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PART A: YOUTH VOLUNTEERISM

Youth Submission:

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The City of Mississauga provides youth volunteerism and leadership development opportunities through a variety of mediums. Volunteer and leadership prospects are available for youth through many institutions; such as art, culture, and recreational clubs, social service organizations, religious groups, and educational and research facilities. Youth are enriched with education and experience through this community involvement. By bringing the community together, the goal is to invest in the future of youth to provide an opportunity to gain rewarding and life changing experiences.

Art, Culture, and Recreational Clubs

The Mississauga Youth Games or MY Games is a non-profit organization that satisfies this divisional criterion. They offer free recreational opportunities for youth within the city. The mission of MY Games is to promote the power of sports, the importance of healthy active living and the Olympic inspired ideals of fair play, unity, and wellbeing. MY Games offers a wide variety of activities that enhance sportsmanship and leadership skills. The program is dedicated to boys and girls between grades 6 to 8. The Mississauga Arts Council in collaboration with MY Games hosted an event for youth to explore the exciting world of the arts at the Mississauga Youth World Arts event on October 1st 2011 from 1:00pm to 8:00pm. The celebration included free activities and workshops hosted by leading artist educators from the Mississauga community. The event included media arts workshop, hip-hop workshop (learning the fundamentals of dance), circuit bending workshop (participants learn behind the scenes aspects of film, work with different instruments and sounds to make their own movie soundtrack), make your mark mural workshop (working with different materials to create a collective visual art banner), and the making it big theatre workshop (individuals experience the fun and exciting world of performance art through miming). (Ref 9-2)

MY Games also hosts an annual Olympics each year with about 500 participants who are given the opportunity to compete in basketball, floor hockey, soccer, track, volleyball, flag football, and baseball. The 6th annual MY Games event took place on Sunday October 2nd 2011 from 10:00am to 4:30pm. It was held at TL Kennedy secondary school located at 3100 Hurontario Street. There were about 110 energetic youth coaches and volunteers to help out at the event. Some of the activities that volunteers were assigned were to distribute t-shirts, organize students into groups, setting up the

equipment and activities, and handing out free lunch, snack and beverages. Youth should continue participating in MY Games and promote the belief that young individuals will learn the importance of sportsmanship, camaraderie and community involvement through a fun and safe positive environment.

Furthermore, there are many other volunteer organizations within the city of Mississauga that fall under this category, some of which include Mississauga Tree Planting (Ref 9-3), Erin Mills Soccer Club (Ref 9-4), Sauga Stroke Breakers, and Mississauga Monarchs Basketball Association (Ref 9-5).

Social Service Organizations

The city of Mississauga offers a wide range of volunteer opportunities in the social service sector for youth. This range allows youth to find what is most suitable with their interests and level of comfort. The local hospitals, The Credit Valley Hospital and Trillium Health Centre, are some of the most popular areas which youth enjoy volunteering at. The two hospitals are set for a merger in late 2012, which staff members hope will open up more opportunities for youth living within both areas of the city.

Trillium Health Care is located at 100 Queesway West (at the intersection of Hurontario Street and Queesway West). Their high school program allows approximately 140 youth between the age of 16 to 18 years the opportunity to volunteer for 3-4 hours in length per week (Monday-Sunday). Students attain the volunteer opportunity through an application process (either online or in person), which take about 2-4 weeks to process, followed by a phone or personal interview in order to better understand the students maturity, interests, and level of comfort. The interview is followed by a reference check and a general orientation session familiarizing the individual with the rules and regulations of the hospital. Students have the opportunity to volunteer in a variety of areas from direct patient care on different units (involves visiting, recreation therapy, fluid repletion, meal-time assistance, Hospital Elder Life Program, Pet therapy, and silver spoon feeding program) to information and hospitality work (involves helping at information desk, way-finding, and patient transportation) (Ref 9-6).

The Credit Valley Hospital youth volunteer program plays an essential role in the hospital as it supports delivery of quality and compassionate healthcare to patients. The hospital is located at 2200 Eglinton Avenue West (at the intersection of Erin Mills Parkway and Eglinton Avenue West). The youth volunteer program consists of a similar application and interview process as Trillium Health Centre. However, a new addition both hospitals have recently applied is an orientation session before attaining a youth volunteer application in order to help youth determine if this program is a right fit for them. Similarly, youth volunteers need to be 16 or older years of age in order to volunteer. Currently, about 175 youth are provided the opportunity to volunteer in 73 different areas of the hospital, ranging from Ambulatory Care to Nursing Units as well as departments within the Peel Region Cancer Centre. Duties range from working in patient clinics, delivering hospital mail, assisting information desk, providing clerical assistance to staff or participating in fundraising activities. Not only is this hospital based volunteer program rewarding but it is also life changing at times, as one often walks

away with a better understanding of the word *life*, that from the hustle and bustle we tend to forget (Ref 9-7).

In addition, there are many other social service volunteer organizations within the city of Mississauga that fall under this category, some of which include Mississauga Food Bank, Canadian Cancer Society, Heart and Stroke Foundation, Heart House Hospice, The Mississauga Library System, and the India Rainbow Community Service of Peel.

Religious Groups

Based on the Youth Friendly Criteria regarding communities that support youth volunteerism and leadership development, Religious organizations within Mississauga provide great volunteer opportunities for youth to grow, not only spiritually, but also socially within their community. In addition, the program promotes leadership skills and encourages youth to contribute within their community through active volunteering. A great religious organization that meets this criterion is the Hindu Heritage Centre and the Meadowvale Islamic Centre (MIC). During the winter break, MIC has arranged 4 Days of fun for youth and kids during 2010. Ramadan & Hajj programs for youth is a program where every year the teachers at the Meadowvale Islamic Centre arrange a program during the religious events Ramadan and Zil-Hijj to educate and reinforce the concepts and the significance of the two Eids celebrated by all Muslims. In addition, during the year 2009, MIC also arranged for a table tennis competition for youth and adult men in order to provide a sporting activity during the winter season. During the successful event all participants received certificates and t-shirts while winners received trophies. With all of these social events revolving around Meadowvale's religious institution they strongly encourage high school students to register as a volunteer and complete their community hours elective with the centre thereby earning rewards, learning, and staying active within their religious and social community.

Educational and Research Facilities

The community involvement program encourages students to become active within their communities by completing a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer activities as per their graduation requirement from high school. A volunteer activity is considered to be an activity that is not for pay or credit. Students create a constructive contribution to the community by giving their time and expertise. This is a requirement set in motion by the Ministry of Education. Students have to plan and select appropriate community involvement activities. At the end of completion, students need to submit appropriate documentation to their designated school confirming their involvement. Youth need to take responsibility to complete their community hours and demonstrate a positive work ethic and respect for others. The purpose of the community involvement is to encourage youth to develop the awareness and understanding of the roles and responsibilities they have and contribute that to support and strengthen their community. The completion of the volunteering activities can happen any time during the secondary school program. Volunteering can take place outside school hours for example: in the evenings, on weekends, and during the summer vacation: Students must complete the 40 hours in order to graduate from high school. As a youth volunteer

they will gain self-confidence, broaden their social network and explore potential career opportunities.

Youth can volunteer in many different areas of the community, some of which include:

Fundraising- Walk-a-thon (Ex. Canadian Cancer Society)

Sports/Recreation- basketball and soccer assistant coaching, referee, scorekeeper, (Ex. Erin Mills Soccer Club, Mississauga Monarchs Basketball Association, etc.)

Community Projects- food bank (Ex. The Mississauga Food Bank)

Religious Organization- helping with special events (Ex. Mosque- ISNA Canada, Church-Lorne Park Baptist Church)

Seniors Program- helping and meeting the needs of seniors (Ex. Canadian Cancer Society, Sauga Stroke Breakers, etc.)

Youth Programs- coaching kids to make a positive choice (Ex. Kids.Now Canada)

Arts and Culture- being involved in a library program, media arts workshop (Ex. The Mississauga Central Library, MY Games, etc.)

Educational- tutoring (Ex. Top Education Advantage Corp, Kumon Learning Centre, etc.)

Please refer to Ref 9-1 for a detailed listing of these areas and organizations that provide youth volunteering opportunities.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING EVIDENCE:

City of Mississauga (Ref 9-8)

- Full-time Volunteer Coordinator, is a one point contact person for volunteers interested in getting involved with the City of Mississauga. This position is dedicated to the successful guidance of volunteers through the application, processing, placement, training and tracking of volunteers within Community Services within the City of Mississauga. The position also provides resources and training to other departments and liaises with outside agencies that involve volunteer leadership.
- Group Liaison Policy provides affiliated community groups with guidance, resources and coaching to assist them in the area of volunteer and leadership development. Community Services has over 300 volunteer groups affiliated with the department.
- The City actively supports and celebrates Youth Week annually.
- There are many opportunities for volunteering in City programs. The majority of the volunteers are youth. Placement students are also engaged with the various business units within the departments.
- In 2010, the City logged 47,530 volunteer hours by 1,118 volunteers. While the system does not allow tracking by age, an estimated 70% of volunteers are youth who contribute 60% of the hours.
- Each library branch has a Teen Advisory Committee to help with special events and assisting customers
- The City of Mississauga works with outside agencies to place youth in appropriate volunteer opportunities. For example, Mississauga Valley Community Centre was recently commended by Community Living Mississauga for their assistance in finding volunteer placements for youth with special needs (Ref 9-10).

Other Agencies

- **Volunteer MBC** maintains connections to the local high schools to promote volunteerism, they coordinate an online search engine for opportunities and they have several youth on staff throughout the summer (Ref 9-11).
- Both **Public and Separate school boards** require 40 hours of Community Service to graduate. The aim is to encourage students to become actively involved in making positive contributions to their community. The schools provide links to various volunteer opportunities and Peel Board of Education's website notes a **Volunteer Job Board** to assist students (Ref 9-9)
- **Volunteering Peel** is a youth-led organization with the mandate to assist youth in finding fulfilling volunteer placements to complete their 40 hours of service (Ref 9-12)
- **Nexus Youth Services** had 97 volunteers contributing 1205 hours and 11 placement students from April 2010 through to March 2011. They provide regular training to their volunteers.

- The **Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee** continues to offer Volunteer Fairs to assist youth in finding meaningful volunteer placements (Ref 9-13).
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel** Teen Mentoring Program is a school-based program that matches elementary students with caring youth mentors 15 years and up. Matches meet at the same time weekly in supervised group settings to participate in activities (Ref 9-14).
- **United Way Young Leaders Council** hosts several events through the year and regularly seek out youth volunteers. One example was the Reading In Your Neighbourhood Event where young volunteers assisted in running the event's story-time and arts & crafts (Ref 9-15).

Examples from the Media:

- **Cawthra Secondary Students Use Music to Give Back:** A group of three sixteen year old students formed the jazz band "the Rashaan Allwood Trio" in an effort to complete their required 40 hours. The success of the band continues to grow (though the hours have been completed) and they recently played an event where Dalton McGuinty was in attendance (Ref 9-16).
- **Change the World nets results:** A series of events hosted by Volunteer MBC as part of the Change the World- Ontario Youth Volunteer Challenge. More than 2,000 youth participated in April/May 2010 assisting with such activities as tree planting, cleaning up parks and community centres and helping at long-term care homes. The goal was to have 10,000 youth volunteering 3 hours each. Mississauga youth (ages 14-18) contributed 5,975 hours (Ref 9-17).
- **Youths recognized for their volunteer efforts:** Students from the Peel Alternative School- West received certificates for their participation in the Change the World event. The youth helped paint murals, plant gardens and clear pathways (Ref 9-18).

Youth Submission:

Kids.Now Canada

Kids.Now Canada is a national group charity which has been around since 1999. Their leadership program coaches' kids to make a positive choice and help them reach their full potential, leadership abilities, and learn different skills that will last them a lifetime. Kids.now is led by a fully trained volunteer mentor committee that is dedicated to making a positive difference in kids' lives. The program includes thought-provoking games, skill-based activities and group discussions, which teach goal setting, effective communication, positive conflict resolution, stress management, and other valuable skills. Students from grades 7 and 8 are eligible to participate. About 10,000 youth are served with 1000 coach mentors. The Kids.now program takes place in school buildings, afterschool and runs between 3:30pm to 5:00pm. The program is once per week for 12 weeks during the fall and spring. There are approximately ten students per group so that mentors can have one on one with each student. Students should join the Kids.now leadership program to build life success skills that will improve family and peer relationships, develop tools to make positive choices and stay away from risky behaviors. It also helps students enhance their self-esteem and encourage healthy thinking which may lead to a more productive and rewarding life (Ref 9-19)

Boys and Girls Clubs of Peel

This program was established in Mississauga in 1983 and since then has been a lead provider for children and youth on healthy physical, educational, and social development. Their volunteer program offers youth the platform to teach children physical recreation, technology, the arts, personal growth, and more, in accordance with a staff member.

Furthermore, the Leadership Development chart (Ref 9-20) has a detailed list of organizations that satisfy this category, some of which include the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee (MYAC), Big Brother Big Sister Program, etc.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING EVIDENCE:

City of Mississauga

- The City of Mississauga was awarded for being one of Canada's Top 100 Employers for Youth as a result of the ongoing employee development initiatives such as subsidies for tuition, in house apprenticeship opportunities, online training, online skills inventory and the "Building Leadership Capacity" training program (Ref 9-21). In 2011 (year to date), the City has employed 771 youth aged 14 through to 19 in various roles throughout Recreation & Parks, Libraries and other departments.
- The City offers successful Leader in Training Programs (Levels 1 & 2) within Rec & Parks (120 summer participants & 80 march break) annually. Successful participants often return as staff.
- Aquatics Advanced Leadership Courses (Lifesaving Society: Assistant Instructors, Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross, NLS, etc) provide aquatic based leadership opportunities.
- From February 2010 to March 2010 the City ran a Leadership In Training Program for the Somali Community in partnership with the **Gar Gaar Somali Community Organization**. Eight youth, plus their community leader Sadia Dirie, were trained to which they were then able to help operate a drop-in program twice a month for the Somali Community. Seven of the youth completed the entire program and received a certificate for their participation presented to them by Councilor Fonseca and Mayor McCallion on November 20, 2010. (REF 9-22)
- **Citizens for the Advancement of Community Development** and the City of Mississauga. This program focuses on providing 12 hours of life skills training followed by 32 hours of a Leader in Training Program. The program is offered twice per year, serving 22 youth per session. Youth are nominated for the program through their school guidance councilors (Ref 9-23).
- A partnership between the City and **Malton Community Building Project** saw the successful launch of a Leader-in-Training program in 2010-2011. The program was held for three sessions, engaging 30 youth per session (by referral only); providing students with in-class leadership theory followed by practical experience running after school programs facilitated by the school board.

Other Agencies

- Youth-led agencies often host leadership development opportunities (ie Mayor's Youth Advisory, Mississauga Leadership Conference, Volunteering Peel, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance)
 - Mississauga Youth Leadership Committee: Ran a **Leadership Excellence Program: How to Lead with Impact** in 2010. The workshop was designed to help youth determine their leadership style and improve critical thinking, interpersonal and problem solving skills (Ref 9-24).
 - **United Way Step Up & Learn**: This training series, hosted by the United

Way Young Leaders Council, gives youth the tools to make their communities better through developing personal and professional skill sets. Workshop topics include negotiations, team building, professional image, and networking (Ref 9-27)

- **Access Charly:** Hosts an annual conference "Youth Making a Difference Workshop" (Reference video)
- Leadership programs and courses are also offered by many other community organizations such as the YMCA, Nexus Youth Services, Peel Youth Village, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel, Associated Youth Services of Peel, Rotary Clubs of Mississauga, Peel Health Department, Boys and Girls Clubs of Peel, Mallon Neighborhood Services, Dixie Bloor Neighborhood Services, Rapport Youth and Family Services, Elizabeth Frye Society.
 - **Youth Leadership Development Program** is for students in grades 9-12 and ran in the summer of 2011. Seventy students took part in field assignments and seminars to grow and develop leadership skills. The program was founded by Islamic Circle of North America (Ref 9-25).
 - **Rotary Clubs** of Mississauga host Camp Enterprise. It's a unique opportunity for youth to attend a camp geared towards leadership and business development. In addition to this, they also coordinate the Rotary Youth Exchange (Ref 9-26).
 - **United Way of Peel Region** has designed a Youth Campaign Guide to assist youth in taking on a leadership role in their communities to drive an effective campaign (Ref 9-28).
 - The **Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP)** is a school Work program that opens the door for students to explore and work in apprenticeship occupations starting in Grade 11 or Grade 12 through the Cooperative Education Program (Ref 9-29).
 - **YMCA**
 - **Future Leaders Program** for youth from 14-16 and is a unique and challenging skills development program. It includes the following development areas: challenge courses, resume writing, job skills, cooking, First Aid, group facilitation and leadership (Ref 9-30).
 - **Leaders-In-Training** is a program for 15 year olds who want to reach their highest potential and is held in an outdoor camp setting (Ref 9-31).
 - **Councillor-in-Training** is a program for 16 year olds who are ready to become staff. Through workshops, canoe trips and cabin placements, youth learn how to put their skills into action.
 - **Youth Leader Corps** (11-24 years of age) combines leadership training, teamwork, self-governance and volunteer placement to help build confidence and connections (Ref 9-32)
 - **Crossroads Youth Academy** motivates and empowers youth to avoid criminal activities, become informed about being a good citizen and

provides them with the knowledge and skills to make healthy decisions when they find themselves at life's crossroads (ref 9-33).

