

Another Successful Picnic!

The 11th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic took place at Confederation Park on July 15 with over 70 in attendance. This year's theme was #lovecanada in order to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday. Candace, our summer student, did an amazing job organizing the picnic along with support from Radhika, a participant from our Family Match Program, who volunteered during her Spring Break to help solicit donations for prizes. The day's activities included a performance from Vancouver Puppet Theatre, beanbag toss, 3 legged race, and face painting.



Kira (R) having her face painted by picnic volunteer Zora (L).

Community Events

Volunteer Grandparents has had a busy summer! We've attended community events throughout Burnaby including: [Canada Day](#), [Edmonds City Fair](#), [Hats off Day](#) and [North Burnaby Community Fair](#) where we've been promoting our organization and engaging with our community through fun filled activities.



Canadian Moose and Beaver paper bag puppets ready for Canada Day at the Burnaby Village Museum.

Congrats Kehar!

On June 7, Kehar, one our [Family Match](#) and [Ambassador](#) Grandparents received the [Sovereign's Medal of Volunteers](#) from the Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of B.C. Volunteer Grandparents, who nominated Kehar for the award, and Kehar's family traveled to Government House in Victoria to witness this achievement. Kehar began volunteering in 2006 and has not stopped since. His contribution to the community of Burnaby as well as Volunteer Grandparents demonstrates his dedication and willingness to help others. Kehar will also appear in an article in the [Burnaby NOW](#), written by our summer student Candace, on Friday, September 8th.



Lieutenant Governor (L) presenting Kehar (R) his medal.



Lieutenant Governor (L) and Kehar (R) at Government House.

Introducing Our Work Experience Student

For the month of August, one of our own participants from our Family Match Program, Radhika Patel, is doing her official high school work experience with us. Radhika is a grade 11 student at Moscrop Secondary and has been a part of the organization since she was 3! Some of her tasks include; creating a Volunteer Burnaby Hive 2017 Master Event database that categorizes all its events and volunteer hours, writing both our Summer and Fall newsletters, and editing PDFs of newspaper articles that she scanned last summer and posting them on our website's [Media Coverage](#) page.

Volunteer Grandparents Are in the News!

Radhika and Volunteer Grandmother Maureen, who have been matched for 13 years volunteered to be interviewed by the [Burnaby NOW](#) to share their story. The article will be in the paper on Wednesday, August 30th.



Radhika and her grandmother Maureen.



Candace (R) with picnic volunteer Arshdeep (L).

Final Thoughts from Candace...

It has been a rewarding experience at Volunteer Grandparents! I will never be able to forget the wonderful experience in organizing the [Annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic](#). I am grateful to have the opportunity to meet all the volunteers and program participants who made a valuable and positive impact to the community. Thank you for your support and encouragement throughout the summer!

#150challenge 2017

This year marks Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation and Volunteer Grandparents celebrated by creating the [#150challenge](#). Candace's ambitious social media campaign goal was to create 150 posts before the end of July. If you want more information about the campaign click on this link:

<http://volunteergrandparents.ca/2017/08/03/150challenge-2017/>



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