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Highline Mushrooms awarded for their work with refugees

Winners were announced at the Employer Council of Champions Summit, organized by Hire Immigrants Ottawa. Bringing together business, government and civic leaders to engage in a dialogue about the effective integration of refugees and immigrants into the labour force, and to celebrate employer excellence.

organizations to become more directly involved in the settlement process," said Minister McCallum.

"Highline Mushrooms is honoured to have been nominated and selected for the Employer Award for Refugee Employment," said Highline Mushrooms President and CEO, Glenn Martin. "We thank all of our community partners, including the Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County, for the tireless work they do in helping refugees settle in our community. We also thank all of our Highline family, a diverse group of over 1150 individuals from all around the world. It is only through your dedication and efforts that we have become the largest mushroom grower in Canada and are able to fulfill our vision 'To passionately nourish people, community and environment.'"

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Minister John McCallum congratulated Highline Mushrooms as one of the winners of the 2016 Employer Awards for Refugee Employment for their outstanding efforts to help refugees settle in Canada by finding jobs and obtaining employment skills.

"I am very grateful for the leadership role that Canadian employers have played over many years to support the successful settlement and integration of refugees by hiring refugees, and encouraging their



From right to left: Marcela Diaz, Settlement and Integration Program Manager, Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County; Susan McBride Friesen, Director of Human Resources, Highline Mushrooms; and centre is the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Minister John McCallum.

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AROUND THE CITY
JUNE 17-18-19 JUNE 24-25-26

VILLAGE	ADDRESS	JUNE 17	18	19	JUNE 24	25	26
Romanian Village	1960 Tecumseh Rd. E.			●			
Macedonian Village	5225 Howard Ave.		●	●			
Scottish Village	1340 Tecumseh Rd. E.		●	●			
Bavarian Village	1367 Drouillard Rd.		●	●			
Caribbean Village	2410 Central Ave.		●	●			
Polish Village	1275 Langlois Ave.		●	●			
Serbian Gracanica Village	6770 Tecumseh Rd. E.		●	●			
Filipino Village	935 Northwood St.		●	●			
Greek Village	65 Ellis St. E.		●	●			
Hungarian Village	790 Hanna St. E.		●	●			
Chinese Village	1420 Tecumseh Rd. E.				●	●	
Scottish Village	1340 Tecumseh Rd. E.				●	●	
Bavarian Village	1367 Drouillard Rd.				●	●	
Caribbean Village	2410 Central Ave.				●	●	
Italian Village	Erie St. Between Howard and Parent.				●	●	
Greek Village	65 Ellis St. E.				●	●	
Serbian Village. St. Dimitrije Church	2690 Seminole St.				●	●	

NEW program

TUNE IN FOR SENIORS

An inventive program teaching seniors how to create podcasts



Tune In for Seniors is for anyone fifty years and over who would like to acquire the fundamentals of audio production, learn how to use a digital recorder and discover the intricacies of desktop editing.

Within six months, the Tune In participants will have the opportunity to produce success stories, information on new programs, event listings and soundscapes for podcast on not-for-profit agency websites.

The Tune In Trainer is Rochelle Porter, a former CBC Windsor Communication Manager with over twenty years of production experience.

Creating digital content involves both discussion and demonstration covering topics such as:

BEFORE THE INVENTION OF TELEVISION

Critique of current radio and podcasts

SOUNDS GOOD

Identify and define what makes an interstion podcast

DISCOVERY

Learn the technical side of audio production

NO PICTURES, NO PROBLEMS

Create a 'sound' picture for the mind

PREFORMANCE

Uncover mysteries and techniques of narration



Program Details

Starting: Tuesday, June 1st

When: Tuesday & Wednesday from 1 to 4 pm

Where: 245 Janette Ave. Multicultural Council of Windsor & Essex County

Contact: Rochelle (519) 255-1127ext 140 or rporter@themcc.com



This project is funded in part by the Government of Canada.

Canada



Vote for Carrousel!

