons for Seniors Program
- Human Resources Development

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 and experiences in a variety of intergenerational activities.

Principles

We believe in:

- Respecting and valuing the ways of all ages, backgrounds 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 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 a 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 **The Road to Safety** for their donation of a five hour educational workshop in the art of self-defense and awareness. The workshop offers our volunteers and partners with an opportunity to improve their self-confidence and self-esteem through gaining knowledge on how to physically defend oneself and also provides techniques for avoiding and/or preventing potentially dangerous situations.

How to help TIGP remain viable —

We are a not-for-profit charitable organization incorporated in 1986 (Business Number 13501 6400 RR0001) that depends on funding and donations to reach our goals in bringing generations and communities together. Some ways that you can help to support programs for children, youth and seniors are:

- Send a cheque payable to Toronto Intergenerational Partnerships to -
 Toronto Intergenerational Partnerships
 800 Greenwood Avenue, Room A36
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- Call our office and make a donation using your VISA card.
- Go to www.CanadaHelps.org and make a secure on-line donation by searching for our name—Toronto Intergenerational Partnerships—and follow the instructions to submit your donation.
- Donate your time or items to assist us with fundraising events.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As President of the Board of Directors of Toronto Intergenerational Partnerships since June of 2006, I have particularly enjoyed working together with the staff and Board of Directors of TIGP to provide intergenerational lifelong learning opportunities that enrich the lives and learning of all generations.

As the Curriculum Leader of Mathematics, Sciences, Physical Education & Health, Business Studies and as a Mathematics teacher at Monarch Park Collegiate for over thirty-eight years, my own intergenerational lifelong learning partnership with TIGP began in 2001 when youth at our school took on leadership roles as Internet Coaches and participated in the first *Seniors in Cyberspace* pilot project at Hanson House. Our youth continue to this day to be eager to teach seniors how to access information technology (computers and the Internet) and our *Seniors in Cyberspace* program is still flourishing in its seventh year!

The staff of TIGP are working to develop and implement new programs that value the contributions of all individuals at all stages of their lives. This year we welcomed our new partnerships in the St. James Town Community through a grant from **The Ontario Trillium Foundation** and we are developing new initiatives that expand our capability to meet the health and wellness needs, and interests, of seniors in our diverse communities. We have also responded to the challenges that many communities are facing and are working collaboratively with our partners to strengthen social networks, decrease isolation, create intergenerational harmony, and develop programs that promote intergenerational lifelong learning and the development of leadership skills.

At the board level we have continued to work diligently to implement strong financial management systems and we have responded to our need to fundraise through our second direct mail campaign and our second annual "Temptations" fundraising event held this year on March 27th, 2008. We appreciate your support during our fundraising campaigns!

On behalf of the Board of Directors and everyone involved with TIGP, I would like to congratulate the dynamic and dedicated Sue McMahon on her appointment to the position of the Executive Director of TIGP effective April 1, 2008. We have all benefited from her leadership, her commitment and her expertise in the area of intergenerational programming during the past twenty years.

I would like to personally thank all of our seniors, volunteers and community partners for your commitment to TIGP during our past twenty-two years. It has been an honour to meet many of you at our intergenerational lifelong learning programs and events over the past two years and I look forward to working with you in the years to come. By collectively working together we can continue to address the need to bridge generations and communities and we can continue to "**Make Magic Happen**"!

Mary Card, President, TIGP Board of Directors

NEW INTERGENERATIONAL CONNECTIONS IN THE ST. JAMES TOWN COMMUNITY

Storytelling is a favourite pastime in the new **Grandpal Program**, where seniors share their interests and hobbies.



Developing intergenerational connections, promoting lifelong learning and creating pre-employment opportunities for youth are a few of the new intergenerational initiatives in the St. James Town Community. Two-year funding from **The Ontario Trillium Foundation** will enable TIGP to focus on developing new partnerships with **City Hope**, **Jarvis Collegiate Institute**, **Toronto Community Housing Corporation** tenants and community youth.



Phil Smith from the **Toronto Kiwanis Club Foundation** presents Kevin Moore, **City Hope**, with a cheque for \$12,700 towards purchasing new computers for the City Hope Families in Cyberspace Program.



Over 30 agencies promoted community service opportunities for youth at the **Jarvis Collegiate Institute** Community Service Volunteer Information Fair in May.

