

# DORSET PARK

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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### Women's English Circle

To date, the Women's English Circle has successfully registered 95 ladies from both the north and south sides of Dorset Park. Last year, more than 15 newcomer Syrians also joined our English classes. At both locations, there are approximately 25 children in childminding.

10 ladies from the English circle are volunteering for Dorset Park Community HUB. They include: Nisreen who is overseeing language classes for kids, Ghada, with the Happy Women's Club, Pastana, who is a sewing class instructor, Faruzan and Pat in the food bank and Rana, Prema and Sarojini as new members of DPNA. 10 ladies including 3 Syrian newcomers, also found employment and have moved from the community.

Additionally, several workshops and training on civics awareness, Diabetes clinic tests and prevention, city budgeting, child care, hairstyling, chronic pain, newcomer immigrant focus group and cooking lessons were provided for the English circle. The ladies enjoyed the training and found it very informative. Through activities such as these, the ladies are able to gain more independence, feel empowered, be active in the community and overall, achieve goals.

*Thanks to Suganthine Sivakumar*

### Rosalie Hall

Rosalie Hall's March Break Employment Program ran throughout the week of March 13th -17, 2017. Youth between the ages of 15-24 were given open access to Rosalie Hall's 15 computers to research new employment and volunteer opportunities, refine and modify resumes, as well as connect with employment agencies.

This year, Rosalie Hall partnered with the YMCA Employment Centre who provided an outreach worker to support youth both in and out of school with their short and long-term employment goals.

*Thanks to Michael Kissi*



## Dorset Park Community Hub

### Tax Clinic

A free income tax clinic is being offered at the Hub from February 27 – April 29, 2017. The clinic files taxes for single clients earning up to \$30,000 and for families earning up to \$40,000. The tax clinic is a part of a larger financial literacy program aimed at reducing/mitigating poverty. Appointments at the Hub are scheduled every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday from 10 am – 3 pm. The deadline to file taxes is April 30, 2017. To book an appointment please call 416-292-6912 ext. 300

### March Break Program

The Newcomer Centre held a March Break Program for newcomer kids ages 6 - 15 years old. The program ran from March 13 -17, 2017 and activities included arts and crafts, team building games and a trip to the Ontario Science Centre.

### Cooking Healthy Together Program


A Cooking Healthy Together Program is being held for parents of young children ages 0-6 years old. The program is teaching parents how to cook new and healthy and meals for their families

### National Film Day

The Hub will be participating in National Canadian Film Day on April 19, 2017. The film, “Inside Hana’s Suitcase” will be shown at 11:30 am. In the evening, The Chinese Canadian National Council Toronto Chapter will be screening a movie called “Everything Will Be” at 6:30 pm.

The Hub is located at 1911 Kennedy Road, Unit 105, and is open Monday to Friday from 9 am - 6 pm. Drop-in, visit our website [www.dorsetpark.com](http://www.dorsetpark.com) or call 416-292-6912 for more information!

*Thanks to Yvette Bailey*



Do you want to get your GED and a JOB?

Are you 19-29 years old?

**THEN LEARN2WORK IS FOR YOU!**

**LEARN2WORK INFO SESSIONS:**

Starts: March 27th, 2017  
Ends: April 28th, 2017  
When: Monday - Friday from 1pm to 4pm  
Where: Dorset Park Community HUB  
1911 Kennedy Road, Suite 105

To register contact: [l2w@youthleaps.ca](mailto:l2w@youthleaps.ca)  
or call 416.292.6912 x 318



**CanTYD's Awards of Excellence**

APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

If you are a full time High School student in Grade 9 – 12, in the Greater Toronto Area, and are of Tamil Descent, you are eligible to apply for this year's Awards of Excellence!