Carrousel of the Nations is a FINALIST in Ontario's Choice Award in 'Top Festival and Event' Category. This Award category celebrates the very best attractions in the province. Voting opened March 1st.

To vote go to:

<http://www.attractionsontario.ca/ontarioschoice>

Voting closes September 6, 2016.

NO LIMIT on number of times you can vote!





Backpack distribution to Syrian Refugees

The Multicultural Council welcomed The Rotary Club of Windsor Roseland, The Rotary Club of Trenton, Michigan, St. Clair College and Windsor Regional Hospital Diversity Committee that partnered in "Warm Hearth Project" to distribute 100 backpacks to recent Syrian Newcomers.

May 13, 2016

Immigrant Health Clinic opened at the MCC, 245 Janette Avenue

May 11, 2016

The Multicultural Council is proud to have Health Clinic open in partnership with VON and funding provided by St Clair LHIN. The expanded immigrant health clinic will provide newcomers with comprehensive and culturally competent care. Over the years, through multicultural health initiatives, such as the annual Health Access Day, that links newcomers to health services, to many health initiatives, to our multiple community partnerships; the goal is to always provide exceptional health services to those in need.

Since the Nurse Practitioner-NP program inception in 2005, the MCC NP clinic continued to service over the years newcomers, immigrants and refugees who are often challenged with many obstacles when accessing health care at two locations in Windsor.

Clinic is accessible to all newcomers regardless of their immigration status.



Christine Frangione, MCC Nurse Practitioner greets guests at the Open House of the Immigrant Health Clinic (above)



Become a language interpreter



We are currently recruiting people speaking the following languages:

Amharic, Tigrigna, Oromo, Burmese, Albanian, Hungarian, Laotian, Nepali, Vietnamese, Thai, Cambodian, Chaldean, Dinka, Slovak/ Czech, French, Karen, Swahili, Cantonese, Italian, Ukrainian, Serbian, Croatian, Bosnian, Macedonian, Bengali, Hindi, Punjabi, Tamil, etc

Call Lana 519-255-1127 ext. 135



MCC staff Danish Ahmed successfully completed Leadership Windsor Essex Program

This year, one of our MCC staff members, Danish Ahmed, was selected to participate in the Leadership Windsor and Essex Program (LWE). Leadership Windsor/Essex is one of 22 Leadership programs across Canada, promoting and encouraging outstanding community leadership by developing leadership capabilities of citizens who care about the community. Each year, community leaders from all sectors of Canadian society, take part in community leadership training, through monthly learning days, and group community project.

The project assigned to Danish and his team, was to help plan and execute a community event, for the residence of Windsor Residence Inc. Through donations and collaborations, with community organizations and people alike, the team was able to host a successful community barbeque, allowing residence to interact, socialize, and strengthen their pride within the community of Windsor Essex.

The Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County strives to not only enable its staff to learn and develop their skills through valuable programs such as Leadership Windsor and Essex, but also give back to the community of Windsor and Essex by assisting in community events, further supporting its mandate to create a welcoming community for all through education, community engagement, and promotion of diversity and equality. Congratulations Danish!



Windsor Roseland Rotary Club Honors MCC Students

On Tuesday May 3rd, the Windsor Roseland Rotary Club hosted their annual literacy luncheon, an event created to honor local newcomers who have shown excellent progression since arriving in Canada.

The Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County was represented by award recipients Nada Bhajat, Norin Saleem and Salam Albarazi. These students were selected not only for their language growth and skill development but also classroom leadership and community engagement and volunteerism.

A big congratulations for these well deserving clients!





2016 Herb Gray Gala

The 14th Annual Herb Gray Gala was a mesmerizing spectacle of golden delight. The Jewel of the Nile themed event brought transformed the Ciociaro Club into the elegance of Cleopatra's capital. The Multicultural Council of Windsor once again embracing the rich and diverse cultural tapestry that is Windsor.

The Harmony Gala & the Award were established in 2002 to Honour the Right Honourable Herb Gray in recognition of his distinguished service to Canada for over 40 years.

The Harmony Award was won this year by the generous and community minded Marty Komsa.

