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CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CELEBRATION HAS ITS HIGHEST ATTENDANCE EVER

The Children's Holiday Celebration has been a QUIS tradition for 20 years now and this year's party brought a record number of families. There were 78 children attending the party on Friday, December 7th.

The night began with Christmas crafts organized by Shelly Kirby, a QUIS volunteer. The kids were able to make their own birdfeeder, decorate a paper Christmas tree and build a wooden star. There were also cupcakes to decorate for the kids supplied by Quinte Secondary School.

Pizza was served for dinner with lots of delicious holiday treats brought by the many guests to the party. The pizza came from Pizza



Hut and beverages from Reid's Dairy. Snacks were generously donated by Hawkin's Cheezies.

Santa Claus arrived after dinner and handed out presents to all of the girls and boys. "I can't believe all of you children have been so

nice this year," said Santa.

He gave his special thanks to all his elves and the United Way who helped him "make" some of the gifts.

We hope that Happy Holidays were had by all of our clients, volunteers and supporters!

A GREAT CANADIAN EXPERIENCE: WINTER ACTIVITY DAY

On Sunday, February 10, 2008 at 12:45 p.m. come and join us for a "Great Canadian Experience".

QUIS will be joining a fun day at the Frink Centre with winter activities including a nature hike, snow shoeing and a winter cookout. It

will be fun for the whole family.

"It's undeniable that winter is a new experience for many newcomers to Canada, but there's more to snow and winter than cold and shoveling driveways," says Mark Bull, Host Pro-

gram Coordinator. "I want newcomers to see that there's a fun side to winter!"

If you would like to come, call us at 613-968-7723 for a registration form and return it to the QUIS office.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Newcomer Employment Resource Centre Success*
- *Specialist Volunteer positions now available*
- *A visit to Belleville's Drinking Water Treatment Plant*
- *Homework Club is growing in popularity*
- *QUIS celebrates its 20th Annual General Meeting*
- *Language Interpreter applications are now being accepted*

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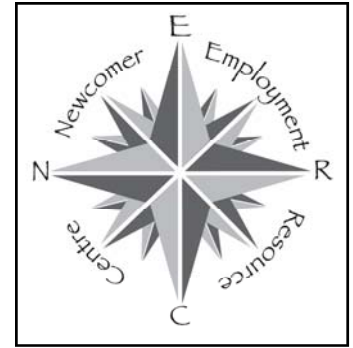
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The Newcomer Employment Resource Centre assists immigrants and refugees who are unemployed, out of school and legally allowed to work in Canada find jobs.

FROM AUGUST 2006 TO DECEMBER 2007: CLIENTS OF THE NEWCOMER EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE CENTRE ARE NOW EMPLOYED AS...

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| Translator | Cleaners |
| Servers | Customer Service Rep |
| Sales Associates | Machine Operator |
| Technical Technician | Room Attendant |
| General Labourers | Veterinarian |
| Mechanical Engineer | Warehouse Person |
| Customer Care Agents | Live-in Caregiver |
| Electrical Engineer | Laboratory Clerk |
| Quality Inspector | Emergency Supply Teacher |
| Cashiers | Early Childhood |
| Quality Control Chemist | Educator |
| Nursing Aid/PSW | Store Manager |
| Stock Person | Before and After School |
| Office Manager | Provider |



- Material Handler
- Home Renovation
- Contractor

DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL SKILL THAT COULD BE VALUABLE TO A NEWCOMER TO CANADA AND WOULD LIKE TO SHARE IT?

SPECIALIST VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT QUIS

There are new volunteer positions becoming available soon at QUIS. Volunteers familiar with Canadian ways help newcomers to Canada learn about available services and how to use them by being matched with one or two newcomers through QUIS' Host Program.

The work of these volunteers is not demanding, however

can involve a commitment of six months or more.

For those who are looking for a shorter term position, we now have an option for you. We require volunteers who are skilled in one aspect of Canadian life to share it with newcomers who would like to acquire that skill. This can include riding public transit, going to the bank, grocery

shopping, getting a library card, finding a daycare, or locating health services.

If you are especially skilled in one of these areas and would be able to teach it to a newcomer, this may be the perfect opportunity for you. The commitment could be as little as one afternoon per month. For more details, please contact 613-968-7723 .



The drinking water in the City of Belleville is perfectly safe to drink.

DRINKING WATER INFORMATION SESSION

A drinking water information session was held during the afternoon of Thursday, November 8th at the City of Belleville's Gerry O'Connell Water Treatment Plant at 2 Sidney Street.

Water Treatment Superintendent Bob McKeown gave a tour of the facility and explained how the water treatment process works to 12

newcomers to Canada.

McKeown explained that the drinking water in the City of Belleville is perfectly safe to drink.

