

# CAMP TO EMPOWER

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**January 2013**

## Executive Director's Message

Dear Friends,

January 2013 has been a great start in terms of planning and finding our Nish for our board. Our expended work involves more interfaith/ bridge building projects, more partnerships, extensive focus on youth and a more consistent aim to provide women's programs. The more we move forward in 2013, the more you will see us expending on serving the social needs of our community through research based analysis, surveys and b providing solutions according to the findings.

As February is Black History Month, we are pleased to announce our "Black Youth Survey". Our youth lead Vanessa will send details by second week of February to launch our survey.

We will also be intruding our new series of **educational workshops** in partnership with Viscops Inc. to support parenting and counseling needs of our community.

We are also pleased to have developed **partnership with Peel CAS** to support their outreach among ethnic population and to raise awareness about foster parenting needs. We will be reaching out to faith based leaders, organizations and groups in Peel to partner with us for the same.

We are also pleased to reach out to interfaith community to support our partner efforts for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Family Day Walkathon to raise fund in support of the Credit Valley Hospital. I am one of the participants, please sponsor at my personal page to help me champion this great cause and reach my fundraising goal on behalf of CAMP:

<http://cvhfoundation.akaraisin.com/pledge/Participant/Home.aspx?seid=4783&mid=9&pid=1238207>

We are also pleased to open our **formal membership** for a nominal cost, please check out our website for more details at: [www.camp-on.com](http://www.camp-on.com)

To conclude, please stay tuned for more news about our programs and services and support us by becoming a member, being a volunteer or a donor.

In solidarity,

*Farina Siddiqui*

Empower, inspire and motivate to build community....Together

## Our Values:

Leadership development

Service Excellence

Integrity in partnerships

Respect for Diversity

Advocate for Equity

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## Volunteer with us:

- To develop skills & build experience
- To get community hours
- To get Canadian experience as a new immigrant
- To get recognition & acknowledgement
- To give back to the community

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## Spot Light



### Jeewan Chanika

*An Award Winning Educator and Community Mobilizer*

Jeewan Chanicka is an incredible community contributor serving at York Region District School Board and has been named a recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Award. Mr. Chanicka was presented with his medal by Member of Provincial Parliament Tracy MacCharles on January 10 2013.

Mr. Chanicka, currently the Vice Principal of Parkland Public School, is one of a distinguished group of award recipients who have made significant contributions to aid the progress of society and civilization throughout the Commonwealth.

Mr. Chanicka was honored for his educational leadership and community work over the past 20 years. As an educational leader, his work spans curriculum design and development, writing and reviewing policy and procedures, parent & community engagement, risk and resiliency, technology and digital literacy, equity and inclusivity, literacy and numeracy, social justice education and student achievement & well-being. Many aspiring teachers and school administrators approach Jeewan for mentorship and he readily finds the time to guide and support them.

Jeewan's extensive community work has been comprised of doing lectures and workshops as well as counseling in a variety of issues including challenges faced by youth, domestic violence, abuse, conflict resolution, employment, housing, mental health, racism, immigration and integration issues, poverty, social justice as well as marriage and family challenges. In informal ways, using his fluent oral and written skills, Jeewan has impressed upon parents and the larger community the importance of engaging in respectful dialogue to discuss and resolve differences to make the world a better place for all people.

In 2006, he received an international award from the Canadian Education Partnership based in Washington DC. The award reflected his commitment and belief that we can each make a difference. He began the Helping Hands initiative with his student which has gone on to assist families and children in approximately 10 countries around the world. In 2007, Jeewan worked with the United Nations University of Peace to develop a curriculum framework for implementation across South East Asia and parts of North America that used "peace education" as its foundational approach.

He has passionately engaged in advocacy work for students and families of all backgrounds and has had his writing published in newspapers and books. Jeewan's confidently approaches situations and works actively with all stakeholders to understand their concerns and to collaboratively arrive to a mutual resolution.