Marty is the President and CEO of WFCU Credit Union. He has been committed to making WFCU an innovative financial organization that strives to make our community the best place to live and work.

During his tenure, Marty has made WFCU the sixth largest credit union in Ontario. This success has directly impacted on many of the not-for-profit organizations helping in our community. WFCU has been designated as a "Caring Company" by Imagine Canada under Marty's watch. Marty's leadership, vision and generosity have made Windsor & Essex a more welcoming community for all people.

Vince and Olivia Rosati were this year's more than deserving winners of the Champion Award.

Vince and Olivia who are immigrants themselves have through hard work, dedication and loyalty built their company in to the Rosati Group. They have never forgotten their roots and the many hardships they had to endure to get where they are today. With their sons, Tony and Nick, they have given generously back to the community they love. Through a combination of construction work, materials and cash donations the Rosati's have changed the lives of many of Windsor and Essex county's most vulnerable residents.



From left: Vince and Olivia Rosati, Marty Komsa- recipients of 2016 Champion and Harmony Award



2016 Gala Committee members (above)

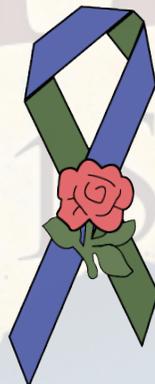


This evening would not have been possible without the contributions of so many individuals, groups and businesses.

The Multicultural Council would like to thank:

- Event sponsors.
- Carrousel villages and local restaurants who donated appetizers.
- Individuals and businesses who contributed items for the silent auction.
- The Masters of Ceremonies Bob Bellacicco.
- Music and performers.
- Designs by Diane.
- Ciociaro Club.

- Gala committee and volunteers Thank you for enabling the Multicultural Council to achieve its mission "To create a welcoming community for all through education, community engagement and the promotion of diversity and equality".



STAFF

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The beginning of a journey at the MCC...



RIHAM AL-SAADY

The opportunity has come unexpectedly, and I joined a wonderfully dynamic, cohesive team at the Multicultural Council of Windsor-Essex. It was part of the initiative to fulfill the resettlement needs of Syrian refugees to Windsor-Essex. I have grown with them from the moment they landed into our community and now have the ability to observe them settling and integrating in the community.

Within my journey, there are quite a few stories of success from clientele, to the agency and to myself as part of the MCC. I was fortunate to be a keynote speaker at the Ontario Association of Social Workers- Southwestern branch night. There, I was able to share my experience thus far of a new population who will be significantly represented in our community. I shared my pride in the efforts dedicated by our beautifully cohesive Windsor-Essex community to welcome and help Syrian refugees integrate. Nonetheless, I was rather thrilled by the efforts put forward by our Multicultural Council of Windsor Essex to ensure nothing but perfection in terms of meeting their needs.

As I continue to build my career here at the MCC, I am currently learning further about clientele with a multitude of backgrounds and once again see them resettle, settle and eventually integrate into our community. I am beyond excited and eager of what the upcoming days at MCC may hold for me.



After School Program



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Engaging Youth Workshops



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MULTICULTURAL HEALTH INITIATIVES

HEALTH ACCESS DAY 2016

April 19, 2016



Once again, the MCC team did an amazing job and with the support of the community partners and key stakeholders in our community we were able to reach 650+ newcomers and immigrants, providing them with information, education and increased awareness of their own health and the services available in our community. The theme of this year's event was "Health of Refugees, Newcomers and Immigrants" This year there were 45 organizations involved as exhibitors that shared information on their services and, in some cases, offered screenings such as blood pressure readings, BMI measurements and smoking cessation activities and demonstrations.

