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COMMUNITY SERVICES

*Celebrates*



# INDEPENDENCE DAY

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August 14, 2016  
Vaughan City Hall

*A nation's culture resides in the heart and in  
the soul of its people.*

- Mahatma Gandhi

## *India Independence Day Celebrated*

### *A historical day for the City of Vaughan*



India celebrates Independence Day on August 15 each year. India became an independent nation on August 15, 1947. It is a day when people of India pay homage to their leaders and those who fought for India's freedom in the past. India's Independence Day is one of the three national holidays in India and is observed in all Indian states and union territories.

Statistics show that Vaughan and surrounding areas consists of over 35 000 South Asian community members. It is

a great privilege for the members of the Vaughan community to celebrate the raising of the Indian flag at Vaughan City Hall. In recognition of India Independence Day WEConnect Community Services held an official flag raising ceremony for India Independence day for the first time in Vaughan at Vaughan City Hall on Saturday August 15, 2015. It was a historical day for the City of Vaughan and for the South Asian Community. At the flag raising at City Hall, our invited delegates unfurled India's flag and in the presence

of Vaughan City Council, invited guests and community members. During the flag raising celebration, we had played Indian patriotic songs for the community members. There was a strong media presence and outreach strategy to promote the celebration of India's Independence Day for the first time in Vaughan.

After the flag raising ceremony there was a cultural reception held in Multi-purpose room where all guests enjoyed cultural entertainment & refreshments.





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# Carassauga 2016 India Pavilion



WEConnect Community Services had the privilege of hosting the 2016 India Pavilion for Carassauga- the largest multicultural festival in Ontario and the 2nd largest in Canada on May 27, 28, 29 2016. With over 338,721 visits a year. Carassauga hosts international experiences showcasing culture traditions, history, costumes and cuisines

from around the world. WEConnect Community Services was proud to organize the India Pavilion within a 17,000 sq.ft arena.

The India Pavilion is known to be one of the most anticipated and enjoyed by the highest volume of visitors year after year. It was a weekend filled with great food, shopping and non

stop entertainment. Visitors of all ages took a journey to Majestic India as they took a Riksha ride, enjoyed the world of Bollywood, painted diyas in our Kids Zone, learned how to wear a sari at our Interactive zone and much more.

Don't forget to join us in May 2017.



Volunteering at WECon



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# 2016 Volunteer Appreciation



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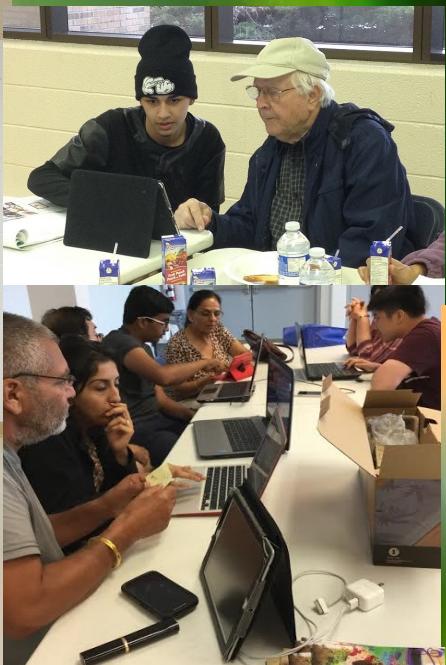
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It was about three months ago that I started volunteering at WEConnect Community Services. I decided to volunteer because I felt like I was spending my time doing nothing at home and I also needed to start getting my community service hours. I was looking for the right place to volunteer but I couldn't really find what I was looking for. I decided to go to Maple Community Centre (where the Youth-Seniors program was held) after my mom told me about it. The reason



she suggested WEConnect CS to me was because she had previously read about their good work in the community and she also felt that it would be convenient as it was located in our neighborhood. The first week at WEConnect was great, I helped seniors who had never used a computer to use google, youtube, and how to send emails. I also met this uncle who had no email address of his own, we created new email address for him and then sent his first email to his son and his

son was so pleasantly surprised! Now I help him with how to use skype and other apps every Friday. I also got to volunteer for yoga, art and craft that was held twice. The program also teachers elders breathing technique and adapting to a healthy lifestyle. It was very educational and even I learnt a lot of things from the program. I am still volunteering at WEConnect and I feel like it is a very good experience for me as I help people and get to learn new things every day. I never realized how good it feels to teach someone something new. I have become more confident and I feel when elders appreciate my efforts, I feel that I am really worthy of that appreciation, it strengthens my self-esteem. For July-August our program is conducted every Friday at Dufferin Clark Commu-



# Sharing Skills and Creating Pr



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**Our programs and events strongly focus on the physical, mental, spiritual, social and emotional wellbeing of our community members. Promoting volunteerism**



Therapeutic Dance Exercise  
Art Knitting and Net-working  
Yoga  
Computer Classes



# Programs at WEConnect CS



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