



Richmond Women's Resource Centre

**Annual Report
2007 – 2008**

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Richmond Women's Resource Centre Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2008

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

The Caring Place
Room 340 – 7000 Minoru Blvd. Richmond

AGENDA

6:30 PM **Registration**

7:00 PM **Annual General Meeting**

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous AGM, May 16, 2007
3. Annual Report
4. Auditor's Report
5. Stand Down of Previous Board
6. Election of Board Members
7. Other Business
8. Closing Remarks
9. Adjournment

7:45 PM **Volunteer Recognition**

Followed by Refreshments & Entertainment

Richmond Women's Resource Centre Association

Annual General Report

May 2008

Thank you to our volunteers, facilitators, staff and board:

First of all I would like to thank all our **Volunteers** who made it possible to keep the doors open and offer all the programs and services we provide. Our volunteers help make women's lives better in Richmond. Thank you all!

I would like to also recognize and thank all our Program Facilitators who kept the programs running throughout the year: **Martha Biannucci, Linda Gow, Jacquie Siemens, Aileen Jin, Sue Rose, Marielle Demorest, Vicky Sun, Anita Law and Ming Chang**, as well as our staff **Soraya Moaddeb and Michelle Willard**. We said farewell to Soraya and Michelle in 2007 and then **Lindsay Setzer** stepped in to act as Administrative Manager and keep the Centre operating.

I would invite you to welcome our two new staff members, **Florence Yau and Suzan Burke**. I am thrilled to have these energetic and knowledgeable on board at the Centre.

Finally, I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their term in office. They are: **Reg Brennan, Marielle Demorest, Leah Eckford, Colleen Glynn, Grace Hsueh, Ann Lam, Heather McLeod, Linda McNab, Lesley Pope and Magnolia Villalobos**. I am grateful we had such a dedicated and enthusiastic group of women to ensure the Centre kept operating.

Appendix 1: As per our Bylaws, please see Board resignations, Stand-down of previous Board and Slate of 2008-2009 Board

Accomplishments in 2007-2008

Moving into the actions of this term, I was honoured to hold the position of President for an exciting year that was filled with change. With the enthusiasm and encouragement of all involved, we were able to accomplish a number of things we had never attempted before.

Honorary Board

One of our goals in 2007-2008 was to increase our **visibility** in Richmond by creating an **Honorary Board** and inviting respected Richmond women to join us. We were very pleased to welcome Angela Schira, Charlotte Diamond, Devine Elden, Itrath Syed, Mabel Tung and Neeta Sandhu to our Honorary Board.

These women have assisted the Richmond Women's Centre in many ways - by donating venues, enlisting donors, advocating for our services and inviting us to participate in other forums we have not been involved in before. Their presence has enhanced the Centre's visibility, credibility and fundraising potential. By lending their names and their well-respected community profiles they have attracted more interest in the Centre and the work we do.

Funding

Our second goal was to move towards **self-sustainability**. This year we were successful in receiving additional funding from all our traditional grant sources including BC Gaming and the City of Richmond. We are now engaged in a social enterprise, the sale of fair trade "Café Etico products. We also conducted a Direct Ask mail campaign in October and want to thank all of you who kindly donated at that time. As well, our Wine & Art event in March was successful in raising funds and connecting us to individual supporters in the community.

In all, our fundraising efforts brought in over \$10,000 in donated goods and in-kind services from the many friends of the Women's Centre.

In addition, we are very happy to report a successful grant application to Vancity. A new program called "**Canadian Cultural and Work Experience for Immigrant Women**" will be implemented shortly. We have also taken on the administration of **Richmond Shares**, a website-based space where people can donate goods and those in need can receive them free of charge. A grant will sustain this project and provide some guaranteed monthly revenue to the Centre.

New Programs

A third goal was to reach out to **youth and older women**. To this end, the Centre started two new programs: a **Grandmother's Support** group and "**Hot Ink**" a creative writing program for teen girls at Richmond Secondary. We also restarted the **English Writing** program. Many of these are older women who have "graduated" from English Conversation.

