

Local youth challenges his peers in Change the World campaign

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Change The World (CTW) Ontario Youth Volunteer Challenge is a four-week promotion of high school students across the province to raise awareness about youth volunteering in Ontario from April 21st to May 20th.

This year's Youth Volunteer Challenge is about encouraging youth, ages 14-18, to aim for three hours of volunteering over four weeks in completing their 40 hours. The participation in this campaign is open to anyone in secondary school and the involvement will contribute to your community as well as yourself.

For the first time, Peace Welcome Club will be participating and supporting local volunteer centres in the CTW campaign to get high school students to volunteer!

You can help us at Peace Welcome Club in our book drive, jean green drive, food drive for the needy, community clean up events and our renowned shoreline clean-up. The different drives such as the Jean/Book/Food that are being hosted by us are

to collect and organize books to support First Nations Children and Youth, a jean drive in order to support underprivileged children locally and internationally, as well as food items to support local food banks.

One initiative is the Community/Shoreline project where you can help collect garbage on the streets. To participate in this amazing fun-filled nature event, contact us.

The best part about these four-weeks is that National Volunteer Week falls in the first week of Change the World's Ontario Youth Volunteer Challenge which makes it more exciting to try your best. National Volunteer Week is about celebrating all the various forms of engagement from inspired environmental change, shoreline clean-ups, coaching community sports teams, tutoring and even helping a local



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Children's Aid Society. Those who use this for their 40-hour service will have gained a substantial amount of experience and you also get a certificate from the local volunteer centre recognizing your contributions to CTW's Youth Challenge (which looks great on a resume).

These are only examples of ideas that you can work on but there are endless opportunities available on CTW's website where you can explore the required information you need to get. On the bright side, chances are you will accomplish a lot more than you think.

If you would like to learn more, I would love to share my ideas on how to participate in this campaign. Let's talk and Change the World in four weeks!

For updates on our exciting volunteer initiatives, please:

Like us on Facebook @ <http://www.facebook.com/PeaceWelcomeClub>

I would like to thank you all for your hard work for the Peace Welcome Club initiative in Canada. Your dedication and commitment will be crucial in the coming months as we move forward with our volunteer projects.

If you have any questions, contact us at PeaceWelcomeClub@gmail.com

The Peace Welcome Club was founded by 14-year-old Harnoor Gill of Georgetown. "Age is not a barrier to volunteer," he says.

Volunteer visitors

To the world, you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world! Become a Friendly Visitor to a lonely senior—1-2 hours a week of volunteer time required. Please call Acclaim Health-Community Support Services at 905-827-8800 ex 2317 or email volunteering@acclaimhealth.ca.



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Distress Centre North Halton seeks volunteers

Distress Centre North Halton (DCNH) is now accepting applications for volunteers.

DCNH is a telephone distress line and is looking for caring individuals who want to reach out and help people in need. For details call 905-877-0655 or email dcnhalton@bellnet.ca

DCNH is a charitable, non-profit telephone suicide, crisis intervention line, 905-877-1211, operated by trained volunteers since 1973. People call the Distress Centre for a number of reasons including: loneliness, unemployment worries, health issues, school problems, bereavement, marital breakdown, mental illness, drug/alcohol abuse, depression, financial problems, physical/sexual abuse or suicidal feelings

Its mission it to provide a free, anon-

ymous, confidential, listening, befriending, crisis intervention and prevention telephone service to the community of North Halton and the surrounding area. It's motto: "We are here to listen"

All services provided by the Distress Centre North Halton are free, non-judgmental, confidential, and supportive in nature.

Volunteers include Crisis Line volunteers who provide support, crisis intervention, information and referrals to callers on its 24-hour crisis lines, fundraising volunteers who work on planning, sponsorships, marketing and execution of fundraising events and a Board of Directors who provide governance, strategy and policy guidance to Distress Centre.

Info: www.distresscentrenorthalton.ca



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The real power of volunteering is that it is something that anyone can do – no matter what age they may be, where they come from or how much they earn. Volunteering is a wonderful opportunity that is open to everyone. And thanks to the tireless work done by the many volunteers right here in Halton Hills, our community is a more desirable and engaging place to live for all of us.

National Volunteer Week is a chance to thank volunteers for all they do for us and to recognize and celebrate their incredible efforts. Town of Halton Hills Council and staff are deeply grateful to the volunteers in our community who continue to give of their time and of themselves. Join us in thanking each and everyone one of them!

Rick Bonnette
Mayor Rick Bonnette



www.haltonhills.ca/volunteer