- **Centre for Education and Training** offers a variety of leadership programs for youth such as Career Coach, Computer Camp, Employability Skills for Youth, Next Steps: Employability for Youth and Peel Summer Academy(Ref 9-34).
- **St John's Ambulance** provides a variety of leadership opportunities for youth (ref 9-35):
 - **Cadets** (Ages 11-15) provides training on Emergency First Aid, encourages the expansion of personal skills and knowledge through the Proficiency Program and teaches the importance of team work.
 - **Crusaders** (Ages 15-18) provides more advanced first aid training, places an emphasis on individual leadership qualities and encourages community service
 - **Youth Leadership Program** (Ages 15-17) focuses on bringing together students, educators, and professionals through a variety of educational and social activities. The weekly program will include community networking, active volunteerism, medical first responder training/certification, leadership and life skills, fellowship and learning.
- **Peel Police: Youth in Policing Initiative** hires summer students (14-17 years) to familiarize them with the rules, roles & responsibilities of policing. The program is funded by Ontario's Ministry of Child and Youth Services and concludes with a formal presentation for participants (Ref 9-36).
- **Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee** has volunteer youth Trail Checkers and ride leaders.
- **Metalworks Institute of Sound & Music Production** hosts regular events to develop young talent In Mississauga. For example, in the summer of 2011 the hosted an open house where more than 50 people attended a presentation about careers in entertainment. They host open mike nights twice monthly at Boston Pizza and Coopers Pub, where young people are regular performers (Ref 9-37).



Youth Friendly Application Information Gathering
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Agency Name	Are there opportunities for youth to volunteer in your organization? Please describe. Approximately how many hours per year of volunteering is completed by youth in your organization?
Mississauga Credit Valley Lions Club	we Have a LEO program fro youth 13 + up.
Credit Valley Conservation / Conservation Youth Corps	this is strictly a youth volunteer program. each year we see our youth volunteers contribute between 7500 and 9000 hours
Safe City Mississauga	Yes. Youth can volunteer with our organization in a number of ways: Special Projects/Events Crossroads Youth Academy Participant Aspire Tutor Manual Work Office/Desk Work On average youth volunteers contribute 6000-7000 hours a year.
Peel Children and Youth Initiative	Always! The time per year is flexible.
Youth Ministry - Mississauga City Baptist Church	yes - approx. 60
Cross of Life Lutheran Church	Yes. We have all sorts of ways the youth can serve. Distributing flyers. Helping out at church (ushering, audio-visual crew, set-up and take-down, singing, playing instruments, childcare, etc.) Soccer Camp and March Break Camp assistance. Over 1000 hours of volunteering.
Comilla Road Sr. P.S.	Yes-40 hours/student involved
Churchill Meadows Christian Church	Yes. We offer volunteer to youth. Most of them are leadership volunteer. Such as, leading a youth discussion and teaching kids. Also, we offer other volunteer work such as greeting, parking lot greeter, ushering, audio and video coordinator, lights coordinator, setup and tear-down, and musicians. Since I have only been on staff for about a year, I can only answer the second question for that amount of time. I would have to say that an average of 30 hours are completed each year for each volunteer that signs up. This would mean, towards the youth only and within the past year, around 450 hours.
MiWay the new Mississauga Transit/ City of Mississauga	Not at this time
Nexus Youth Services	Yes. Youth volunteers support the day to day operations of the Centre, conducted outreach to raise awareness of NYC services, co-facilitated groups, had membership on its youth council and advised programming directions at the Centre. All volunteers interact with and support their youth peers at NYC. Last year, 97 total volunteers at NYC contributed total of 1205 volunteer hours. NYC supported 11 student placements at NYC (college-level social service work or child and youth work programs and high school co-op programs). NYC provided 10 different formal opportunities for youth engagement. 16 youth participated in Youth Council, which is considered a leadership role; 26 additional youth volunteered in leadership roles within the Centre environment which included co-facilitation of groups.
Mississauga Business Enterprise Centre	We do offer volunteer positions for placement and co-op students.
The Detour Youth Drop-In Center	There are many opportunities for youth the volunteer. They can help with our events, set up the center, take down, and much more. In the past 5 years, there has also been a paid internship awarded for the summer, where a selected youth can work full-time at the center and in other youth-related activities.
Citizens For The Advancement Of Community Development	In 2010 we recorded a total of 10,816 volunteers hours. This number includes all of our youth who have volunteered within our organization.
St. Teresa of Avila Elementary School	Yes, we try to have them complete 40 hours per year.
City Centre Baptist Church	Yes, plenty. Music, sports camps, sunday school, nursery duty. Probably a couple hundred hours of volunteering each year.
Newcomer Information Centre, Youth	Anywhere between 6-10 hours a month
United Way of Peel Region	
St. Elizabeth's Anglican Church	Our youth participated in helping in worship, playing piano, preparing worship powerpoint, and prepare weekly bulletin. The total volunteer hours is approximately 156 hours.
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel	Youth volunteers are recruited, enrolled and engaged in both the Teen Mentoring Program and the Conversation Club Program. Youth in our organization regularly complete volunteer hours through our program and fundraising events, program promotion and recruitment activities. Approximately 4000 completed is completed by youth volunteers.

Art of Living - Youth Empowerment Seminar (YES!)	Yes - upto minimum of 100 hours in a year
Volunteer MBC	yes- youth committee, meetings monthly- 2 hours each approx. More hours as we get closer to Change the World
Nahani Way Public School	Yes. We have many volunteers and coop students each year. While the number varies from year to year the hours would be in hundreds to thousands of hours.
Art of Living Foundation	yes, we have opportunity for youth to volunteer in our organization. about 20-30 hrs
Canadian Marlyrs Catholic School	Absolutely...community service, Sacramental Preparation volunteer service, COOP programs
Peel Regional Police	Peel Regional Police works with many community partners and charitable organizations during the year and, as such, vast opportunities for youth to engage in volunteer activities exist on a regular basis. A background check is required prior to volunteering on behalf of the service.
Clarkson Secondary School - Modern Batik Art Club -www.clubmodernbatik.com	Yes, there are opportunities for youth to learn the art form as well as train in the Modern Batik train-the-trainer model.
Canadian Association of Multicultural People. Our website is www.camp-on.com	Yes we do provide lot of volunteering opportunities for youth through our events, through ongoing web development, newsletters, planning, promoting, researching and community outreach. Approximately over 500-600 hours per year.
Region of Peel Public Health	Yes - volunteer as a student to help out with certain teams. not sure how many hours completed.
Mississauga Arts Council	Yes, the Mississauga Arts Council frequently has youth from the community come into to our office to volunteer. This year we had two students complete successful Public Relations placements. We have also had youth volunteer doing graphic design, administration and more! Our new Trillium Grant will enable us to create numerous new opportunities for youth to volunteer with us in future.
YMCA Peel Youth Village	40 hours needed for high school graduation court mandated hours co-op and post secondary placement Yearly we have 50 volunteers with approximately 5000 volunteer hours
Art Gallery of Mississauga	The AGM offers volunteer opportunities for youth. Volunteer activities include helping out at special events and handling administrative tasks like bulk mailing. Approximately 200 hours of volunteering was completed by youth in 2010.
Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (project of EcoSource)	We provide many volunteer opportunities for youth. We hold our monthly meetings, as well as help them run initiatives in their schools. However, in terms of how many volunteer hours that are recognized by the school board, we provide approximately 5-10 hours for general members, and over 100 hours for our Executive Council members.
REACHOUT COMMITTEE	Reachout provides many opportunities to volunteer in the organization, in the office, to volunteer at events. We clock over 30,000 hours per year
The Works/Core at Eindhoven Bible Chapel	We have youth volunteering in our day camp and they can complete up to 240 hours.
Gateway Centre for New Canadians	Yes absolutely, there are volunteer work such as running programs, administration and community outreach. Approximately there were 100+ student volunteers completing at least 40 hours.

APPENDIX A- YOUTH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Arts, Culture, and Recreation Volunteer Organizations			Contact Information
Name of Organization	Age Group	Volunteer Activities	
Mississauga Arts Council	10-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Media arts workshop - Making it big theatre workshop - Mark mural and design workshop - Hip-hop dance 	Mississauga Arts Council 300 City Centre Drive Mississauga, ON L5B3C9 Website: www.mississaugaartscouncil.com Tel. 905-615-4278
Mississauga Youth Games/ Mississauga Arts Council	10-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hip-hop workshop- people learned the fundamentals of dance - Circuit bending workshop-work with filmmaker, used different instrument to make their own movie sound tracks - Mark mural workshop- worked with different materials to create visual banners - Making it big theatre workshop-working with WMF Theatre team 	Mississauga Youth Games-MY Games 50 Burnhamthorpe Road West-Suite 401 Mississauga, ON L5B3C2 Website: http://www.mississaugayouthgames.com/ Tel. 647-230-9722
Mississauga Tree Planting	14+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tree planting - Digging soil - Watering the plants and trees - Using various types of equipments 	Credit Valley Conservation 1255 Old Derry Road Mississauga, ON L5N 6R4 Tel. 905-670-1615 (Contact: Lindsey Jennings Tel. 905-670-1615 EXT: 445)
Erin Mills Soccer club	14+	Team (Mississauga Eagles FC) looks for youth volunteering to help with the game day activities which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assisting with gate entry and ticket sales - Escorting players onto the field (youth) - Ball fetchers 	Erin Mills Soccer Club Office 3135 Unity Drive, Unit 3 Mississauga, ON L5L 4L4 Website: http://erinmillsoccer.com/ Tel. 905-820-9740

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fan activities - MEFC Soccer Chant Leaders to lead MEFC fans in chants and drive game excitement - Game day volunteer coordinator 		
Narrow Road Athletics	14-18	<p>Volunteer position: Children's Basket ball coach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opportunity to coach young children on how to play basketball - Practice plan - Work with other coaches - Teach life skills to children using their participation in sports 	Erindale High School 2021 Dundas Street West Erin Mills Community Website: www.narrowathletics.com	
Sauga Stroke Breakers	16+	<p>A Therapy Recreation Program for Stroke Survivors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volunteers assist participants with swimming, arts and crafts, board games, ceramics, darts, bowling, golf-putting practice, table tennis, speech therapy and many more 	Mississauga Valley Community Centre 1275 Mississauga Valley Blvd Tel. 905-615-4670 Or Special Needs Coordinator: Terri Dale Tel. 905-890-6477	
Mississauga Monarchs Basketball Association	16+	<p>Largest Youth Basketball Organization in Canada</p> <p>Volunteer position:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assisting coaching - Refereeing - Scorekeeper - Convener - Provides best basketball experience to all members 	5600 Rose Cherry Place Mississauga, ON L4Z 4B6 Tel. 905-502-0050 Website: www.mmba.on.ca	
Clarkson Sheridan Soccer Club	16+	<p>Volunteer position:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assistant coach - Help with mailing, phone calls, registration, sponsorship drive, merchandise sales, Clarkson Cup Day, Photo Day, equipment hand out and newsletters 	2133 Royal Windsor Dr. Unit #18 Mississauga, ON L5J 1K5 Tel. (905) 823-1911 Website: www.clarksonsheridansoccer.com	

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Social Service Volunteer Organizations			Contact Information
Name of Organization	Age Group	Volunteer Activities	Contact Information
The Mississauga Food Bank	14+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sorting food in the warehouse - Assisting staff at reception desk - Complete administrative tasks - Provide support at special events (ex. organizing food drives) - Participating as a member of the board of directors or working on other committees 	<p>The Mississauga Food Bank 36-2550 Goldenridge Road Mississauga, ON L4X2S3 Website: www.themississaugafoodbank.org Tel. 905-270-5589</p>
Canadian Cancer Society	ANY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assist with fundraising events (taking steps against breast cancer) Ex. 5km walk around the scenic Streetsville Memorial Park - Complete administrative tasks - Assisting staff within the Centre and outside facilities 	<p>Canadian Cancer Society (Georgetown Dufferin Peel Unit) 2227 South Millway-Suite 202 Mississauga, ON L5L3R6 Email: georgetowndufferinpeel@ontario.cancer.ca Website: http://www.cancer.ca/Ontario.aspx?sc_lang=en Tel. 905-608-8411</p>
The Credit Valley Hospital	15+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 73 different areas of the hospital (Ambulatory Care to Nursing Units to departments within Peel Regional Cancer Center) - Working in patient clinics, delivering hospital mail, assisting information desk, providing clerical assistance to staff or participating in fundraising activities such as helping in the gift shop 	<p>The Credit Valley Hospital 2200 Eglinton Avenue West Mississauga, ON L5M2N1 Website: http://www.cvh.on.ca/admin/volunteers.php Tel. 905-813-1585</p>

<p>Trillium Health Centre</p>	<p>16+</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Areas of Volunteering: patient support-nursing units, clinical support, information and hospitality, administrative support, retail and revenue development, and foreign trained medical professional - Working in our patient clinics, delivering hospital mail, assisting on our information desk, providing clerical assistance to staff or participating in fundraising activities such as helping in our gift shop 	<p>Trillium Health Centre 100 Queensway West Mississauga, ON L5B1B8 Website: http://www.trilliumhealthcentre.org/volunteers/index.php Tel. 905-848-7276</p>
<p>Heart and Stroke Foundation</p>	<p>16+</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Areas of Volunteering: Provincial board committee, Regional chapter council members, Regional support volunteers committee, project and office support teams, and campaign volunteers - Working in partnership with Foundation staff at the local, regional and provincial levels, engage in activities that range from overall strategic management of the Foundation's business, to the delivery of fund raising, education, and volunteer development programs & events within the community 	<p>Peel Region Office 201 County Court Blvd., Suite 306 Brampton, ON L6W4L2 Tel. 905-451-0021 Website: http://www.heartandstroke.on.ca/site/c.pv131eNwJwE/b.3581583/k.BE4C/Home.htm</p>
<p>Heart House Hospice</p>	<p>18+</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Areas of Volunteering: Client volunteering- in-home, day program, transportation, spiritual care Administrative: office, fundraising and special event, fundraising, and volunteering at special events - Client Volunteering includes: providing emotional and practical support to the client and family members, relieve the family care-givers for short periods (respite), listen without judging or 	<p>Heart House Hospice 855 Matheson Blvd. East, Unit #1 Mississauga, ON L4W4L6 Email: info@hearthousehospice.com Website: http://www.hearthousehospice.com/Default.aspx Tel. 905-712-8119</p>

