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Youth Submission:

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The city of Mississauga emphasizes the importance of youth play within its community, from an intellectual to a physical level. With the support from the local government, we are able to provide an enriched group of youth play opportunities. An emphasis for these programs is placed on youth from remote, inaccessible, vulnerable, and marginalized areas of the city. These programs run with the support of community partners from all areas, including NPO agencies, cultural or religious groups, residential associations, youth groups, recreational or art clubs, social service organizations, and educational facilities. The collaborative efforts of the community as a whole brighten the future of these youth in order to provide better opportunities of success.

In assessing the youth play criteria for the city of Mississauga, our group has broken down the assessment into two parts. First, we monitored if the local government was specifically reaching out to disenfranchised youth and second if they were in partnerships with other community organizations. These provided an accurate measurement of whether marginalized youth were the main focus and are offered the right opportunities so that their personal needs were specifically met. Due to the fact that marginalized youth are a vulnerable population, sensitivity must be prioritized. This means, organizations should be focused on making their programs accessible, not-for-profit, and open to a variety of social services and cultures so that a range of vulnerable youth can be approached. A few great examples of organizations that meet these requirements are the Region of Peel Youth Village (PYV), Associated Youth Services of Peel, and Peel Summer Academy (PSA).

Peel Youth Village

Peel Youth Village is a residence for youth who are transitioning from the shelter system to independent living. They provided safe and stable housing that support youth 16 to 30 years of age. Firstly, the PYV is in direct partnership with the YMCA who led their recreational programs such as team sports, arts and crafts, pre-school gym and spring and summer youth camp. The youth camp focuses on recreational sports and youth leadership opportunities. Leaders in training are youth aged 11 to 14 years, while ready leaders are 15 to 19 years of age. Secondly the YMCA residential team consists of case managers, youth workers, employment resource workers, and a Housing Mobility Worker who assist youth in every aspect of semi-independent living and transitioning to independent living, including after care and follow up checkups. Lastly, The PYV consists of a unique service model that emphasizes democratic living and youth

governance. This includes a transitional housing program with 48 private bedrooms, three residential floors all with shared kitchens, bathrooms and a common area, and other services for youth who come from diverse backgrounds.

By reaching out directly to a wide range of homeless and poverty stricken youth, the PYV not only provide housing but also provides programs that help youth obtain opportunities to become increasingly independent. This means that youth are given the emotional, financial, and social support in order to get back on their feet as they grow older and learn to take care of themselves.

Note: Other agencies partnered in this community initiative include: the Region of Peel, Ontario Works, and the Boys & Girls Club of Peel. In addition to directly serving the residents, Peel Youth Village also provides opportunities for play to youth in the surrounding geographical area.

Associated Youth Services of Peel

The Associated Youth Services of Peel consists of a dynamic team of professionals and volunteers that are dedicated to helping children, youth, and families manage health and justice issues. Through their many programs the ASYP hopes to be recognized and valued in improving the lives of children and youth who are dealing with mental health and justice issues.

They offer programs such as: Reaching Adolescents In Need (RAIN), Transitional Aged Youth Outreach (TAYO), and Youth Beyond Barriers (YBB). The range at which the programs reach is very broad which allows the ASYP to target and help marginalized and troubled youth who are suffering from issues such as discrimination and health related issues. The RAIN program engages with youth who are between the ages of 14 and 18 and are disconnected from their families, school, and their community. Youth who are experiencing such a financial, emotional, and social distance are brought closer through this program. In addition, TAYO is a case management program for youth who are experiencing ongoing mental health challenges. Finally, the YBB program provides emotional support and resources to queer and trans youth in Peel aged 12 to 19 years. The program is focused entirely to promote healthy living, healthy sexuality, and positive queer and trans lifestyles and identities.

In addition, the AYSP offers youth justice programs such as Youth Attendance Care (YAC), Extrajudicial Measures (EJM), Extrajudicial Sanctions (EJS), Youth Justice Committee (YJC), and finally youth mental health court worker. With the help of the AYSP, troubled youth are able to receive a second chance to learn from their mistakes and obtain the right help to ensure the safety of youth and the community. The YAC program gives youth a way to remain active within the community and participate in a structured and supervised program under the youth criminal justice act. Similarly, the EJM allows troubled youth to find refuge in rehabilitation for young persons, between the ages of 12 and 18, to avoid having to face criminal proceedings. The YJC program involves trained community members who meet with youth and those who have been harmed and accused. Those who have been accused are given a second chance to negotiate in an appropriate way for the young person to make amends for their actions. Lastly, the Youth Mental Health Court Worker connects troubled youth, suffering

with health issues with community services to help them avoid the criminal justice system and provide them with the appropriate support.

Note: AYSP is funded by several parties including the Ministry of Culture Peel Children's Aid, Ontario Trillium Foundation and Kinark Child and family services.

Peel Summer Academy (PSA) in collaboration with Camp University of Toronto-Mississauga

The Peel Summer Academy (PSA) was established in 1984. The organization consists of 4 unique summer programs for the exceptional, intellectual gifted students who are in grade 4 to 10. The organization is open to students across Canada and abroad. The Peel Summer Academy is offered by the not-for-profit Centre for Education and Training. PSA has seen thousands of gifted young minds flourish while experiencing social, intellectual and personal growth. The PSA provides intellectual stimulation in a variety of recreational and social activities and a great opportunity to live away from home to experience the freedom and individuality. The four PSA programs that are offered are University of Toronto Mississauga-UTM Experience (grades 4 to 8 students), Exploration Lead-On (grades 7 and 8 students), West Coast Marine Discovery (grade 9 students), and Newfoundland Adventure (grade 10 students). They also provide scholarship or funding for selective youth in need and make the arrangements for them to actively participate relative to the other students.

The UTM Experience is a two week program held at the UTM. This program is in collaboration with Camp UTM. It offers students an opportunity to live in residence on the university campus while taking part in daily classes ranging from different subjects such as arts, sports, cooking, and physics. There are also late evening activities that students can participate in. Two activity sessions run daily from 4pm to 6pm, which consist of smaller group activities during the day, and 7pm to 9pm, which consist of larger group activities. The Exploration Lead-On provides youth with many interesting activities that takes place outdoor with an experiential learning adventure that is held in various locations in North Ontario. The West Coast Marine Discovery program takes the campers to British Columbia. The campers stay on Vancouver Island at the University of Victoria. Students participate in hands-on activities and academic based courses. During the second week students participate in workshops related to marine and aquatic life that is unique to the West Coast. The cost for this program is \$3107.50 which includes transportation, accommodation, daily food, and registration. The Newfoundland Adventure provides students an opportunity to visit a unique part of Newfoundland to experience the special hospitality of the host at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College in Corner Brook. Many students participate in PSA because they want to challenge their intellectual abilities, meet new friends, gain social confidence and have a great time. With the support from staff, families, friends, campers etc, the program provides a rich experiential learning from various activities that are performed within each program geared towards youth.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING EVIDENCE:

City of Mississauga

- **Wal Mart At Play:** This innovative program was designed to provide positive opportunities for youth after-school. Initially designed to develop athletic skills with a mentoring component it has now grown to include dance, arts, homework assistance, dedicated youth "lounges"/spaces and most recently, a Leadership development course. The City's sponsorship department worked with Recreation staff to develop the program and continue to work with corporate sponsors ensure the continuity of the program (Ref 10-1).
- **Mississauga Library System & Dufferin-Peel Catholic School Board:** Schools and libraries that share common space have been able to combine resources to leverage purchasing power for shared equipment and resources (i.e. Computers). The lab areas, usually located in the public library, are used by the school during the day and in the evening they are available to the general public. In the same way, gym space is used by the school during the day and programmed by the Centre on evenings and weekends.
- **City of Mississauga, Boards of Education and Aquatic Based Service Groups:** Aquatic staff provide emergency response training to teachers, coaches and volunteers responsible for groups that use the pool. These are mainly youth groups such as the Mississauga Swim Club, Synchronized Swimming Club, Scuba Diving Club and large user groups such as the Federation of Muslim women.
- **Formal partnership agreements for instructional sports programs, camps and specialty workshops:** The City has developed a successful working model for the delivery of sport instructional programs. This arrangement results in increased membership and awareness for each sport. Examples of existing partnerships include Tennis Everyone, Don Rowling Club, Mississauga Canoe Club, Mississauga Cycling Committee, Action Sports Coalition and Hockley Valley Ski Resort.
- **Litter-not Campaign:** The program was initiated by the City of Mississauga, however, it is run in partnership with the school boards to assist in reducing litter in our community
- **Federation of Muslim Women:** Several swim programs offered in partnership with the City allow for multiple recreational swim and lesson opportunities for female Muslim youth and women. Facility window treatments ensure full participation
- **Mississauga Youth Plan:** As part of the Youth Plan, staff are collecting agency information and compiling a centralized listing of all youth serving agencies in Mississauga (Ref 10-16). Since the implementation of the Youth Plan, over 127 new partnerships have been formed between the City and other Youth Serving Agencies to ensure programs and services are available and accessible to youth.

