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Newcomer Champion Awards Present Community Leaders

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The Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration today presented the Newcomer Champion Awards to recognize individuals and groups in Ontario who make a difference by encouraging newcomers, and working for the continued increased of inclusion in our province.

Here are the 2011 Newcomer Champion Award recipients:

Community Leaders:

Mei Huei Grace Chen of Cambridge, community health worker for immigrant and low-income families

Julie Ling Ma of Hamilton, senior student, Hamilton Youth Advisory Council issues

Paul Nguyen of Toronto, community leader in the Jane and Finch area at Finch.com

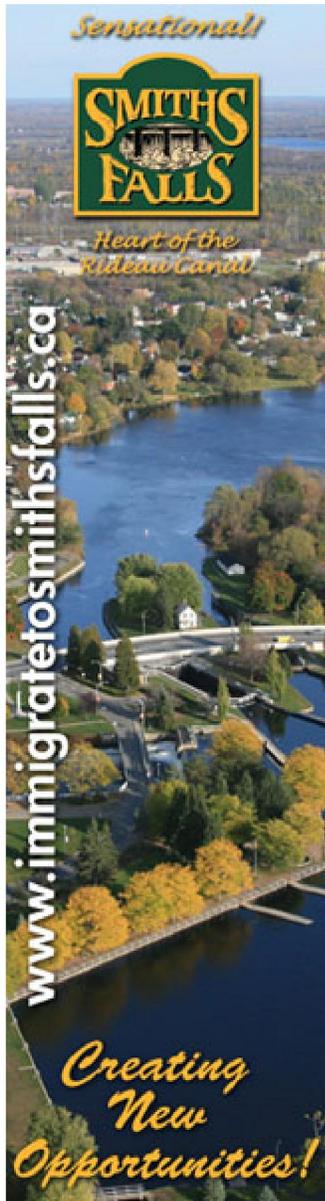
Mitra Salarvand of Guelph, co-founder of the Iranian Canadian Community between diverse communities

Karen Thorpe of Toronto, community worker coordinating the Women and Children's Centre

Newcomer Champions:

Changer ma communauté of Ottawa, group integrating newcomer students into the Franco-Ontarian education system

Helping With Furniture of Ottawa, volunteer-run organization collecting and distributing furniture to refugee claimant families



Parkdale Community Legal Services of Toronto, community-based legal status in Canada

ChangeTheWorld Youth Ambassadors:

Jocelyn Bovay of Belleville, who organized her peers to participate in the helping causes such as food banks and cancer research

Kelly Ann Lovell of Kitchener, who helped the Kitchener-Waterloo Volunteer school volunteer competition, for the 2011 ChangeTheWorld campaign

Saquib Mian of Mississauga, who engaged more than 100 youth to volunteer ChangeTheWorld campaign

Znak Ovenden of Welland, who helped organize Welland Spring Clean-up the 2011 ChangeTheWorld campaign

Michelle Vecchione of Thunder Bay, who helped organize fundraising events Summer Camps during the 2010 ChangeTheWorld campaign

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