Applications are available online at [www.cantyd.org](http://www.cantyd.org)

Make sure to submit your application and all supporting documents by: **June 30th, 2017**

**AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE 2017**

For more information contact us:  
[www.cantyd.org](http://www.cantyd.org) [info@cantyd.org](mailto:info@cantyd.org) 416.431.4100

705 Progress Ave., Unit 40 Scarborough, ON M1H 2X1

## Supporting International Nurses at Scarborough's Dorset Park Community Hub

Loy Asheri is a case manager with CARE Centre for Internationally Educated Nurses (IEN); a bridge-training program funded by the Government of Ontario through the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration. CARE Centre also receives funding from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada to assist IENs accepted for immigration with a Pre-Arrival Supports and Services (PASS) program, linking them to nursing communities across the country. CARE Centre offers an array of customized programs, courses and workshops to help IENs meet language requirements, prepare for exams, gain workplace experience and confidently seek employment.

Loy herself, is an IEN from Tanzania, who joined CARE Centre to become certified as a registered nurse in Ontario. As well as guiding member IENs on their own journeys to registration, Loy works as an RN at Sunnybrook Hospital in the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit. She also advised the regulatory body by serving on the College of Nurses of Ontario Council, providing valuable perspectives on IENs nursing in Ontario. Loy is a wonderful example of how much success immigrant nurses can achieve with appropriate interventions, customized programs and services, and caring individuals as champions for their goals. The first step in joining CARE Centre is to attend an information session in the main Toronto office.

Loy sees clients in CARE Centre's head office at 620 Wilson Avenue, or closer to home in the Dorset Park Community Hub.

You can find upcoming dates and register to attend at [www.care4nurses.org](http://www.care4nurses.org).

*Thanks to Tina Novotny*

### 2017 PUBLIC HEALTH CHAMPION AWARDS



Public Health Champion Awards recognizes the leadership efforts of individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to protecting and promoting the health of Toronto's residents.

Awards are presented to one individual and to one organization.

#### To be eligible for nomination:

- an individual must be a resident of Toronto
- organizations must be located in Toronto

#### Not eligible:

- current and former members of the Board of Health
- current and retired Toronto Public Health staff

#### Deadline to Submit Nomination

Nominations must be received by 4:30 pm on April 30, 2017.

#### How to Submit Nomination

For your convenience, nominations and supporting documents can be submitted online by clicking [here](#) or sent in hard copy by clicking and downloading form [here](#).

If using a hard copy there are 3 ways you can send in your nomination: regular mail, email or fax. Please see details below. We recommend to send your nomination by regular mail

**REGULAR MAIL:**  
Public Health Champion Awards  
Toronto Public Health  
277 Victoria Street, Suite 203, Toronto, ON M5B 1W2

**EMAIL:**  
[phchampionawards@toronto.ca](mailto:phchampionawards@toronto.ca)  
\*Alert: Sending personal information by email is not a secure means of transmission.

**FAX:**  
Fax number: 416-338-8175

#### Important Information \*\* The nomination form **must** be supported by:

- a letter of nomination
- a profile of the nominee
- two letters of support

Award recipients will be honoured at a ceremony in July 2017

## Become an ESL Tutor!

HELP NEWCOMER PARENTS IN SCARBOROUGH LEARN ENGLISH



#### AS AN ESL TUTOR, YOU WILL:

- Visit the parents in their home while their children are present
- Mentor the parent to improve their knowledge of English conversational skills
- Identify learning needs and provide support for the parents learning
- Help the client develop self-confidence in speaking and listening to English
- Plan, organize and prepare weekly lesson plans (2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months)
- Attend monthly volunteer education/training
- Submit a weekly log

#### YOU MUST HAVE:

- Experience in teaching ESL to newcomers or a willingness to be trained
- Good command of the English language
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- The ability to recognize and respect cultural differences
- Knowledge of community resources
- Clear criminal reference check including the vulnerable sector screening

For more information, contact:  
Roseanna Wirt, Volunteer Coordinator at 416-489-2500 ext. 4327



United Way  
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# THE CAREER FOUNDATION

Developing Human Potential



## The Career Foundation - Scarborough

2437 Kingston Ave., Suite 102  
Scarborough, ON M1N 1V4  
(west of Midland Ave)  
Phone: 416-264-2100

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri  
9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Wed  
9:00 a.m. to 6 p.m.