- **Frank McKechnie Community Centre** and the **Vita Centre** are offering a parenting and life skills program for young adults aged 15-30 offered weekly at the Centre. Parents learn new skills in one room, while youngsters are supervised in another. The youth plan covers the cost of the room, the centre provides equipment and toys for the children and the staff from Vita Centre deliver the program with approximately 15 youth attending weekly with their children (Ref 10-2).
- **Burnhamthorpe Community Centre** and **Faith Sanctuary** run a Friday Night "Chill Zone" including sports, pool fooseball, bumper pool, ping pong, board games etc. The centre provides the equipment and facility and the Church provides the staff and volunteers to supervise (Ref 10-3).
- **Positive Vibes Basketball Tournament** ran in partnership with the City, Faith Sanctuary and the Police Services "Peace" Project (Ref 10-4).
- **The City** and **Ground Illuzions** partnered to host the "Let's Go Expo Art Jam" and event to promote hip hop culture, art and sports to youth (Ref 10-7)
- **Bathesda Common Community Funday** ran in August of 2011. This event was hosted by **TransformNation, the City and the East Mississauga Community Health Centre**. The event was targeted to children, youth and their families (Ref 10-5).
- **Reachout Committee and the City** offer a partnership program "Freestyle Fridays" where youth will have guest speakers, special events, and focused discussions on topic ideas they generate (ie violence, leadership, etc) (Ref 10-6)

Other Agencies

- **Boys & Girls Club Student Nutrition Program/ Breakfast Club:** This program provides support to marginalized youth to ensure they are getting adequate nutrition to feed their bodies and minds throughout the day. High schools represent the largest area of growth and need in this program. It is run in partnership with Peel Youth Village, YMCA, Peel Police and other corporate sponsors.
- **Healthy City Stewardship Centre:** The centre developed a comprehensive nine step strategy to increase the physical activity of residents. Youth and Mississauga organizations that represent youth were involved in developing the Mississauga Community Action Plan. (Ref 10-8)
- **Ecosource:** Green Schools Program works with schools on an ongoing basis to provide expertise, events and Community recognition for schools that commit to reducing waste and becoming environmentally responsible. (Ref 10-9)
- **Esource & Peel Environmental Youth Alliance** hosted their second annual Environmental Youth-Adult Partnership Program (EYAP) Symposium. The focus of the event is to share with others the success of their program delivery model in having youth and adults working together on environmental actions. Although the symposium was held in Collingwood, it was initiated by the

Mississauga based youth environmental advocacy group (Ref 10-11).

- **Multi-Agency Community Partnerships:** These models involve multi-agency approaches to addressing a specific community need. We have eight neighbourhoods in Mississauga where this approach has demonstrated success. These projects involve a community-based model for providing services and programs to youth. Project teams are instrumental in finding creative solutions to service gaps and funding challenges. The current groups are Meadowvale Community Partnership, Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Services, Malton Neighbourhood Services, Erin Mills Outreach Project, Cooksville Community Outreach Project, Acorn Community Outreach Network, and Oakridge Community In Action Team (Ref 10-10).
- **Healthy Schools Challenge:** Peel Health Department and the Boards of Education partner in a health promotions initiative that encourages healthier behaviours and practices in school. Nutrition, physical activities and positive decision making are in their best practices.
- **Peel Youth Violence Prevention Initiative** is a collaboration of agencies and service providers within Peel that are committed to the reduction and prevention of youth violence. The Region oversees two community working groups that are responsible for developing the goals for their respective work plans. There is representation from approximately 38 community groups (Ref 10-12).
- **The Meals with Love Project** is a partnership with United Way of Peel Region of Peel, Interim Place (Women's Shelter) and the Community Environmental Alliance of Peel. The executive team is composed of youth whose goal is to feed approximately 50 people with nutritiously-packed environmentally-friendly hampers (Ref 10-13).
- **United In Action** was an event held as part of the United Way of Peel's 2011 campaign kickoff that saw close to 400 volunteers participate. It was a collaboration of several community partners including City Councilors, City of Mississauga, Safe City Mississauga, University of Toronto Mississauga and several others (Ref 10-14).
- **The Honourable Willam G Davis Centre for Families** will open November of 2011 in Peel. It is a multi-service counseling facility that will be home to several agencies including Associated Youth Services of Peel, Catholic Cross-cultural Services, Family Education Centre, India Rainbow Community Services, Peel Children's Aid and Victim Services of Peel. The project was successful based on the effective partnership between agencies and government (Ref 10-15).
- **The Peel Child and Youth Initiative** is envisioned as an amalgamation of private, public, volunteer coalition and collaborative peel groups all working together for the well-being of children and youth from birth to 24. They are looking to reduce duplication, identify service gaps, advocate for new services and assist with implementing new services. Formerly known as the Success By Six Initiative, they have expanded to include youth (10-10)



**Youth Friendly Application Information Gathering
Agency Survey Responses
Supporting Criteria 10**

Agency Name	In terms of serving youth in Mississauga, what partnerships does your organization have in the community?
Mississauga Credit Valley Lions Club	none
Credit Valley Conservation / Conservation Youth Corps	we work closely with several area high schools, Ecosource, the City of Mississauga Parks Dept., Tutored by Nature, and UTM
Safe City Mississauga	Our current presentation partners for Crossroads Youth Academy includes: Bank of Canada Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Centre Peel Paramedics Association Peel Regional Police Other Supporters/Partners Include: UTM Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board Peel District School Board Region of Peel City of Mississauga
Peel Children and Youth Initiative	PCYI's Youth Advisory Council has connections in more than 20 other youth networks in Peel.
Youth Ministry - Mississauga City Baptist Church	Open Door
Cross of Life Lutheran Church	None
Camilla Road Sr. P.S.	MSEP
Churchill Meadows Christian Church	So far we do not have one. We're looking forward to partnering with other organizations.
MiWay the new Mississauga Transit/ City of Mississauga	Secondary schools
Nexus Youth Services	Peel Children and Youth Initiative Centralized Intake Partnership Committee Peel Concurrent Disorders Committee Peel Youth Violence Prevention Network Student Support Leadership Initiative Community Advisory Committee for AYSP's Youth At-Risk Programs NYC Advisory Committee NYC's Youth Council DAW (Drug Awareness Week) Mississauga - Hallon LHIN (SIGMHA) & TAY (Transitional Aged Youth) Committees Central West Concurrent Disorders Network
Mississauga Business Enterprise Centre	New Comer Centre of Peel, MEDT and Mississauga Youth Movement.
The Detour Youth Drop-In Center	
Citizens For The Advancement Of Community Development	CACD has partnered with Big Brother & Big Sister, Social Planning Council of Peel, Peel Newcomers strategy group, Safe City Mississauga, Peel Youth Village, Dufferan Peel Catholic School Board, Peel District School Board, Toronto Raptors, Toronto Argonauts, Mississauga YMCA, Toronto police Services, Peel Police Services, African Canadian Legal Clinic City of Mississauga Parks and Rec, Mississauga Valley Community Center.
St. Teresa of Avila Elementary School	We are part of the Meadowvale Community Partnership
City Centre Baptist Church	We have a partnership with The Open Door al square one.
Newcomer Information Centre, Youth	We partner with MANY organizations to better serve our youth- always open to it. Partnerships right now include: Newcomer Centre Peel Peel Multicultural Centre YMCA YWCA Brampton Multicultural Centre

United Way of Peel Region	United Way of Peel Region works for many community partners that serve youth in Mississauga through our funded agencies. These include, Associated Youth Services of Peel, Boys and Girls Club of Peel, Erin Mills Youth Outreach, Nexus Youth Services
	Our Place Peel United Way
St. Elizabeth's Anglican Church	We made donation to the Dam youth Drop-in centre.
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel	We have partnership with the Peel District School Board, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, Centre for Education and Training - Newcomer Information Centres, City of Mississauga, the Mississauga Library-Meadowvale Branch and Regional Diversity Roundtable.
Art of Living - Youth Empowerment Seminar (YES!)	N/A
Volunteer MBC	Partnerships with: - Volunteering Peel - Access Charity - see our member directory - Mississauga/Brampton Mayors youth teams
Nahani Way Public School	We partner with Keyser Mason Ball, a local law firm, who support our reading intervention program and help with skate lying. We partner with Parks and Rec for skating and swimming programs. We partner with the public library for youth programming. We are members of the Acorn Network and share communication and events supporting students in the Acorn Community with partners such as the Boys and Girls Club (Acorn), YMCA of Peel Youth Village, Learning in our Neighbourhood (LION), Peel Health, and Peel Police. We work with our community Police Officer. Costco, Bell, and Freedom 55 support our social justice initiatives for underprivileged students. Cooksville Lions, Breakfast for Kids, and Freedom 55 support our student nutrition program. The Mississauga Majors and Toronto Blue Jays support our character education program. These are just a few of the examples.
Art of Living Foundation	we do not have anything yet. but looking forward to for any partnership
Canadian Martyrs Catholic School	Peel Public Health Peel Police Miss Valley Community Center Missauga Library PLASP Parent Family Literacy Center STS. Peter & Paul Parish Junior Achievement Youth Community Activities by Permit
Peel Regional Police	Associated Youth Services of Peel Children's Aid Society of Peel City of Mississauga Committee of Youth Officers Dufferin Peel Catholic School Board Dufferin Peel Youth Violence Prevention Committee French Public and Catholic School Boards and Private School Board Ministry of Children and Youth Services National Youth Officer Program Committee OSSEOC- Ontario School Safety Education Officers Community Committee Peel Children and Youth Initiative Peel District School Board Regional Municipality of Peel Region of Peel Public Health Student Support Leadership Initiative Safe City Mississauga United Way of Peel Region
Clarkson Secondary School - Modern Batik Art Club - www.clubmodernbatik.com	We are currently seeking community partners for space for teaching as well as funding.
Canadian Association of Multicultural People. Our website is www.camp-on.com	City of Mississauga, DawaNet, Punjabi Community Health Services, Heart and Stroke Foundation Ontario, The Village Keepers Child and Family Centre, Boys and Girls Club Peel and others.
Region of Peel Public Health	Different program teams have different partnerships, so depends. For example we partner with YSAP, YMCA, etc.