We also started a closer partnership with **Volunteer Richmond**, where we engaged in two programs: **Leadership Now** (which trained and placed a youth leader on our Board, Grace Hsueh) and **Leadership Next** (which is a team of retired professionals who will assist us in the near future in Board development and building a social enterprise).

Programs

We continue to sustain and operate our well attended programs: **Volunteer Training, Information and Referral, Computer Training, Peer Support, English Conversation, French Women's group** and **Single Mother's support group**. We also offered **Income Tax** preparation for low-income women during the tax season that has just ended.

Outreach

Our fourth and final goal was to **reach out** and become more connected to the community through outreach and advocacy. In addition to our traditional contacts, we have made new and productive contacts with a number of groups and agencies including **Family Services of Greater Vancouver, CHIMO, SD 38, Richmond Secondary School, Rotary Sunrise, the Richmond Review, the RCMP, St. Albans Anglican Church, Amnesty International, Quest, the Chamber of Commerce and the BC Federation of Labour.**

We are engaged in a project to develop a **Richmond Women's Shelter**, partnering with Family Services, CHIMO, the City of Richmond and BC Housing. One of our Board members is currently working with **SD 38 Settlement Workers** and delivering a conversational English class for Chinese parents of Garden City Elementary schoolchildren. We are now members of **Quest**, a food rescue and distribution agency that our members can access. We were also on the Richmond Review's scholarship committee and helped choose the first recipient of the **Richmond Review/ Richmond Community Foundation** scholarship for women.

Advocacy

The RWRC is working with groups such as the **BC Federation of Labour, Amnesty International** and the **Global Women's Memorial Society** to bring the issue of violence against women into the spotlight and to advocate for change. As well, our Board members were active participants in the **Richmond Homeless Count** in early March. We also took a stand to support **Turning Point**, which aims to provide recovery services for Richmond women, in the community in which they live. Volunteers also worked on the **Richmond Food Security Task Force** "Food for All" conference in February. The Board believes we need to speak up on social justice issues that affect women, such as poverty, food security, affordable housing and violence. We believe we have a right and a responsibility to comment on issues of importance to women.

Appendix 2: Please see attached, a listing of RWRC Community Contacts

Respectfully submitted

De Whalen

President, RWRC

APPENDIX 1:

BOARD RESIGNATIONS IN 2007-08

- Ann Lam
- Heather McLeod
- Linda McNab

STAND DOWN OF PREVIOUS BOARD

- Reg Brennan
- Marielle Demorest
- Leah Eckford
- Colleen Glynn
- Grace Hsueh
- Lesley Pope
- Magnolia Villalobos
- De Whalen

SLATE FOR 2008-2009 BOARD

- Reg Brennan
- Marielle Demorest
- Leah Eckford
- Colleen Glynn
- Grace Hsueh
- Rita Knapp
- Lindsay Setzer
- Magnolia Villalobos
- De Whalen
- Iveta Williams

