

KCWA President



2018 Annual General Meeting Greeting

Dear friends of KCWA,

This past year has been a full one as we continued our work serving the Korean community in Canada and encountering many inspiring stories along the way. We also have identified several challenges that we are eager to confront and overcome.

As always, we seek the input of our valued supporters along the way, as we want to ensure we are meeting the actual needs of the community.

Our next Annual General Meeting is coming up on July 28, 2018.

We sincerely hope you are able to attend.

We recognize that Canada continues to change, and KCWA needs to change with it. With that said, we remain committed to serving the Korean Canadian community, one person at a time.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to seeing you in July.

- **Date: Saturday, July 28, 2018 at 11:00 AM**
- **Venue: KCWA North York (540 Finch Ave. W)**

Sincerely,

Joseph Park

KCWA Family and Social Services

Program News

"Champions for Youth" Project

KCWA Family and Social Services was funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) to run a one-year project, 'Champions for Youth'.

In September 2017, the six-session workshops were facilitated in many different regions such as Toronto, Oakville, Mississauga, Burlington and aimed to equip adults with necessary knowledge and practical skills to support children and youth, who are going through a stormy period of adolescence as Canadian immigrants, become emotionally and psychologically healthy and resilient.

The project allowed participants to share and learn how to facilitate 'resilience' in the lives of children and youth as a parent, caregiver and/or adult allies by sharing and learning individual, familial and social/environmental factors.

The following is feedback from the participants:

- *"It was very innovative and informative program that touched my motion. It provided me an opportunity to reflect on my existing values and beliefs."*
- *"It was not only a time to learn secrets behind the behaviour of children, issues and coping strategies, but also I have been able to heal and recover my mind."*
- *"I was able to share my honest thoughts and feelings, and worked together with the facilitator and other participants to find ways to cope with problems."*



Information on Carpentry Course

The speaker of this program has been an expert in carpentry for more than 20 years of experience. He reached out to KCWA to initiate many Korean immigrants into carpentry skills.



The workshop on April 25th provided the following information to participants: woodwork, antique furniture repair and furniture cover making courses and the job market and employment opportunities. The response to this program has been very positive and the two 10-session classes are already fully booked! Wednesday classes will focus on making furniture covers and repairing antique furniture and Saturday classes on practical techniques and skills by making their own unique piece of furniture with wood.

We hope the program can be an opportunity for participants to take a step forward on their path to happiness and employment.

Upcoming Events

"Empower Me #2" Project

Empower Me Project #2 has finally launched! Approximately 50 seniors who have successfully completed phase #1 were empowered with a sense of belonging to communities and healthy sense of self through volunteering activities in many different fields.

Empower Me Project #2 aims to equip senior volunteers who have successfully completed Empower Me Project #1 with leadership skills. Following the leadership training, seniors will be matched to a group of other seniors to volunteer at various community organizations that have personal meaning to them.

This project seeks to empower seniors to be actively engaged in building their local communities while having a good time!

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"RISE" Project

- Reaching Independence through Support & Education -

"RISE" is a one-year project that seeks to reach out to Korean women and support intensive support during their settlement journey. Participants who engage in this project will have an opportunity to build resilience and overcome settlement challenges through participating in support group and workshops on topics related to mental health and parenting.

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Volunteer's Voice



Ryan Choi

- Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) Volunteer -

I heard about CVITP from my professor and thought this would be a good opportunity for me to gain practical experience in tax filing. I applied through Canada Revenue Agency and was later introduced to KCWA Family and Social Services.

Although I only volunteered once a week, I am

grateful for the opportunity I had in helping individuals and families in need of tax services. During U-file training session, I was impressed by how KCWA counsellors and volunteers were very dedicated to providing excellent tax services; seeing this motivated me to follow after their examples. I gained a lot of experience in applying tax theory to a real-life situation and gained a stronger understanding of the bigger picture of how the Canadian tax system affects Canadians and Canada. Moreover, as a Korean volunteer, I am proud of KCWA supporting other Koreans and various members of other communities. I believe CVITP offered at KCWA will continue to play an active role in lowering the settlement barriers among immigrants.

I hope and believe future CVITP volunteers will have the same positive and valuable experience as I have.

Get Involved in KCWA

KCWA Family and Social Services provides diverse services and programs to men, women, senior and youth all of them for a healthy family and successful settlements. With your participation in various ways, KCWA will be able to offer you more high-quality services.

Volunteers Needed

- Translation / Interpretation / Proofreading
 - Writing an Article Scrab
 - Product Newspaper
 - Support Program (Seminar and Event)
- To become a volunteer at KCWA, please fill out the volunteer application form ([word file/pdf file](#)) and contact us or apply [online](#)

Participation through Membership

As a member, you will be receiving newsletters and have a right to vote at our Annual General Meeting.

- To become a member kindly fill out the [membership form](#) and send it to KCWA Family and Social Services at kcwa@kcwa.net
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Participation through Financial Support

If you are willing to participate in KCWA's mission through donation, fill out the [donation support form](#) and send it to KCWA Family and Social Services at kcwa@kcwa.net

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