Mississauga Library System	13+	<p>interpreting, provide companionship, share quiet time, assist with practical tasks and errands, assist the client with light meal preparation, accompany the client on short outings, help with special projects (i.e. life review, correspondence, future planning), read, socialize or play games, can facilitate communication between the clients, the family and other care provider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stamping discards for the book sale - Tidying up book shelves - Assisting with a variety of special projects with the Library and with the Friends of the Library - Delivering library material to homebound users - Preparing materials for book sale - Rewinding videos or audio cassettes 	<p>Library Services 301 Burnhamthorpe Rd. W. Mississauga, ON L5B3 Y3 Email: library.volunteers@mississauga.ca Website: http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/libraryvolunteer Tel. 905-615-3500</p>
India Rainbow Community Services of Peel	16+	<p>Youth Volunteer Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend counselling, crisis intervention and mediation sessions when appropriate - Observe Community Youth Worker and write accurate case notes - Assist in the creation of display boards and outreach material - Assist in the planning, delivery and administration of youth leadership program and other program initiatives - Maintain accurate record of case notes and files - Attend agency and related committee staff meetings - Provide relief reception duties - answering telephones, welcoming clients, taking accurate messages etc. 	<p>India Rainbow Community Services of Peel 3038 Hurontario Street, Suite 206-Unit 1 Mississauga, ON L5B3B9 Email: info@indiarainbow.org Website: www.indiarainbow.org Tel. 905-275-2369</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Become familiar with agency programs, services, practices and staff - Complete all tasks and responsibilities within assigned timelines - Notify supervisor of absences and or lateness - Adhere to the mission, guiding principles and values of the organization and the Child, Youth and Parenting program - Maintain confidentiality of clients, staff and peers - Represent IRCS in a professional manner at all times - Arrive on time and be committed to the agency and the agreed upon hours - Other administrative duties as require-filing, photocopying, organizing resource centre 	
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Education and Research Volunteer Organization		Volunteer Activities	Contact Information
Name of Organization	Age Group		
40 Hours of Volunteer	14-17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fundraising: walk-a thons, read-a thons, run-a thons, etc. - Sports/recreation-coaching, assisting, etc. - Community-helping to organize winter carnivals, etc. - Religious organization-programming for children, helping with special events, etc. - Senior's programs-assisting in a senior's residence, etc. - Arts and culture- being involved in a library program, assisting at a gallery, etc. - Youth programs- camps, March break programs, run scouts, etc. 	Website: www.peelschool.org
Skills for Employment Life and Family	19+	<p>Volunteer Tutor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide practical, accessible, real life literacy instruction that enables adult learners to meet their needs at home, work and in the community. 	Skills for Employment Life and Family- Mississauga Office 151 City Centre Dr, Suite 302 Mississauga, ON L5B1M7 Email: info@skillsforself.org Website: www.skillsforself.org Tel. 905-273-5196
MICBA Forum Italia Community Services-Forum Italia Seniors' Residence	15+	<p>English Teacher Volunteer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must speak Chinese (Mandarin/Cantonese) in order to communicate with participants - Teach basic English to Chinese-only speaking seniors, so that they can get by on their own 	MICBA Forum Italia Community Services- Forum Italia Seniors' Residence 155 Forum Drive Mississauga, ON L4Z3M9 Tel. 905-507-2711

<p>Junior Achievement of Central Ontario</p>	<p>18+</p>	<p>Company Program (Grades 9 to 12) - 3 hours per week for 18 weeks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JA's flagship after-school program empowers high school students to experience the risks and rewards of entrepreneurship by creating and operating their own company. Volunteers from the local business community lead students through this fast paced program in various schools and corporate offices across Central Ontario 	<p>Junior Achievement of Central Ontario 2550 Argentia Rd, Suite 215 Mississauga, ON L5N5R1 Tel. 416-360-5252</p>
<p>Top Education Advantages Corp</p>	<p>13+</p>	<p>Volunteer Tutor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assist with lower grade students who interact in Science, Mathematics, Mandarin, English, Music, Art - Tutor new comers students who needs help in English - Challenge their skills and knowledge - Olympiads preparation club for Mathematics, Physics, Biology, Chemistry 	<p>5187 <i>Fallingbrook Drive</i> Mississauga L5V 1N7 Located in: Fallingbrook Middle School Tel. 647-886-3957 Website: www.utopeducation.com</p>

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Religious Volunteer Organizations		
Name of Organization	Age Group	Volunteer Activities
ISNA Canada	ANY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assist with event organizing and facilitating (food drive, hospital and cemetery visitation, help out needy families, sport activities for seniors and youth, family events, halaqahs, etc.) - Teaching and assisting with Quran classes - Organize and facilitate fundraising events
WIM Canada	ANY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assist with event organizing and facilitating (homeless shelter, hospital and cemetery visitation, help out needy families, etc.) - Teaching and assisting with Quran classes - Support "Youth Study Circle" program - Organize and facilitate fundraising events
Jamia Islamia Canada	ANY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assist with event organizing and facilitating (donation drive, hospital and cemetery visitation, help out needy families, family events, halaqahs, etc.) - Teaching and assisting with Quran classes - Organize and facilitate fundraising events
Meadowvale Islamic Centre	ANY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assist with event organizing and facilitating (summer camp, hospital and cemetery visitation, sport activities, etc.) - Teaching and assisting with Quran classes

Contact Information

ICC
 2200 South Sheridan Way
 Mississauga, ON L5J2M4
 Email: isna@isnacanada.com
 Web: <http://www.isnacanada.com/>
 Tel. 905-403-8406

World Islamic Mission Canada
 Masjid Noor-UL-Haram
 2478 Ninth Line (Border of Mississauga)
 Oakville, ON L6H7G9
 Email: wim@wimcanada.com
 Web: www.wimcanada.com
 Tel. 905-257-1342
 Toll-free. 1 888 297 8762

Jamia Islamia Canada
 2380 Tedlo St., Mississauga ON L5A3V3
 Email: feedback@jamiainislamia.org
 Web:
<http://www.jamiainislamia.org/index.html>
 Tel. 905-279-3040

Meadowvale Islamic Centre
 6508 Winston Churchill Blvd.
 Mississauga, ON L5N3W4
 Email: info@mici.org
 Web: <http://www.mici.org/index.htm>
 Tel. 905-824-2604

<p>St. Peter's Erindale Anglican Church</p>	<p>ANY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In partnership with The Healing Cycle Foundation, in support of the palliative care program at Credit Valley hospital (Sponsored by Tony LeMay): founded in 2005, the Healing Cycle Foundation is a volunteer-based, registered charity that honours life by raising and stewarding funds to hospice, palliative care services that provide compassion and uphold dignity for those living with a terminal illness and their loved ones 	<p>St. Peter's Erindale Anglican Church 1745 Dundas Street West Mississauga ON L5K2E1 Website: Tel. 905-828-2095</p>
<p>Erindale Bible Chapel</p>	<p>ANY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Offer a lot of Children and Youth ministries and programs - In partnership with Just for Kids Day Camp for campers, ages 6-12. Campers can attend for one or more weeks. Activities include games, drama, crafts, sports, skateboarding, swimming, Bible story time, songs, memory work and a one-day special trip each week 	<p>Erindale Bible Chapel 1400 Dundas Crescent Mississauga, Ontario L5C1E7 Web site: Tel: 905-277-4618</p>
<p>St. Catherine of Siena</p>	<p>ANY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Separate junior youth group ministry - Staffed by their partners, Scabarinians, Missionaries of St. Charles - The Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Charles-Scalabrinians- is an international community of religious serving migrants and refugees of different cultures, religions and ethnicities in 32 countries and on five continents. The Congregation was founded on November 28, 1887, by Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini (1839-1905), bishop of Piacenza (Italy). - Italian roots, contributing to the religious Italian community within Mississauga 	<p>St. Catherine of Siena 2340 Hurontario St. Mississauga, ON L5B1N1 Website: Tel. 905-272-1454</p>

Lorne Park Baptist Church	ANY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In partnership with The Dam. - The Dam is a Christian non-profit organization committed to being a welcoming and safe community for youth at-risk and provides programs that focus on their physical, social, emotional and spiritual well-being. (D.A.M. stands for Develop, Assist, Mentor) 	<p>Lorne Park Baptist Church 1500 Indian Road Mississauga, Ontario L5H1S7 Website: Tel. 905-278-7833</p>
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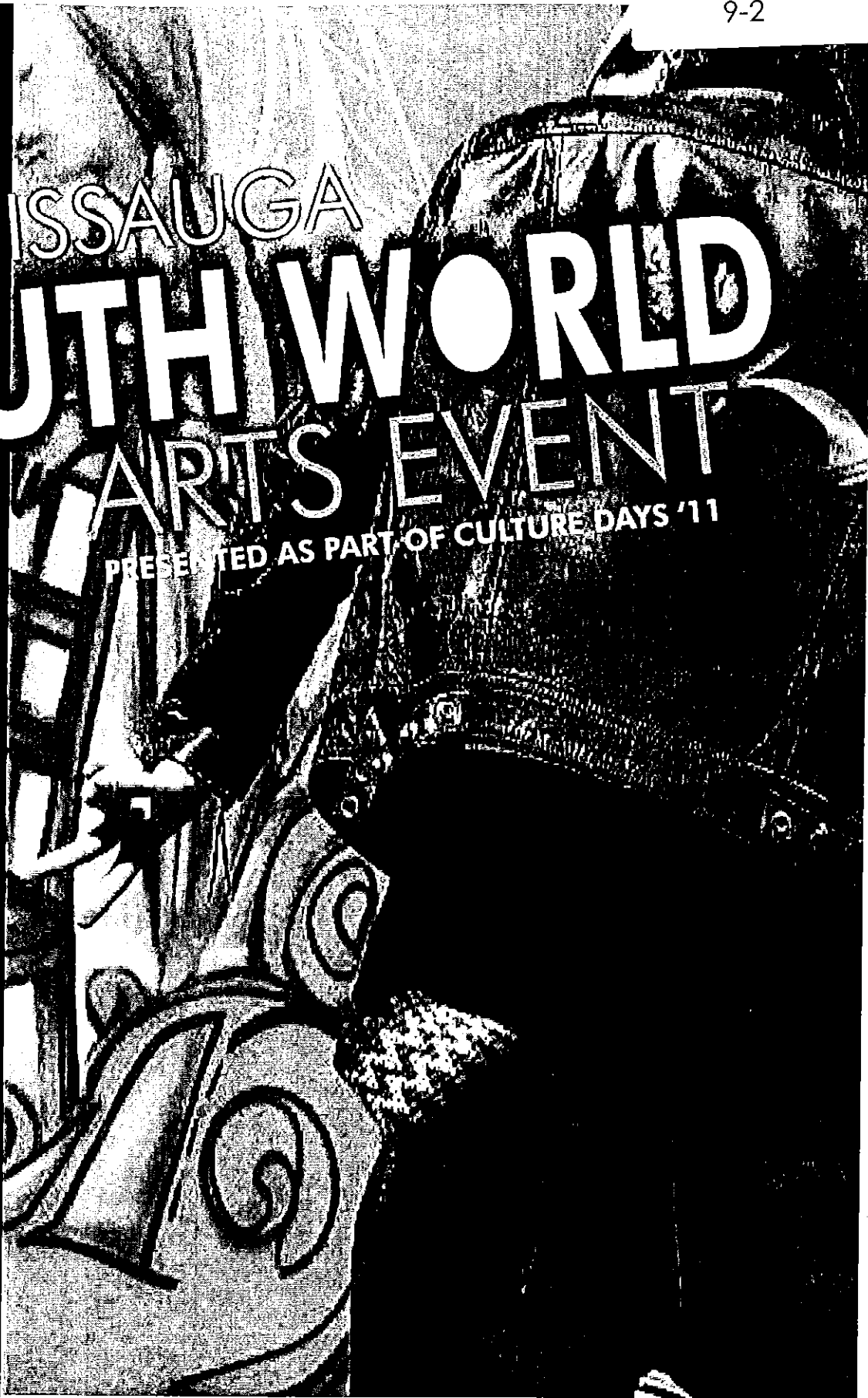
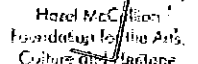
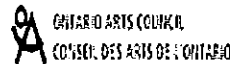
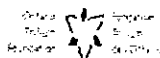


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Mississauga Community Tree Planting

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Quenippenon Meadows, Mississauga ([View Map](#))

free

This community tree planting event will be held in partnership with the City of Mississauga and CVC. Come out for a fun morning of treeing planting at Quenippenon Meadows. All the trees and equipment will be provided, however if you have your own shovel please bring it. No experience needed, training will be provided! Come on out and give back and get involved. Under 18? Check out our Youth Volunteer Policy, you may need to bring a waiver signed by a parent/guardian to participate. **Contact:** Lindsey Jennings at 905-670-1615 x445 or ljennings@creditvalleyca.ca

Credit Valley Conservation

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Mississauga Eagles FC Volunteer Opportunitites this Summer



Do you want to help Mississauga's Newest PROFESSIONAL SOCCER TEAM?

The Mississauga Eagles FC is looking for youth and adult volunteers to help with our game day activities.

If you are interested in being part of a Professional Soccer team and would like to help make this team a success please contact:

Amal Chauhan, Erin Mills SC
 (905) 820-9740
 (416) 315-4413
 technical.emsc@bellnet.ca

We encourage you to come to a meeting at the Erin Mills SC at 3 pm this Saturday May 7th and learn about the opportunities for you to get involved.

- Volunteers are needed to help with our Game Day activities that include:
- Assisting with Gate Entry and ticket sales
- MEFC Soccer Chant Leaders to lead MEFC fans in chants and drive game excitement
- In-Game promotions and fan activities
- Escorting players onto the field (youth)
- Fan Activities
- Game Day Volunteer coordinator
- Ball Fetchers

Volunteers will receive a complimentary MEFC Scarf and T-shirt and Youth (Gr. 9-12) can earn Community Service hours.

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The Erin Mills Soccer Club now has a team in the Canadian Soccer League, the Mississauga Eagles FC, click on the Image to go to their website



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We are a not-for-profit community based organization and we rely on many, many volunteers to plan and execute our programs. All volunteer positions qualify for high school community service hours. Current List of Volunteer Positions Available:

Summer 3 on 3 Volunteer Referees Needed:

- Ideal for high school students who are knowledgeable about basketball rules, no referee experience required. Also ideal for high school students who wish to be considered for referee positions in the fall.

Fall / Winter House League

We are currently accepting registrations for the fall. House League volunteer positions include: Site convenors, coaches, assistant coaches, referees, and score keepers. See attachment below to download an application.

Coaches for Rep program

The Monarchs competitive basketball program is currently seeking new coaches for the 2011/12 season. Assistant coaches and head coach positions are available. Coaches must be willing to take NCCP certification level I in order to qualify for a position in the Rep program. If you would like to speak with someone in person about coaching in the Rep program please contact our office or send an email to repinfo@mmba.on.ca

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- Make a patient's hospital stay more comfortable
- Provide administrative support so patients receive timely care



Give back.

Investing in your community is an investment in yourself.

Volunteer Involvement at The Credit Valley Hospital .

Volunteers are an integral part of The Credit Valley Hospital. Not only do they bring to the organization a wealth of knowledge and experience, they also bring a perspective that provides community input. Volunteers play an important role in the hospital in supporting the delivery of quality, compassionate healthcare to the patients of our hospital.

The Volunteer Resources Department is responsible for the administration of the volunteer program at The Credit Valley Hospital. It ensures that volunteers are provided with the ongoing support, guidance, training, education workshops, and supervision required during their placement.

Volunteers provide patient support, clerical assistance and sales help in our "Shop At The Valley" store, as well as facilitating fundraising activities in support of The Credit Valley Hospital.

To ensure consistency of service to adult volunteers are asked to make a 6 month, 3 hours a week commitment. Youth volunteers are asked to make a 60 hour commitment.

Adults can pick up an application package in the volunteer resource department and return it with their completed reference checks and medical form.

