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RAFIH AUTOMOTIVE GROUP GOLF TOURNAMENT A HUGE SUCCESS



On July 22nd 2013 the Rafih Auto Group held its 2nd annual golf Tournament at Beach Grove and Country Club and they raised \$20,000.00 to assist with the programs and services offered at the Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County. Over 140 golfers participated in the all day event and everyone had a wonderful time.

Terry Rafih is the Chairman and CEO for the Rafih Auto Group; Mr. Rafih gives back to the community immensely, truly living up to his role as a community leader. Mr. Rafih was last year's recipient of the Champion Award at the Multicultural Council's Herb Gray Awards Gala. For more information on how you can contribute to the MCC please contact 519-255-1127.

A special thanks to all the sponsors and golfers that supported this great event!



MCC News

GRADUATION

Once again, another cycle for our LINC students has been completed. The graduation ceremony for the MCC's 2013 Spring Classes was celebrated with great pride and joy by our students at the end of June. Even though they were all looking forward to a summer break full of excitement, the graduation day was filled with interesting displays, music, poems and delicious ethnic cuisine. Congratulations to all our students for all their hard work and commitment in improving their language skills and efforts to further settle in our community.



CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOP

The Citizenship Preparation Workshop is among the Language and Skills Program most popular series of group sessions. The latest 6-week-series has concluded on June 20th, with a group of excited clients that are now ready to take the citizenship test and possible interview. Our next session is scheduled for November, 2013 and already has a growing wait list.



SUMMER WORKSHOPS

Our Language and Skills Program organized a series of summer workshops for our clients, during our LINC summer break. This was a great opportunity for our students and new clients to keep engaged with the agency and acquire new skills and information. The series included 8 different topics: Summer Activities Information, our 6-session Driving in Ontario Workshop, Tenant Rights, Volunteering in Canada, Budgeting Strategies, Rights and Responsibilities in the Canadian Workplace, Legal Services in the Community and Back to School Information Session. We were very fortunate to have excellent partners in the community and we had guest speakers from the Royal Driving School, Windsor Police Services and Family Resource Network, among others. The turnout was excellent and the feedback from participants was very positive.



Pictured: Patricia Fram, guest speaker from Family Resource Network, on the Tenant Rights information session held on August 6, 2013.



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ENGLISH LITERACY AWARD

We are proud to announce that Shiva Maya Pokharel Adhikari, one of our LINC students, was honored on May 22, 2013 with an Excellence in English Literacy Award presented by The Rotary Club of Windsor Roseland. Her teacher, Margaret Holec, nominated Shiva Maya for her excellent attendance and participation in class, her leadership role within the community as well as her volunteer work she does at the Food Bank. Sue Zanin and Sheila Blair Mosley came to the school to do the presentation.



Pictured: Margaret Holec, Heather McNamara, Sheila Blair Mosley, Shiva Maya Pokharel Akhikari and Sue Zanin.

The Rotary Club presented the award to Shiva Maya for excellence in English literacy. After presented the award, Shiva Maya expressed "that she was very honored to receive this award and thanked the Rotary Club for choosing her".

SUMMER YOUTH GROUP

Summer Youth Group at the MCC started with much fun and frolic! As youth gathered together, all from different countries, different ages and different walks of life, the days were filled with much laughter, chatter, and learning. Activities ranged from arts and crafts, volunteering in the community, participating in county-wide events such as Carrousel by the River, Downtown Farmer's Market and the International Children's Games, to field trips to the Airport Museum. Youth learned about many things, including but not limited to different swimming tricks, World War I and II history, types of airplanes used in war, etc. They also had the unique opportunity this year to meet and interact with athletes from many different countries in the world. After an exciting summer, youth are energized and refreshed to head back to school.



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SAFETY VILLAGE VISIT



On June 6, our MCC LINC students had the opportunity to visit the Children's Safety Village during the ESINC (Emergency Services Introduction to New Canadians) Open Air Display. This exciting event was organized by the ESINC Partners comprised of Essex-Windsor Emergency Medical Service, Essex County Ontario Provincial Police, Windsor Fire & Rescue Services, Windsor Police Service, New Canadians' Centre of Excellence Inc., YMCA of Windsor and Essex County, College Boreal, Women's Enterprise Skills Training Inc., Windsor Women Working with Immigrant Women, and the Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex. Approximately 600 participants, including our MCC LINC students from level Literacy to level 4 attended the event.

Equipment was displayed from the city and county emergency services, LaSalle Police, as well as information and recruiting booths. Victim Services was also involved in providing information for the participants. Additionally, there were blood pressure checks, CPR, bike safety and car seat safety information and demonstration stations. The feedback from our students was quite positive, as they acquired valuable knowledge about the emergency services available in our community, how to access them and how to increase their safety at home and in the community..

WE SAVED 27 TREES IN 2012

The Multicultural Council is participating in the "Trees Saved Program" through Shred-it, our shredding company. We are proud to announce that in 2012 we saved a total of 27.2 trees; 15.3 at our downtown location and 11.9 at the East End location. By choosing to shred our confidential documents we have helped contribute to save the environment.

"Only when the last tree has died, the last river been poisoned and the last fish been caught will we realize we cannot eat money."
Cree Indian Proverb



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Multicultural Council of Windsor

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MCC Upcoming Cultural Competence Workshops



All Workshops Are FREE!

