

A final thank you to our wonderful Summer Staff, Ava and Radhika



Radhika, our Program Developer, was hired through Canada Summer Jobs Funding for a 10 week work term. One of her main tasks was to create the framework and launch our new initiative, our **Letters to Seniors Program**. Participating in this program involves sending kind letters/drawings to isolated seniors living in care homes. The second phase of the program is matching youth to seniors in a pen pal relationship. So far 12 pen pal connections have been created and over 60 kind messages have been sent to isolated seniors.

We thank Radhika for all of her hard work this summer. Her program knowledge was an asset while she worked diligently in the development role. What a legacy you have created! Thank you!

Furthermore, Ava, our Administrative and Marketing Assistant, worked passionately on editing and improving our legacy book, *Growing from the Roots*. Thanks to an In-Kind Printing Grant received from the City of Burnaby we were able to reprint our book. She was also involved in keeping our social media sites up to date and launching our Florio Bursary Program this summer. We thank all of our program participants who contributed to the book or applied for a bursary this year.

We will miss both of you tremendously and wish you luck when you return to your studies in the Fall at UBC.



Youth for Pen Pal Program Needed

Do you want your child to practise their printing and communication skills? We are specifically seeking youth (under the age of 9) to participate in our **Letters to Seniors Program** as there are two screened school grandparents seeking a pen pal. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please email info@volunteergrandparents.ca.

We are also receptive to partnering with more care homes too. So far we have partnered with 4 homes in Burnaby. If you know of a residence that would appreciate receiving messages, please reach out to us.

Florio Bursary Recipients

Congratulations to all the bursary recipients in 2020. We are proud to share that 10 youth received bursaries this year totalling \$1975!