APPENDIX 2 Community Contacts 2007-2008

#	Agency	Purpose
1	Amnesty International - Richmond	International social justice
2	BC Federation of Labour	Women's cte - anti-violence campaign
3	Blue Sky Productions	Singing, performing entertainment group
4	CHIMO Crisis Services	Crisis counselling-women's shelter
5	Chinese Mental Wellness Society	Alternative counselling-therapies
6	City-Affordable housing	Affordable housing coordinator
7	City-Heritage services	Heritage and culture services
8	City-Multicultural services	Cultural diversity coordinator
9	City-Seniors services	Seniors - recreation, culture
10	City-Youth recreation,culture	Youth-recreation, culture
11	Civic Education Society	Civic education and belonging
12	Coast Capital Savings	Funding for community agencies
13	Envision Credit Union	Funding for community agencies
14	Family Services of Greater Vancouver	Family counselling -women's shelter
15	Gilmore Park United Church	Chef for weekly Community meal
16	Global Women's Memorial	Website for women's memorials
17	Hospital Employees Union	Hospital workers-immigrant women
18	Integration Youth Services Society	Youth leadership, Asian youth
19	Jeremy's Memorial Fund	Funding for community agencies
20	Low Income Affordable Seniors Society	Seniors-housing advocacy
21	McNair Secondary School	Culinary program catering services
22	Minerva Foundation	Funding for women's groups
23	Quest	Food rescue and distribution
24	RCMP - Communications	Victims of violence, personal safety
25	Richmond Family Place	Childminding-Single mothers' program
26	Rmd Addiction Services	A&D counselling services
27	Rmd Civic Engagement Network	Civic engagement - RWRC is co-convener
28	Rmd Community Foundation	RCF-RR scholarship, funding assistance
29	Rmd Employment Resource Centre	Employment readiness services
30	Rmd Food Bank	Richmond's food bank
31	Rmd Food Security Task Force	RPRC-food security issues
32	Rmd Multicultural Concerns Society	Multicultural services, programs

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#	Agency	Purpose
33	Rmd Multicultural Concerns Society	Grandparents' program
34	Rmd Poverty Response committee	Richmondshares coordinator
35	Rmd Rotary Steveston	Funding for community agencies
36	Rmd Rotary Sunrise	Funding for community agencies
37	Rmd School of Hairdressing	Hair stylists training school
38	Rmd Secondary School	Colts that Care social justice group
39	Rmd Society for Community Living	Special needs employment
40	Rmd Youth Service Agency	Youth services-aboriginal youth
41	Robert J. Shaer Photojournalist	Independent phototographer
42	Salvation Army - Richmond	Community services - men's shelter
43	SD38 Settlement workers	ESL - settlement issues - families
44	Sirota's Alchymy	Women's self defense
45	St. Albans Anglican Church	Community meal-homeless count
46	SUCCESS	Services to Asian residents
47	Terra Nova Sharing Farm	Growing projects-seniors and youth
48	The Fruit Tree Sharing Project	Food gleaning for Food Bank
49	The Richmond Review	Ethel Tibbits, RR scholarship
50	Therapeutic Touch	Alternative therapy, stress reduction
51	Turning Point Recovery Society	A&D recovery services
52	Unite-Here Local 40	Hotel workers-immigrant women
53	Vancity Credit Union	Funding for community agencies
54	Volunteer Rmd Information Services	Leadership Now-youth and seniors

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Many changes and events have taken place at the Richmond Women's Resource Centre within the last year. In July 2007, the first objective of the committee was to present Michelle Willard a permanent contract for the position of Coordinator of the RWRC. Unfortunately, Ms. Willard tendered a letter of resignation due to her relocation to Prince Rupert. It soon became apparent to the Board of Directors that operational systems, performance evaluations, job descriptions, volunteer training, and documentation formats had to be reviewed for strengths and further development. This process was started and continues to be ongoing work in progress. In addition, Ms. Soraya Moaddeb, RWRC Volunteer Coordinator, submitted a letter for a Leave of Absence. In the interim the Personnel Committee presented Ms. Lindsay Setzer a temporary contract to work as Acting Centre Coordinator commencing September 18th, 2007. During the last week of September the Centre was closed for two days for painting. Upon reopening, the Centre exuded a fresh, serene, and welcoming atmosphere for women to gather. The Centre had taken on a totally new look and energy.

In December, the Personnel Committee took on the task of searching for an Administrative Manager on a permanent basis. The RWRC Administrative Manager job description and posting were placed in the local newspapers and online websites. Five applicants were short listed and interviewed. Afterwards the Personnel Committee recommended Ms. Florence Yau be hired as the Administrative Manager of the Richmond Women's Resource Centre commencing January 14th, 2008.