The Water Treatment Plant has two large water intake pipes that reach out into the Bay of Quinte, which is the source of Belleville's water. From there, a coarse screen

removes all the debris from the water, then the remaining dirt and bacteria is actually floated out of the water. It's then filtered and chlorine is added to ensure disinfection and it's ready to be sent throughout Belleville.

Thanks to Bob McKeown and the Gerry O'Connor water Treatment Plant.

STUDENTS GETTING READY FOR EXAMS

Melanie Jordan

Belleville—Albert College's newest community outreach programme is a partnership with Quinte United Immigrant Services. This endeavor, the "Homework Club", sees Albert students partnering with young people new to Canada, to assist with basic English and mathematical skills in an effort to ease the transition to our region.

The "Homework Club" is currently assisting approxi-

mately 15 students from age 4 to 16. This is the only such service in the local community and a welcome addition for families just settling in.

Homework Club organizer, Nikki Samaroo says, "I have never been completely committed to a program like this before. I realized by taking part in Homework Club that I am impacting the lives and futures of other students, which is very rewarding. I am

proud to dedicate my time to improve the education of other children in my community."

Parents, who may be learning English themselves, can have a difficult time assisting their kids with homework and turn to the Homework Club for help. With exam time fast approaching, if you or your children need a little extra help, contact Mark at 613-968-7723 ext. 22.



The Homework Club runs each Tuesday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Albert College.

20TH QUIS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD

QUIS held its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, October 24 at 6 p.m. It was a special meeting for our organization because it was our 20th AGM.

The evening began with an international buffet contributed by some of our clients to help us celebrate this special occasion. The buffet featured dishes from China, Philip-

ines, Jamaica, Brazil, Vietnam, Lebanon, Mexico, Cuba, and Tibet, and was enjoyed by all our guests.

Also, at the meeting Orlando Ferro, Executive Director, presented a slideshow of events and highlights from the past 20 years. The presentation was prepared by Trusha Gordon, a placement student with QUIS.

This milestone and international buffet will definitely be added as a highlight to our next reflection of Quinte United Immigrant Services.

Four new directors were nominated and have been added to the board. Welcome to Ke Ye, Jeremy Ashley, Jennifer Sommer and Svetlana Dylevskaya.



THE BUFFET FEATURED DISHES FROM CHINA, PHILIPPINES, JAMAICA, BRAZIL, VIETNAM, LEBANON, MEXICO, CUBA, AND TIBET.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A LANGUAGE INTERPRETER?

Central Eastern Ontario Translation and Interpretation Services at QUIS is accepting applications for interpreters.

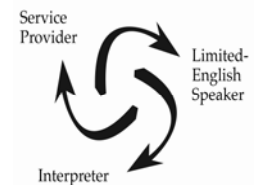
Interpreters are contracted by QUIS to transmit the message as faithfully as possible between a limited English speaker and a third party. They maintain professionalism in challenging situations, are impartial and must re-

spect confidentiality. Interpreters are generally used for face to face or telephone interpretation, but can also be used for message relays and sight translation.

To become an interpreter, one must first pass a language proficiency test and then participate in a training course on how to be an interpreter.

There is no course scheduled to date, but one will be arranged once the number of potential interpreters has been determined.

If you speak a second language and have an interest in helping others, while earning some additional income, please contact us. For an application, call Jocelyn Boates at 613-968-7723 ext. 25.



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SERVING THE QUINTE AREA
FOR OVER 20 YEARS!

OUR MISSION

Quinte United Immigrant Services will guide those newcomers isolated by culture and language in the Quinte area through the process of settlement and adjustment, encourage the community to respect the diversity of immigrants by promoting recognition of the value of racial and cultural differences, and facilitate the integration and participation of newcomers into the social, economic and cultural life of the community.

OBJECTIVES

- ♦ To operate as a charitable organization to prevent and relieve the distress experienced by immigrants settling in Canada
- ♦ To assist immigrants in locating affordable housing, furnishing and other related items
- ♦ To locate agencies and services to meet the needs of immigrants
- ♦ To cooperate and collaborate with and assist other organizations concerned with the general welfare of immigrants to Canada

SERVICE DESCRIPTION

Quinte United Immigrant Services currently offers direct, essential services to newcomers to Canada including reception, orientation, translation/interpretation, referral to community resources, solution focused counseling, general information, employment-related services to meet the needs of newly arrived immigrants any time after their arrival in Canada.

BEHIND THE SCENES LOOK: "OUR HOME IS YOUR HOME" PARADE FLOAT



Canada

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Quinte United Immigrant Services is funded by the Government of Canada, the Government of Ontario, and the United Way of Quinte

Thanks to our partners Amnesty International and the Interfaith Refugee Sponsorship Committee, as well as those who volunteered their time and efforts in making this float a success!