NEW HORIZONS FOR COMMUNITY SENIORS

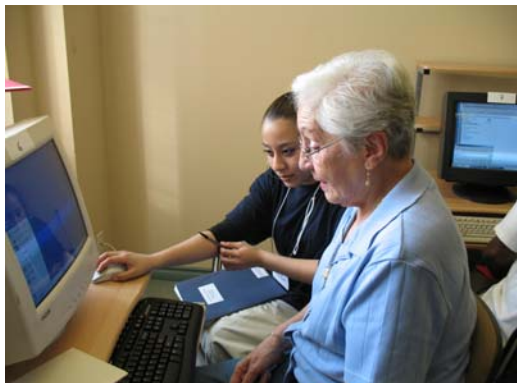
Developing new friendships, learning new skills and taking leadership roles are just a few of the benefits of the "Memory Projects" funded through grants from **New Horizons for Seniors Programs**.

Seniors are learning how to use information technology (computers and the Internet) to develop personal "Memory Books" that focus on their meaningful life experiences.

Seniors are taking leadership roles in their capacity as Steering Committee members, as well, seniors are starting to volunteer as peer tutors to share their new found knowledge with their neighbours.

"I enjoy helping other people, it's a very good program and I love it. I was a TIGP participant for five years and I found the students were very honest and patient when teaching me. With my new knowledge I can now help others learn to use the Internet in Persian and it feels great, The Cliffwood Manor Memory Project is a wonderful program!

Mary Hakimi,
Senior Volunteer



RANKIN PLACE

The Memory Project at Rankin Place was funded by a grant from **New Horizons for Seniors**. The seniors felt that the program "just sparked their interest" so they were pleased to learn that their program will continue with the support of **Rotary Club of Parkdale-High Park volunteers**.

CLIFFWOOD MANOR



"There are so many happy tenants in the Memory Project at Cliffwood Manor! Now seniors are able to email their grandkids and receive pictures and updates from their family. The seniors really enjoy the youth volunteers and appreciate all their hard work."

Esther Friedman,
Cliffwood Manor,
Tenant Representative.

EAST YORK ACRES



"East York Acres senior tenants are pleased to finally have a new program that appeals to men. Seniors tenants have already starting to tutor their peers!"

JoAnne Brook,
East York Acres,
Tenant Representative.

TIGP Annual Festive Pot Luck Luncheon



The TIGP 10th Annual Festive Pot Luck Luncheon was a time to reflect on the year gone by with old and new friends. The "pot luck" buffet featured favourite dishes from around the world and the festive sing-a-long led by seniors was a highlight of the luncheon!





BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF THEIR COMMUNITY

Monarch Park Collegiate continues to create “intergenerational spirit” by opening its doors to the community.

The youth and staff at Monarch Park Collegiate have continued to not only participate in, but also benefit from the opportunity of learning from the “wisdom of age” through a variety of intergenerational programs.

Youth have worked collaboratively with school staff to provide an annual “A Very Halal Christmas Dinner” for each of the last five years for over 250 community seniors and veterans. Staff advisors have supported youth in taking leadership roles in an Intergenerational Chinese Literacy program and Intergenerational Environment Watch program (in partnership with **Citizen’s Environment Watch**).

Youth have actively volunteered over their lunch hours to teach community seniors how to use computers and the Internet and extended their community involvement by supporting the TIGP “Temptations” fundraiser and special community events for seniors.



Over 250 seniors enjoy dinner and a theatre performance at the Monarch Park Collegiate, “A Very Halal Christmas Dinner”.

New initiatives under development with Monarch Park Collegiate include the “Elder Tales Connection, E.T.C.” storytelling program, where **Leaders of Tomorrow** youth will be interviewing and writing the biographies of senior storytellers and an Intergenerational Health and Wellness program involving the **MPC Future Aces Ambassadors**.

Congratulations to Monarch Park Collegiate, recipient of the 2007-2008 TIGP Community Capacity Building Award.

HEARTS STORYTELLING PROJECT

Ellie sat perfectly still, her unwavering gaze fixed on the storyteller’s face as he related an old Italian folktale. The story centered on ‘the Bell of Justice’ in a small village and the final words of the tale assured the child that justice could be found there, even for a horse. As the story was being told, the teller fell silent in parts and the narrative began again in translation, first in Gujarati, followed by Cantonese and, finally, in Mandarin. As the story’s message passed through the various cultural groups, there were nods of comprehension and smiles of shared understanding. These moments captured intergenerational and multicultural opportunities and made them real through “Hearts Storytelling,” brought by Toronto Intergenerational Partnerships to the seniors of **Glenyan Manor** and their neighbouring residents in Toronto Community Housing Corporation’s CHU20. **The Toronto Arts Council** provided a grant, which allowed TIGP to enhance a two-year Memory Project funded by **TCHC’s Social Investment Fund**. This additional funding enabled TIGP to engage professional storytellers known as “**Four in Hand**”. Their role was to bring together generations through the process of revealing the stories within each person, whether tenant or volunteer, as well as to help participants to develop skills and confidence in sharing their stories with others. As seniors and CHU20 tenant volunteers were engaged in this learning process, “**Four in Hand**” ran concurrent storytelling workshops with high school students at **Marc Garneau Collegiate Institute**. These sessions were directed particularly towards involving a diverse group of youth who would then come together to interact with their counterparts at Glenyan Manor. “**The Hearts Storytelling Concert**” brought the generations together to share stories from the past and present.