It soon became apparent to the Board of Directors that the workload was too much for one staff member and the volunteers so once again the Personnel Committee posted job descriptions for an Office Assistant as well as a Bookkeeper. Twenty-eight applicants were received for the Office Assistant position and the successful candidate was Ms. Suzan Burke. We welcomed Ms. Burke to our Centre staff as of April 28th, 2008. Four applicants were received for the Bookkeeper position and the Hiring Committee will be interviewing candidates in May.

In closing, the success of RWRC is due to the hard working efforts of all the Volunteers, Facilitators, Staff, and the Board of Directors. Each is an integral component of the Centre and dependant on one another. With all the changes the past year, I hope that RWRC will become a strong, stable and empowering resource within Richmond thus providing a welcoming, safe place for women to help women.

Respectfully submitted,
Lesley Pope

ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER'S REPORT

February marked the beginning of Chinese New Year. It was also a new start for me to begin my work here at the Richmond Women's Resource Centre. I attended my first Caring Place Tenant's Council Meeting on February 21st and got to know some of our neighbors too. March was a busy month full of exciting events. March 8th was the International Women's Day. A celebration hosted by the Richmond Women's Resource Centre and the Community Response Network was held on March 6th. Our Ivy cultural group performed in the "Celebrating Multiculturalism" event hosted by the Richmond Multicultural Concerns Society on March 8th at the Richmond Centre. Vicky, the facilitator led the Ivy group to perform with singing and dancing. The performance was well received by the audience. Our volunteers staffed a booth all day and provided information about the centre's programs and services. Our first fundraiser of the year was held on March 15th at Sanduz Estate Winery. We were grateful for the community support, volunteer participation and contributions. Under the 2010 Olympic Legacy and through the Literacy Now initiative, a group of community partners offered "A Taste of Literacy" on April 12th. The purpose of the event was to showcase the opportunities for the development of literacy in Richmond. The Richmond Women's Resource Centre participated in the event. Volunteers helped to set up the display and to mend the booth. Programs handouts were provided to the public. On April 28th Ms. Suzan Burke joined the Centre to work as our Office Assistant.

Respectfully Submitted,
Florence Yau

KATHY KENT AND THE RWRC

Honourary Life Member

OVER twenty years ago, I saw a volunteer opportunity in the local paper for assisting at English Conversation classes with the Richmond Women's Resource Centre. At that time, it was housed in a trailer at the corner of Buswell and Park. Twenty years later, the English Conversation classes are still going strong and reflect the tremendous change in the multicultural composition of Richmond over the years.

What a wonderful bunch of women we have been privileged to meet! Many have gone on to pursue careers in various areas of interest. The sad part is that we, as a country, still have not seen fit to make sure that the talents of thousands of new Canadians are not used to their full potential.

Apart from the English classes, the Women's Centre has become an important part of my life—new friends, people dedicated to helping others get on with their lives, and providing a social setting where women can meet and feel comfortable. These are all good reasons for keeping Women's Centre alive and thriving.

When my husband became terminally ill in 1992, the support from the Centre and the English Conversation group in particular, helped me and my family through this difficult time. Thank you RWRC.

Over the years, I have participated on the Board, volunteered in general at the Centre and was responsible for the English Conversation class for a couple of years. The Centre has done several rounds of fund-raising, successfully presented funding requests to the City, and submitted many grant requests. Fund-raising is still the biggest challenge. After over thirty years of dedication to the women of our community, let's all work together to ensure many more years to come.

WORDS FROM OUR VOLUNTEERS

THERE are times when we all feel like breaking under the pressure of being a mother, a daughter, a wife or simply just a woman. There are times when we seek shelter to feel safe or a shoulder to cry on. I became a member of this organization during one of those times. Since I became a member, the women of this organization have taken steps with me and have never hesitated to offer a helping hand. Their courage has inspired me to join their circle and share in the feeling of cherishing others and being cherished in return. Being able to help a new immigrant, a single mother, or an elderly person in financial need, or simply a woman who just wants to talk to someone has given me so much pride and joy. To know that I'm here to give and to receive in return and be acknowledged and respected as I am, makes me think of this place as my home and all its members as my own family. We may be different in lots of ways with different backgrounds, cultures and languages however, deep within we are not that different at all as long as we all seek harmony, peace and happiness for all women and all people.

