

Annual General Meeting 2019

The 35th KCWA's Annual General Meeting will be held on July 13th (Sat) at 11:00 am at the North York Civic Centre. During the meeting, we will share our achievement and outcomes of the core services and projects by the activity report, and also present on the 2018-2019 finances. The AGM will be followed by a special open house event. The open house will take place in the newly relocated KCWA North York Centre office.

We sincerely hope you can attend KCWA's AGM and the open house event.

- Date: July 13, 2019 from 11:00am to 1:00pm
- Venue: North York Civic Centre (5100 Yonge St. North York) / Committee Room 3

(*KCWA will be hosting the open house event at the KCWA North York Centre office from 1pm. Light refreshments will be provided)



Donation Event with Pilgrim & Eaglesfield Community Church

KCWA's Family team and a couple of churches in our community held a donation event for women experiencing abuse and the individuals who are suffering from emotional, physical and financial difficulties. Pilgrim Church, Toronto and Eaglesfield Community Church, Burlington, showed great passion for this event and donated gifts such as rice, red pepper paste, soy bean paste, living necessities and gifts cards to 31 individuals and families.

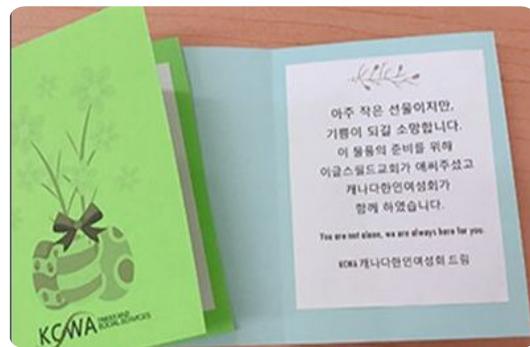
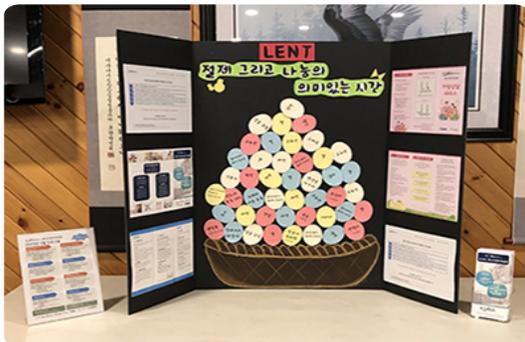
Ms.K expressed appreciation for the gifts saying: **"This is my first time receiving gifts from someone. I was very surprised as everything is what I really needed, but**

couldn't buy myself because I did not have enough money to get these necessities." Another client showed her appreciation by stating: "I have only been able to survive until today due to the great support provided by KCWA. I also wanted to thank the community churches for letting hope back into my life."

Wanwook Han from Eaglesfield Community Church stated that through this event they realized there are many Koreans around us who need help and support, and he expressed his wish that: "Our small gift can be some comfort and help to them." Keun-ho Gang from Pilgrim Church also expressed his joy and happiness about this supportive event, "Let's look around us, try to have continued interests to each other and share daily life with our neighbours. We hope this is not a one-time event. It has to be continued in the future."

It was a meaningful time for communities to collaborate with each other and showed our hands of comfort and to encourage Korean immigrants who are going through many barriers and challenges.

KCWA remembers our neighbours who need our hearts and interest and are always around us, not only in the holiday seasons. We will try to continue offering a variety of thoughtful events for individuals and communities to act together for the needs of our neighbours.



The World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Many seniors in our community experience difficulties based on physical, emotional, sexual, financial abuse and neglect. Seniors deserve the dignity and respect as people in any other age groups.



KCWA wants to celebrate seniors by an educational component and practical information to Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

Not only will the event offer a seminar related to the elder abuse, it will also feature a presentation by a Toronto police officer who will share elder abuse cases in which the police force can become involved, provide safety plans followed by a question-and-answer period. Galleria Supermarket is sponsoring with partnership, and they will provide light snacks. A huge thanks to Galleria Supermarket for sponsoring the event. Everyone is welcome to participate in the event

The topics for the seminar are:

1. What is elder abuse?
 2. Preventing elder abuse
 3. Responding to elder abuse
 4. Case discussion
 5. The rights and safety plan with the Toronto police
- Date: June 19, 2019 (Wed) 10:00am - 12:00pm
 - Location: KCWA Bathurst-Finch (540 Finch Ave. w. North York)
 - Contact: 416-340-1234, 416-340-1777, minhee.park@kcwa.net



Volunteer's Voice

CVITP Volunteer - Siwha Kim -

I thought tax filing was magical. No one teaches it at school, so students couldn't learn exactly, but when students become adults, they just seem to learn by themselves.

However I became an exception. I had a chance to learn about the Canadian tax system and had an opportunity to receive training on the program for tax filing called Ufile. Of course, I did not have any previous knowledge of tax system. Therefore, when I was offered the chance to participate as a volunteer to help complete tax filing for the first time, it is not too much to say that I felt intimidated to volunteer for Community Volunteer Income Tax program (CVITP) and wondered if "I can do well?"

However, after a few training sessions, I was able to deal with Ufile, and whenever I had difficulties and questions, there was support from the thoughtful and knowledgeable KCWA staff and they helped me to gain confidence over my difficulties and questions. I was fortunate enough to meet many clients who wanted to share their little pieces of life stories with me over the tax filing table and expressed their appreciation for the service. A refugee has only been in Canada for three months and did not know how to file his income. A client was not good at English, and a senior who could not afford to pay a professional accountant. These neighbours used the tax filing services offered by KCWA. Volunteering at a tax clinic not only improved my knowledge of the Canadian tax system but was also a meaningful experience helping me to connect with the people from our community and make positive impact on their lives.

2019 CVITP Outcome



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- **Participation as a Volunteer**
- **Participation through Membership**
- **Participation through Financial Support**

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