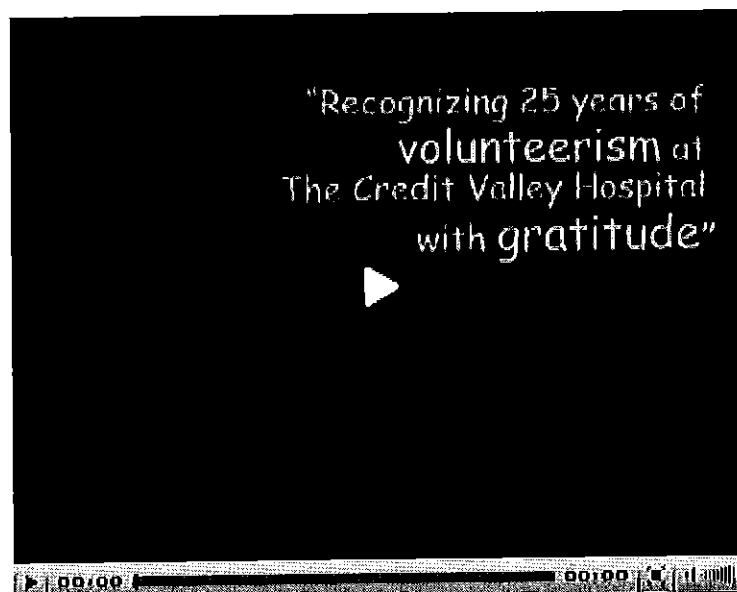
Students interested in volunteering must attend a one hour Information Session. You must sign up in advance to attend the Information Session as there is limited registration. Application packages are only distributed at these sessions. Please call the Volunteer Resources Department for information on upcoming sessions.

Our Volunteer Youth Program provides an opportunity for students to explore career opportunities, improve life skills, and obtain academic credits through high school, college, and/or university programs. Experienced and committed youth volunteers also have the opportunity to strive for a role as a Youth Team Leader and become a member of our Youth Committee. The Youth Committee helps determine the standards and expectations of how the program operates at Credit Valley.

"I would like to use this opportunity to express my thanks to you for all that you have done for me over the years in assisting me to achieve my goals. I need you to know that I would not be where I am today if it were not for my volunteer experience at CVH, giving eager students and volunteers continuous encouragement, support and that push in the right direction."

David Rampaul,
London Health Sciences, former CVH volunteer

Questions? [Read Our Commonly Asked Questions](#) or for more information about volunteer opportunities, please contact the Volunteer Services Department at (905) 813-1585 or email us at volunteer@cvh.on.ca





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Volunteers



Enriching Our Community Together

Volunteers are a valuable part of our Recreation and Parks team. We invest time and resources to provide volunteers with an opportunity for an enjoyable and rewarding experience.



The Recreation and Parks Division works with hundreds of volunteers to deliver outstanding programs and services. Through our Volunteer Management Program, we strive to match volunteers with available positions which meet their needs and interests.

Volunteer Areas

Swimming, day camps, sports, youth activities, fitness, museums, culture and special interest. Successful volunteer candidates are provided with site specific orientation, training and supervision.

Age Requirements

Volunteers must be 14 years of age or older. A Criminal Records Search may be required of the successful volunteer candidate.

Although we can't match every volunteer, all applications are considered. If you would like to contribute to your community by sharing your time and expertise volunteering with the Recreation and Parks Division, you can pick up a volunteer application at any Mississauga community centre, arena, museum location or download it online (by Adobe PDF). You may also contact one of the specific program areas listed on this page. Your volunteer efforts are greatly appreciated by staff, participants and your community. For more information Call 905-896-6326

Why should I Volunteer?

- Meet new people and have fun
- Help out doing work you enjoy
- Fulfill your volunteer hours component for school
- Gain work experience and new skills

Volunteer Week - April 10 to April 16, 2011

Volunteer Week is an opportunity to annually salute and thank all the individuals and volunteer organizations who volunteer for and liaise with Recreation & Parks. These individuals and groups help provide a wide variety of leisure services for our residents. We are proud of our working association with such a large network of volunteers.



Join us as we say "thanks" to our community volunteers during this special week.

'Sauga Stroke Breakers

A therapeutic Recreation Program for stroke survivors. We are seeking volunteers to assist participants with swimming, arts & crafts, board games and much more during the day on Thursdays (at Mississauga Valley CC). Call 905-616-4670 ext.2471

Culture

Volunteer opportunities available. Call 905-616-3200 ext. 5314 or visit www.mississauga.ca/culture

Cycling

Cycling Ambassador volunteer opportunities available. Call 905-616-3200 ext. 5107 or visit <http://www.mississaugacycling.ca/volunteer>

Forestry

For Forestry related volunteer opportunities call 3-1-1 or visit [Forestry](#)

Museums

Please refer to [Museums](#)

Older Adult Volunteer Opportunities

For older adult volunteer opportunities call 905-616-3200 ext 3718

Preserve Our Parks

Please refer to [Parks](#)

Skating

Please refer to [Skating](#)

Sports

Volunteer sport organizations are always looking for individuals to coach, manage and referee games. Please refer to [Community Groups](#)

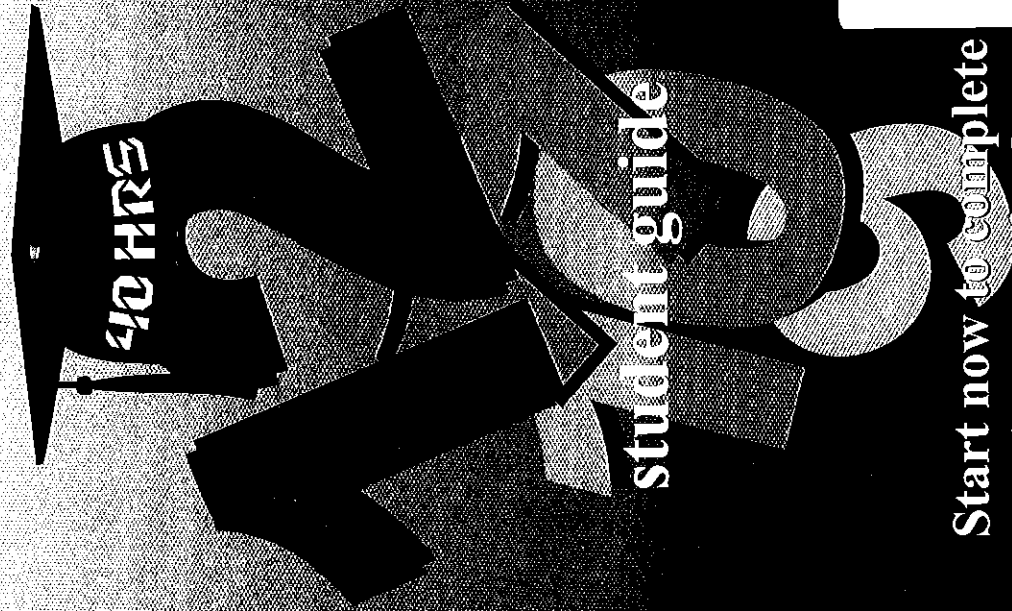
Swimming

Contact your local pool for volunteer opportunities in your area

Youth Advisory Committees - Mississauga Youth Plan

We are currently looking for dedicated youth to assist with implementing the Mississauga Youth plan through Youth Advisory Teams. If you're interested in being involved in this exciting initiative, please complete the

your time counts



Start now to complete your 40 hours of volunteer work before graduation

Tracking your progress

After choosing a volunteer activity, you and your parents will complete an **Activity Record** form. You can get one from your homeroom teacher or by visiting the Peel board website. You will:

- complete the first section of the form entitled *Notification of planned community involvement activities*. In this space, you will list the volunteer work you have chosen
- it is a good idea to obtain prior approval from the principal to ensure your activity is eligible
- make a photocopy in case you lose the original.
- Keep the original so you can fill in the "Completion" section with the volunteer activity/activities that you do
- fill out the second section of the form entitled *Completion of community involvement activities*. This is your "work diary" where you list the volunteer activity/activities you have completed. To stay on the safe side, make separate photocopies—keep one at home and another at your volunteer location. If you lose the only copy, you will have to go back to the supervisors of each volunteer activity you completed and get them to sign a new form
- have a parent sign the form once you have completed your 40 hours and hand it in to your school. This information will be recorded on your official school transcript

It's a good idea to keep your parents up-to-date on how the placement is going. You may want to ask them to keep in touch with your supervisor.

Need more information?

Here's how to get it:

- Talk to your homeroom teacher or to your guidance counsellor
- Visit the peel board website, www.peelschools.org and go to Your Time Counts in the "Student Stuff" section
- Contact Volunteer MBC, a centre that fosters and encourages volunteerism in the region of Peel. Phone: 905-238-2622 e-mail: info@volunteermbc.org or www.volunteermbc.org

- playing on a school sports team
- activities that are family responsibilities (for example, regular chores)
- court-ordered community service programs, alternative measures programs or any diversionary program that uses community service
- any activity involving the operation of a vehicle, power tools or scaffolding
- any activity where you might administer medication or medical procedure
- any student under 16 involved in a logging environment
- any student under 15 involved in a factory environment
- any student under 14 in any working environment (except health and residential care environments)
- activities involving banking, securities or other valuables

In addition, the Peel District School Board has decided that the following areas are also **ineligible**:

- any activity that provides direct financial revenue or gain to the student or to the student's immediate family
- any association with an organization or activity that does not comply with the policies of the ministry, the Peel board and human rights legislation

Will my previous community involvement before grade 9 count?

Only community involvement from the time you enter high school in September will count towards your 40 hours; however, your previous volunteer work gives you a head start! Use the networking contacts you've made to find a suitable placement for your 40 hours. Volunteer activities carried out in the summer months and during other holidays count towards your 40 hours.

Did you know... Approximately 12.5 million Canadians volunteered in 2007. That year, 58 percent of 15 to 24 year-olds volunteered an average of 138 hours. By volunteering, you will gain a sense of community spirit that will benefit you in adulthood. Make your time count!

Did you know that you need 40 hours of volunteer work to get your high school diploma?

The Ministry of Education requires students starting grade 9 to complete 40 hours of community involvement. This brochure shares some tips and ways to meet your 40-hour commitment and to help make your time count.

Here's a tip—do it now!

While you have the length of time you are enrolled in high school to complete your 40 hours of community involvement, try to satisfy this requirement by the end of grade 10.

Think of volunteering as an opportunity to learn more about yourself and possible career opportunities. You will also gain self-confidence and work experience that will assist you in marketing yourself to future employers.

Completing the volunteer requirement is your responsibility

You are responsible for finding and completing the 40 hours of volunteer work. Your school will act as a resource, but it's up to you to find the activity that best suits you. Ask your parents for help in completing your volunteer requirement.

Getting started is easy

Meeting the 40-hour volunteer commitment comes at an important time in your life. Consider your skills and see how you can complete the required 40 hours. Looking at your talents, values, interests and abilities may also help you to decide what career you may want to pursue after graduation.

Think of volunteering as working towards your goal and gaining the self-confidence and work experience so important in marketing yourself to an employer.

Volunteering also raises self-esteem and gives you a sense of personal accomplishment by giving back to the community. You will want to:

- find a way to link your interests with an eligible volunteer activity; for example, if you enjoy computer programming and the challenges of the internet, you may want to look for opportunities to hone your web design/computer skills at a non-profit organization. If you like working with animals, try volunteering at an animal shelter.
- look at other suggestions - a good place to start is the "Student Stuff" section of the board's website at www.peelschools.org
- check out this brochure for a list of approved activities that interest you. Spend some time with your parents and get their suggestions as well. You may be surprised to learn how "connected" to the community they are!
- search the internet - some sites match volunteer positions with volunteering

Need more ideas?

Visit www.volunteermbc.org

It's not just something you have to do

Classroom study is only one part of your high school education. While completing the required 40 hours of community involvement is something you "must" do before graduating, the experience will benefit you beyond your high school years. As a volunteer, you can:

- gain self-confidence by working with people in a variety of challenging situations
- develop communication skills in speaking before groups, writing and conducting meetings
- learn about social issues such as health, politics, criminal justice and the environment
- have the opportunity to explore your own strengths and to use your skills and experience to network and improve job opportunities

You'll get as much from your community involvement as you put into it!

Put safety first!

This is one aspect of volunteering where you will want to involve your parents. They have a responsibility to look into the potential placement and to know who will be supervising you and under what conditions.

Choose carefully

Be sure that the activity you choose will count toward your 40 hours of community involvement. Before selecting your volunteer placement, you and your parents should review the list below to determine if your selection meets with Ministry of Education guidelines. **You and your parents must follow these guidelines.**

Examples of eligible activities include:

- fundraising - walk-a-thons, celebrity games, gift wrapping, galas
- sports/recreation - coaching, track meets, summer games, working with a buddy, pool assistant, organizing Special Olympics in the community
- community - helping to organize winter carnivals, parades, summer fairs, community events
- community projects - helping out at a food bank, support services for community groups
- religious organizations - programming for children, child-minding, helping with special events, clerical tasks
- seniors' programs - assisting in a seniors' residence or community programs
- youth programs and childcare - helping to run youth programs such as Scouts' Guides, drop-in centres, breakfast programs, after-school programs, March break programs, leaders in training, summer playground activities, camps
- work with animals - helping with animal shelters, horseback riding programs, the local zoo, petting farms
- arts and culture - assisting at a gallery, performing music, being involved in a library program
- activities for individuals - helping seniors by shopping, reading letters, shoveling snow, visiting chronic care hospitals or helping young people through tutoring, transcribing, reading buddies, respite care

The Ministry of Education considers the following activities to be ineligible:

- student activities that displace paid workers
- any activity where you are normally paid (for example, babysitting, part-time job)
- "Take Our Kids to Work" experience in grade 9
- job shadowing or a work experience component of a course
- co-operative education experiences
- any required activities of a course or program in which you can earn a credit

40 HOURS—START NOW

U can make a difference in your community!

Do u know u need to complete 40 hours of volunteer work to graduate?

Yep

What counts as community involvement?

I'm gonna volunteer at an Animal Shelter this summer

Before you start grade 9?

Yep. Now we can start the summer before we enter grade 9

thumbs up Where should I volunteer?

@ a food bank or something—you can find out more in the Student Stuff section of www.peelschools.org

;) ur the best!

All right You Asked For It!

position to complete your community involvement?
Here's what is being offered in your community!
(a new posting was added on October 12, 2011)

Volunteer Job Board Template

- Caledon Miracle Food & New Toy Drive
Student Volunteer full listing
- Girl Guides Canada
Student Volunteer Leader full listing
- West Mississauga Mompreneurs
Event volunteer full listing
- Provincial Elections - Sanjeev Maingi's Election Campaign
Campaign volunteer full listing
- Brampton East Soccer Club
Indoor Coach / Assistant Coach full listing
- Seva Food Bank
Food Bank Volunteer full listing
- Ontario Elections-Amrit Mangat's re-election campaign
Campaign volunteer full listing
- Made by Hand Show
Event volunteer full listing
- AbleLiving Services (formerly Participation House)
Recreation Aide full listing
- Camp Smile
Camp Counsellor full listing
- UCMAS Mental Math-Heartland
Teachers assistant full listing
- Animal Aid Foundation
Event volunteer full listing
- Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada (CCFC) and M&M Meat
Shops
Event volunteer full listing
- Top Educational Advantages Corp.
Tutor full listing
- Julia's and Joe's Clothes
Volunteer full listing
- Sexual Assault Rape Crisis Centre of Peel

Are you looking for a volunteer



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Kristina Zietsma

From: Kristina Zietsma
Sent: 2011/08/19 9:34 AM
To: Kristina Zietsma
Subject: Good News Story

From: Derek Allen
Sent: 2011/02/08 12:18 PM
To: Bev Litman; Jannette Bower; Neil MacLellan
Cc: John Lohuis; Stu Taylor; John Rydzewski
Subject: Good News Story

Bev, my thanks to you, Neil, Jannette and the rest of the staff for providing this group of volunteers from Community Living Mississauga a chance to contribute in their community. Group placements can be challenging, and I know that your efforts and flexibility have ensured that everyone benefits from this volunteer opportunity. The rewards to both the City and these individuals is apparent. Volunteers do make a difference in our programs and facilities...but none of that can happen without the efforts that City Staff like yourselves who make it all work out. Thank you!