Jeewan's leadership is acknowledged by those who know him and this quote by Lao-tsu reflects what he demonstrates as a leader in the progress of society: "To lead people, walk beside them...When the best leader's work is done, the people say, 'We did it ourselves!'"

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**Strive To Make Strides**

*Canadian Association of Multicultural People* is excited to provide continued support to **Save Family Values Team** from **Mississauga Muslim community** for their fundraiser. We are heading towards the **third annual Family Day Walkathon 2013 on February 18<sup>th</sup>** again to raise funds for **The Credit Valley Hospital** in partnership with Mississauga Muslim Community. A platform we are proud to partner with each year for this noble cause. The event is organized by **MMC (Mississauga Muslim Community)** to raise **Quarter Million Dollars for Credit Valley Hospital and raise awareness about importance of family values**. Like previous years, our honored guests list will include Mayor Hazel McCallion, MPs, MPPs, Councilors, Chiefs of Police and Fire departments, other dignitaries and guests from different faith communities. Since the inception of our campaign in 2011, we focus on different theme each year, Children in 2011, seniors in 2012 and the theme for 2013 is 'Women'. Slogan 2013 is:

**'Honoring Women: Custodian of our future generations'**

**Building Bridges of respect and collaboration:** As has been our tradition, we are inviting all faith groups to be part of this noble cause. This year we will print 5,000 copies of our magazine and we will print articles from each faith group on the year's theme "Women". We have been privileged to have faith leaders from Christian, Baha'i, Jewish and Sikh communities in the past couple of years but we are also looking to see more participation from other faith leaders, particularly representatives from Aboriginal, Buddhist, Hindu, Sikh, and others. Please spread the word among diverse faith communities, confirm your attendance and send me your article by January 15th to be included in the magazine.

**Accomplishments:** It's amazing how successful our Family Day Walkathon 2013, at Mississauga City Hall, was. People still remember its fond memories and the great work Mississauga Muslim Community has done to help our local hospital, Credit Valley. Although this event is from Muslim community but we have always invited everyone to join this noble cause and we are so thankful for the response we got from the whole community. Last year, with dedication of volunteers and enthusiastic support of donors, MMC were able to break their own records of raising \$50,000 in 2011 and raised over \$60,000 in 2012.

**What's New and Exciting:** This year we are embarking on youth initiative which will engage our youth and empower them with leadership qualities. We are looking for 300 students from Peel Schools, who will be trained to go to their schools and raise awareness of this noble cause and raise funds for the hospital.

**Benefit:** Each student will receive community volunteer hours, appreciation certificates from the organizers (MMC), Credit Valley Hospital, and Members of Parliament. In addition, there will be prizes, details of which will be communicated soon. Please pass on this message to your contacts and request them to pass on to their contacts. We need your moral support, your financial help, and above all your prayers, and lots of those.

**How you can get involve:** There are many ways to support this noble cause as a donor and volunteer.

- **Promote the cause and spread the love with your volunteer support**
- **Become a supporting delegate to represent your faith community**
- **Become a donor/ sponsor:**

Please visit MMC website for sponsorship and donations: <http://www.savefamilyvalues.com/>

For volunteering and to become a champion for the cause, please email [humaira.bashir@hotmail.com](mailto:humaira.bashir@hotmail.com)

For sponsorships, interfaith support and media inquiries please contact:

**A. Q. Mufti**

**Chair**

**Annual Family Day Walkathon**

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## Partner's Update

### **FAMILY VIOLENCE CONFERENCE 2013: THROUGH A SOUTH ASIAN PERSPECTIVE**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Family Violence Conference: Through a South Asian Perspective** is happening in Peel this year and **Canadian Association of Multicultural People (CAMP)** is pleased to be a part of the steering committee of the conference planning team. The conference is open for registration and will be held at **Sheridan College: Davis Campus Brampton, on May 1st & 2nd 2013 8-4:30pm.**