Media Messaging: Culturally Competent Advertising - Sept 27th

Creating an Inclusive Work Environment - October 2nd

Cross Cultural Communication - October 9th

Health, Healing and Culture - October 23rd

Making the Business Case for Diversity - November 6th

Involving Volunteers from Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Backgrounds - November 20th

***All courses begin at 9:00am.**

For registration information contact Nigel Couch at 519-255-1127 ext.212

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<http://themcc.com/content/public-education-program>

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THANK YOU!



Pictured: Mark E Emmanuel, holding a Certificate of appreciation for service as a Director of the MCC

Board Member, Mark E. Emmanuel, recently moved away from Windsor. On behalf of the Multicultural Council (MCC) Board of Directors and staff, we appreciate his time and contribution to our organization. In his role as a Director, Mark brought enormous insight, experience, knowledge and compassion. His leadership will continue to inspire us and we are grateful for his service. Mark's support of the Multicultural Council's Mission and Vision will have a lasting impact.

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL



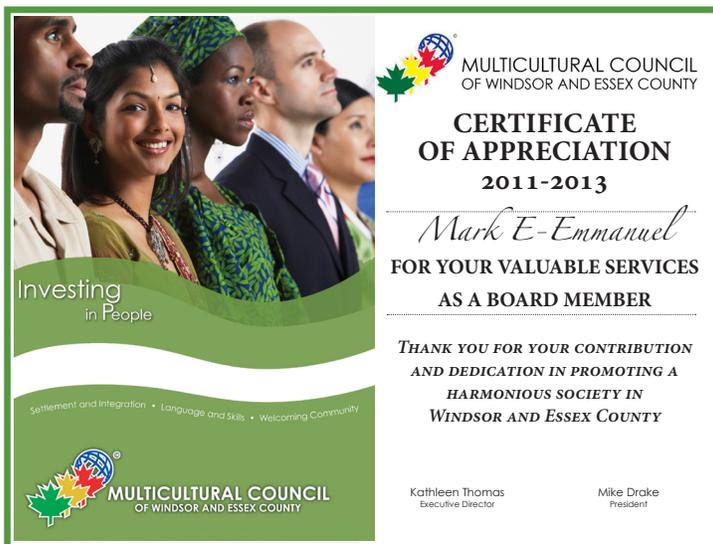
Pictured: Tilachan Dhungana (left) and Radhika Homagai (right)

Approximately two years ago 15 year old Tilachan Dhungana and 18 year old Radhika Homagai arrived in Windsor from Bhutan in South East Asia. They, along with their families, came as Government Assisted Refugees (GARs). In just two short years both teenagers moved beyond the initial stages of adapting to their new home. Beginning next month Tila Chan and Radhika will represent Windsor's refugee youth as part of a provincial Youth Advisory Council.

As newcomers, both teenagers are familiar with the circumstances of beginning a new life in Canada. They were selected to participate in the Youth Council because they demonstrate a passion to help other refugee youth, and each has the ability to express their experiences from a teenager's perspective.

The Youth Advisory Council provides an opportunity for the participating youth to contribute their ideas on issues such as attracting other GAR youth in six communities across the province. Topics to be discussed include raising awareness about the issues and specific needs confronting GAR youth. It's an opportunity for Tila Chan and Radhika to talk about their experiences ensuring government settlement programs are kept informed about their specific needs.

The purpose of the Youth Advisory Council is to provide support, through input and advice, and make certain the provincial Client Support Services program meets the needs of GAR youth in the six settlement agencies in Toronto, Ottawa, London, Kitchener, Hamilton and Windsor.



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We Celebrate!



For 40 years the Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County has helped thousands of newcomers settle into the community by providing essential settlement, language and welcoming services. The Multicultural Council continues to be the leader in the area of interpretation, diversity training, and special events serving the entire region.



Proud to be the #1 Morning Show in Windsor Essex

The Morning Drive
with Mike & Lisa
Weekdays 5 to 9



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WFCU Supports THE MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL OF WINDSOR AND ESSEX COUNTY

Supporting initiatives like this is just one of the many components of WFCU's Community Investment Program – a program, that over the past 3 years, has donated over \$2.4 million back to our community! WFCU – helping to make Windsor and Essex County a better place to live and work.

To find out more about WFCU's Community Investment program, call 519-974-3100 or visit wfcu.ca



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OUR MISSION

To promote and encourage a harmonious society in Windsor and Essex County that is multi-racial, multi-ethnic, and multi-faith, and to work toward the social equality of all cultures.



Become a MCC member today and start enjoying the benefits!

Advocate for a harmonious and equitable Windsor-Essex by becoming an Individual or Organizational Member of the MCC today and reap many benefits!

Access to Special Events: Discount tickets to the Herb Gray Gala and Magical Masquerade!
Carrousel of Nations by the River: Free passes to one of Windsor and Essex County's most anticipated festivals in Southwestern Ontario; Carrousel of the Nations!

Publications and Resources: The Gazette Newsletter: Distributed to over 200 organizations and individuals, with a readership of over 2000. This publication provides you with insider access to multicultural news and events. Organizational Members receive 1 FREE ½ pg. color advertisement a year!

Voting Rights: Exercise your rights at our Annual General Meeting.

Your Community (or Commitment for Change): Do it because you care about your community. Help us continue to create and sustain an inclusive community and support Diversity Programming in our community.

Organizational Member annual fee: \$60.00

Individual Member annual fee: \$20.00

To become a member please visit www.themcc.com or contact Mira at: mgordic@themcc.com • 519.255.1127 ext. 220