Mississauga Arts Council	We are very fortunate to have many solid partnerships in the community which enables us to serve youth in the community. Some of our partnerships include teaming up with the Art Gallery of Mississauga, Rehearsal Pro Studios, the Mississauga Waterfront Festival, the Mississauga Youth Games and the City of Mississauga. We are also currently in the process of creating new partnerships with the YMCA Mississauga, the Bloor Dixie Neighbourhood Centre, Malton Community Centre, the Mississauga Library System and more! 2012 will be an exciting year!
YMCA Peel Youth Village	Board of Educators, PYIC, transitional age youth, Boys and Girls Club of Peel
Art Gallery of Mississauga	Depending on the programme that Youth and School groups are interested in, the AGM is able to collaborate with advance planning with our constituents. A 25 year old institution in the city of Mississauga enables the AGM to not only build new partners, as well as strengthen and create new teams. All is dependent upon planning and teamwork in advance, and on a case by case basis.
Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (project of EcoSource)	We have worked with the City of Mississauga, the City of Brampton, Peel District School Board, Region of Peel, Credit Valley Conservation, Peel Children and Youth Initiative, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, University of Toronto Mississauga, Evergreen, Riverwood Conservancy, and more.
REACHOUT COMMITTEE	Reachout has partnership with India Rainbow, Frank Mckechnie Community Centre, BCAN
The Works/Core at Erindale Bible Chapel	None
Gateway Centre for New Canadians	We partnered with United Way of Peel Region, Region of Peel, Safe City Mississauga, Epileptic Peel Community, Carassauga, Seva Food Bank, Red Cross, Giant Tiger, Mississauga Board of Chinese Professionals and Businesses, Mississauga Youth Games, Mississauga Arts Council, Centre for Education and Training, Kalayaan Cultural Community Center, Service Canada, Citizens for the Advancement of Community Development, Community Living Mississauga, Peel Multicultural Council, Newcomer Centre of Peel, Peel District School Board, Dufferin Peel Catholic School Board

Sponsorship and Corporate Development



Prepared by Jamie Brown, Manager, Sponsorship and Corporate Development
October 17, 2011

Update: Walmart At Play Mississauga

Program Attendance:

2009 Program Attendance: 23,726

2010 Program Attendance: 33,702

Overall Program Attendance: 111,441*

*Calculated up to the end of the 2010.

Operating Principles of At Play

- All youth are susceptible to 'at risk' behaviour, not just lower income youth
- Youth who are deemed 'at risk' have higher incidences of health issues which can be offset by increased physical activity
- Learning, education and continued development are keys to success

Pillars of At Play

- To provide a fun, safe, supervised place to go after school – the most 'at risk' time of the day
- Integration and inclusion of all participants
- Introduction of physical activity to those who aren't normally active
- Provide a non-threatening environment to try new activities, develop new skills and build social skills
- Introduction of youth to positive role models

2010 Walmart At Play Program Offering

In addition to the gym program the following program components were also offered by At Play:

Mobile At Play

At Play's outreach component which operates At Play at various non-City owned locations in the community.

At Play Youth Jam/Lobby Leader – November Pilot

This component utilizes shoulder hours to At Play at various locations to offer free activities such as table tennis, foosball, board games and 'choose your own adventure' style themed activities under the supervision of an At Play 'Lobby Leader' instructor.

At Play 14-18 – November Pilot

The traditional At Play gym program is available for youth ages 10 to 14 years of age. At Play 14-18 is a slightly altered program for participants 14 to 18 years of age.

2011 Walmart At Play Program Offering

In addition to the expanded program components that were introduced to the At Play program in 2010 the following program components have been introduced in 2011:

Leaders At Play – Launching October

The At Play program has been existence long enough to have youth that have participated in the program since they were 10 years old and are now too old to participate in the At Play proper program which is intended for youth 10 to 14 years of age. Leaders At Play is aimed at providing a leadership and life skills training program for At Play participants that are now older than 14 years of age. One Leaders At Play class will be offered in each of the City's recreation districts.

Leaders At Play offers a revised version of the City's LIT program with the addition of components intended to increase the participant's ability to become employed and/or enter post secondary education. In addition, participants are also given an introduction to recreation program development and instruction which culminates in each district class developing an At Play pilot program component which will be implemented in each class' district. As a condition of entrance to the program, Leaders At Play participants must agree to use a portion of their mandatory school requirement of 40 hours of volunteer work for the At Play program.

Leaders At Play is funded through the youth plan and is the only component of At Play that is funded through the City's operating budget. The other components of At Play are fully funded through corporate sponsorships and do not impact the City's tax base.

At Play Computer Labs – Launching November 2011

This fall At Play implemented three portable computer labs. The computers are available for At Play participants to use during the Youth Jam/Lobby Leader component of At Play at Frank McKechnie CC, Burnhamthorpe CC and Malton CC. The computers are intended for At Play programming and homework use only and implement appropriate filtering measures.

IQ At Play – Launching November 2011

To support the At Play Computer Labs a tutoring and educational activity pilot program component called IQ At Play was developed and launched along with the computers. IQ At Play provides general tutor assistance to At Play participants as well as an activity program intended to better leverage the computers. Over a ten week period IQ At Play participants are engaged in theme weeks ranging from core school subject areas such as math and English to digital media and digital photography and film. The intention of IQ At Play is to provide homework assistance to At Play participants while also introducing new areas of interest.

Vita Centre program teaches parenting and life

By JULIA LE Staff

Vita Centre is hosting a parenting and life skills program for young adults aged 15-30 beginning Sept. 9.

The 12-week program is called "Growing as Parents." It takes place in the auditorium at the Frank McKechnie Community Centre on Fridays from 1-3 p.m. The program is designed to help young pregnant women and parents of kids up to six years old.

"We are committed to helping pregnant and parenting youth at a time when they are making important decisions for themselves and their children by providing opportunities for them to improve their parenting knowledge, skills and resources, along with increasing skills

in developing better relationships with family members," said program facilitator Stephanie Bellini.

The program is free. Pre-registration is required. Free child minding is provided, along with

adult snacks and bus tickets for those in need of assistance with transportation.

Topics of discussion include: child behaviour, the importance of early literacy, parenting styles and street-

proofing your kids. To register call 905-502-7933 ext. 233 or email stephanie@vitanor.org.

The program is funded by the United Way of Peel Region.

Vita Centre is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping pregnant and parenting youth in Peel Region through counselling and parenting and life skills programs.

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- Pool, Fooseball, Bumper Pool, Ping Pong, Board Games
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Positive Vibes Basketball Tournament

Date: January 30th, 2010

Time: 12:00pm - 5:00pm

Cost: Free

Location: Burnhamthorpe Community Centre
1500 Gulleden Drive
Mississauga, ON L4X 2T7

Ages: 9-18yrs old

What to Bring: Running Shoes

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Dear Donation Coordinator,

Reachout Committee is a non profit community-based organization formed in 2002 in Mississauga in response to the growing problems of conflicts and violence amongst youth in the community. The Reachout Committee and our mentoring process provide an environment where youth and community organizations work as a team to complete our goals:

- To promote good citizenship and develop strategies to ensure it is maintained.
- To encourage, provide mentoring and educational support for underachievers and young people with learning difficulties.
- To advise and give practical support to young people who suffers adversely from exclusion and to help promote their self esteem to its highest potential.
- To provide mediation and support for families and or individuals that is, or become dysfunctional for various reasons.
- To stimulate critical and creative thinking.

Reachout has served many youths by operating and managing several programs and projects. Utilized many trained volunteers from the community to support its activities. Reachout provides the following services to the community across the GTA

- Sharing Christmas – every 2nd Friday in December (since 2002)
- Youth Rally – annual event (since 2002)
- Reachout fund-raising barbeque – twice during the summer (since 2002)
- Helping Hands – annual event to raise money for scholarship (since 2003)
- Wonderland Bus Trip - annual Wonderland trip for youth at risk (since 2003)
- Mississauga Achievement for the Advancement of Colored Youth (MAACY) - youth helping youth

Reachout Committee Inc. endorses promoting the leadership development of youth. Freestyle Friday will include the full participation of youth. Their voices, opinions, concerns and presence will be an asset in bring about positive change in our youth. Problems surrounding youth today affects everyone in our society. This project proposes to put youth to work to find solutions to end the negative stereotype that surrounds them. The experience and knowledge gained will develop and foster change in attitude towards their role in society.

We are requesting sponsorship/ donation for our weekly Freestyle Friday's youth meetings. The project will run from 2010 to 2011 calendar year every Friday. The vision of Freestyle Friday is to ensure the

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sustainable and active involvement of young adults in a level developing their leadership skills and advocating for the broader participation of young adults. This can be achieved by honest participation and dialogue. What Reachout has been doing is meeting with youths to discuss issues that they face on a daily basis.

The expectation of the project will ensure that all participants and community will benefit from the success of the project, regardless of age, gender or ethnicity. The community and society in general will also benefit from the social and cultural benefits derived from the implementation of this project. The Youth meetings will change the attitude and characteristics of our youths. As a result, the project will change the way our youths view the community on a whole.

Many of our youths exist in poverty and unemployment is at a much higher rate. There is still much work to be done as many in these communities continue to struggle due to harsh socio-economic realities. Empowering our youths is the main focus. Creating an environment of mutual respect and trust between youth, adults, police and the justice system. Reachout is open to all youths regardless of age, gender, socio-economic background, sexual orientation, abilities or ideological perspective. We mainly respond to the needs of our young people. Reachout strives to be a self sufficient organization. It is dependent upon the material and financial contribution of its members and supporters for the successful implementation of its work.

