

# Newcomers invited to share their stories

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We asked some of our newest neighbours — and we're throwing the questions out again.

How do you like us so far?

What drew you to Whitchurch-Stouffville?

Housing prices? Your new hood? Our shops of the downtown core or the likes of Walmart and Tim Hortons on the periphery? A place of worship or learning?

Tracey Hardie and her family moved to Stouffville in 2009.

Instead of a developer's new townhouse or bungalow on the outskirts, they moved into one of the community's most storied streets, tree-lined O'Brien Avenue in the downtown core.

They have embraced Stouffville and been embraced back, by its people and history.

You can read their story — in Tracey's words — on page 6 in today's Sun-Tribune.

Her guest column launches our New Voices series.

Anand Date is also a newcomer, sort of.

He grew up near Goodwood, in neighbouring Uxbridge Township, and played youth sports in Stouffville.

"... proud member of the Stouffville Clippers team that won (a championship at the Quebec International Pee Wee tournament in 1986," he said. "The banner is hanging in the old arena."

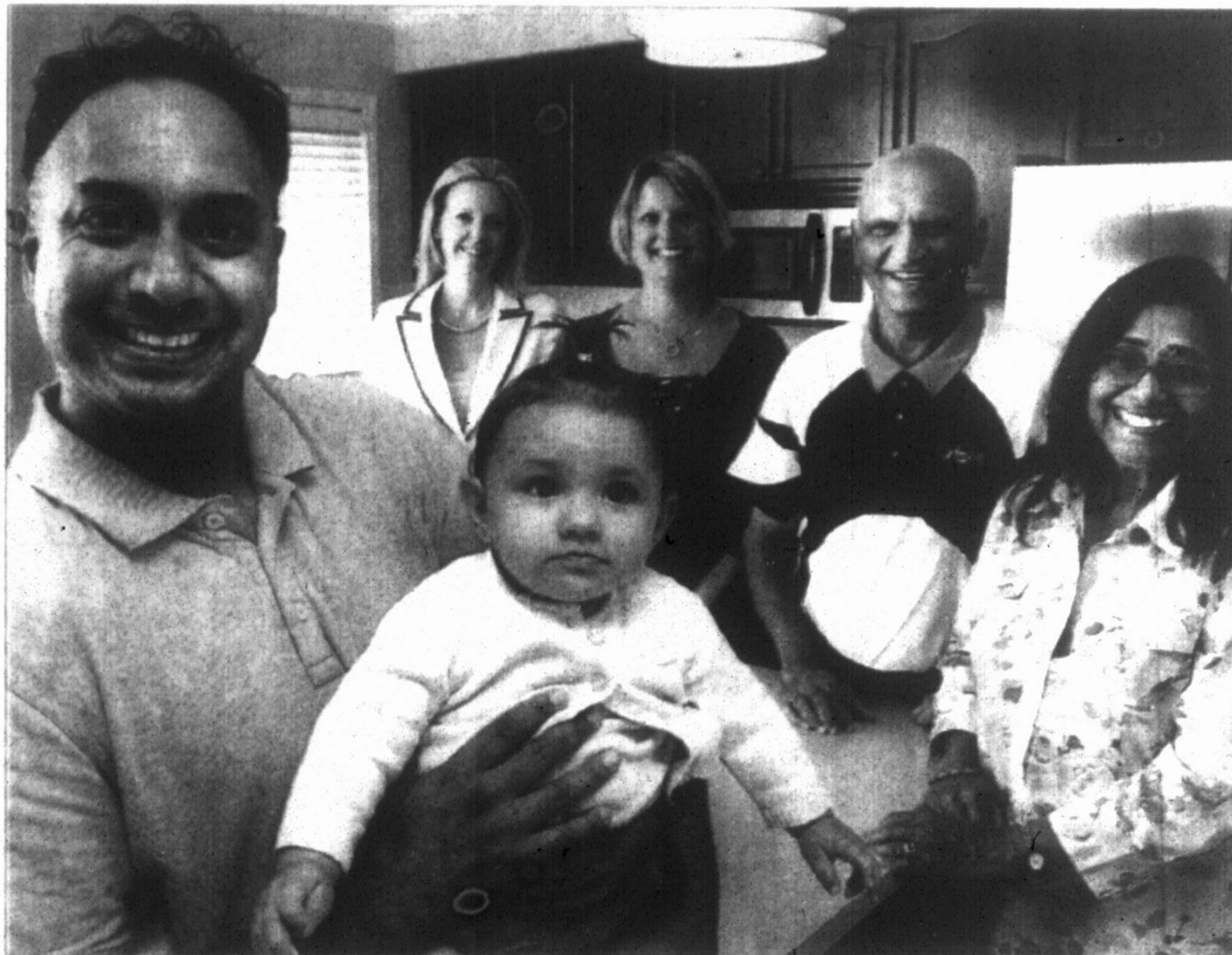
He moved, with his company, to a new home in south Stouffville.

You'll hear more from Anand and read about his thoughts on his new/old hometown later this fall.

How about you, newcomer?

Care to share your story and thoughts on Stouffville?

Send me an e-mail to [jmason@yrmg.com](mailto:jmason@yrmg.com)



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Stouffville resident Anand Date with his daughter Alexi, parents Vishvas and Swati Date and staff of his home-based business, Susanne Lynch and Sarah Watson. Anand will be writing in our New Voices series this fall.

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## Great Blue Heron Charity Casino Union Employees Ratify Fair and Equitable Agreement

**PORT PERRY, Sept. 6, 2011** – The Great Blue Heron Charity Casino is pleased to announce that union members employed at the casino voted on Friday, Sept. 2 in favour of a new collective agreement. The agreement will help further improve the local economy and brings the ability to add additional full time employment opportunities to the region.

"The ratification of this agreement is a victory for our employees, customers and the local community," says Arnold Block, CEO and General Manager. "It offers casino staff greater economic benefits, it will be an impetus for future economic growth in the region and allows the casino to continue to grow and fulfill its mandate to provide charitable donations to those in need."

The 37-month agreement was ratified by a significant majority of the casino's unionized employees, with 75 per cent voting in favour. CAW local 1090 represents approximately 790 workers at the Great Blue Heron.

"Casino management is grateful to all staff, union and non-union alike, who conducted themselves in a highly professional manner during the negotiations," said Block. "They demonstrated calm and patience throughout and respected the ideas and concerns of others that may have differed from their own."

A cooperation between the Mississauga's of Scugog Island First Nation, Casinos Austria International and the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG), the Great Blue Heron Charity Casino is a top-tier gaming entertainment facility. Casinos Austria International is a world renowned casino operator that, with its partners, operates 61 gaming and entertainment venues in 18 countries. The OLG is a provincial agency responsible for province-wide lottery games and gaming facilities.

The Great Blue Heron Charity Casino provides the Mississauga's of Scugog Island First Nation with a sense of pride and a means to promote economic development. It is also a significant economic contributor to the Durham Region and Scugog Township. Further, the casino supports many individuals and organizations that rely upon the Baagwating Community Association, the charitable arm of the casino, for financial assistance, growth and sustainability.



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