GLENYAN MANOR MEMORY PROJECT



The **Intergenerational Memory Project** at Glenyan Manor uniquely brings Toronto Community Housing seniors and families together to share similarities and celebrate differences. Funded by a **Toronto Community Housing Corporation, Social Investment Fund grant**, tenants are taking leadership roles in the development of intergenerational programs such as a “Memory Quilt” that depicts the various programs that they have worked on together. Sue Marges, a TCHC community tenant, feels “the seniors are like family members. Bano reminds me of my Mom and being here is like having my Mom caring about me again.”

Congratulations to Glenyan Manor recipient of the 2007-2008 TIGP Community Development Award.

BIRD FEED SOWS SEEDS FOR GROWING FRIENDSHIPS



A simple sandwich bag, some oatmeal, seed and suet became the focal point for a stimulating and enjoyable activity for seniors residing at **Fairview Nursing Home** and students from **Alexander Muir/Gladstone Jr. Public School**.

Ramona Jung, a TIGP field placement student and second-year activation coordinator/gerontology student at George Brown College, developed the sensory stimulation "Bird Feeder" activity for the seniors, which was as much fun for the children.

FRIENDLY VISITING PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



VERSA-CARE LEADS THE WAY

Versa-Care has been a leader in the development of intergenerational programs for over twenty years! Preschool, elementary and high school students volunteer as **Friendly Visitors** with the frail elderly. These special friendly visits bring smiles to the faces of seniors as they welcome the laughter and energy of their new friends. Special memories are created through sharing life experiences, creating special keepsakes and the development of new intergenerational relationships. Community partners include: Kew Park Montessori, East Toronto Day Care, Kimberley Jr. Public, Williamson Road Public, Beaches Alternative School and George Brown College who truly "Make Magic Happen"!

**Congratulations to Versa-Care
recipient of the 2007-2008 TIGP
Community Partnership Award.**

VACATIONING AT ALLIGATOR LODGE

Ann Anderson, community senior and program volunteer, enjoyed her winter getaway. "It was such a long and dreary winter so we decided to take a pretend flight to Florida. We were fortunate to have Pilots and Stewardesses from **Air Canada** volunteer to take us on an simulation flight. They made passports for everyone, cleared us through security and customs, provided airline safety drills and reassured us through the simulated bumpy turbulence". This was a "first airline flight" for many of the **Keele Jr. Public School** students and seniors from **Four Villages Community Health Centre** and **Loyola Arrupe Centre for Seniors**. "Our final destination was booking into Alligator Lodge where everyone enjoyed wearing their sunglasses while blowing bubbles on the beach. It was an intriguing experience!"



SHARING AND CARING AT DCTI

Youth volunteers at Danforth Collegiate and Technical Institute have big hearts! The youth enthusiastically organize holiday food drives for community seniors, lend a hand at the annual Greenwood Towers gardening event, wake up early to co-host an Alzheimer Coffee Break session, rally the troops to prepare lunch for seniors and are always available to serve seniors at TIGP special events. The Charity & Volunteer Committee at DCTI truly exemplifies leadership at its best!

**Congratulations to Danforth Collegiate
and Technical Institute, recipient of
the 2007-2008 TIGP
Community Service Award.**





Congratulations to Working Women Community Centre recipient of the 2007-2008 TIGP Seniors in Cyberspace Award.

Working Women Community Centre initiated a Seniors in Cyberspace program in partnership with TIGP in 2005, through a grant from The Ontario Trillium Foundation. The program has continued to flourish throughout the years with over 100 youth and 100 seniors participating in the program. The computer lab was expanded from 10 to 17 computers which enabled more participants in the program. The program expanded in 2007 to include Mandarin-speaking seniors and youth with an emphasis placed on matching seniors and youth based on their first language. Plans are underway to support the development of a new Seniors in Cyberspace program in the Black Creek Community.

LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

Crystal Wan is a grade 11 student at George S. Henry Academy who volunteers as an Internet Coach and Youth Team Leader at the Working Women Community Centre Seniors in Cyberspace program. During the past three years Crystal has assumed additional responsibilities, including successfully recruiting twelve Mandarin-speaking students for a new program and assisting the agency with computer programs to enable the seniors to learn computers in Mandarin. Crystal's initiatives have even encouraged another youth to recruit peers to create a Farsi-speaking Cyberspace program!

Congratulations to Crystal Wan, recipient of the 2007-2008 TIGP Seniors in Cyberspace Youth Award.