Your generous support and donation will go a long way in ensuring all our youth have an affordable opportunity to participate in our group meetings. We believe the experiences and memories gained will have a lasting affect for all. Our fundraising efforts have typically fallen short of our desired goals and we have to rely on the generous donations provided by sponsors. This letter comes to you seeking your generous contribution to the continued development of our youth. Each event these volunteers must rely on civic minded people such as you, to help raise the remaining income through donations and fund-raising. All Reachout correspondence will include sponsors names encouraging patronage of these establishments. We would like to thank you in advance for any contribution you can make. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Please make all donations payable to Reachout Committee Inc, all correspondents should be sent to Reachout Committee Inc. 130 Dundas St. East Suite 200, Mississauga ON L5A 3V8. You may contact me via email reachout-committee@sympatico.ca or by the numbers listed above. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely Yours

Angela Swain-Thorpe
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IMPORTANT ISSUES DISCUSSED AT FREESTYLE FRIDAY

1. DIVERSITY

- Integration & Segregation Issues
- Cultural Competence
- Equality and Respect
- Disability

3. VIOLENCE PREVENTION

- Sexual Harassment
- Gangs
- Domestic Abuse
- Bullying

5. DRUGS

- Drunk Driving
- Alcohol Issues
- Marijuana & other Illegal Drugs
- Over-the-counter Drugs

7. EDUCATION

- Safe Sex
- Cultural Awareness
- Nutrition
- After School Programs
- Job Training

2. HEALTH

- Sex Education
- Hygiene
- Drug Prevention
- Eating Disorders
- Healthy Relationships

4. ENVIRONMENT

- Smoking
- Clean Public Areas
- Pollution
- Recycling
- Energy Conservation
- Alternative Energy Sources

6. COMMUNITY RELATIONS

- Youth Volunteering
- Youth Leadership in Schools and Communities
- Self Expression (arts)
- Civic Responsibility/ Engagement (voting)

8. TOBACCO AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

- Environment (second hand smoke)
- Peer Education and Advocacy
- Quitting Smoking

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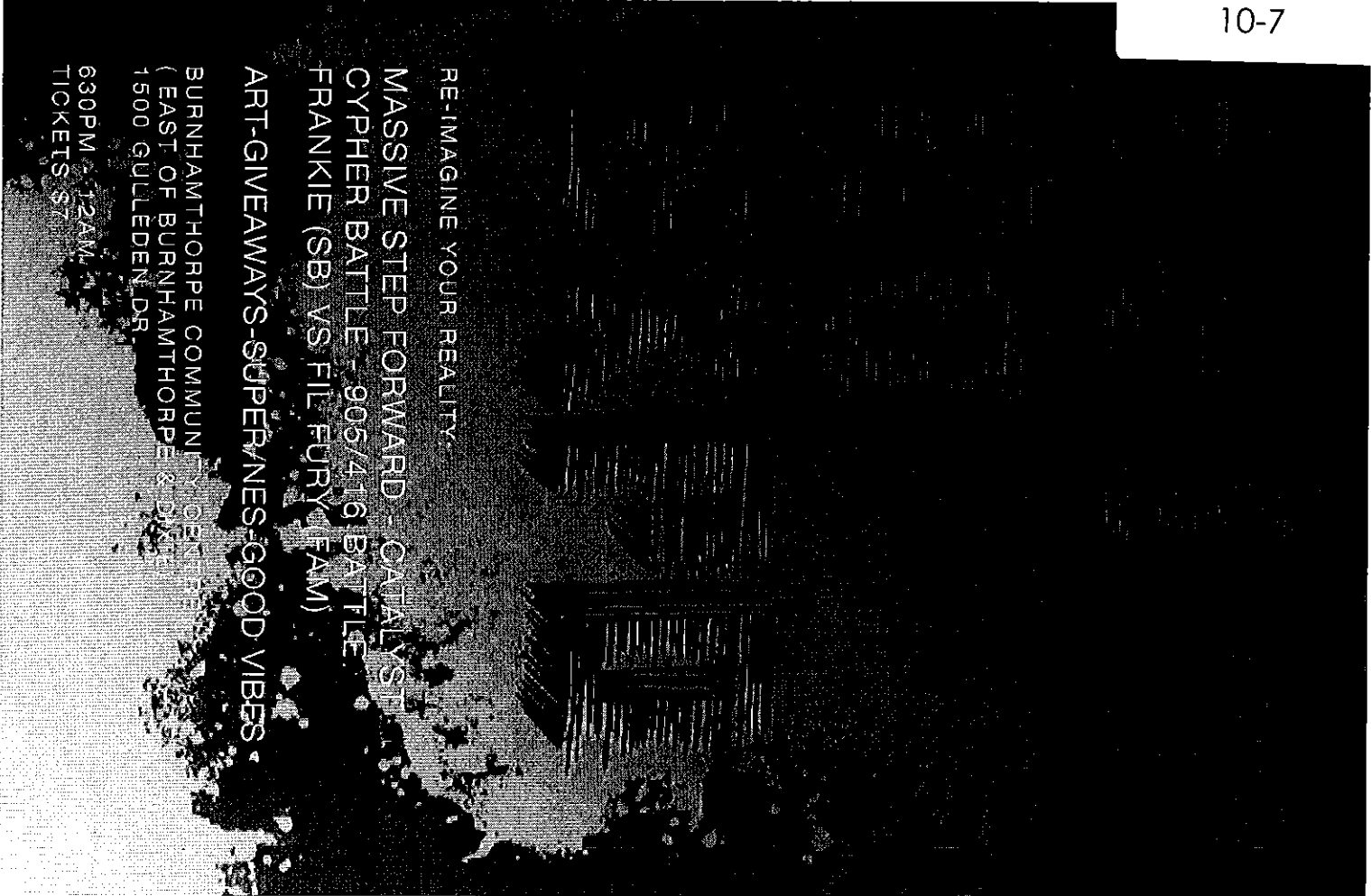
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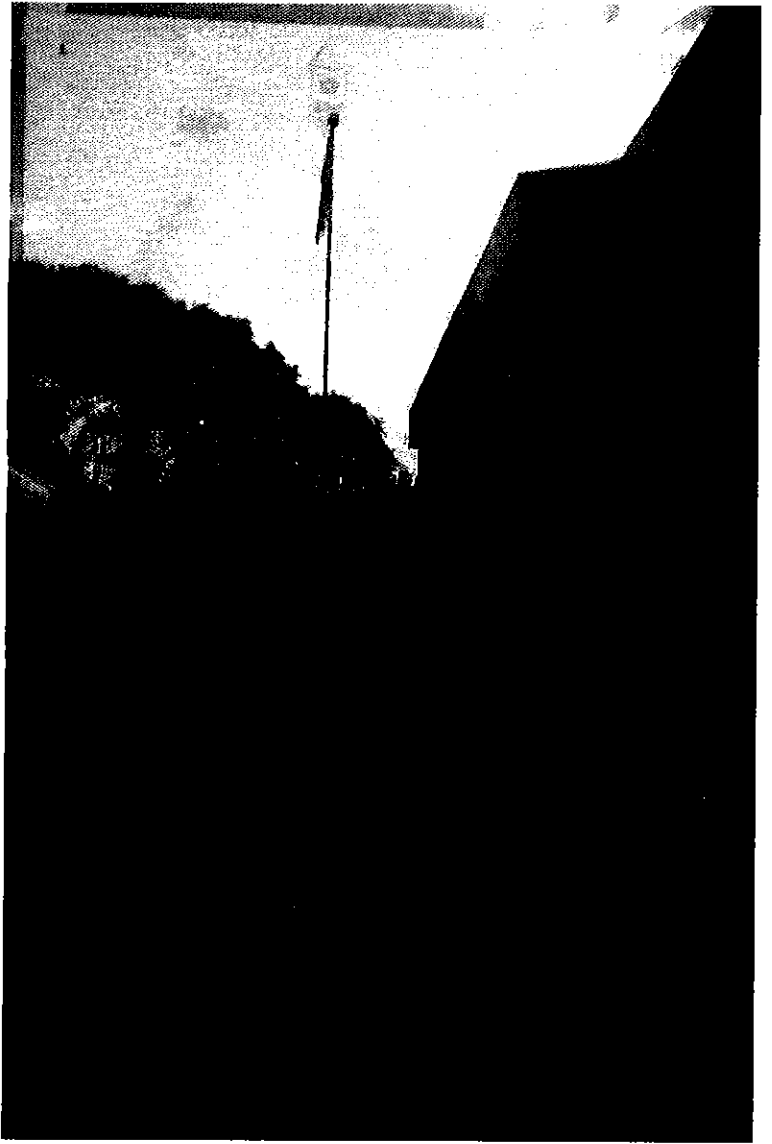
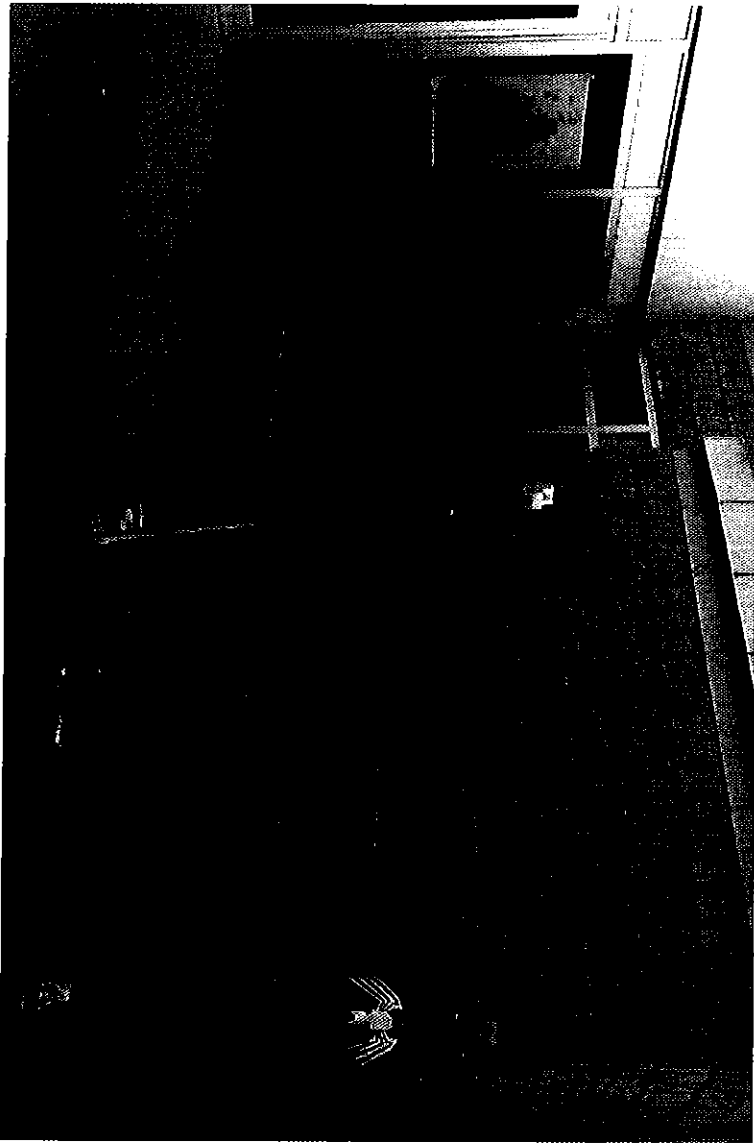
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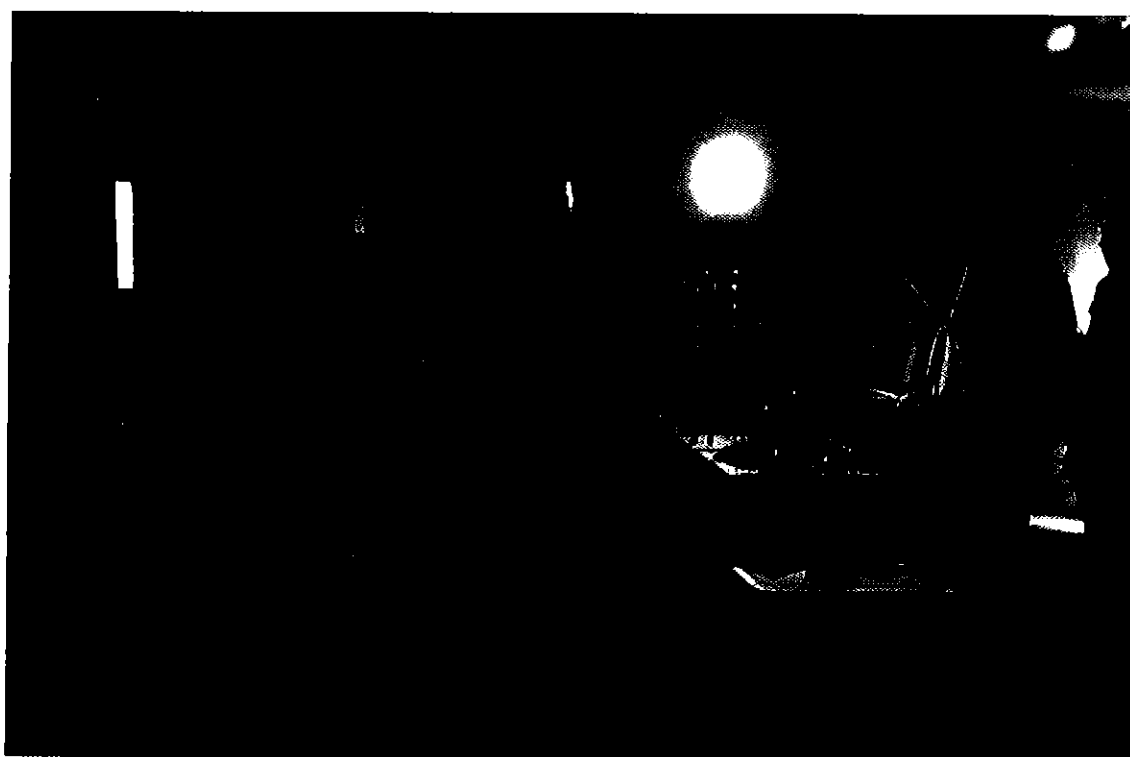
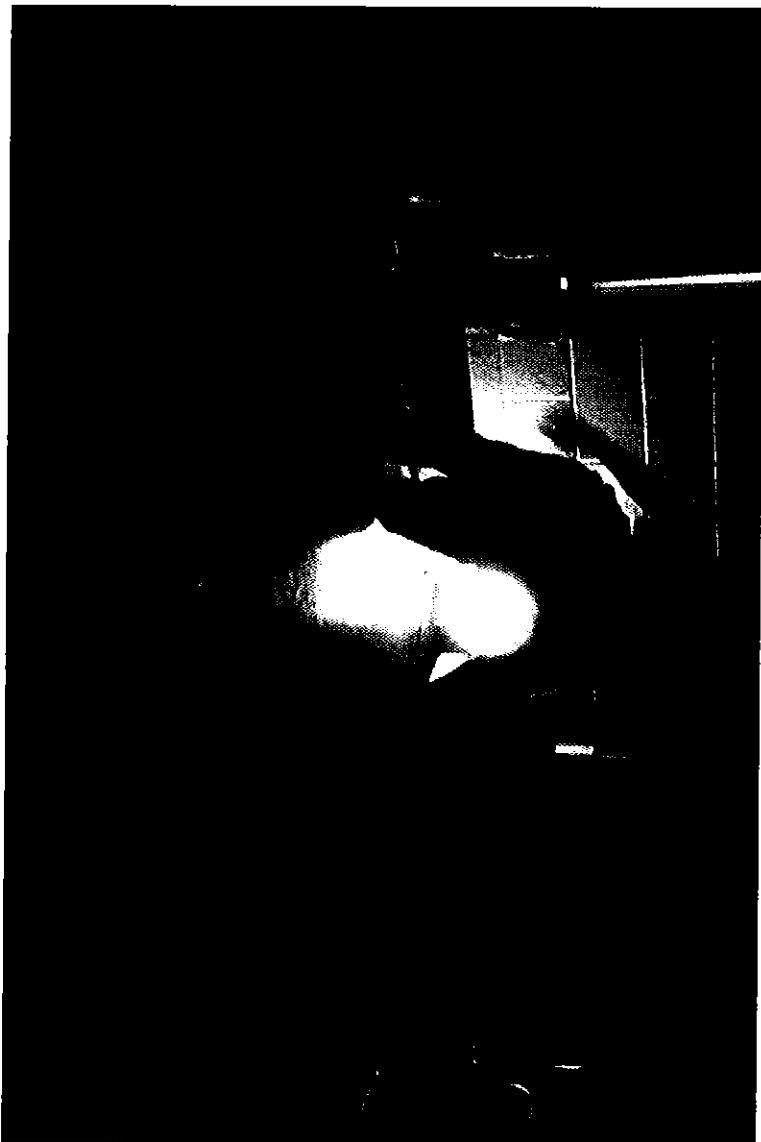
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Hip-Hop talent showcased

