

Activities in April

On the heels of Friday's successful Stop Racism event at White Oaks Secondary School, the Halton Multicultural Council (HMC) has a number of fundraising and awareness activities scheduled for April.

The HMC Potluck Lunch will take place Friday from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the agency's Oakville office located at 635 Fourth Line, Unit 48.

Featured will be delicious dishes from the diverse cultures within the Halton community. The first Friday of every month, Language Instruction for Newcomers of Canada (LINC) students bring traditional homemade dishes to share.

Guests enjoy a fine meal and also have the opportunity to meet students, language teachers and settlement workers.

For more information, or to participate, call Lynn or Rhoda at (905) 842-2486.

The HMC's 25th Anniversary Fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction will take place April 29 at Carmen's at the Oakville Conference and Banquet Centre, 2515 Wycroft Rd.

The semi-formal evening, which begins at 6 p.m., will include a cash bar, awards ceremony and entertainment. Call the above number for more information.

The HMC also hosts English classes for eligible newcomers.

Classes are held mornings, Monday to Friday, and evenings, Monday through Wednesday, at the Oakville office and St. Simon's Church, 1450 Litchfield Rd. Contact Lynn or Mira at the above number or the Assessment Centre at (905) 875-3851.

Those who are eligible include newcomers who are 17 years of age or older, a landed immigrant, a Convention refugee or those allowed to remain in Canada with government intent to grant permanent resident status.

Skills help land jobs

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"She's become so confident speaking in front of groups," said Ms Matthews.

A language instructor from Turkey volunteered with the HMC to help newcomers and while doing that, became a settlement worker through a local church program. This led to a job with the Halton Catholic District School Board teaching ESL.

Four HMC clients are now staff members, a fact that's particularly important given the agency's emphasis on peer-to-peer support.

Many clients, of course, use their newfound skills to land jobs, like the Korean woman who took eight months of LINC classes and is now working a front desk position at Pearson Airport.

Given such successes — which far outweigh frustrations like securing funding — working for the HMC is very rewarding, said Ms Matthews.

"It's an awesome job I love," she said.

The HMC was founded in 1979 by volunteers from a number of cultural groups to address increasing demands for multilingual services within Halton. This mandate soon expanded to include cross-cultural awareness efforts for the community at large and eventually settlement services.

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Wellness Fair at mall this Saturday

The 15th annual Milton District Hospital Passport to Wellness Fair will give residents an opportunity to learn more about their community and hospital.

The event will take place Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Milton Mall.

The Wellness Fair will feature displays by more than 50 hospital departments and community health organizations, with program demonstrations and involvement opportunities.

And this year, the Canadian Mental Health Association will host the Mental Health Awareness Showcase as part of the event.

"There will be information for people of

all ages," said Cindy Popp, Milton District Hospital's health promotion co-ordinator.

Participants will be able to learn about healthy eating, learn how to detect breast

lumps, determine their blood types, view CPR demonstrations and check into career

opportunities at the hospital, among other highlights, said Ms Popp.

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