



Bridging Generations

Spring 2010



Program Update:

Mark your Calendars:

Florio Bursary Deadline—
March 15th— May 15th

AGM— April 22, 2010
More information will be
available shortly!

Intern Student:

I am happy to announce that through the YWCA Youth Eco Internship Program, Volunteer Grandparents has received funding to hire an intern student. Po Yi Liu has been hired to develop a project called Environmental Legacy. Please see the description of her project on the opposite side of this page for more details...



Many program participants have enjoyed receiving tickets through the Kids Up Front Program.

If you would like to learn more about this program please contact Veronica 604-736-8271.

Additionally, we would like to thank **VANOC** for the amazing opportunities that were presented to us in regards to Olympic tickets. We appreciate all of the tickets that we have received.

Media Coverage:

In late January, Shaw interviewed a volunteer grandmother with her matched family. The segment was aired on 3 separate occasions. We would like to thank our matched family and grandmother for their time and energy that they invested into the segment. We are hoping that the recent media coverage will help promote our organization to other seniors and families in the community.

Electronic Version of the Newsletter:

Please be advised that our most recent newsletters can be viewed on our website at: www.volunteergrandparents.ca. It is e-mailed to members as well. If you do not have access to the internet and would still like to receive a mailed copy then please let me know.

Environmental Legacy Project



For her three-month internship (from February 1st to May 1st, 2010), Po-Yi has begun the Environmental Legacy Book Project for Volunteer Grandparents. She intends to help publish a collection of personal stories, reflections, and creative expression from volunteer grandparents, families, and children about their experience under our organization. The main purpose of the book is to illustrate the importance of intergenerational relationships to our well-being and our environment as a whole. It also comes from the idea that one might not start caring for the earth unless one begins caring for oneself and other fellow human beings.

The book may be used by members to share knowledge and wisdom amongst each other or may be used for future fundraising and promotional purposes. It meets the organization's vision *to bridge and enrich the generations*.



Po-Yi with her Olympic friend Miga

So far, Po-Yi already has some participants assisting with the project in the hope of sharing their experience under Volunteer Grandparents with other people. The book will weave together their unique perspectives, allowing the stories themselves to speak to the importance of multi-age connections to our lives and planet.

We are still looking for more participants, especially children, to contribute their voice to the book. Entries can be in the form of writing, photographs, poetry, drawings, and other types of expression.

The deadline for submission is March 12th, 2010. If you are interested in submitting your piece or being interviewed, feel free to contact Po-Yi at 604-736-8271 or email ecovolunteergrandparents@yahoo.ca



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