The Mississauga News
August 14, 2011

There's a lot more to Hip-Hop than young people wearing ball caps or black toques and listening to rap music.

In a show that aimed to challenge the notion of Hip-Hop, youngsters showcased their dancing skills at the Ground illusionz Crew's Let-Go Expo Art Jam last night at the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre.

Marcel DaCosta, leader of the Mississauga-based group, which is a multicultural Hip-Hop collective founded in 1999, said they invited people to "re-imagine your reality" to re-evaluate and challenge the notion of what the dance is all about.

The show featured live performances in music, dance, martial arts and disc jockeys. There was an inner-city high school B-boy (break-boy) challenge, exhibition showcases, party music and more.

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Let's Go Expo Art Jam. The Hip-Hop Collective hosted the Let's Go Art Expo at the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre Saturday night. Eric Quach aka Starz laid down a show Michael Jordan would be proud of. Staff photo by Fred Loek

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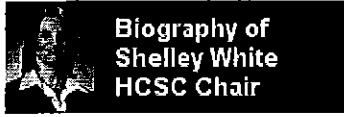
Vision and Goals of the HCSC

VISION

Mississauga will be a Healthy City of people with optimal physical, mental and spiritual health.

GOALS

- All people in Mississauga will value and strive for optimal health.
- All people in Mississauga will feel safe in their communities.
- All people in Mississauga will have equal access to information and services.
- All people in Mississauga will live in and contribute to a clean and sustainable environment.
- All people in Mississauga will feel part of a larger community and will know that they will be cared for in times of need.



Biography of Shelley White
HCSC Chair

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 - A small amount of seeds.
 - A small amount of water.

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 2. Put the seeds in a small pot and keep it moist.
 3. The beans will grow in a few days.
 4. Keep an eye on those beans!

KEEP AN EYE ON THOSE BEANS!
 1. I planted my first bean.
 2. The bean was growing.

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Secondary Green Schools Program

The Secondary Green Schools Program consists of the following program components:

- A professional, dedicated EcoSource staff member to facilitate the Secondary Green Schools program in collaboration with your school from September to June
- Two full-school waste audits to measure a baseline for improvement and successes
- Involvement in a minimum of three campaigns designed to reduce the amount of waste in the school and raise awareness
- Three innovative workshops developed to foster critical and systemic thinking about environmental, social, and economic issues
- Two field trips
- A year-end Green Schools celebration
- Post program completion entrance into Green Schools Alumni Network
- Students have the opportunity to join the Peel Environmental Youth Alliance and participate in Ecobuzz

The Secondary Green Schools program has successfully supported schools from 2006 to 2011.

