



ED's Message

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2018 has been a year full of activities and transitions!

This year, we successfully completed three important projects:

a) Champions For Youth Project (Ontario Trillium Foundation), a project empowering parents and youth allies so they can be true champions in supporting youth to grow up resilient; b) Empower Me I (New Horizons for Seniors Project, ESDC), a project equipping senior volunteers to become active volunteers in their local communities; and c) Empowerment Through Knowledge (Law Foundation Ontario), an initiative that trained 168 settlement workers and key community leaders with legal information.

These projects were aimed at empowering the Korean Canadian community in different capacities so that we continue to thrive and contribute meaningfully in our local communities. We hope to learn from having run successful projects and to use that experience in leveraging our impact as an organization.

KCWA strives to be a relevant and impactful organization that responds to the changing needs of the Korean Canadian community as well as the local communities that we are a part of.

To better understand these changes, and effectively respond to them, KCWA is embarking on a Strategic Planning exercise with a talented team of PwC volunteer consultants. Through this exercise, we hope to reflect change and develop in ways that correspond to the needs and growth we see around us.

In line with this, the Board of Directors has decided to take time in 2019 to withhold the Arirang Gala - our signature community fundraising event. We hope to use that time and energy to focus on the aforementioned Strategic Planning.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to take this opportunity to also thank our generous volunteers, sponsors, and donors who have walked alongside KCWA to make this yet another successful year.

We ask you to stay tuned to further updates and news!



IWHC Toronto's Mobile Health Clinic

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This year the Immigrant Women's Health Centre changed its name to IWHC Toronto. The clinic was launched in 1980 by IWHC Toronto with the idea of creating a traveling sexual health clinic. For the past 48 years IWHC has been providing free mobile sexual health clinical services to women in Toronto and the GTA. As of January 1, 2018, service has begun for men in Toronto as well.

IWHC Toronto has been in partnership with KCWA for over 15 years, and over the past three years, we have provided services at the KCWA Health Fair and have also provided services in corporation with Korean community newspapers and a local supermarket.

The Mobile Health Clinic visits KCWA four times a year. During each visit, the clinic sees 12 to 15 women, and for the past 15 years, more than 4,900 women received services from IWHC with or without the availability of their OHIP. Also, follow-up services with many doctors and specialists have been given to some of the women who were treated through IWHC's mobile medical services. These services include: abnormal pap; STI infections; abnormal breast lumps; abnormal bleeding; and so forth. All have been diagnosed in the clinic, additionally, birth control education for young women has been offered. Based on our strong relationship with the KCWA, IWHC has been able to successfully carry out free services.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with KCWA in the future, wish for the prosperity and health of KCWA and its families and the blessed New Year.



Program News

2018 Career Networking with Korean-Canadian Government Employees



KCWA successfully organized the 2018 career networking event on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at the North York Civic Centre. The event was sponsored by the Toronto Consulate General of the Republic of Korea. The event was getting much attention from the Korean community, and there were more than 320 participants who are interested in working in the government.

11 speakers who are currently in-service at the different levels of the government provided useful information in regards to careers in various levels of the public service including; the

City of Toronto; Regional Municipality of York; Statistics Canada; Department of Justice Canada; Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services; Workplace Safety & Insurance Board Ontario (WSIB); Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO); Ministry of Finance Ontario and Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Service.

The speakers shared practical tips based on their personal and professional experiences as well as emphasizing the importance of a resume. Furthermore, undergraduate students were given advice on how summer jobs and co-op programs at the government are a great opportunity to become a public officer.

A small group networking session was followed by a lunch break after the information sessions. The participants had the opportunity to meet and network with the speakers from the fields of their interest in a small group setting.



Upcoming Event

Free Income Tax Filing Service with Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP)

KCWA will run a free income tax filing service through the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) from March to April 2019.

The CVITP is a collaboration between the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) and community organizations like KCWA. We host a free tax preparation clinic and arrange volunteers to prepare income tax and benefits returns for eligible individuals who have a modest income and a simple tax situation.

KCWA has been running the CVITP since 2009. Every year, around 30 volunteers contribute their time and skills for the CVITP program, and over 1,200 individuals per year received free income tax filing services.

UFILE training sessions for volunteers are scheduled in February 2019, and the tax clinic will be conducted for a period of two months. The service is open to anyone regardless of their residential status in Canada, and the year-round services are only available for permanent residents and convention refugees.

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