Derek

From: Bev Litman
Sent: 2011/02/08 11:46 AM
To: Jannette Bower; Neil MacLellan
Cc: Derek Allen
Subject: RE: update

Hi Jann,
 Thanks for the update and also for taking the group under your wing and ensuring they have a variety of tasks to complete. I can only imagine how good it makes them feel to accomplish a task and then get praise on the great job they are doing...
 Thanks Again Jann

Bev Litman
 Manager, Mississauga Valley CC
 (905)615-4670 x2460
bev.litman@mississauga.ca



From: Jannette Bower
Sent: February 8, 2011 11:35 AM
To: Neil MacLellan
Cc: Bev Litman
Subject: update

Hi Neil and Bev

Thought I would bring you up to date on the special needs group who come in on Tues. mornings.

I have been trying to give them all aspects of the Centre. They seem quite pleased as they go back just raving about "their jobs". We have had all the leaders take turns coming to see what we are all about and are quite pleased with us.

A couple of weeks ago Ritchie was alone so I gave the group the upstairs arena to clean and pick up garbage. It helped Ritchie and they enjoyed watching the people skate while working.

This week we did the metal strips in the pool change rooms. You know how they collect dust.

One of the group was very tall so he got the locker tops and the others did the inside of the lockers and the change cubicles.

I went down to check on them and told them what a great job they did and we all had a pat on the back.

Wow it almost brought tears to my eyes. They take great pride in their work.

Thanks for allowing me to work with these great people who help to bring us down to earth every once and a while.

Jann



Mississauga Youth

Did you know...?

- 21.7% (145,000) of Mississauga's residents are youth between the ages 10 and 24.
- Mississauga has 42,141 secondary students and by volunteering 40 hours each it could provide \$16.8 million in free labour annually to the not-for-profit sector.

- Youth
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Why Volunteer?

- It connects YOU to your community.
- You can make new friends.
- You can receive recognition for your efforts and contributions.
- You can explore a new career and learn job-related skills.
- You can discover your strengths, talents and interests in a practical environment.
- You can help to create safer and healthier schools.
- You gain personal satisfaction by helping others.
- You can build confidence and self-esteem.
- You can build communication and social skills.
- You can learn and develop your leadership skills.
- You can discover and apply your civic responsibility.
- You can better understand the role you play in strengthening your community.
- It can assist you with your future educational goals, such as scholarships.
- It gives you a voice to share your thoughts, your ideas and what is important to you.
- It provides a level playing field where everyone has the opportunity to make a difference.



Youth ARE the future of our community and they CAN make a difference!

How to Search For Volunteer Opportunities:

We are pleased to introduce you to our on-line volunteer opportunities database!

The on-line database is a comprehensive, searchable tool for volunteers to use to search for roles that best fit your skill set, interests or passions. You can also create a profile in order to save your searches and specific personal information, which is completely private and safe. To begin your search, click on the button below:



Are you looking for group-based youth volunteering opportunities?

For more info, visit our partner:



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Who We Are

Volunteering Peel is a group of students who organize volunteer events. Our main goal is to help students gain their 40 hours of community service in a fun way.

We are a youth-engagement project situated in the heart of the GTA. Our group is based in Mississauga and was created in November of 2005.

What We Do

Volunteering Peel works with community groups and event organizers to provide volunteers where needed. As a student-run organization, our group aims to facilitate volunteer opportunities for students by initiating contact with event organizers, organizing events, and helping students work towards their 40 hours and beyond.

How YOU Can Get Involved!

Visit our [e-bulletin page](#), and check out upcoming volunteer events from our latest newsletter. If there is an event you would like to attend, read about it in the [events page](#), and then sign up using the sign up form.

Signing up is very easy! On our sign up form, simply provide us with your name, phone number and preferred email for the event you want to sign up for. A student organizer will correspond with you until event day.

Our Roots

Volunteering Peel is an organization that started off as a school club at John Fraser Secondary School, in Mississauga. Rohit Mehta was in grade 10, and felt that there was a lack of resources available for students who needed volunteer hours.

What started as a fun way for him and his friends to get involved in the community, soon grew into something much more. Since then, Volunteering Peel has partnered with various community organizations to bring volunteer opportunities to a network of over 800 students from schools all across Peel.

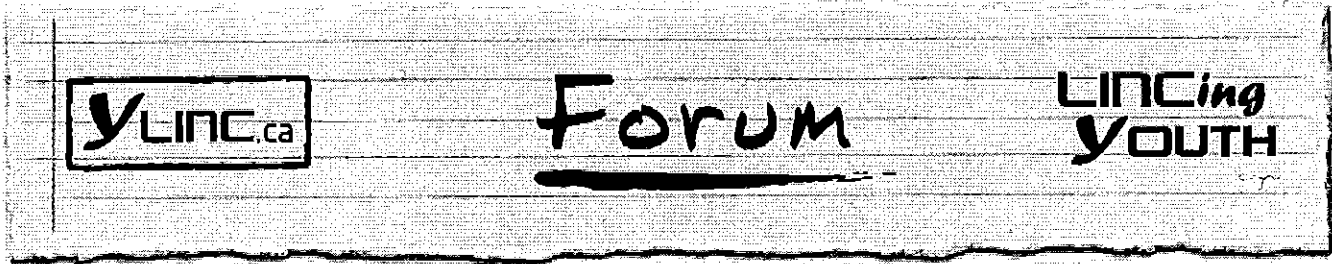
Volunteers can get involved in running events, fundraisers, environmental events, festivals, and many more. We are constantly on the lookout for new events to provide students with more exciting opportunities.

If you are a student or organization who wants to get involved with Volunteering Peel, Please [contact us!](#)

Our work could not be possible without our wonderful student leadership team, and our [valued supporters](#).

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Rank: Member
 Groups: Administration , Member, Moderator
 Joined: 09/06/2009
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 Location: Brampton

Date: Saturday, March 13, 2010
 Time: 12:00pm - 4:00pm
 Location: Front Foyer, Mississauga Central Library
 Street: 301 Burnhamthorpe Road West
 City/Town: Mississauga, ON

Looking for volunteer opportunities? A chance to network with organizations and youth like yourself? Well, MYAC's got the perfect opportunity for you!

That's right, folks! The Mississauga Youth Volunteer Fair is back after a huge success in late November, with both old and new opportunities. If you missed out on November's fair, mark your calendars for March 13th from 12:00pm to 4:00pm, and don't miss the excitement at the Mississauga Central Library this time!

Browse the booths, ask questions and pick up information forms; there's no better way to get involved, whether its to make a difference, pass some time, develop your resume or get those forty hours completed!

Megan Lowthers
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Teen Mentoring

This school-based program matches elementary students with caring youth mentors, 15 and up, from neighbouring secondary schools. Matches meet at the same time each week in a supervised group setting to participate in fun activities like arts and crafts and board games.

Participating secondary schools are Glenforest Secondary School, Harold M. Brathwaite Secondary School and Cardinal Leger Secondary School.

Testimonials

"I have gained an opportunity to improve my communication and leadership skills. It was an excellent way to interact with different age groups." *Teen Mentor*

"The mentor makes the mentee feel welcomed and accepted; she is great at getting him involved and motivates him to do better and act responsibly." *Teacher*

If you attend one of our participating Secondary Schools and are interested in volunteering please contact:
Natalie Brammah at
905-457-7288 ext. 215



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Event Details

United Way of Peel Region's Young Leaders Council is hosting our 2nd annual Day of Caring. This year the National theme is "Helping Kids Be All They Can Be" and we will be focusing on supporting children's literacy development with our event.

Reading In Your Neighbourhood

When: Saturday, November 5th from 11am - 3pm. Volunteers are needed for shifts between 10am - 4pm.

Where: Malton Library, 3520 Morning Star Drive, Mississauga

This free family event children aged 3 - 8 years will feature:

- Story-time
- Arts & Crafts for kids
- Parent workshop at 1pm (Provided by a Children's Literacy Specialist at the Region of Peel)
- Literacy resources
- Refreshments

This event gives children the opportunity to build their literacy skills with fun and interactive activities as well as providing parents with an enhanced understanding of new ways to support their children's literacy development.

We are seeking a variety of youth volunteers to help make this event a success! There are opportunities for everyone. Do you enjoy reading to children? How about helping with arts and crafts? Are you enthusiastic and enjoy meeting new people - then the position of greeter is just for you!

Volunteering gives you an opportunity to feel a sense of accomplishment while gaining both knowledge and experience. Please consider the benefit your help can bring to children, parents, and the community of Malton.

Please contact Shannon Hampton with any questions or suggestions for other ways you can help support this event at 905-602-3650 ext. 5262 or shampton@unitedwaypeel.org

Contact the Host for event and ticket information.

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Cawthra Secondary students use music to give back

Maria Cootauco, OurFaves.com

October 6, 2011

A bass guitar, piano and drum set don't just make up a band, it's also a catalyst for change.

That's how 16-year-old Cawthra Secondary students Chris Jones, Rashaan Allwood and Caymen Vieira look at it. The ink on their own university applications has barely dried yet – and in the case of Jones, isn't due for another year – but the trio are already helping send others to institutions of higher education through their volunteer work with the Black Business and Professional Association (BBPA). The charitable organization is dedicated to addressing equity and opportunity for the Black community through major campaigns like the Harry Jerome Scholarship Fund and the annual Harry Jerome Awards.



L to R: Caymen Vieira, Chris Jones and Rashaan Allwood.

What started out as a way to complete the 40 hours of community work required of high school students in the Peel District to graduate, has turned into no brainer for the three friends.

"We completed our 40 hours sometime last year," Jones said. "Last year, we played one or two events a month at one point and there were a lot of hours because it would sometimes be the whole day at a place. Eventually, we got up to 40 hours and we wrote them all down. After that, we don't count them as much, we're a little looser on getting signatures. We're still doing it because we enjoy being there."

And sometimes, giving back also means getting something in return. Recently, the Rashaan Allwood Trio as they call themselves, played to a large audience at the Harry Jerome Awards that included Dalton McGuinty.

"It was probably one of the most major things we've ever played because Dalton McGuinty was there," Allwood explained. "It was in a huge banquet hall and there was a big auction, they had cars and a lot of other stuff. To go from playing little functions here and there to playing at the Harry Jerome Awards was really cool."

The fame isn't getting to the trio's heads, however. "For me, it's really interesting having a talent and being able to use it to help other people," Allwood added.

"It benefits us because we do like to play, and from a band standpoint, it's nice to get in front of the audiences," Vieira said. "But at the same time, when you're helping someone or a community, it's kind of like a win-win situation. It just makes it that much better."

It's those kinds of reflections that make the 40-hour community involvement requirement so critical. "Volunteering is so important for students because it helps build self-esteem, opens up leadership opportunities and reduces at-risk behaviours," opined Karen Robertson, Instructional Coordinator, Guidance and Career Education for the Peel District School Board. "Volunteering also provides students with an opportunity to get engaged in areas of interest and create ties with the community while becoming contributing members in society."

When the Rashaan Allwood Trio set up their instruments to entertain participants in a recent Walk of Hope event to raise money for ovarian cancer, collecting community hours was beside the point. "We played to help out that community and to just give them entertainment while they were doing raffles and stuff," Vieira said. "We tried to preserve as much money as possible to go to the Cancer Foundation. We came and played for them so they didn't have to pay anyone else to bring it in and all the money went to the foundation."



Change the World nets results

Julia Le
July 2, 2010

More than 2,000 youth mobilized in Peel in April and May to make a difference in the community. They participated in 48 volunteer opportunities, which included planting trees, cleaning up community parks, trails and recreation facilities, and helping at long-term care homes.

The events and activities were organized by Volunteer Mississauga Brampton Caledon (MBC) and part of ChangeTheWorld — Ontario Youth Volunteer Challenge. The province-wide initiative was held during National Volunteer Week with a goal of 10,000 Ontario youth volunteering for three hours each.

In Peel, youth between 14-18 years old contributed 5,975 volunteer hours.

"Volunteer MBC's target was to engage 550 youth," said Volunteer MBC executive director Carine Strong. "These final results are absolutely astounding and we are thrilled with the participation and the youth involvement during the challenge."

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Volunteering. More than 2,000 youth in Peel participated in 48 volunteer opportunities as part of ChangeTheWorld — Ontario Youth Volunteer Challenge. Here, a youth helps revitalize the Malton Village Long-Term Care Centre's spring garden with one of the residents.
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Youths recognized for their volunteer efforts

Julia Le
July 2, 2010

Several students from the Peel Alternative School (PAS) - West have been recognized for helping revitalize a community park in Mississauga.

They were presented with certificates at their graduation ceremony on Tuesday for their participation in ChangeTheWorld — Ontario Youth Volunteer Challenge.

The province-wide initiative was held during National Volunteer Week in April. Volunteer opportunities in Peel, which included planting trees; cleaning up community parks, trails and recreation facilities, and helping at long-term care homes, were organized by Volunteer Mississauga Brampton Caledon (MBC). It hosted 48 events across Peel and presented recognition certificates to participants. Students at PAS - West took part in the challenge by helping paint murals, plant gardens and clear pathways from overgrown bushes and trees at Gordon S. Shipp Memorial Park, on Robert Speck Pkwy. They also painted railings on bridges and walkways in an area that's often vandalized.

"This volunteer experience afforded the PAS - West students not only an opportunity to improve and enhance their community, but to realize that a small effort can go a long way," said Laura Pickering, a youth worker at the school, which offers programs for students who require a non-traditional approach to learning with varied program delivery options.

Volunteer MBC executive director Carline Strong added it was great to see the artistic abilities of the students and how they were able to flourish under the direction of mentor artists, mostly seniors.

"It is important for our volunteer centre to be able to find opportunities for volunteers of all ages, but to also be able to have them work together so that the younger generation can learn from the older generation," Strong said. "It is a perfect example of being able to close the generational gap that often exists in our communities."
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Change the World. Peel Alternative School – West students and mentoring artists helped revitalize an overpass at Gordon S. Shipp Memorial Park. It was part of ChangeTheWorld — Ontario Youth Volunteer Challenge, held during National Volunteer Week. *Photo supplied*

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GUIDE TO NOMINATION AND SELECTION

The kids.now program is a fun, highly interactive, in-school, after-school educational leadership program that complements and supports the public school and Catholic school systems. We mentor kids to give them the right tools to make the right choices:

- Self-awareness and self-esteem
- Setting and achieving goals
- Communication
- Conflict Resolution
- Stress Management

The program is delivered by dedicated volunteer coaches who contribute their time and life experience, because they understand the value of learning to practice these skills early.

What kind of student will benefit from kids.now?

- Kids who have the desire to **reach their potential in life**
- Kids who have all kinds of goals:
 - Not everyone has to be a CEO or an NBA player.
 - Some kids might find out they want to be puppet makers and that is great too!
- Kids who want to be leaders
- Kids who want to make a difference in their life and the lives of others
- Kids who will show up on time each week and participate openly and honestly
- Kids who want to prepare for their future
- Kids who may have difficulty coming out of their shell
- Kids who may be able to motivate others to be their best
- Kids who are not necessarily top athletes or star students or popular, yet they might be.
- Kids who want to develop themselves and be more confident and successful

A kids.now kid is NOT a kid who:

- Has difficulty being responsible
- Has many other obligations and can't commit to 12 weeks
- Causes problems for teachers or other students
- Is there only because their teacher wants them there
- Doesn't want to be in the program!





It is essential to the success of the kids.now program that the right team is put together.

WE SINCERELY APPRECIATE YOU TAKING THE TIME AND CARE TO NOMINATE AND SELECT THE RIGHT STUDENTS!