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ACORN Program Committee Meeting
 January 17th, 2011 – 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Committee Members Expected: Ryan Clunas, Debbie Bragoutie, Trish Marinoni, Gary Faris, Officer Ali, Officer Sta. Maria, Megan Koch, Natassha Wilson, Elizabeth Watson, Denise Campbell, Melodie Downey, Michael Dzis, Jane Kemp, Katina Palegologos, Sheri Wiggins, Stachen Frederick, Kuldip Bains, Laura Simpson, Barbara Makuch, Olesya Bryn, Bill Judges, Lynda Graham, Pat Levene and Erica Taylor

Invitees: Sharon Newman (Frank McKechnie)

Agenda Item & Time Allotted	Purpose (A=Action needed, D=Discussion I= Information)	Presenter
1. Approve Agenda (5 min.)	(A) Welcome guests, approve agenda (modify if needed)	Debbie
2. Conflict of Interest	(A) Declaration of any Conflict of Interest by Committee Members	Everyone
3. Approve Previous Minutes a) Address business arising from minutes (10 min.)	(A) Review minutes from November 8 th , 2010 meeting for accuracy. Amend if needed and approve	Debbie
4. Sharon Newman (Frank McKechnie)	Discussion	Sharon
5. Holiday Extravaganza Debrief	Discussion	Debbie B.
6. Program/Agency Updates a) ACORN b) Breakfast Club c) Boys and Girls Clubs of Peel Region d) Peel Regional Police e) Children's Services – FLP f) LION g) Schools: • Nahani Way • Bristol Road h) Human Services – ROP • Employment Services • Peel Living	(I) Updates on programs for the past month and information about the upcoming month	Debbie B. Debbie B./ Megan Debbie B / Trish Officer Ali, Sta. Maria Megan Lynda Michael/Jane Katina Elizabeth / Denise Sheri/Kuldip/Ryar



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Youth across the region uniting on environmental issues

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Environmental Youth-Adult Partnerships Project

EcoSource and PEYA hosted youth and adults working together on environmental actions through organizations and schools across Ontario. Our second annual EYAP symposium will be held in Collingwood, ON in 2011. For more information, click [here!](#) If you have any extra questions on this matter, you can email Stephanie at scrocker@ecosource.ca.

EYAP Provincial Symposium

This gathering is an opportunity for organizations and individuals involved in youth-adult partnerships to:

- Network and meet other youth and adults working on environmental programming
- Learn from other sectors on successful YAPs
- Enhance skills in YAPs
- Strategize ways to enhance YAPs across Ontario

Contact

EYAP is a project of EcoSource (www.ecosource.ca) and the Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (www.peyalliance.com)

For more information, please contact:

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Mission Statement

The Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA) is a network of action-oriented students in Peel Region concerned about environmental issues and determined to make positive change.

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Chapter 6: 10 Steps: Key Successes of the PEYA Model

The Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA) was established in November 2004 and has evolved into a model of youth-adult partnership with the organization EcoSource. The key successes PEYA and EcoSource experienced to create and sustain an adult-supported youth group for environmental change are expressed below, or watch the video on the PEYA YouTube page.



The Youth-Adult Relationship

- Accepting that we each have skills, knowledge and experience to learn from one another, and the ability to teach one another.
- Being open to receiving this information and actively listening to one another without judgment.
- Committing to taking action together!

It is important to come to an understanding of how youth and adults in your group want to work together.

See:

- A-5: Exercise: Creating a Shared Expectation

See this example from PEYA and EcoSource:

The 2010-2011 Peel Environmental Youth Alliance and EcoSource will work together in the following ways:

- We respect and support one another
- Everyone will hear others and be heard
- We have fun together!
- We inspire creativity in one another
- We stay focused and engaged to come to conclusions collaboratively - EVERYONE contributes
- We are accepting and patient with one another
- We are willing to learn from each other and teach one another
- We need guidance and encouragement
- We are realistic about the structures that exist in the systems and partnerships we operate within



Visioning Session - Creating Your Group

1) Promote through existing networks

- Peer to peer: Friends, at school, Facebook, website, newsletter, extra-curricular activities and programs
- Through adult groups: the school boards, teachers, existing environmental networks with youth programs or members





Provide Different Ways to Participate

Provide a variety of levels of participation, commitment and responsibility.

A flexible approach will allow youth to move in and out of involvement at this rapidly changing time in their lives. Offering a variety of types of involvement and content will allow for a sense of ownership over the project, and sustained interest. Involvement may be:

- Long-Term
- Project-Based
- Episodic

Real life example:

These are examples of different forms of involvement that PEYA and EcoSource offer youth in Peel Region:

Long-Term: PEYA Coordinator

- Part-time student position
- Facilitates committee planning and partner meetings, coordinates events and oversees communications.
- Drives program development
- Reviews and provides comment on budgets prepared by Ecosource staff
- Works collaboratively with Ecosource staff on funding proposals

Long-Term: PEYA Advisory Committee

- Senior PEYA members
- Provide advice to PEYA Coordinator and Executive Members
- Plan major events such as the PEYA 5 Year Celebration
- Acquire small donations
- Do outreach at local networking/learning events

Project-Based: PEYA Executive

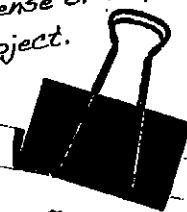
- Create general member meeting content and facilitate
- Lead environmental action campaigns
- Collaborate with community partners on projects
- Lead or contribute to fundraising proposal related to their areas of interest



TIP



Adults should not shelter youth from administrative tasks that are integral to the group's survival ex. fundraising, budgeting, strategic planning and program development. These are important skills for young leaders to gain, and will enhance a sense of responsibility over the project.





Roles of Youth and Adults

Transportation Demand Management High Schools Project — PEYA students work with adults from the Region of Peel's Public Works Department to reducing car usage and promote alternative forms of transportation at high schools in Peel

- Ex. Short-term goal: pilot program at four Peel secondary schools where a youth-adult team of student leaders, teachers and administrators receive funding to develop and deliver an action plan to reduce car usage during travel to school
- Ex. Long-term goal: work with public transportation bodies to decrease fees for high school students and raise awareness of the advantages of public transit

See:

- Chapter 5: Youth In Government Planning: Getting There, Together



Create Opportunities to Bond

- Social Gatherings — Just for fun — no work talk! Improves group dynamics and cohesion
- Summer retreat — Opportunity to bond in nature, understand skills and interests within group, plan roles and actions accordingly
- Mentorship — Senior student Advisory Committee oversees junior Executive Committee, creates an environment of support, learning, and opportunity to plan together

See:

- Chapter 8: 10 Steps: Organize a Planning Retreat



Ongoing Evaluation

Evaluation is especially important in youth-adult partnerships, to create both a sense of belonging and atmosphere of equality. The incorporation of evaluation responses in future planning increases relevancy of programs, and thus, sustained participation at all levels. PEYA uses evaluations for event planning committees, Executive Committee and major activities. Both youth and adult allies are surveyed.

Consider using a variety of methods such as:

- Paper
- Electronic
- Focus Group Sessions

See:

- A-8: Evaluation Form Sample Questions

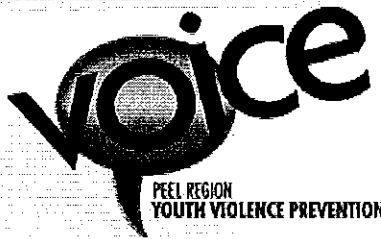




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- › Associated Youth Services of Peel
- › Brampton Neighbourhood Resource Centre
- › Brampton Safe City
- › Caledon OPP
- › Canadian Mental Health Association
- › City of Brampton, Parks & Recreation
- › City of Mississauga, Recreation & Parks
- › Community Environment Alliance of Peel (CEA)
- › Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Resource Centre
- › Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board
- › Elizabeth Fry Society of Peel-Halton
- › Erin Mills Youth Outreach Program
- › Family Education Centre
- › Family Services of Peel
- › John Howard Society
- › Ministry of Children and Youth Services - Probation
- › Mississauga Church of God
- › Nexus Youth Services
- › Our Place Peel
- › Peel Committee Against Woman Abuse
- › Peel Committee on Sexual Assault
- › Peel District School Board
- › Peel Regional Police
- › Rapport Youth & Family Services
- › Rapport Youth & Family Services - Eclipse
- › Region of Peel - Peel Youth Village
- › Region of Peel - Social Services
- › Region of Peel - Ontario Works
- › Region of Peel - Peel Health
- › Safe City Mississauga
- › The Bridge - Prison Ministry
- › The Centre for Education and Training
- › The Dam Youth Drop-In
- › The HEAL Network
- › Town of Caledon - Caledon Youth Services
- › United Way of Peel Region
- › Various Community Members
- › West Edge Outreach Center

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WHO WE ARE.

The "*Meals with Love*" Project

"This is a project filled with love, dedication, compassion and vision. We are working together with other youth, businesses, community organizations and agencies to touch the lives of the less fortunate in OUR community."-- Aaron Pinto, Project Coordinator



We, Aaron Pinto and Amita Pande, from Mississauga and Brampton, have set up a community outreach project, called, "*Meals with Love*" with assistance provided by the United Way of Peel Region, the Region of Peel, Interim Place and the Community Environment Alliance of Peel. Our Executive team, composed of like-minded youth from our immediate community, have endeavoured to devise simple, yet innovative, community-friendly tools to inspire, inform and engage individuals, businesses and our diverse GTA communities to shape a better future for ourselves, our children and our grandchildren.

The goal of the *Meals with Love* project (initiated in the Summer of 2009) is to feed approximately 50 Canadian citizens who are in need of nutritious food in Peel Region and the surrounding area by providing nutritiously-packed environmentally-friendly hampers that have a shelf-life of one week. The hampers are composed of organic low-sodium fair-trade food items (Please see "MWL Hamper" for details).

With these hampers the *Meals with Love* Executive Committee aspires to make a large impact on the community of Peel.

With a strong voice for social change, United Way is strengthening our community, and improving lives. No member of our community is immune to challenges – United Way is here to champion and inspire sustainable change that strengthens community and improves lives.

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With over 1 million residents, **Peel Region** is the second largest Administrative Region in Ontario. Conveniently located with Halton Region to the West and York and Toronto to the East, the Region has experienced fast growth in both residential and commercial developments.