In addition to the main venue in Canada Hall, there were ten workshops delivered during the event in separate halls, five in the morning and five in the afternoon, with 370+ students in attendance. The facilitators were the health promoters from community agencies and they were tailored for English-as-a-second-language speakers. The workshops were pertinent to the "Health of Refugees, Newcomers and Immigrants" theme of

the event are listed below:

- "Mental Wellness & Self-care" – delivered by the University of Windsor, Department of Psychology
- "Children and Stress" – delivered by Childrens Aid Society Windsor-Essex
- "Sexual Health and Wellness in Canada: A Newcomer's Guide" – delivered by AIDS Committee of Windsor
- "Healthy Relationships" – delivered by Windsor Essex Community Health Centre
- "Preventative Health" – delivered by Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation

the generous financial contributions of the following organizations: The Multicultural Council, Alive! Canada, AIDS Committee of Windsor, BANA, CMHA, SAFE Committee of Windsor, Windsor Essex Community Health Centre, Windsor-Essex County Health Unit and YMCA of Western Ontario.



The data collation of workshops evaluations indicates great success in workshops delivery and strong need for further education within immigrant/refugee communities on the topics of disease prevention and access to health and support services.

This year's event would not take place without



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World University Service of Canada – Student Refugee Program at the University of Windsor

The World University Service of Canada (WUSC) Student Refugee Program is the only refugee resettlement program that enables refugee students to enter Canada as permanent residents and pursue their education at Canadian colleges and universities.

The WUSC Local Committee at the University of Windsor is made up of student volunteers who work with members of the University of Windsor Student Alliance (UWSA) and University Administration to ensure that young refugee students can continue to come through the program and earn degrees at the University of Windsor.

With the onset of the recent Syrian refugee crisis however it was the desire of the committee to see more being done to help refugee students from the Syria region. Through close contact and collaboration with the UWSA,

Organization of Part Time University Students (OPUS), and University Administration, it has now been possible for the University to commit to hosting 5 refugee students beginning in September 2016.

It is the responsibility of the WUSC Local Committee to provide settlement support for each student throughout the first 12 months of their stay in Canada. This includes everything from pick-ups at the airport, to providing orientation programming to Canada and the University, providing housing in residence, ensuring academic

and social support, and matching with student mentors.

This program also provides an opportunity for all University of Windsor students to become involved in sharing experiences with young people from all over the world. We are proud of the work Windsor students have put in to this initiative and the partnerships they have built on campus to make sure that come September 5 new Canadians will join their classmates. There is no other program like it.

For more information please contact Sarah Voegeli, WUSC University of Windsor Local Committee Chair and Student Refugee Program Coordinator at srpwindsor@gmail.com.

Sarah Voegeli
Chair, University of Windsor
WUSC Local Committee



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networking events - Detroit Tigers - tournaments - charity events - fundraisers - luncheons - galas - CD release parties
poker runs - forums - art shows - exhibits - awards - lectures - extravaganzas - WPS Services - arts & crafts show
brunches - book launch - home and garden shows - awards - Stanley Cup schedule - expos - lectures

www.BizXMagazine.com
www.InPlayMagazine.com



On April 26 our preschool children who will start JK in September had a surprise visit from Mrs Edlira Husi, who worked previously as a ECE for our CNC program. Now she is working as a Grade 3rd teacher in Columbus Elementary school.

Children in her class belong to a "Curiosity Club" and the club received funding to help children in our community. Mrs. Edlira told them about our organization and child care for newcomer families and their children who came to our CNC program to learn English and to learn how to interact positively with each other, to share toys, and also to learn different skills necessary for later on in school and their lives

The children from the "Curiosity Club" decided to use the funding to buy back packs, lunch boxes, some books and crayons for our children who will start JK in September.

We received a heartwarming letter written by the members of "Curiosity Club". Too bad that the children from the club could not see and hear how happy our preschoolers and their parents were when receiving all those nice presents.

To "Curiosity Club" members we want to say big "Thank You" and to our preschoolers and their families we wish all the best in Junior Kindergarten.

by Jadwiga Tubakovic, Early Childhood Educator at the MCC

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\$60/year



INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

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 - Discount tickets to the Herb Gray Gala.
 - The 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!
- 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.
- Publications and Resources: The Gazette Newsletter: Distributed to over 200 organizations and individuals, with a readership of over 2000. This publication provides you with inside access to multicultural news and events.

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