The Career Foundation is a results-oriented non-profit organization committed to providing the highest quality service possible to both job seekers and employers.

We assist job seekers with job search programs and services and we serve employers by providing placement and HR solutions.

For upcoming workshops and events or to book an appointment with an Employment Services Consultant call Idil Jama at 416-264-2100 ext. 224.

## IMPORTANT CHANGES ARE COMING TO YOUR CITY SERVICES BENEFIT CARD

Starting April 2017 the City Services Benefit Card (CSBC) is being replaced.

If you are a CSBC cardholder please speak to your Ontario Works caseworker to make arrangements for a new payment card.



If you receive your Ontario Works Assistance directly through your bank account (Direct Bank Deposit), these changes do not apply to you and will not affect your monthly payments.

**Toronto Employment & Social Services**



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Opportunity starts here

# JOB AND CAREER FAIR

**WEDNESDAY  
MAY 3, 2017**

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Scarborough  
Civic Centre  
150 Borough Drive

Attend this annual Job and Career Fair to meet employers from a variety of sectors.

Bring your resume and be prepared for an on-the-spot interview.

Connect with employers and apply for jobs.

Meet with employment staff for interview tips and to have your resume briefly reviewed.

Visit [toronto.ca/job-careerfair](http://toronto.ca/job-careerfair) for event registration, a list of participating employers, and to learn about workshops to help you get prepared. You can also call Cliffcrest Employment Services at 416-392-4876 for additional information.

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[toronto.ca/workone](http://toronto.ca/workone)



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[ywcatoronto.org](http://ywcatoronto.org)

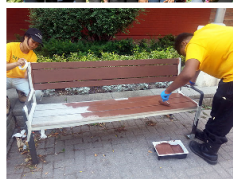


## YOUTHWORK making a difference in the community



Toronto Community Housing is hiring 90 youth (aged 14-29) to do light repair work, painting, gardening and clean-up projects in their communities.

Interested candidates are required to bring their resumes and two references to one of the following recruiting sessions:



**Toronto Central: 339 Bloor St. W**  
(near St. George subway station)  
Tuesday, May 9, 2017  
3 to 7 p.m.



**Toronto West: Doug Saunders**  
1775 Eglinton Ave. W  
(Eglinton Ave. W and Dufferin St.)  
Wednesday, May 17, 2017  
3 to 7 p.m.



**Toronto East: Gordonridge Community Centre**  
20 Gordonridge Pl.  
(Midland Ave. and Danforth Rd.)  
Tuesday, May 23, 2017  
3 to 7 p.m.

### Important Information

- No registration required
- Candidates must live in Toronto Community Housing
- Candidates need to be available to work Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from July 5 to August 25, 2017.

Call **416-981-6300** or send an email to [hireyouth@torontohousing.ca](mailto:hireyouth@torontohousing.ca) for more information.



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Toronto Community Housing



Please remove on or after May 24, 2017

## Resident Story – Rana Shah

I came to Canada in 2014 as a new immigrant with a family of seven. Adjusting to life in Canada was a challenge as I was accustomed to a busy lifestyle teaching in college and balancing family and a social circle of friends back home. Through accessing community resources at Agincourt library in Scarborough, a settlement worker informed me about Dorset Park Community Hub. During my first visit, I met Suganthine, who is the Women's English Circle coordinator. She welcomed and introduced me to her program. By joining the English Circle, I benefitted from many of the workshops and weekly classes which provided a lot of self-empowering information. Another workshop I attended called Project Heal, allowed me to learn about maintaining a healthy lifestyle through diet, exercise and awareness.