**Objectives:** To bring together the diverse South Asian population with all the key sectors involved in violence prevention and response in order to identify the kinds of programs, sector-specific training and public education campaigns needed in order to develop and deliver an effective community development strategy for addressing the various manifestations of violence that is occurring in South Asian families. Violence against women, seniors and children in South Asian communities involves specific manifestations of patriarchy, power and control and is rooted in complex family dynamics. Children experience emotional and physical problems as a result of witnessing and being victims of abuse. This experience in childhood is carried through into adult life having strong implications for gender role formation, identity construction and the maintenance of violence in the family

Considering the diversity of the attendees who are from all segment of South Asian diaspora, Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs, Tamils, Christians, Buddhists, Jain and Ahmediyya and the uniqueness of their specific needs, our team have been increasingly focused on level of awareness for these communities. This would only be possible with partnership and support from credible partners. FVC had the fortune to have partnerships and representation from Social services/ support organizations like Police, Children Aid Society, ethnic organizations, regional partners etc. which had given us a great understanding of interest from our attendees and engagement to the cause.

Please share this information with your networks. The early bird registration cost for professionals will be \$100 for two days which includes meals and a theater performance. FVC is an ideal platform for raising the profile of organizations, engaging South Asian communities, professionals, stakeholders and gaining media exposure for community initiatives and grass root community outreach. This conference is also open to the community at a subsidized cost of \$25 each. There will be specific workshops for members in the community. The maximum capacity for each workshop is 40. These workshops will be split in to men, youth, women and seniors. It is vital part of this conference to include the community as it is safe place for their voices to be heard. We are also pleased to announce that cost for seniors has been subsidized allowing them to attend for free. There will be an evening workshops held for community as well. The community registration is to be done directly through SSN by contacting Meccana at [mali@socialservicesnetwork.org](mailto:mali@socialservicesnetwork.org) or at 905-940-7864 ext. 223.

Online Registration For Professionals: <http://www.socialservicesnetwork.org/FVCworkshops.aspx>

Workshop Details: <http://www.socialservicesnetwork.org/Internal/FVC3Workshopinfo.aspx>

Conference Agenda: <http://www.socialservicesnetwork.org/Internal/FVC3Agenda.aspx>

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## Young Writer's Corner

The young writer's corner is open to youth from 9-18 years.

So be creative, send us your precious pieces, inspirations and stories to be part of our newsletter. Please send us your submissions at [info@camp-on.com](mailto:info@camp-on.com)

### The Magic Pair

By Hafsa....10 years old

Last time on the Magic pair: the new transfer student Ruby defended Mizu when she was bullied by Christen.....

Mizu sighed 'math class never ends' she thought and began to doodle over her math book "class dismissed" the teacher said "Ruby and Mizu stay back please". "you two seem to be having issues in my class" the teacher said when everyone was gone" this is the 3rd time you have incomplete work" Mizu gazed at the floor and turned light pink "well I'm sorry sensei (teacher) but my parents are in a finance problem and I'm usually at my aunt's and I have some computer work so I can't do my homework" Ruby said "OK good reason and Mizu?" The teacher asked his brow rising slightly "um.....I will try to work on it?" Mizu said with a nervous smile "fine...dismissed"

"If you need any help with your parents I can give you money" Mizu offered when they were outside "don't bother I lied my dad's dead and I don't have an aunt" Ruby said with a snicker "um hey want to come over to my place sometimes?" Ruby asked "um like when? Mizu answered she slightly played with her hair 'no one ever asks me to come over she thought "how 'bout after school Friday? Ruby suggested "yup Friday" Mizu said "and don't you forget. Bye mizu" Ruby said walking away "bye...ruby"

What's up with mizu is she becoming popular? And is she nervous about Ruby's house.....find out next time on the magic pair (please send feedback any one, I know 1 of U out there reads my story's come on!)

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### Magic Crystal

By Ikke....8 years old

Hi I'm Dawn Koi. I live with my sisters and my parents in crystal shore. Right now I'm not a money making superstar but I will be you just wait, but right now I'm going to tell you the story of a life time.