APPENDIX A- YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Name of Organization	Age Group	Activities	Contact Information
Kids.Now Canada	13-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coaching kids to make a positive choice - Dealing with stress, managing homework, - Teaching how to deal with peer pressure and managing conflicts - Setting and achieving goals such as studying or joining extracurricular activities 	Website: www.kids.now
Camp University of Toronto Mississauga	16-17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Team Building - CPR certification - Leadership 	Website: athletics.utm@utoronto.ca Tel. 905-569-4485
Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee (MYAC)	14-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members of MYAC not only are members able to actively participate, discuss, and deliberate on issues that matter, but also, aim to develop solutions to address the issues that confront them. - Given the opportunity to plan community projects and volunteer at various City-wide events throughout the year. - Youth who decide to become involved with MYAC will enjoy the opportunity to turn their ideas into actions by using the City of Mississauga's resources to make a difference, advocate action, create community, and most importantly, unite youth all around Mississauga. 	Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee c/o Mayor's Office, 3rd floor 300 City Centre Drive Mississauga, Ontario L5B3C1 Email: myac@mississauga.ca Website: http://myac-mississauga.com/index.html Tel. 905-896-5071
Boys and Girls Clubs of Peel Region	14+	<p>Program Leader:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To work responsibly and co-operatively with program team in planning, implementing and supervising balanced social and recreational 	Boys and Girls Clubs of Peel Region 315 Traders Blvd E, Unit 11 Mississauga, ON L4Z3E5

		<p>programs for members at assigned outreach location</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enhance positive and social interaction for all members - Supervision of facility, equipment and all members during program hours - Attend and actively participate in orientation, training session and workshops - Ensure the safety of self and all members during program hours - Ensure that consistent, fair and appropriate disciplinary actions are maintained for all members - Develop and maintain a positive image with all members and staff 	Tel. 905-712-1789
<p>Big Brother or Big Sister (One to One Friendship Program)</p>	18+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our most recognized program matches a Big Brother or Big Sister who are 18 years of age or older with a child between the ages of 6 to 17 years. The match plans two to four outings a month for at least one year. Matches are encouraged to plan fun and low cost activities as they build their friendship. 	<p>Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel Website: volunteer@bbbsorillia.ca</p>

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THE GLOBE AND MAIL *

September 19, 2011

Canada's top employers for young people

From Monday's Globe and Mail

These companies are evaluated according to the programs they use to attract and retain young talent

Organized by the editors of Canada's Top 100 Employers, this special category recognizes the companies that offer the nation's best benefits for younger workers. Each employer is evaluated according to the programs they use to attract and retain young talent.

First published annually in 2001 as an appendix to the Canada's Top 100 Employers (<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/careers/top-employers/top-employers-2011>), the Canada's Top Employers for Young People competition has been published as its own list since 2007. Employers of any size, in the private or public sector, may apply for this competition, as long as the company has its head office or main place of business in Canada.

**Note: This list is not ranked: The companies are listed in alphabetical order.*

Alberta Blue Cross, Edmonton. Medical insurance carrier; 892 employees. Among benefits for employees are subsidies for tuition and professional accreditation.

AltaGas Ltd., Calgary. Energy provider; 846 employees. Three weeks of paid vacation allowance.

ATB Financial, Edmonton. Credit unions; 3,857. Offers employee lounge and fitness facility.

Bayer CropScience Canada Inc., Calgary. Agricultural chemical manufacturing; 322 employees. Offers a flexible health benefits plan, allowing employees to customize coverage.

Bayer Inc., Toronto. Health care and crop science; 709 employees. Onsite fitness facility, an outdoor multi-purpose court, employee lounge and nap room.

Cactus Restaurants Ltd., Vancouver. Restaurants; 2,303 employees. Manages an in-house "Cactus Career Day."

Canad Inns, Winnipeg. Hotels; 1,358 employees. Offers flexible work hours, shortened workweek options and reduced summer hours.

Capital One Canada, Toronto. Credit cards; 225 employees. Provides new employees with a free iPod Nano.

Cargill Ltd., Winnipeg. Oils and grains farming; 7,267 employees. Manages development plans for all employees in support of long term career goals.

Co-operators Life Insurance Co., Regina. Life insurance provider; 750 employees. Offers "lunch and learn" career planning sessions and hosts an annual career week.

Intuit Canada ULC, Mississauga, Ont. Software publishers; 500 employees. Allows employees to devote 10 per cent of their time to work on independent "interest" projects.

Keane Canada Inc., Halifax. IT; 485 employees. Created a New Leaders program to support the development of high potential employees.

L'Oréal Canada Inc., Montreal. Toiletry product manufacturing; 1,200 employees. Maintains early Fridays, closing at 3 p.m. in winter and 12.30 p.m. in summer.

Loblaws Cos. Ltd., Brampton, Ont. Grocery stores; 31,582 employees. Provides tuition subsidies for courses at outside institutions.

Mars Canada Inc., Bolton, Ont. Confectionery manufacturing; 458 employees. Provides free lunches on long-weekend Fridays.

McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Ltd., Toronto. Fast food; 4,620 employees. Offers access to amenities including an onsite fitness facility with sauna and personal trainer services.

City of Mississauga, Ont. Legislative bodies; 1,918 employees. Offers access to such amenities as an onsite first aid room.

Nexen Inc., Calgary. Energy producer; 2,134 employees. Helps employees manage their personal learning and career development.

OpenText Corp, Waterloo, Ont. Computer programming; 1,221 employees. Provides subsidies for professional accreditation.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Toronto. Certified public accountants; 6,240 employees. New employees start with three weeks' vacation.

Radialpoint SafeCare Inc., Montreal. Computer programming; 172 employees. Offers interns the opportunity to have lunch with the CEO and attend tech talks held by specialists.

Rescan Environmental Services Ltd., Vancouver. Environmental consulting; 108 employees. Rewards exceptional performance with hockey, concert or movie tickets.

Research In Motion Ltd., Waterloo, Ont. Communications manufacturing; 9,912 employees. Celebrates milestones and holidays with RIM Rocks concerts, featuring past performances from the Tragically Hip, Van Halen, the Barenaked Ladies, Aerosmith and, most recently, U2.

Rogers Communications Inc., Toronto. Communications; 23,207 employees. Offers discounts on company products such as cellphones, digital television and baseball tickets.

RSM Richter Chamberland LLP, Montreal. Certified public accountants; 576 employees. Offers in-house training for employees completing their exams.

Sequel Naturals Ltd., Port Coquitlam, B.C. Health product manufacturing; 48 employees. Offers a television and video games in the employee lounge, and employees may bring their pets to work.

Stantec Consulting Ltd., Edmonton. Engineering services; 5,665 employees. Operates career development centre to help employees identify and achieve career goals.

Starbucks Coffee Canada, Toronto. Coffee retailer; 1,849 employees. Offers employees weekly gifts, such as a free pound of coffee or box of tea.

Strangeloop Networks Inc., Vancouver. Computer systems design services; 35 employees. Rewards exceptional performance with weekend getaways, Lakers tickets and spa certificates.

Sybase Canada Ltd., Waterloo, Ont. Computer programming; 223 employees. Manages program to support high-potential employees for managerial positions.



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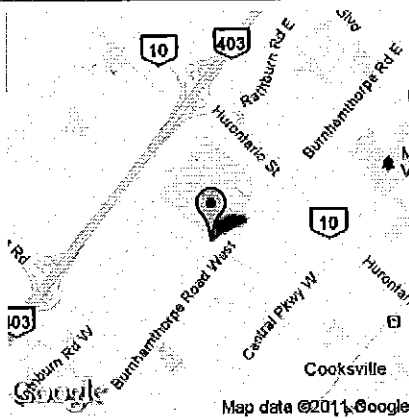
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Corporation of the City of Mississauga



Chosen as one of Canada's Top Employers for Young People for 2011:

By Kristina Leung and Richard Yerema, Mediacorp Canada Inc. staff editor (Jun 6, 2011)



- Health benefits plan ✓
- Maternity top-up ✓
- Vacation allowance after first year 2 weeks
- Flexible work hours ✓
- Tuition subsidies ✓
- Formal orientation program (TCD) ✓
- Formal leadership training (TCD) ✓
- Subsidies for professional accreditatons ✓
- Bicycle lock-up ✓
- Transit subsidy ✓
- Employee sports teams ✓
- Hires summer students ✓
- Hires co-op students ✓
- On-campus recruitment program ✓

Young People Highlights

The City of Mississauga encourages ongoing employee development with subsidies for tuition and professional accreditation, in-house apprenticeship opportunities, online training and an online skills inventory. The City also manages "Building Leadership Capacity", a training program to help employees of all levels (from entry-level to senior management) develop their leadership skills.

Background Information

Full-time employees in Canada: 1,918. Full-time worldwide: 6,978. Part-time employees in Canada: 2,746. On-campus recruitment at: University of Toronto.

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And there's more where that came from. Jones, Allwood and Vieira's classmates are waging their own campaigns for personal causes. At Cawthra Secondary, some students have launched a free trade market to sell "things that were made by people, not by machines and companies," Allwood said. "It's really interesting to see how these people use their connections and talents to do the same thing we're sort of doing."

That's exactly the kind of thing the school board had in mind when it put the 40-hour requirement on its students. "Often, students initially approach the expectation of the community involvement with hesitation," Robertson said. "However, they begin to realize the impact they can have on contributing to the cause. This truly promotes self-worth and accomplishment."

The students, it turns out, aren't just proud of themselves. They're proud of each other.

"Yeah, I'm impressed," Allwood said. "There are a lot of kids doing a lot of good stuff to help out."

Need to complete your 40 hours or know someone who does? Check out our Guide to volunteering in Mississauga.

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Canada's Top Employers for Young People

Profiling the organizations that lead the nation in attracting and retaining younger employees

Background

First published in 2001, the *Canada's Top Employers for Young People* competition is organized by the editors of Canada's Top 100 Employers. This special designation recognizes the employers that offer the nation's best benefits for younger workers. The employers on this list are Canada's leaders in attracting and retaining younger employees to their organizations. Before 2007, this competition was published annually as an appendix to the Canada's Top 100 Employers paperback.

Selection Process

Each employer is evaluated by the editors of Canada's Top 100 Employers in terms of the programs they have to attract and retain younger workers. These include benefits such as tuition assistance and the availability of co-op or work-study programs. Our editors also examine each employer's mentorship and training programs, including benefits such as bonuses paid when employees complete certain courses or professional designations. We also review each employer's career management program, looking for initiatives -- such as company-wide skills inventories -- that can assist younger workers advance faster in the organization. Lastly, our editors also look at the average age of employees at each employer to better understand the composition and profile of their workforce.

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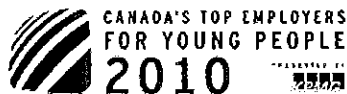
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The Globe and Mail is our exclusive newspaper partner on the *Canada's Top Employers for Young People* competition, announcing the winners in a special editorial feature each year. Read the [special editorial feature](#) announcing our 2010 winners, published by The Globe and Mail on June 2, 2010.

2011 Winners

Our 2011 winners will be announced in a special



Read the [special editorial feature](#) announcing our 2010 winners, published by The Globe and Mail on June 2, 2010.

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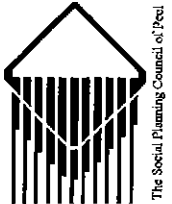
What is L.I.T.?

This program will develop leadership skills for youth interested in working and the field of recreation and provides training in the following:

- Leadership program
- Inclusion
- Promoting positive behaviour
- Communication skills
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Somali Community leader in Training Award Ceremony

“Pathway to Youth Leadership” Project

Project Scope:

CACD will deliver the 'Pathway to Leadership' project in partnership with City of Mississauga's Recreation and Parks Division and Mississauga Valley Community Centre will assist 45 youth at risk in Cooksville/Dixie and Hurontario. This project will include the delivery of 3 cohorts with 15 youth at risk participants in each session, for a total of up to 45 youths over 12 month period. The project focuses on providing 12 hours of Life Skills training followed by 32 hours of Leader- in-Training Program. At the end of the training, the participants will earn 35 hours of work placements in a combination of CACD After School Programs and City of Mississauga Recreational Activities. **At the end of the work placements participants will receive Leader-in-Training Program certificate to be eligible to apply and work in City of Mississauga's recreation programs.**

This project aims to assist youth at-risk in the Cooksville, Dixie and Hurontario. These neighbourhoods have high demand for social services because of poverty, unemployment and lack of family support services. This project intend to:

- Create opportunities for youths to develop leadership and decision making skills, to become engaged and reduce negative behaviors.
- Taking youths out of the streets and make them viable members of the community
- To share and assist in developing the needed skills that are required to create significant difference in the individuals at-risk communities
- Build capacity and create a supportive environment for youth at risk
- Enhance the self-esteem of the youth at risk within these neighbourhood

Classroom Training: The project focuses on providing 12 hours of Life Skills training followed by 32 hours of Leader- in-Training Program.

Life Skills Training:

CACD will organize the delivery of 12 hours in-class life skills training based on a long standing experience in providing workshops. For the past 5 years CACD with the support of George Brown College and YWCA designed and successfully delivered the "Life Skills" program for the youth participants. The training will be delivered by an experienced contract trainers/coach. Participants will have the opportunity to learn and understand the essential life skills to succeed in their life.

The 12 hours of life skills training will be delivered over a four week period (3 hours on a Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) Skills such as problem solving, decision-making, goals setting, and working with others can be taught and practiced as teens plan and carry out significant service projects.

** participants are selected w/ assistance of guidance councillors.
* offered two times per year (spring & fall)*

The 8 life skills workshop lessons that the youth participants will be trained are: Self-Disclosure, Team Building, Assertive Communication, Goal-Setting, Decision-Making, Problem Solving, Conflict Resolution, Leadership and Community Building.

They will be presented with a variety of activity-based lessons which address group dynamics and accommodate different learning styles of today's diverse youth. These workshops will be accompanied by occasional visits of sport personalities that will speak on issues pertinent to leadership and sport fundamentals.

Leader-in-Training:

Followed by life skills training, City of Mississauga's Recreation and Parks division will deliver 32 hours of Leader-in-Training Program over a period of 8 weeks. This is a tried-and-true "LIT" program offered by City of Mississauga, which will be adopted for presentation for youth at risk.

The Leadership program has been operating for over 20 years by city as a primary example of "youth mentoring youth" in leadership skills. The program is instructed by senior staff who have evolved through at least 4-5 years of leading City programs for children and youth, and who are university or college students/graduates now overseeing March Break and Summer Camp programs. They will be complemented by guest speakers: an Ontario Lifeguard Society Certified First Aid instructor, and by our Department's Community Child and Youth Consultant Lisa Boyce-Gonsalvez. (Note: Lisa's university training specially qualifies her to train and coach youth leaders on youth and adolescents and positive discipline strategies to deal with challenging behaviour.)

The leadership component provides training in the following areas:

- leadership of children's programs,
- the inclusion of children with special needs, positive discipline,
- program planning and execution
- instructional techniques for all types of activities, including: sports, active and passive games, storytelling, drama, trips, sing songs, public swims, crafts, etc
- communication skills, special events management
- Basic First Aid Certification and CPR-B Certification (via Ontario Lifeguard Society),
- Instructional techniques for teaching arts, crafts, sports, and games.
- How to instruct specific sports such as basketball, or other programs uniquely suited to the needs of Cooksville/Dixie areas).

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Young leaders learn

Clara Kim
July 22, 2011

Tomorrow's leaders are polishing their skills this month at the eighth annual Youth Leadership Development Program (YLDP).

This free program is for students in grades 9-12 and runs 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on four Saturdays, wrapping up this week (July 23), at South Common Community Centre.

Approximately 70 participants, divided into seven teams, are taking part in field assignments and seminars to learn leadership skills under the guidance of university/college student mentors.

One of many activities is organizing fundraisers for non-profit organizations such as SickKids Foundation, Canadian Red Cross and Daily Bread Food Bank.

"Before taking the program, I thought I will be just listening to lectures...but there were many hands-on activities and I got to apply a lot of skills in organizing different fundraisers," claimed Muhammad Ali, one of the YLDP participants.

Muhammad Ali and his fellow students also come up with specific issues in the community to gather information and raise awareness about. A few of the topics are teen smoking, bullying and religion accommodation in schools. "I have never seen youth discuss issues so openly," said Peel police sergeant Richard Jibillini as he watched the participants engrossed in their discussions.

The goal of this program is to not only strength the teens' ability to interact with the community and to discuss about important matters but also to prepare themselves to be valuable assets to society by meeting and interviewing leaders in Mississauga.

YLDP participants also earn 20 hours towards their mandatory community work requirement for high school.

The program was founded by Islamic Circle of North America to promote their philosophy that leaders are made, not born. The group is a charity organization that mainly aids victims of natural disasters.

To register for Youth Leadership Development Program in the following year, visit

www.icnareliefcanada.ca/domestic/yldp/ or look out for flyers in your school about the program.