Sara B Shishvan

VOLUNTEERING....This word had been in my mind for some time since I retired. The big question was how do I know if it is a good place to volunteer?

Richmond Womens Resource Centre....The name caught my eye when I walked into the Caring Place. This prompted me to walk in and inquire what this program was . I found that it was a place where women who needed help could find the resources they needed. It was also a place for them to meet other women who may have the same problems or a place to find someone to talk to. Here they could get some small training and make friends so that they could build their self confidence and self-respect.

Hey!!! What else would be better than this... a woman helping another woman? So I joined the volunteer team in December of 2007. I now work with a group of nice ladies and enjoy their friendship. We all have a good time together.

The Executive Team is working very hard to make the Center glow and provide help for all those who need assistance.

I like the Center and would not hesitate to recommend volunteering here to any woman who may have a little extra time and a desire to help women who are in need.

Agnes Chan

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April 2007-March 2008

FACILITATOR: Vicky Sun

PROGRAM: Ivy Women's Cultural Group

DAY: Monday

TIME: 9:30-12:30am or 1:30-4:30pm

Monthly Activities	DESCRIPTION
	<i>(please briefly summarize themes, or basic work you covered each month and include special field trips you did or any other extra training, or information you covered with your participants)</i>
April	Ivy Group establishment
May	Fashion Show with models wearing Chinese traditional Cheong-Sum
June	Dancing and Singing practice
July	Visiting performance in Oak Tree House 7831 Minoru Blvd, Richmond
August	We were invited to take entertainment in Rosewood Manor 6260 Blundell rd. Richmond and Success Simon KT Lee Senior Care Home in Chinatown.
September	Dance practice for the international standard
October	Body training, women drawing evaluation
November	Singing training and Yoga exercises
December	Chinese Fans Dancing practise and preparing performances
January	Few performances for South Arm Chinese Senior Group of Richmond
February	We were invited to perform Chinese traditional dance and women ensemble for Vancouver Coastal health, Minoru Residence; and some associations.

March	Multicultural performances, we represented Chinese traditional dance and singing in Richmond Centre. For supporting Ice Breaking in South China, Ivy group did contributions in Lansdowne Mall, RMD.
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Please provide on average the number of participants who attended each week:

The average number of participants who attended on a weekly basis: 10 - 14

Please type your recommendations and suggestions for this program. Use no more than 500 words.

Ivy group has been over one year. We need more time in a week to do our activities because more new immigrants to come and join us who need more training to do these entertainments or performances. According to these activities, we can improve ourselves and help the women who want much fast to get in the mainstream society in Canada.

Ivy group also need more support either financial or concern.

Please list what materials or supplies you would like this program to have.

The CD and MP3 player and performance clothing.

Now these supplies we used our own money to do so. We hope we can get some financial expense.

Please make any other comments here:

We strongly recommended that we can get Grand or Government to support us, because all new immigrant women have a lot jobs or lives issues who need to take some time to experience new life in Canada. These women most are educated with their talents. Our group goal is to find out women's skills and talents to service our society and community. And then the women also can find out their right place to overcome the difficulties all they face.

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April 2007-March 2008

FACILITATOR: Anita Law

PROGRAM: ESL Writing Group

DAY: Tuesdays

TIME: 12-2pm

Monthly Activities 2007-2008	DESCRIPTION <i>(please briefly summarize themes, or basic work you covered each month and include special field trips you did or any other extra training, or information you covered with your participants)</i>
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	Introduction to the course; self-introductions; basic grammar; tour of the library; basic weather terms
December	Diaries; Christmas; Shopping
January	The weather; Fashion
February	Academy Awards & acceptance speeches; Valentine's Day; Family
March	Family; About Books; Book report; Tour of the library

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Please provide on average the number of participants who attended each week: 8

The average number of participants who attended on a weekly basis: 8

Please type your recommendations and suggestions for this program. Use no more than 500 words.