I was fast asleep when my alarm rang "beeeeeeeep!" I smacked the alarm witch made it go into immediate snooze mode. The alarm blared in my ears again "no let me sleep" mumbled "down honey" my mom called from down stairs "you're late for your first day of school" I get up and look at the time 8:40 "oh my god oh my god OH MY GOD!!!"I screamed then like a bolt of lightning I got dressed and ran down stairs. "Bye mom" I said then I ran out "wait-" my mom starts "sorry mom got to go tell me when I come back" I say then I ran to the bus.

In the bus, I sat down in an empty seat and took out my journal:

September 18

I just got back from vacation and it's my first day of middle school I feel bad that Rena moved away but mom said I will make more friends and I still have Misty.

The bus's brakes screeched and I fell forward and dropped my pencil mumbling I leaned down and picked up my stuff. And here I am now at white sky middle school..... Stay tuned for more!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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**CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF MULTICULTURAL PEOPLE (CAMP)**

**PROUDLY PRESENTS**

*Free Fun and Learning Program for Seniors*

## **ELDERLY INSPIRATIONS**

**Where: Courtney Park Library,  
730 Courtney Park Dr, West, Mississauga**

**When: Thursdays 2:30pm to 4:30pm**



- ❖ Computer learning classes for MS office, emailing etc
- ❖ Share your knowledge and experience with others
- ❖ Speakers on Elder abuse and Financial Management
- ❖ We speak English, Urdu, Hindi and Punjabi
- ❖ Meet and connect with other Seniors

**Seniors have  
Silver in their  
Hair**

And

**Gold in Their  
Hearts**

Please note, it's a weekly drop in program.

**For computer learning  
registrations, please contact us:**

**[info@camp-on.com](mailto:info@camp-on.com)**



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1. **Join us on Face book:**

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Canadian-Association-of-Multicultural-People/146896072047414>

2. **Our Newsletter, a great promotional resource for you:** You can check out our previous newsletters at:

[http://www.camp-on.com/?page\\_id=130](http://www.camp-on.com/?page_id=130)

3. **Spot Light:** This segment in our newsletter is to introduce and acknowledge the hidden assets and gems of our community. These incredible individuals are making each and every day of their life count by contributing for our communities with their dedication, passion and love of humanity. Our focus here is to highlight professionals from immigrant communities mostly.

4. **Strive to make Strides:** We are pleased to bring this new page to highlight our wonderful community efforts through, groups, organizations, social circles and networks. \ please send us your information should you wish your organization/ group to be profiled in this segment.

5. **Young Writer's Corner:** The young writer's corner is open to youth from 9-18 years. So be creative, send us your precious pieces, inspirations and stories to be part of our newsletter. Please send us your submissions at [info@camp-on.com](mailto:info@camp-on.com)

6. **Parenting Corner:** Our parenting corner compiles tried and true parenting tips and techniques from professionals and we do try our best to provide references for your reading. We will continue providing these best practices to help the challenges of parenting in today's high tech world where we are raising a "Net generation ". We hope you will benefit from them. You are more than welcome to send us your tips to us with references if they are derived from somewhere at [info@camp-on.com](mailto:info@camp-on.com)

7. **Young Professionals.....a fresh perspective:** This new page in our newsletter is dedicated to our young professionals in the society who are either fresh graduates, or have established a business or have started exceling into any business or community field. We would like to introduce and highlight these wonderful young individuals through our newsletter so we know who they are, where they are and how can we connect with them to support their endeavors.

**Please don't forget to send your reviews to us; it will really encourage our young writers.**

Please note, our newsletters and our face book page are our key pieces of communication with you. Your responses, feedback and suggestions are always welcome. Keep them coming!

## Current Volunteering Opportunities:

1. Senior's coordinator
2. Youth Leaders

For more information on volunteering or student placements, please contact [volunteercamp@gmail.com](mailto:volunteercamp@gmail.com)

We will include more news for our upcoming 2013 programs and initiatives and are open to your suggestions, feedback and ideas.

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