Peel Region was incorporated into the organization it is today when the old County of Peel had its municipalities reformed into the 2 cities of Brampton (central region) and Mississauga (largest city south of the region) and the Town of Caledon (north of the region).

INTERIM PLACE.



Interim Place has been providing shelter and support services for women in Peel Region who face violence for over 28 years. In 1979, the Social Planning Council of Peel Region identified the need for a shelter and Interim Place was born.

Since 1981 Interim Place has assisted well over 15,000 women and children over the years find safety, heal and build new lives free of abuse.

The organization's goal is to end violence against women through; responsive, accessible, services and supports, public education and action and advocacy to address the social, economic and political conditions that create violence in the lives of women and children.

The Interim Place Vision: a world free of violence – A world where there is justice and peace.

United Way unites community for neighbourhood clean-up

MISSISSAUGA — Close to 400 volunteers *United in Action* to help clean-up neighbourhoods in Brampton, Mississauga and Caledon today. The clean-up is part of United Way of Peel Region's 2011 campaign kick-off.

"In addition to launching our 2011 public fundraising campaign, this year our *United in Action* kick-off aims to bring our community together to build strong vibrant neighbourhoods where residents can thrive," says United Way President and CEO Shelley White. "United Way is all about community partnerships, collective action, and providing opportunities for residents to enhance their quality of life."

The *United in Action* project is collaboration of United Way and various community partners including city councillors, Caledon Dufferin Victim Services, City of Brampton, City of Mississauga, EcoCaledon, Safe City Brampton, Safe City Mississauga and University Toronto Mississauga (UTM).

Three of the neighbourhoods targeted for clean-up were identified through research funded by a United Way Neighbourhood Development Grant. The research conducted by UTM Professor of Geography Dana Wilson and UTM students, builds on previous studies by University of Toronto graduate students and will enhance the understanding of neighbourhood resources, strengths and priority needs.

Clean-up projects include graffiti removal, mural painting by local students, gardening and litter pick-up.

"Research has shown that when residents unite and work together, neighbourhoods are cleaner, safer and more productive," says White.

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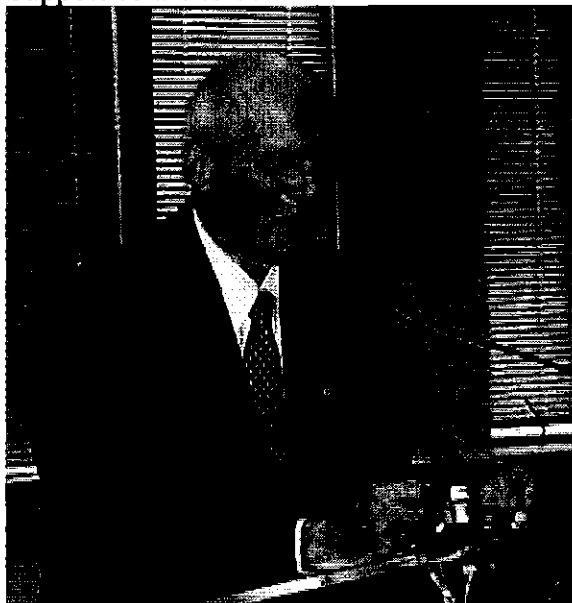
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Support centre to be named for Bill Davis



October 25, 2011 00:10:00

Peel's first multi-service support centre for victims of domestic abuse will bear the name of former Ontario premier Bill Davis.

The multimillion-dollar facility and its name were officially unveiled during a ceremony on Monday afternoon. The Honourable William G. Davis Centre for Families, located at 60 West Dr. in Brampton and slated to open to the public on Nov. 1, was heralded as a landmark building for the social services community in Peel.

It was conceived and designed to house multiple agencies under one roof — providing victims of domestic violence a “one-stop” location for support and help.

“This is an incredible day of celebration and thanksgiving for us,” said Jim Leising, president of Catholic Family Services of Peel Dufferin (CFSPD), which will house its headquarters in the new building.

The multi-service counselling agency provides programs that include services to families dealing with woman abuse: support groups for women assaulted by their partners, groups for men who abuse their spouses and specialized programs for children and adolescents exposed to woman abuse.

In 2008, the organization partnered with 15 other service providers to establish a centre where individuals and families touched by such abuse and violence can access an array of services.

The idea was to create a more coordinated and integrated way to serve victims and families.

The building's name is an honour Davis said he'll share with his family, who also work in many ways to serve their community.

“I have great expectations for the work this great institution will do,” Davis told Monday's gathering. CFSPD will be joined by Associated Youth Services of Peel, Catholic Crosscultural Services, Family Education Centre, India Rainbow Community Services, Legal Aid Ontario, Peel Children's Aid Society, Trillium Hospital Sexual Assault Care and Resource Centre, and Victim Services of Peel in the 53,000-sq.-ft. facility.

Peel Region chair Emil Kolb noted recent statistics show Peel Regional Police recorded in excess of 14,000 calls a year for domestic abuse in addition to attending an average of one suicide and one



Youth initiative gets start-up grant

Joseph Chin
April 21, 2010

A fledgling organization that seeks to improve services for children and youth in Peel got a financial boost on Tuesday when it was presented with a \$65,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). The funds will be used to retain a planning consultant and to engage youth in the formative process.

Peel Children and Youth Initiative (PCYI) is envisioned as an amalgamation of private, public, volunteer, coalition and collaborative Peel groups all working together for the well-being of children and youth in the region, from birth to age 24.

Organizers want to reduce duplication, identify service gaps, advocate for new services and assist with implementing new services. There are almost 100 agencies and programs in Peel providing services to children and youth.

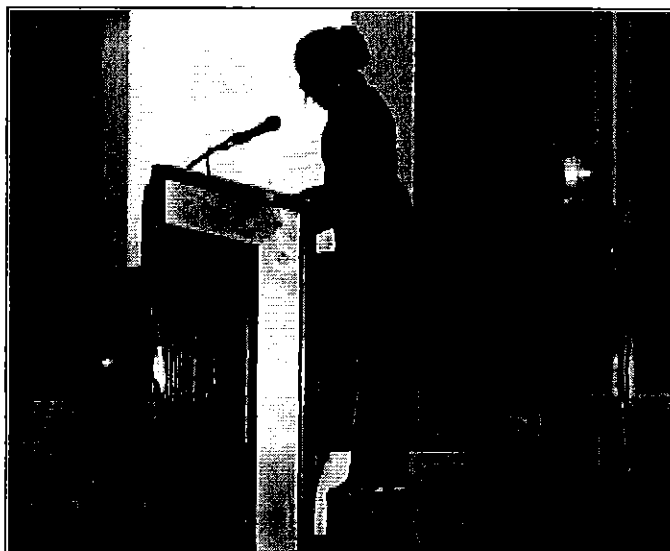
"Integrating youth services will help protect children at risk, strengthen families and ensure that children living in Peel have every opportunity to reach their full potential," Amrit Mangat, MPP for Mississauga-Brampton South, told dozens of stakeholders at Versailles

Convention Centre in Mississauga as she handed the cheque to Naomi Ishmael, 10, the ambassador for Peel Children's Charter of Rights.

"We know that participation empowers children and we have a solid commitment to involve children and youth at every stage of our work," said Tony Pontes, co-chair of PCYI and director of education at the Peel District School Board. "We greatly appreciate the Ontario Trillium Foundation's support in this."

An agency of the government of Ontario, OTF strengthens the capacity of the voluntary sector through investments in community-based initiatives. To mark this week's National Volunteer Week, it will hand out more than \$35.2 million in grants to 521 groups such as PCYI.

PCYI is seeking about \$500,000 in operating costs, and it has approached local school boards, the Region of Peel and United Way of Peel.



Ambassador. Ten-year-old Naomi Ishmael, the ambassador for Peel Children's Charter of Rights, addresses a forum held by the Peel Children and Youth Initiative (PCYI), after she accepted a \$65,000 donation on behalf of the organization from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. *Staff photo by Rob Beintema*

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Peel Children & Youth Initiative



PCYI Update: Forging ahead with our Strategic Plan

As a back-bone organization, PCYI will coordinate the collective efforts of non-profit, government and community organizations to improve services for children and youth (0-24) in Peel. Establishing and collaborating on a common agenda is vital to the success of our work.

We have seen first-hand how collaborating with community partners on a common agenda can produce positive, sustainable outcomes for children through the work of Success By 6 Peel; the Peel Post-partum Mood Disorder program; the Learning in Our Neighbourhood program, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Assessment program, and the St. John Fisher Neighbourhood Learning Place. These programs have literally changed the way children and families receive service. PCYI will continue to build on these existing partnerships to coordinate a high-level strategy to improve the services offered to children and youth (0-24) in Peel.

Community consultations are critical to our work. Since 2007, PCYI has held several community forums where we heard from you about the gaps in services and areas that need more attention. Each of the forums contributed valuable information that drove the conversation at our strategic planning table where eight priorities were identified and compared within the context of the Results-based Accountability Model and Peel Children Charter of Rights and Youth Charter of Rights, all of which help to align our work.

Strategic Plan: Three Priorities

On March 1st, PCYI announced its strategic plan and three priorities at a community forum of youth and partners. The three point plan will focus on a landscape report that identifies opportunities for children and youth, a recreation and after-school initiative, and an early years strategy focused on integrated services.

Strategic Priority #1	Thriving Children, Stronger Future: A landscape report about opportunities for children and youth in Peel.	Strategic Priority #2	Peels Kids Participate! A recreation and after-school initiative to increase the percentages of children and youth who are engaged in healthy recreational, skill building and after-school opportunities.	Strategic Priority #3	Growing the Early Years: An early years strategy focused on integrated services to support children and youth from birth to five years of age.
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Based on the Results-based Accountability Framework and Peel population goals.