The drop-in nature of the class makes it somewhat disjointed. If I do a topic that spans four classes, new people that come in might be in the middle of things. I don't mind this, but sometimes the student seems uncomfortable, and it's not fair for the rest of the students. Perhaps the facilitator could do an outline of topics, and people inquiring about the writing group could pick an opportune time to start. It might also be useful to have facilitators visit each others' classrooms just to get a sense of what other people might be doing. Some sort of social night or brunch for program participants might be nice as well, or field trips.

Please list what materials or supplies you would like this program to have.

A binder could be set up for the facilitator to put past lesson plans and worksheets, so that if s/he leaves, there might be a template for other facilitators to follow. A ghetto blaster would be nice, to play music or ESL material.

Please make any other comments here:

I have learned a lot as a facilitator – the women are great students, and I hope they enjoy coming! All in all, this has been a very rewarding experience.

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April 2007-March 2008

FACILITATOR: Anita Law

PROGRAM: Hot Ink – young girl's creative writing

DAY: Tuesday

TIME: 3-5pm

Monthly Activities 2007-2008	DESCRIPTION <i>(please briefly summarize themes, or basic work you covered each month and include special field trips you did or any other extra training, or information you covered with your participants)</i>
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	Met with program committee and Richmond High School – conceptualized idea.
October	Applied for the Millennium grant
November	Began to advertise in schools (going to district student council meetings, getting fliers made, networking with teachers)
December	Continued school advertisement & conceptualization of curriculum
January	Continued advertisement. First class was on Jan 29 th – introductions & wordplay (what is “creative writing”?)
February	Wordplay; auditory poetry; visual poetry, constructive criticism; the technique of the paradox in writing
March	Guest speakers: (Neale & carmin) Satire & newspaper writing; (Amanda) zines; (Fatou) spoken word;

Richmond Women's Resource Centre

Please provide on average the number of participants who attended each week:

The average number of participants who attended on a weekly basis: 6

Please type your recommendations and suggestions for this program. Use no more than 500 words.

Advertisement

- Perhaps held later after school, or on a weekend.
- More people recruited to go into different schools and into classrooms to talk about the program

In Class

- Class become more a drop-in; perhaps designing it as a drop-in would be more useful.
- Tried to push the boundaries of "creative writing" but ironically I think the student most liked the sonnets portion of the course
- Guest speakers were very s interesting and welcome addition

Please list what materials or supplies you would like this program to have.

- A ghetto blaster would be nice
- I provided girls with notebooks and folders for their work, which they use and bring to class – good suggestion for the future
- Magazine and scrap paper perhaps, for collages and creative projects

Please make any other comments here:

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April 2007-March 2008

FACILITATOR: Marielle Demorest

PROGRAM: French women Support Group

DAY: Wednesday

TIME: Breakfast Every week 10-12am White Spot; 1-3pm Caring Place

Monthly Activities	DESCRIPTION
2007-2008	<i>(please briefly summarize themes, or basic work you covered each month and include special field trips you did or any other extra training, or information you covered with your participants)</i>
April	Movie " The Secret", had a discussion about the movie
May	Trip to Stevston to see sea products. Had refreshment at Damien's Belgian restaurant.
June	Planned for next year programs, and we like movies and discussion. Thanks to the women's center for giving us a room.
July	Continued breakfast at White Spot of summer, share Info of all French events. Some French programs students of Kwantlen come to take part.
August	
September	Movie! "LES BONS DEBARRAS" Quebec film. Family drama discussion and refreshment.
October	Movie " Guerre" history of family and we had discussions.
November	We took a walk to Terra Nova park on the beautiful sunny day to see the birds.
December	We joined the women's center for Montreal, Massacre and remember. Took part in winter fete; a multicultural celebration.
January	
February	Movie! " the life of Beatrice Potter" the mother of peter rabbit.