At the Hub, I also got involved with Action for Neighbourhood Change (ANC) which helped me to develop my leadership skills through the Dorset Park Neighbourhood Association (DPNA). The group is made up of residents from Dorset Park who focus on bringing programs, events and activities to the community, by working with stakeholders and partners. Together, we aim to address key priority areas such as, safety, food security, communication, and employment that are essential for neighbourhood development. I encourage others to visit the Hub to discover and meet a great community of people, cultures and programs!

*Thanks to Rana Shah*

**PSI Testimonials from the Community**

"The Priority Schools Initiative has been great at supporting our organizations and our seniors group to address the issues in our community."

"The online submission process makes everything more efficient and effective."

"This is an excellent program for marginalized communities. It has opened up opportunities for communities, especially isolated groups, to come out and socialize with others."

"The customer service has been great and the caretakers are amazing."

"The greatest benefit we have experienced with this program is the ability to have school space available for community activities within a reasonable timeframe."

**Contact Information**  
Community Use of Schools Department

**Area A**  
416 395 4831

**Area B**  
416 395 4830

**Area C**  
416 395 4832

**Area D**  
416 395 4833

For more information on how to apply for space, PSI schools location, eligibility and TDSB policies and procedures - please visit the PSI website at:  
[www.tdsb.on.ca/psi](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/psi)

**COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOLS**

*"Our School, Our Community"*

**Priority Schools Initiative (PSI)**

[www.tdsb.on.ca/community/useschools](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/community/useschools)

Glamorgan Junior Public School is the main PSI school in Dorset Park. The Priority Schools Initiative (PSI) program allows community organizations and groups to obtain access to free school space for events and meetings. Please refer to the pamphlet above for more information and contact details.

*Thanks to Yetunde Olowokere*

### Toronto CPR – Canadian Red Cross Training Partner

We have been offering First Aid & CPR training for over eleven years we are committed to providing you with the best in First Aid, CPR and Defibrillator (AED) Training!

Our courses are recognized by the Workplace Safety & Insurance Board (WS & IB) (Under the "Red Cross" umbrella), and are Federally compliant as well. You will learn hands on skills taught by a team of experienced professionals with medical, or emergency response backgrounds.

### Upcoming Courses:

Saturday April 1 – Sunday April 2  
Saturday April 8 – Sunday April 9  
Saturday April 15 – Sunday April 16  
Monday April 24 – Tuesday April 25  
Saturday April 29 – Sunday April 30

Saturday May 13 – Sunday May 14  
Saturday May 27 – Sunday May 28  
Monday May 29 – Tuesday May 30

Saturday June 10 – Sunday June 11  
Saturday June 24 – Sunday June 25  
Monday June 26 – Tuesday June 27

Please call Jennifer at 416-477-9706 to book your course and receive the Dorset Park Community promotional rates below! Prices valid until June 26, 2017.

	Certification	Recertification
CPR Level C	\$55.00	\$45.00
CPR Level HCP	\$65.00	\$55.00
Emergency First Aid & CPR Level C	\$75.00	
Emergency First Aid & CPR Level HCP	\$85.00	
Standard First Aid & CPR Level C	\$100.00	\$80.00
Standard First Aid & CPR Level HCP	\$110.00	\$90.00

## Dorset Park Neighbourhood Association

### Vision:

We dream of a safe Dorset Park where people know their neighbours, take pride over their community and are able to access programming.

### Priority Areas:

1. Safety
2. Program/Services

3. Food Security/Community Garden

4. Employment

5. Communications

If you would like to get involved please call 416-292-6912 ext 315

**[www.DorsetPark.com](http://www.DorsetPark.com)**

Everything about the Community



### Call for Submissions

The Dorset Park Community Newsletter is calling for submissions focusing on safety, programming, food security/gardening, programs, employment and or other topics of interest to the Dorset Park community. Please email your submission to

[gmlsan@agincourtcommunityservices.com](mailto:gmlsan@agincourtcommunityservices.com)

416-292-6912 ext 316

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