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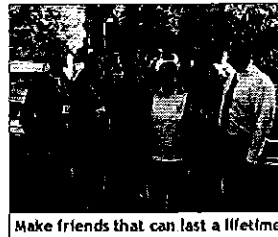
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It is an opportunity that can literally change your life! An extensive three-day camp offering students the opportunity to participate in leadership activities focusing on the Free Enterprise System. Camp Enterprise provides high school students with:

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A Fantastic Opportunity

The Rotary Clubs of Mississauga Camp Enterprise has provided high school students with unique experiences in teambuilding, leadership, business principles and dealing with the challenges of life and business. The objective of the Camp Enterprise program is to explore, expose, challenge and awaken interest and imagination on the whole concept of Business and Private Enterprise.



Opportunities for group projects

Who Will Attend Camp Enterprise?

The 'Leaders of Tomorrow' are selected from Mississauga area high schools. Attendees will be students who are enrolled in Grades 11 or 12, have demonstrated leadership skills and who are active in various school committees and activities.

Who Sponsors Camp Enterprise?

The Rotary Clubs of Mississauga are the sponsors of the program. Students are selected with the assistance of high school counsellors in cooperation with the Rotary Clubs of Mississauga Camp Enterprise committee members.

Where Is Camp Enterprise Held?

At the Mississauga Campus of the University of Toronto. Students will be provided transportation to and from the University, lodging and meals. Students are supervised by camp counsellors who are Rotarians and leaders in the Mississauga business community.

What Does It Cost?

ALL EXPENSES PAID!!! The entire cost is funded by the Rotary Clubs of Mississauga.

What Should the Students Bring to Camp?

Personal toiletries, clothing and sleepwear are the only things needed. Wear clothes that are comfortable, such as jeans. Bedding is supplied by the camp. However an extra blanket or sleeping bag is recommended.

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United Way teaches leadership

Torstar Network
October 7, 2010

Being a good leader takes more than knowing how to make a speech and working a room glad-handing.

It requires a skill set that young people are honing as part of a new professional development series offered by United Way of Peel Region and its Young Leaders Council. Called Step Up and Learn, the training series gives up-and-coming movers and shakers the tools to make their communities better.

Raj Venkataraman, executive member of YLC, said training sessions "will help develop personal and professional presence," and help young people "learn essential skills, network with peers and discover their abilities outside their normal realm of work or school. We hope that these training sessions will be a foundation for creating a lasting impact on their personal and professional lives and the community."

Workshops cost \$15 are open to those 20 to 35 years old. Go to unitedwaypeel.org.

Registration is open until 12 p.m. on the day of the workshop.

Remaining workshops include: Nov. 17 – Negotiations; Jan. 19 – Team Building; Feb. 16 – Professional Image; Mar. 15 – Networking.

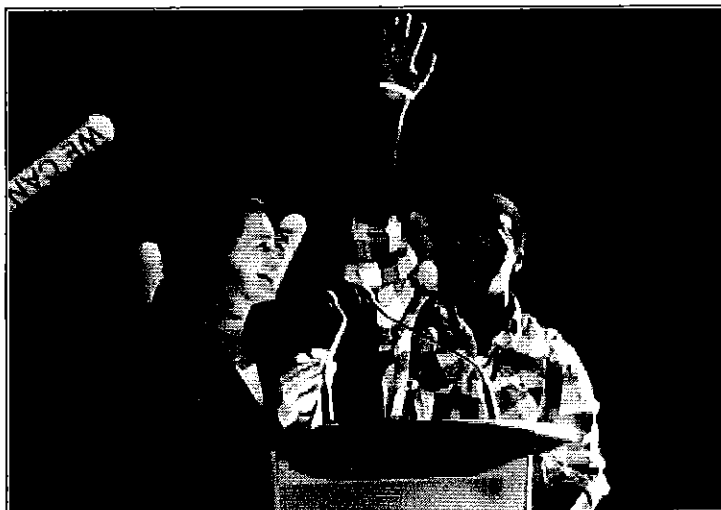
The Young Leaders Council was established as part of the UWPR's strategic plan to engage the millennial generation – those born in the 1980s and later – whose numbers are booming in Peel. The council, with about 200 members so far, gives young people a forum and connects them to their communities and peers, according to Nicole Dupuis, manager stakeholder engagement at UWPR. Its 15-member executive team operates like a mini UWPR board.

Along with the workshop series, members have been working on Youth in Action. A partnership between United Way and Peel Region, it offers grants to innovative projects organized and led by youth. This year and last, 11 groups received funding including a sports program for newcomers and underprivileged young people, and a mentorship program with Caledon Girl Guides and Brownies to build self-esteem in young girls.

The YLC has also organized fundraising events and its members do volunteer work in the community. Its Ambassador Network is raising awareness about the charity and the growing demands for services from member agencies among young professional donors.

Young people are among the priorities set by UWPR. Money donated to the community fund also supports programs for families, children, seniors, immigrants, the disabled and disadvantaged. This year's fundraising goal is \$13.75 million, money that will support 53 member agencies and 99 programs.

~ Torstar Network



Be a leader. United Way of Peel Region CEO Shelley White introduced Troy Taylor who is a success story of one of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel, a United Way Agency. Troy told his story during the launch of the 2010 United We Can fundraising Campaign kick-off. A new professional development series is now being offered by United Way of Peel Region and its Young Leaders Council. *File photo by Fred Loek*

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United Way of Peel Region

YOUTH CAMPAIGN GUIDE



WELCOME to the YOUTH CAMPAIGN GUIDE

Every year, youth across Peel Region help raise money for United Way of Peel Region. Now it's easier than ever before!

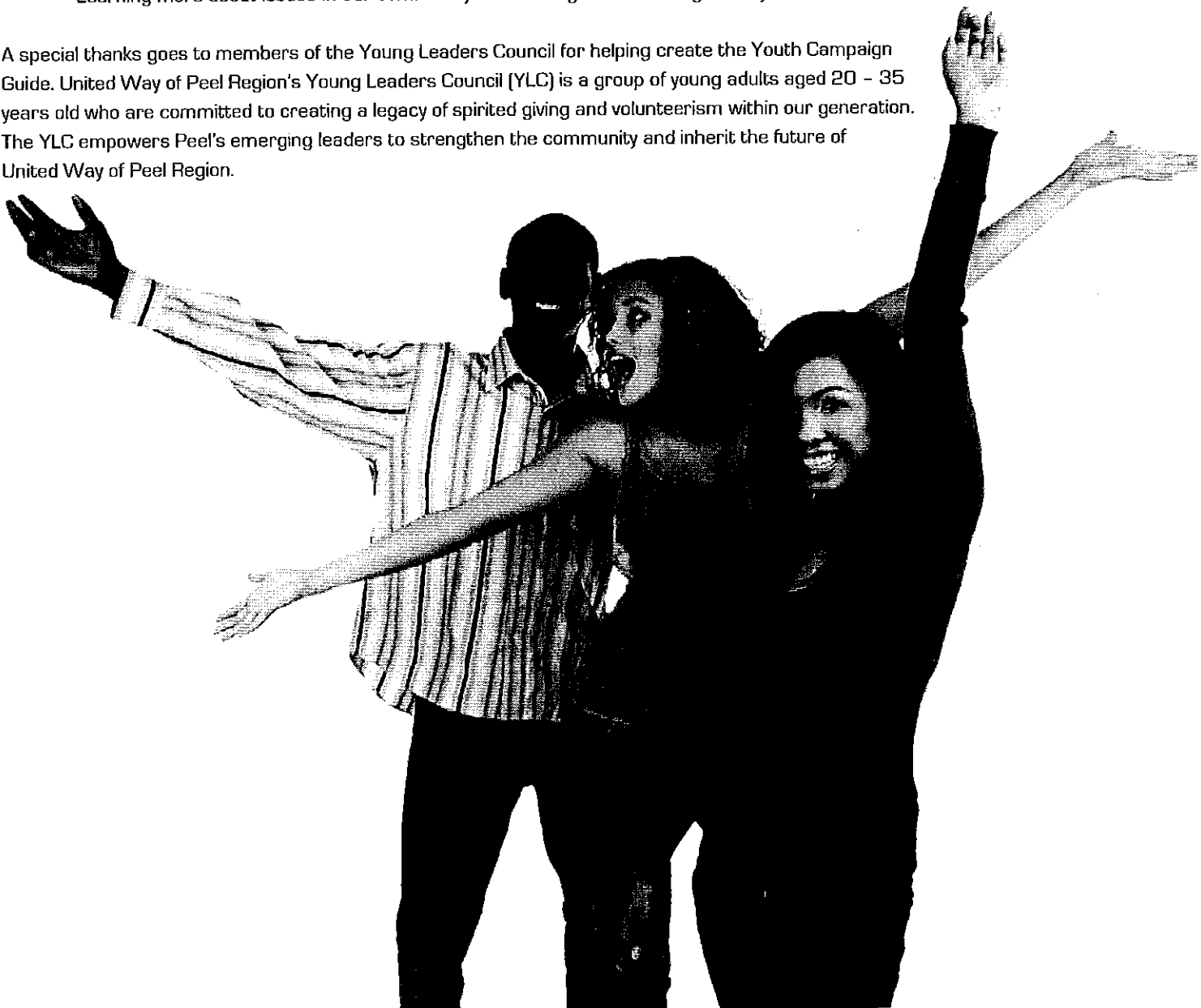
The Youth Campaign Guide will teach you more about United Way of Peel Region, give you the tools for fundraising, and share ideas for great youth campaigns.

Together we can improve lives, strengthen neighbourhoods, and make our community better for everyone.

When you run a United Way of Peel Region Youth Campaign through your school or youth group, you accomplish so much, including:

- Completing the 40 hours of community services you need to graduate while spending time with your friends
- Gaining experience in event planning, project management and fundraising; great addition to your resume!
- Raising money for our community
- Learning more about issues in our community and sharing that knowledge with your friends.

A special thanks goes to members of the Young Leaders Council for helping create the Youth Campaign Guide. United Way of Peel Region's Young Leaders Council (YLC) is a group of young adults aged 20 - 35 years old who are committed to creating a legacy of spirited giving and volunteerism within our generation. The YLC empowers Peel's emerging leaders to strengthen the community and inherit the future of United Way of Peel Region.



About United Way of Peel Region

United Way of Peel Region was established in 1967 and serves the communities of Brampton, Caledon and Mississauga. Our mission is to engage with our community, through partnerships, to ensure people are cared for, connected and included.

United Way of Peel Region supports our community by bringing people together to improve lives, strengthen neighbourhoods and make our community better for everyone. United Way provides direct funding for more than 100 programs and services, develops training opportunities to strengthen social service agencies, creates and nurtures community partnerships to tackle complex social issues and provides a strong voice for social change.

United Way is committed to working with our entire community, including youth, to build capacity and improve lives. Our focus is on:

Resilient people

- Supporting seniors to be healthy and live independently
- Supporting individuals with disabilities
- Assisting people who are vulnerable to abuse, especially women and children
- Supporting people affected by mental health issues

Strong families

- Supporting newcomers and immigrants to fully participate in community life
- Assisting families and children to have a high quality of life
- Empowering children and youth to reach their full potential

Vibrant neighbourhoods and communities

- Reducing poverty, eliminating hunger, and ensuring people have access to affordable housing
- Strengthening neighbourhood development efforts so that people can become involved and engaged in their community

Did You Know?

These are tough times in our community. More people than ever will turn to United Way for assistance.

- More than 1 in 7 people live in poverty
- More than 1 in 4 children are not ready to learn when they start school
- It takes 7-10 years for a newcomer to fully integrate into Canadian life
- 1 in 10 elderly are suffering from abuse
- 20% of people who live in shelters have jobs
- 15,000 people are on wait lists for affordable housing and the wait is 20 years long
- 1 in 5 people will experience mental illness in their lifetime

Your help is needed more now than ever. Continue reading to find out how you can run a United Way of Peel Region Youth Campaign.

OYAP PROVINCIAL PORTAL |

Oct 17, 2011

Welcome to the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP).

OYAP is a School to Work program that opens the door for students to explore and work in apprenticeship occupations starting in Grade 11 or Grade 12 through the Cooperative Education program.
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Attention STUDENTS! An apprenticeship in the skilled trades may be for you. Jump start your career now!
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Attention EMPLOYERS! Build a pool of young motivated workers to fill current and future vacancies. » more info



Did you know that **40%** of new jobs will be in the **skilled trades**? > read more



OYAP students in action! > check out the **slide show**



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Building Future Leaders

Are you between the ages of 14 and 16? Would you like to improve your leadership skills while fulfilling your volunteer hours? Would you like to improve your job readiness by one day working for the YMCA? Then the [Future Leaders](#) program could be for you!



Future Leaders is a unique and challenging skills development program. For 12 days, you'll stay over at [YMCA Camp Cedar Glen](#) where you will:

- Camp in tents
- Participate in a range of high and low element challenge courses
- Improve your resume writing and related job skills
- Work with our kitchen staff to prepare your own meals
- Get your First Aid and CPR certifications
- Learn advanced leadership skills and group facilitation skills
- Gain advanced outdoor living skills that can help you succeed at camp – and in life

Before you begin the Future Leaders program, you'll work closely with a program coordinator to discuss your personal interests and identify what you want to get out of the program. Future Leaders is more than camp. It's your future.

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Learn to Lead as a Counsellor-in-Training

Making the move from camper to counsellor is one of the most fun and rewarding experiences imaginable. At [YMCA Camps](#), we help you learn to lead with a wide range of leadership training programs.



Our [Leaders-in-Training](#) program is for 15 year-olds who want to reach their highest potential. Held at [YMCA Camp Pine Crest](#), this program features a 4 day hike and 10 day canoe trip, helping you develop leadership, camping, and outtripping skills to grow – in camp and in life.

Our [Counsellor-in-Training](#) program is for 16 year-olds ready to develop the skills to become camp counsellors. Through workshops, a five-day canoe trip, and cabin placements, you learn how to instruct campers, plan programs, and put your skills into action.

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Youth Leader Corps Builds Tomorrow's Leaders

Do you want to make new friends? Build your confidence and skills for the future? Help your community? Feel even better about yourself? If so, the YMCA Youth Leader Corps could be for you.



Designed especially for youth between 11 and 24 years old, the Corps takes the best of today's youth and helps them become the leaders of tomorrow. The YMCA Youth Leader Corps combines leadership training, teamwork, self-government, and volunteer placement to help build confidence – and connections.

The Corps can open doors for you, giving you the opportunity to:

- Meet other youth
- Build new skills
- Participate in your community
- Earn volunteer hours

Develop yourself. Get involved in your community. The YMCA Youth Leader Corps lets you do both.

Members of the YMCA Youth Leader Corps are also eligible for participation in the Duke of Edinburgh Young Canadians Challenge Award.

Since every YMCA [Employment Centre](#) and [Health Fitness and Recreation Centre](#) has its own YMCA Youth Leader Corps, there's sure to be one near you. To learn more about this unique program, contact us at memberservices@ymcagta.org.

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Community Crime Prevention

**Looking to earn Community Service Hours?
Interested in something new for your class curriculum?**

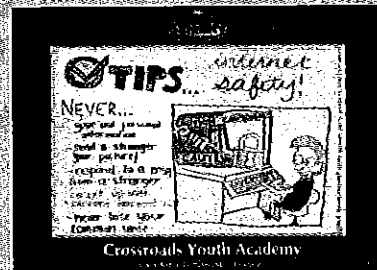
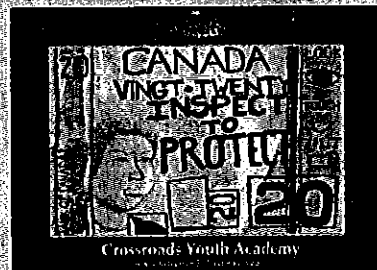
Internationally recognized as the winner of the 2005 Best Community Crime Prevention Program (ISCPP), Crossroads Youth Academy motivates and empowers youth to avoid criminal activities, become informed about being a good citizen and provides them with the knowledge and skills to make healthy decisions when they find themselves at one of life's Crossroads.