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

Sandra Hanmer has a history of grass roots involvement in community development. Sandra has been a key member of the TIGP Board of Directors for over 8 years where she shared her broad knowledge of the various levels and intricacies of government bureaucracy and social services, having worked in the constituency offices of both Marion Bryden, MPP for Beaches Woodbine and Frances Lankin, MP. Sandra became a key TIGP fundraiser, relentlessly soliciting items for our annual evening of "Temptations" and she was a strong advocate of programs, supports and services for marginalized seniors as a member of the Intergenerational Volunteer Advisory Committee (IVAC). Sandra is now embarking on a new journey and relocating to Hamilton. She promises to keep involved from afar!



Congratulations to Sandra Hanmer, recipient of the 2007-2008 TIGP Community Volunteer of the Year Award.

ELDER TALES CONNECTIONS ... E.T.C.

Seniors are learning how to develop their personal life experiences into stories that relate to secondary school curriculum in the E.T.C. Storytelling Project. Connecting the generations through storytelling will bridge cultural and generational gaps through sensitivity and awareness of differences and interests. Appreciation is extended to **New Horizons for Seniors Programs**, the "Four in Hand" storytelling trainers and the **Leadership in Action** students at **Monarch Park Collegiate**, who are developing personal biographies for the E.T.C. senior storytellers.



For information on how to join E.T.C. or to learn how you can bring history to life in classrooms, please call us at (416) 531-8447 ext. 3

As Grade 9 students, Victor Nguyen and Vincent Lu were encouraged to jointly assume the role of Chairpersons of the Charity and Volunteer Committee at Danforth Collegiate.

They rose to the challenge and for the past two years have excelled at providing leadership and direction for a core group of up to 10 youth volunteers.

TEAM WORK IN ACTION



Congratulations to Victor Nguyen and Vincent Lu, joint recipients of the 2007-2008 TIGP Youth Volunteer of the Year Award.



OUR 2007-2008 COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Elementary Schools

- Alexander Muir/Gladstone Junior/Senior
- Blake Junior
- Dundas Junior
- Eglinton Junior
- Essex Junior/Senior
- Hillcrest Junior
- Keele Junior
- Kensington Junior
- Kew Park Montessori
- Lord Dufferin Junior/Senior
- Montrose Junior
- Orde Junior
- Parkdale Junior/Senior
- Queen Victoria Junior
- Rose Avenue Junior
- Sprucecourt Junior
- Winona Senior

Secondary Schools

- Bloor Collegiate
- Danforth Collegiate & Technical Institute
- East York Collegiate
- Heydon Park Secondary School
- Highland Junior High
- Jarvis Collegiate Institute
- Marc Garneau Collegiate
- Monarch Park Collegiate
- Riverdale Collegiate

Colleges and Universities

- Centennial College
- George Brown College
- Ryerson University

Day Care, Child Care and Parent Resource Centres

- Brahms Day Care
- Danforth Day Care
- Dawes Road Day Care
- Day Care Connection
- Doncrest Early Learning Centre
- Hawthorne Child Centre
- Jesse Ketchum Child Care
- Montrose School Age Day Care
- Parent Resources, Gerrard
- Special Moments Child Care Centre
- YMCA Child Care Centre

Agencies and Organizations

- Belmont House
- Bendale Acres
- Castleview Wychwood Towers
- Chester Village
- Christie Gardens
- City Hope, 614 Parliament
- Fairview Nursing Home
- Four Villages Community Health Centre
- Fudger House
- Gibson Long-Term Care
- Grenadier Retirement
- Hellenic Homes
- Heritage Nursing Home
- Kensington Gardens
- Lakeside Long-Term Care
- Lansing Retirement Services
- Loyola Arrupe Centre for Seniors
- Lincoln Place
- Maynard Nursing Home
- Meals on Wheels East Toronto
- Meighen Retirement Residence
- Nisbet Lodge
- Ray McCleary Towers
- Re kai Centre
- Second Mile Club
- Serve Canada
- St. James Town Network
- Sunshine Centre for Seniors
- The O'Neill Centre
- Toronto Community Housing Corporation tenants from—
 - Brahms Community
 - Cliffwood Manor
 - East York Acres
 - Glenyan Manor
 - Flemingdon Community
 - Greenwood Towers
 - Rankin Place
 - St. James Town
- True Davidson Acres
- Versa-Care
- Wellesley Central Place
- Working Women Community Centre
- WoodGreen Community Centre

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- Ontario Community Agencies Serving Immigrants (OCASI)
- Ontario Community Supports Association (OCSA)
- Ontario Gerontology Association
- Community Social Planning Council of Toronto
- Ontario Health Coalition
- Volunteer Centre of Toronto

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