March	We had scrap booking, a wonderful work shop of making memories. The students helpers from the school of French Immersion came for volunteer hours.
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Please provide on average the number of participants who attended each week:

The average number of participants who attended on a weekly basis:

Please type your recommendations and suggestions for this program. Use no more than 500 words.

More French speaking women are returning to learning, had to take a job to help Pay the rent. We will look at evening or Saturday meetings for monthly get together.

Please list what materials or supplies you would like this program to have.

Printing materials, paper, pens and teal trays.

Please make any other comments here:

Thanks to women's center and staff for support and taking messages for our group.

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April 2007-March 2008

FACILITATOR: Sue Rose

PROGRAM: Single Mother's Support Group

DAY: Wednesday

TIME: 6-8pm

Monthly Activities	DESCRIPTION <i>(please briefly summarize themes, or basic work you covered each month and include special field trips you did or any other extra training, or information you covered with your participants)</i>
April	- Mary Kay demo - Resource Book project - Rosa: crisis counsellor - Rick pastor- God/Spirituality - Collages: Sheri
May	- Personality Identity - Mary: oil of oregano & coconut oil
June	- LEAF: Advocate for family law
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	
January	- Laughter Yoga - Derdley Moore: Goal Setting - LEAF: Family Law - Victoria: Clothes Designer – Personalized Fashion

February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Selma: “The Secret” – Philosophy behind belief - Mary: Nutrition- Immune System - Single Mother’s Resource Book – project for Richmond
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Zelma: LEAF – Violence against women lawyer - Chantel: 35 years experience as a hairdresser - Project: Single Mother’s Resource book for Richmond - Andrea: Richmond Employment Resource Centre (looking for a job)

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Please provide on average the number of participants who attended each week:

The average number of participants who attended on a weekly basis: *6 - 13*

Please type your recommendations and suggestions for this program. Use no more than 500 words.

Please list what materials or supplies you would like this program to have.

Please make any other comments here:

Childcare is becoming crowded.

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April 2007-March 2008

FACILITATOR: Marielle Demorest, Zarina Mosaheb , Kathy Kent & Soroya Moaddeb

PROGRAM: Grandmother Support Group

DAY: Thursday

TIME: 1-3pm

Monthly Activities	DESCRIPTION
2007-2008	<i>(please briefly summarize themes, or basic work you covered each month and include special field trips you did or any other extra training, or information you covered with your participants)</i>
April	Soroya compared grandmother's life from our participants, and she had 15-20 women coming. Soroya encouraged women to take all English lessons they can find to help them fit in the Canadian culture. Had lively lessons and continued with all events free to attend.
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	Zarina talked of her journey to her arrival of Canada with her family and how she took up counselling because she was too late to apply for her doctor Canadian papers. She studied medicine in India.
October	
November	Kathy Kent taught Idioms in daily uses. Especially in children's language.
December	The group took part in Winter Multicultural fete.
January	Learn medicine about all over the world with the help of the doctor from Burma.
February	We played a card game about Canada's geography.

March	We took a trip to Steveston Village, and had a snack of Ice cream.
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Please provide on average the number of participants who attended each week:

The average number of participants who attended on a weekly basis:

Please type your recommendations and suggestions for this program. Use no more than 500 words.

We would like to change visit with multicultural grandparents' group. They meet from 3 - 4:30pm at family place on ASH street will have to arrange for transportation.
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Please list what materials or supplies you would like this program to have.

Printing materials, paper, pens and tea trays.
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Please make any other comments here:

We need to advertise the wonderful camaraderie of this group.

Thank you to Hadia, our computer volunteer helper who found Info contact for the college physician, Midwives and Doulas for a new Canadian doctor.
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