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Celebrating Ontario's Newcomer Champions



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McGuinty Government Honours Outstanding Community Leaders

Thirteen outstanding community leaders and organizations are being recognized with Ontario's 2011 Newcomer Champion Awards.

These leaders will be recognized for their community-building contributions - such as supporting the settlement and integration of newcomers, and promoting Ontario's many diverse cultures in their communities.

This year's recipients include:

- A community health worker who helps immigrants and refugees gain equal and affordable access to social and public health services in the Waterloo Region;
- An Ottawa-based organization that delivers the basics to furnish homes for refugee families in need; and
- A grade 12 student from Belleville who brought her peers together to participate in the *ChangeTheWorld: Ontario Youth Volunteer Challenge* by organizing a community clean up and car wash in support of cancer research, and a collection for local food banks.

The awards will be presented on Monday, June 27 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Andrew's Club & Conference Centre, in honour of Canadian Multiculturalism Day.

QUICK FACTS

- Created in 2007, the Newcomer Champion Awards were inspired by the contributions of three Ontario visionaries: Daniel Iannuzzi, Jean Lumb and Mary Ann Shadd.
- This year's Newcomer Champion Awards have been expanded to three categories - Community Leader, Newcomer Champion, and ChangeTheWorld Youth Ambassador.
- In 2010, 11,328 Ontario youth volunteered 41,683 hours benefiting 281 not-for-profits.
- More than 2,000 newcomers arrive to Ontario every week.
- Canadian Multiculturalism Day is celebrated each year on June 27.

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"The champions being recognized are committed to promoting Ontario's diversity through their active citizenship and engagement with their community. They are committed to helping newcomers and promoting diversity - one of our province's greatest strengths. I'm proud to recognize the difference they make in their communities across the province."

– Dr. Eric Hoskins
Minister of Citizenship and Immigration

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