Top 5 Student Topics

- Internet Safety;
- Drug Education;
- Counterfeit Detection;
- Healthy Relationships and
- CPR Training.

Program presentations are delivered by professional's in the field with representation from Peel Regional Police, Bank of Canada, and Peel Paramedics Association.

Participants receive a certificate of accomplishment as well as a letter stating community service hours earned.



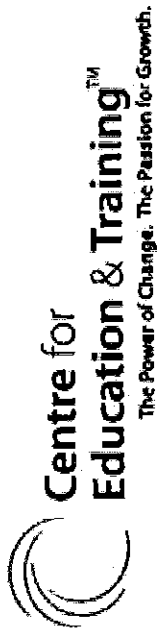
For more information on the Crossroads Youth Academy, please contact Safe City Mississauga.
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HOME EMPLOYMENT & CAREER SETTLEMENT & LANGUAGE EDUCATION & TRAINING

Career Coach

Career Coach is a mobile project made possible through Citizenship & Immigration Canada programs and funded in part by the Government of Canada. [more](#)

Computer Camp

Computer Camp 4 Kids is a March Break and summer day-camp program for students aged 9 -14 (grades 4-8), specializing in technology and computers. [more](#)

Driver Education

By successfully completing our Beginner Driver Education Program you can get your Driver's License 4 months earlier, and may qualify for discounts on your insurance. [more](#)

Employability Skills for Youth

We offer a free 10 week program designed to help youth (age 15-30) get a job, keep it and explore personal development. [more](#)

International Programs

Study and practice English in the warmth and security of Canadian hospitality while enjoying unique experiences in and out of the classroom. [more](#)

Next Steps: Employability Program for Youth

Next Steps: Employability Program for Youth is an intensive 11-week pre-employment training program designed to advance youth towards their employment goals. [more](#)

Peel Summer Academy

We offer 4 unique summer residential programs for intellectually gifted students - grades 4 to 10. [more](#)



YOUTH GROUP & YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

St. John Ambulance has a

YOUTH GROUP - for 6 - 18 year olds (made up of 3 age levels).

The program runs on Monday evenings at our North Mississauga location at 110 Matheson Blvd. W., Suite 110, Mississauga just west of Hwy 10 and south of Hwy 401.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM - for 15 - 17 year olds.

The program runs on Tuesday evenings at our North Mississauga location at 110 Matheson Blvd. W., Mississauga just west of Hwy 10 and south of Hwy 401.

YOUTH GROUP -

The Youth component of St. John in Ontario is broken down into three age groups: Juniors (ages 6-10), Cadets (ages 11-15), and Crusaders (ages 16-18). The youth program encompasses a wide variety of subject matter, including first aid.

- **St. John Juniors** (Age 6 to 10) - focuses on fun, health, home safety skills, caring for others and making friends
- **Cadets** (Age 11 to 15) - provides training in Emergency First Aid, encourages the expansion of personal skills and knowledge through the Proficiency Program, and teaches the importance of team work
- **Crusaders** (Age 15 to 18) - provides more advanced first aid training, places an emphasis on individual leadership qualities, and encourages community service

At age 18, Crusaders have the following options:

1. Become an adult member of the Medical First Responder team.
2. Become a leader in a St. John Ambulance youth program.

How much does it cost to join?

St. John Ambulance is a no cost volunteer group.

Can anyone join?

Juniors, Cadets and Crusaders are for all boys and girls who are interested in making new friends, learning about first aid and community service

When and where do we meet?

Juniors, Cadets and Crusaders meet every Monday evening from 7:00pm - 8:30pm throughout the school year.

The meetings are located at our North Mississauga location at 110 Matheson Blvd. W., Mississauga just west of Hwy 10 and south of Hwy 401.

I am interested. How do I get started?

Our Youth Group is a very popular program with limited enrolment based on the number of adult leaders that are available. When you call our office, we will advise you whether or not there is space in the program. If the program is full, we will put your name on our waiting list and call you as soon as a space opens up. We accept children at any time throughout the school year as space allows.

Then, come out for one evening and see how you like it. We're sure you'll want to come again!

For more information, contact:

Shaun McGrath
Divisional Superintendent
Youth Division

St. John Ambulance
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Telephone: 905 568-1905

YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM -

The St. John Ambulance Youth Leadership (SJYL) Program is a first-of-a-kind program being presented by St. John Ambulance. SJYL focuses on bringing together students, educators and professionals through a variety of educational and social activities.

Members of the SJYL program are individuals between 15 - 17 years of age. They will participate in a weekly program that will include:

1. Community Networking & Active Volunteerism
2. Medical First Responder Training & Certification
3. Leadership & Life Skills Knowledge, Fellowship & Learning



The main objective of SJYL is to enable Peel youth to become empowered by acquiring key, effective skills that are invaluable tools for leadership in their community and personal life.

You will learn how to serve your community through attendance at public events and activities, while obtaining your mandatory community service hours for Secondary School graduation requirements.

You will gain transferrable knowledge and learn skills including effective communication, working as part of a team, career planning, resume building and much more.

How much does it cost to join?

There is no cost at this time.

Can anyone join?

If you are between the ages of 15 and 17, you are eligible.

When and where do we meet?

The Youth Leadership group meets Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. from September to June.

The meetings are located at our North Mississauga, 110 Matheson Blvd. W., Suite 110, site. (The Oracle Bldg.)

I am interested. How do I get started?

Contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 905-568-1905 during office hours (8:30 am - 4:30 pm)

Then, come out for one evening and see how you like it. We're sure you'll want to come again!

For more information, contact:

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Students take off their badges

Mississauga News
August 25, 2011

A summer of duty is coming to an end for several high school students who went to work as part of the Peel Regional Police Youth in Policing Initiative.

The Mississauga and Brampton students, who were hired for summer placement jobs to familiarize themselves with the rules, roles and responsibilities of being a Peel police employee, were exposed to many facets of police work. They worked in police training facilities and with marine tactical units, oversaw court proceedings, recorded traffic enforcement tickets for police computer systems and one even worked on a shooting range. They'll be commended for their service at a barbecue and presentation being held tomorrow at the Emil V. Kolb Centre for Police Excellence in Mississauga.

The program, in its third year in Peel and funded by Ontario's Ministry of Child and Youth Services, is open to students between ages 14-17 who have an interest in policing.

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METALWORKS INSTITUTE OPEN HOUSE

Metalworks hosted its monthly Open House on Sunday, July 17th. More than 50 people attended a presentation about careers in entertainment, followed by a tour of the facilities. Friendly staff greeted visitors and offered refreshments. Metalworks Institute of Sound & Music Production is a dynamic, independent institution dedicated to providing an incomparable level of education in the areas of audio recording, live production, music performance and the business of entertainment. Metalworks hosts Open Mike Night twice monthly at Boston Pizza and Coopers Pub, where budding artists find a forum for their work. For further information, you can befriend them on Facebook.

*Event by Ravi Seyan
Event code: pe9r5v*



Charlene & Lindsay, friendly staff



Educational Counselor, Alex Andronache (centre) with Michelle & Scott



Will & Joe, members of Koetta Black



Tom & Max were interested in the facilities










Cousins, Ben & Kenton; Ben wants to be an audio engineer

WINTER 2011

HOURS OF OPERATION:

(Open to all youth ages 14-24 years)

Mondays 11 am - 8 pm
 Tuesday to Thursday 10 am - 8 pm
 Fridays 10 am - 6 pm
 Saturdays 11 am - 5 pm

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS	SATURDAYS
 The Art of Love & Sex 5 - 7 PM	 Change of Perspective 5 - 7 PM	 Youth Council 4-5 PM Retail Training 5-7 PM 	LEADERSHIP 'GET UP STAND UP' 5-7 PM 	KNOWLEDGEABLE FILM 4 - 6 PM 	 DROP-IN 11-5 PM VOLUNTEER TRAINING 1:30-4:30 PM

** PLEASE NOTE THAT THE RUNNING OF ANY PROGRAM DEPENDS ON YOUTH INTEREST **



PROGRAM DETAILS



THE ART OF LOVE & SEX HELPS YOU FORM HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS, EXPLORING EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL ASPECTS OF SEX & LOVE. YOU WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE GOING THROUGH & LEARN FROM EXPERIENCES OF OTHERS



LEADERSHIP 'GET UP, STAND UP!' CHOOSE A CAUSE WHERE YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND HAVE FUN PRACTICING THE LEADERSHIP SKILLS THAT WILL HELP YOU MAKE THAT DIFFERENCE!! TOPICS COVERED WILL BE COMMUNICATION, CONFLICT RESOLUTION, COMMUNITY AWARENESS, TEAM BUILDING AND GOAL SETTING. LOOKS GREAT ON RESUMES & SCHOOL APPLICATIONS!!



YOUTH COUNCIL HAVE YOUR SAY IN HOW THE YOUTH CENTRE IS RUN! THIS GROUP MEETS EVERY WEEK TO TALK ABOUT WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN AT THE YOUTH CENTRE.



KNOWLEDGEABLE FILM SHOWS MOVIES THAT INSPIRE THOUGHT & CONVERSATION ABOUT SOCIAL ISSUES THAT IMPACT YOUTH.

RETAIL/CUSTOMER SERVICE TRAINING GET AN INTRODUCTION TO THE RETAIL-CUSTOMER SERVICE INDUSTRY AND A CHANCE TO PROVE YOUR NEW SKILLS IN ACTUAL WORK ENVIRONMENTS. PARTICIPATING RETAILERS PROVIDE SHORT TERM, UNPAID TRAINING PLACEMENTS IN THE LAST PART OF THIS PROGRAM TO GIVE YOU THE CHANCE TO TEST YOUR NEW SKILLS AND MARKET YOURSELF TO POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS.



CHANGE OF PERSPECTIVE A CHANCE TO EXPLORE DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW ON TOPICS THAT INTEREST YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHERE EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO CONSIDER AND UNDERSTAND THE PERSPECTIVES OF OTHERS.



VOLUNTEER TRAINING - INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT WITH THE DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS OF THE YOUTH CENTRE? IF SO, THIS TRAINING WILL GIVE YOU A HEAD START ON WHAT IT TAKES TO HELP RUN THE CENTRE. PLEASE TALK TO STAFF ABOUT WHAT SATURDAY WOULD WORK BEST FOR YOUR SCHEDULE TO GET STARTED WITH BEING A VALUABLE PART OF THE YOUTH CENTRE TEAM!

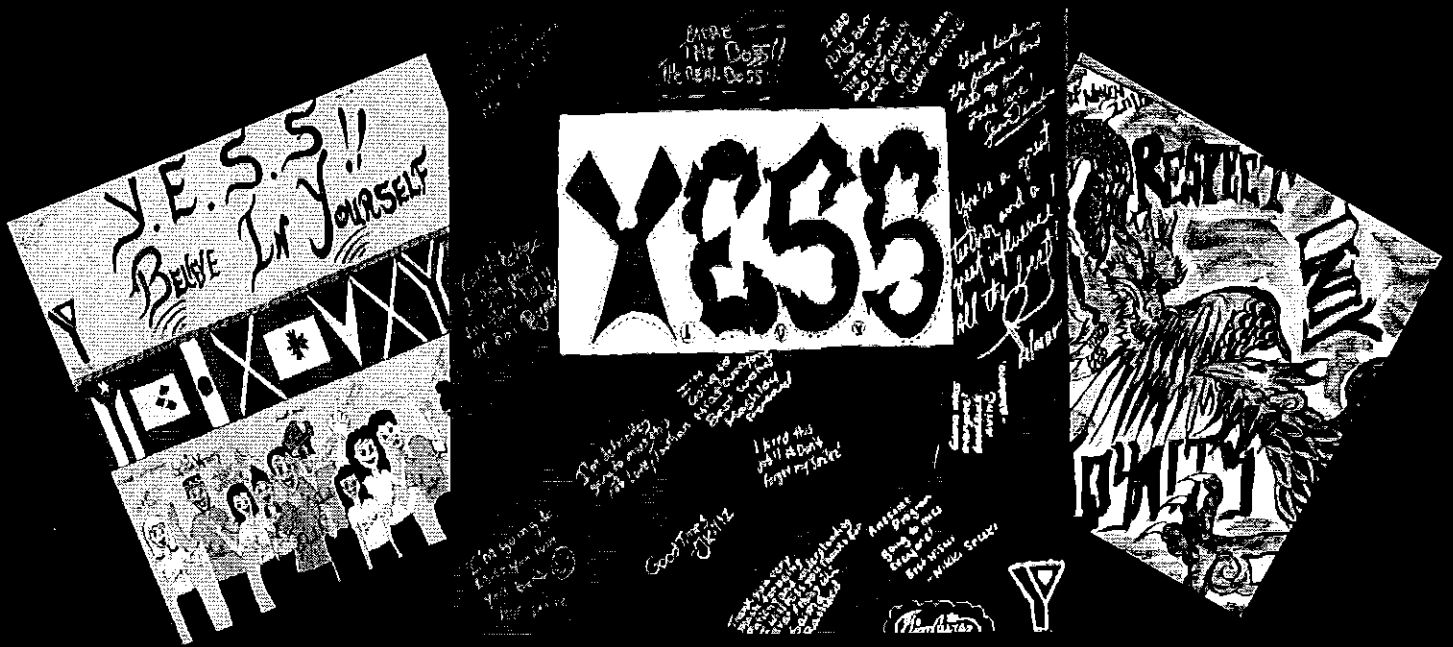
DROP-IN - EVERYDAY! (SEE ABOVE HOURS OF OPERATION)

COMPUTER ACCESS, GAMES, POOL, FRIENDLY CONVERSATION AND INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT IS AVAILABLE FOR YOUTH IN PEEL REGION

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YOUTH ENHANCEMENT SUPPORT SERVICES

SERVICE CANADA FUNDED PROGRAM

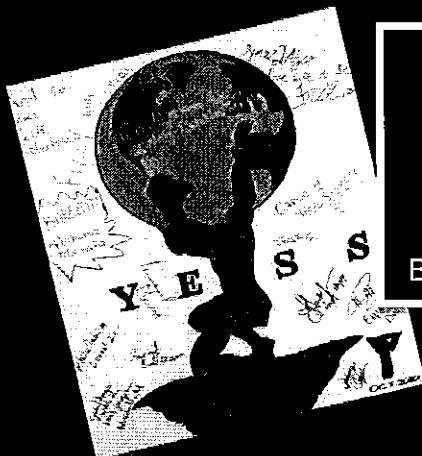


WHAT WE OFFER...

- 12 WEEK PAID PRE-EMPLOYMENT TRAINING WORKSHOP
- CAREER TESTING, JOB SEARCH SKILLS, RESUME CRITIQUES, MOCK INTERVIEWS, LABOUR LAWS, CUSTOMER SERVICE SKILLS, ETC
- CERTIFICATION IN WHMIS, CPR/1ST AID TRAINING, SMART SERVE
- GUEST SPEAKERS (YSAP, YGAP, YOUTH NET,)
- AND MANY MORE....

WHO'S ELIGIBLE...

- BETWEEN 15 TO 30 YEARS OF AGE
- OUT OF SCHOOL, NO HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA/GED
- A CANADIAN CITIZEN, OR A PERMANENT RESIDENT OR PROTECTED PERSON WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE IMMIGRATION & REFUGEE PROTECTION ACT
- LEGALLY ENTITLED TO WORK IN CANADA
- VALID SIN CARD
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LEADERS AT PLAY

Have you enjoyed being a participant in the 'Wal-Mart At Play' program and want to take it further? Develop your leadership skills in this interactive program. Participants will spend 22 hours in class on practical content (customer service, activity programming, communication, professionalism, team building & First Aid) and will be required to complete 40 volunteer hours assisting with the drop-in program (eligible for school requirements). Youth must be past Wal-Mart At Play participants and have an understanding of the program. Space is limited and registration is first come, first served. If needed, bus tickets will be provided free of charge.

**DAYS AND
LOCATIONS**

Miss Valley Community Centre

In Class Session:

Saturday Nov 5, 8:30am-5:30pm

Sunday Nov 6, 8:30am-4:00pm

Saturday Nov 26, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm

Cost: Free

Course Code: 550604

Note: All participants MUST register

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