The first strategic initiative entitled: Thriving Children- Stronger Future: Opportunities for Children and Youth in Peel will focus on the development of a comprehensive community planning and research project that will identify the current state of program, supports and results for children and youth (0-24) in Peel, and it will identify opportunities where changes to existing practices, policies and systems could improve services and outcomes.

This will include consolidating the information on circumstances and current outcomes for children and youth in an accessible format. We will directly engage children and youth in the preparation of the report and presentation of key findings. This report will inform PCYI's strategic plan for 2012 and 2013, and be shared widely with other groups across the Region.

The second strategy: Peels Kids Participate! A recreation and after-school initiative will focus on a strategy to increase the percentages of children and youth who are engaged in healthy recreational, skill building and after-school opportunities. Through the support of a working group comprised of interested partners, we will identify neighbourhoods and schools where after-school programs might be feasible with some support and resources.

PCYI will also identify potential funding opportunities and other sources of support for the development of after-school programs.

Our third initiative – Strengthening the Early Years will focus on a strategy that will improve service outcomes for children and families through collective impact. This is where PCYI will continue to build on the good work of Success By 6 Peel and its collaboratives to improve the quality of services to support parenting and early child development. Part of this work includes building on and revitalizing the Community Advisory, Management and Executive Committees to support and facilitate this strategy.

We recognize that these are ambitious goals! The success of our strategies are reliant upon our community partnerships and their continued commitment to participating in these collaborative initiatives.

We are pleased to report that we have received a tremendously positive response from community partners who have reaffirmed their commitment to our mission by confirming their participation in the development of the strategic priorities and supporting our resource teams. We thank you for continued partnership, and look forward to working with you!

It's not too late to join us!

You can get involved by participating in any of the three strategic priorities, or supporting one of our resource groups.

For more information about our engagement opportunities, please contact Amanda Bordonaro at successby6peel@unitedwaypeel.org

Delegation at the Peel Regional Council

PCYI

On March 24th, Graham Clyne, Executive Director and Paul Zarnke, Co-chair, PCYI Steering Committee and Executive Director, Peel Children's Aid Society presented PCYI's strategic plan to members of Peel Regional Council.

The feedback received from Members of Council was overwhelmingly positive and supportive with councillors reaffirming their individual commitment to PCYI's mandate to improve services for children and youth in Peel.

PCYI wishes to thank members of Council for its ongoing support, and Regional staff for their contributions to our work.

PCYI looks forward to its continued partnership with the Region of Peel.

Thank You to our Volunteers!

This year's 68th annual National Volunteer Week - April 10-16 - is Canada's largest celebration of volunteerism, and civic participation.

National Volunteer Week pays tribute to the millions of Canadian volunteers who graciously donate their time and energy. Volunteers are leading positive change in many ways through community health care, sports and recreation, heritage and arts, environmental protection and advocacy, and international development.

PCYI and Success By 6 Peel wishes to thank all of its volunteers for their dedication and contributions to our work. You are essential to the success of our collaborative's mission and mandate.

Thank you!

St. John Fisher Neighbourhood Learning Place

Receives Sustainable funding

We are delighted to announce that the St. John Fisher Neighbourhood Learning Place (SJFNLP) will now be a permanent fixture in its neighbourhood.

Thanks to the generous support of the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board, SJFNLP has obtained sustainable long-term funding. Over the course of three phases, SJFNLP will receive funding for supervisory support, continued funding for the ECE position and protected space going forward up to 2013, and beyond. We would also like to acknowledge funding support of the United Way of Peel Region and McLean Foundation, and the transitional support of the Region of Peel.

Funding partners have also committed to advocacy work with the Ministry of Education to change practice by providing the ongoing funding needed to expand the concept of Early Years/Parent and Family Literacy. This would include systems changes such as outreach to parents, and multi-agencies on-site to fully integrate services.

"We are delighted about the news. This innovative project has changed practice in the way that children and families receive fully integrated services," says Marilyn Dumaresq, Director, Success By 6 Peel.

"SJFNLP is an example of what we can achieve when we cultivate collaboration in a focused and meaningful way. Through the support of shared data, pooled resources and a common agenda, this small neighbourhood hub has initiated lasting positive changes to systems and practices that enhance services to children and families," Graham Clyne, Executive Director, PCYI.



SJFNLP is a collaborative partnership of 11 community agencies that provides families with children from birth through six years with free, inclusive programs and services that support healthy child development that prepare children to be successful in school.



Mothers Helping Mothers:

PPMD Peer Educator Program

Hearing first-hand from someone who has experienced PMD and survived it, is a powerful and hopeful message for those currently affected by the disorder.

The Peel Postpartum Mood Disorder Peer Educator Program offers free workshops in the community for parents to be, new parents and their families, and community service providers. Peer educators who have overcome PMD, facilitate workshops about the signs and symptoms of PMD, and provide information resources and supports available in Peel.

PPMD Peer Educator Program will be facilitating workshop for health nurses at Peel Children's Aid Society as part of their community outreach. Health nurses conduct home visits with moms who have recently given birth.

If your organization is interested in booking a free PMD workshop, contact Philippa Bodolai at 905-791-7800, extension 2650.

For more information about Postpartum Mood Disorder visit: pmdinpeel.ca.

1 in 5 women will experience depression or anxiety during pregnancy or after the birth or adoption of a child.

Peel Postpartum Family Support Line: 905-459-8441, Monday-Friday 10am-10pm

Celebrating Family Day and Children's Rights with young moms

In honour of Family Day, Success By 6 Peel volunteers delivered gift packages with the Peel Children's Charter, toys and a message about the importance of the children's right to basic needs to young moms at the Brampton Teen's Supper Club.

The Peel Children's Charter of Rights was created in 2007 by more than 4,000 children in Peel, in collaboration with education, government, child care, mental health agencies, social service agencies, parents and caregivers, to give children a voice and raise awareness about the importance of children and their fundamental rights. The first of those Rights is the Right to Basic Needs: Each child has the right to have clean water, good food, proper clothes, a home and be happy.

"The education, support and free, healthy meals that the Brampton Teen Supper Club provides is a wonderful way of ensuring that babies receive this basic right before they are born," says Shelagh Karstoff, Success By 6 Peel Children's Charter Committee Chair. "Proper nutrition for moms during the pre-and-post-natal periods give babies the vitamins and minerals they need to be healthy and strong – a basic and fundamental right of all children!"

"Putting the needs of children first on Family Day, and everyday, is the right thing to do," says Councillor Elaine Moore. "We know there are many challenges facing young children and families in Peel, and so it's gratifying to see Success By 6 and the Region of Peel working together to improve services that meet our children's basic need for adequate food, shelter and clothing."



Peel Children's Charter of Rights



Charter Committee Members, Lynda Graham and Shelagh Karstoff with a group of young moms and their children.



A participant of the Brampton Teen Supper Club holds her baby as she listens to the Charter presentation.

Charter Ambassador, Naomi Ishmael Presents at St. Brigid School



Our Charter Ambassador, Naomi Ishmael continues her community awareness work at a recent presentation of the Peel Children's Charter of Rights to the general assembly at her own school- St. Brigid's Elementary.

Naomi talked to kids about the importance of knowing their rights, and how they can advocate for themselves. Following her presentation, the Reel Stages Choir performed "We Got Rights," a song dedicated to Peel's Children Charter of Rights.

To learn more about the Charter visit successby6peel.ca

SSLI Conference: A Collaborative State of Mind

Collaboration amongst service providers for children and youth was the theme of the day at the Student Support Leadership (SSLI) Conference held on April 6th.

Participants learned how community agencies, mental health and youth justice services can work more effectively with educators and professionals in school boards.

Dr. Alan Brown highlighted the importance of communication and collaboration through case conferences that help identify solutions for youth affected by mental health.

Barry Shainbaum, motivational speaker, shared his own personal story of struggle and triumph with mental illness.

Congratulations to SSLI for a successful conference.

PCYI looks forward to our continued work with this group!

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Our partnership is as wide and extensive as our email distribution list. Keeping our distribution lists up to date is a continuing challenge, as individuals move to new opportunities.

We recognize that many community partners may be receiving multiple messages, or perhaps none at all. We apologize for the inconvenience and oversight.

To ensure that our partners receive our communiqués efficiently, we will be creating a new online sign-up feature on the Success By 6 and PCYI websites over the next month. *Please stay tuned for an email within the next few weeks with details on sign-up instructions.*

Please feel free to forward this information to any colleagues or community partners whom you think might benefit from receiving our e-newsletter.

If you have any questions, contact Suset Silva, Communications Manager at 416-721-5273.

Community Updates

Region of Peel launches new Early Years Data and Resources Website!

This website was established by the Data Analysis Coordinators (DACs) in Peel region as a medium to share information about the DAC program, as well as to share products developed by the DACs.

- Information on how to make data and mapping requests to the DACs.
- Early Years Data, such as the results of the Early Development Instrument and links to Census data by SDAs
- Reports and newsletters
- Links to other useful resources related to the early years.

The website URL is: <http://www.peelregion.ca/health/resources/early-years-data/>

Transforming Peel's services for children and families

The Human Services Department at the Region of Peel will be looking at the re-design of Peel's early learning and child care system and will aim to develop and implement integrated services that meet the unique needs of our community. Over the next few months, the Region of Peel will be:

- Working with Peel Children and Youth Initiative/ Success By 6 Peel to engage community partners in developing an integrated Prenatal-to-12 Child and Family Service System plan that both responds to emerging short-term needs and proactively addresses the longer term needs of our community
- Undertaking a review of the services provided through the Children Services Operation's division, including the Learn.Play.Care. Child Care Centres. The outcome of the review will guide the response to the changes within the system. As part of the research, a number of external partners will be invited to share their perspectives on the Region's services for children and families.

For more information visit: <http://www.peelregion.ca/children/>