

## Farewell from Tam...

My time with Volunteer Grandparents was unforgettable, as the staff, volunteers, and people that I had the pleasure of working with were phenomenal. Working for this non-profit organization was very rewarding and it was an amazing opportunity, where I gained so many valuable skills and experiences. Being exposed to these new situations, challenges, and positions enabled myself to acquire so many new abilities, as well as grow as an individual. This co-op job was absolutely amazing and helped me gain confidence in pursuing new tasks and taking on more of a leadership role. In addition, I had the opportunity to gain further insight in working with non-profit organizations, as that is something I hopefully would like to do in the future. Thank you Volunteer Grandparents for allowing me to have this remarkable and unforgettable opportunity!



Tam (C) with Volunteer Burnaby co-op students Scarlett (L) and Jessica (R).

## 2016 Legacy Project: New Website

One of the biggest legacy projects completed in 2016 was the creation and launch of our new website. Our previous website was designed in 2010 by students at Simon Fraser University using FrontPage. Though this website had served our organization well, it was time to migrate the contents to the newer platform WordPress. The goal of this initiative was to update the overall look and navigation of the site. While our summer student, Tam Pham, led the design and programming, we also had several of our volunteer grandparents generously agree to donate their time to test the new website. With help from our long-time website volunteer, Dennis Wong, the new website was made live at the end of August. Ultimately, the finished product was well received with many positive comments, such as how it is now much more open, fresh, and easier to navigate on desktops, tablets and mobile phones.



Previous website done using FrontPage



New website done using WordPress

## Summer Community Events



We partnered with Volunteer Burnaby and attended three big community events this summer: **Hats Off Day**, **Canada Day**, and the **Edmonds City Fair**. To find out how much fun we had head over to the 'News and Events' section on our brand new website!