

Н 2022-23 Leaders from the Margins into the Limelight



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Farewell to our Board Members

Gurpreet Jassal

2014 - 2023 (Advisory role -2024)



As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands – one for helping yourself, the other for helping others. -Audrey Hepburn **??**

Lynne Hall

2014 - 2023 End of Term. (A key role on the Finance Committee)



It has been my pleasure to serve on the Board of DBNC for the last nine years. I'm looking forward to seeing DBNC continue to grow and empower the members of our community.

Gautam Kumra

2014 - 2023 End of Term (Former Board Chair)

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Ubuntu: Xhosa expression for "I am because we are." This expression describes human connectedness. For our organization, it ties to our neighbourhood community.



There is never time in the future for a comfortable relationship with power. The challenge is in the moment; the time is always now. Intentional spaces for voice, and spaces for growth, created in all encounters, and in all relationships, bring the relationship challenge of power into the now.

> -Echoing the **bold** voices of Arundathi Roy and James Baldwin

Priyanka's reflections are on the power of community, of communication, and of collaboration.

Building new relationships and challenging the status quo, so that DBNC moves ahead creating spaces for a community that is always evolving.

DBNC'S Executive Director

Who We Are



Mission

To enhance quality of life with impactful services and engaging programs that build stronger and progressive communities.

Vision

To build a stronger, progressive community.

DEI Statement

We uphold and advance principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion across the organization. Every individual who engages with DBNC should feel that their diverse perspectives, experiences, and cultures are valued. We create safe spaces and opportunities for all to voice their thoughts respectfully, to learn, and develop a deeper understanding of one another.





DBNC's mission is to build stronger, progressive communities.

Since 1988, we have been providing free and accessible programming for newcomers, families, youth, older adults, children, and job seekers. All our services are responsive to community needs and informed by our service users directly.

With almost 200 staff members and volunteers, we have 18 locations and offer services in 22 languages.

"Vision with acion can erange ine

— J. A. Baker

Highlighting DBNC Staff

Operations Manager, Administration and Information Technology

Gary Gu

It was a hard decision to leave the U.S. but what motivated me was when I heard good things about Canada. Plus, I spoke French. So, in 2008, I drove to Canada, our future home, with my family. DBNC has always been there for me in my journey

My friend in Mississauga told me about DBNC. My first interaction was with a Settlement Worker who gave me information on how to settle in Canada. I also happened to speak with a staff member from the Employment department. Soon my 1 year old son started going to the EarlyON at DBNC.

In 2011, when I decided to apply for citizenship, DBNC supported me again with my paperwork. Back then, there were workshops organized by DBNC on how to apply for citizenship, which I attended. DBNC has always been there for me in my journey. I always make it a point to recommend the agency to my newcomer friends and family. For the past decade, I have been working in the not-for-profit sector in various roles. One day, I saw DBNC was looking for an Operations Manager. I applied for it and the rest is history!

Wendy Mullinder

Seniors Program Coordinator

I have been with DBNC for a really long time. I often reminisce about my beginnings, when there were only 5 staff. I am amazed at our growth and diversity, as well as about the work we do for the community. I am proud to be a part of that. I am amazed at our growth and diversity, as well as about the work we do in the community!

I am a grandmother to 4 grandchildren. I find the role to be gratifying, complicated, and sometimes worrying. Most of my clients are grandparents as well and it is another way to connect with them! I had 2 little boys at home when I returned to Canada after 13 years in New Zealand. There was an ad for a part-time position with DBNC and I applied. The role was to hold workshops for women in the community and with my experience in NZ, I knew I could do the job. That job eventually ended and I began working with seniors. I didn't plan it - it was something lucky I fell into and the part time hours really suited me as I had young children at home.

Currently, I am coordinating the Seniors program as part of the Community Health team, which I love because I receive so much support from my colleagues and also because I am able to collaborate with funders and community organizations to support older adults.

Henok Abay

Settlement Counsellor

I am originally from Eritrea. In 2016, I moved to Canada as a refugee and received my PR. I will be a Canadian citizen soon. I studied Journalism, as I wanted to pursue it as a career. However, I started teaching instead, which I did for 2 years.

I realized how challenging it is for a newcomer to settle into a new country.

Before moving to Canada, I lived in Sweden for almost 5 years. That's when I realized how challenging it is for a newcomer to settle into a new country. I struggled to work towards being part of the Swedish population. I had to learn the language, find different ways to land a job, etc. Finally, I got a chance to volunteer at a settlement agency (similar to DBNC). I loved helping newcomers navigate their settlement into the country. To see the difference that my work did to help them, inspired me to work harder in my role.

When I moved to Canada, I pursued my Social Work education. When I saw a Settlement Counsellor job posting at DBNC, I immediately applied for it. Fortunately I got the job and now here I am!

Folashade Okomayin

Housing Support Worker



As a newcomer, there were many challenges I faced.

My name is Folashade, or Fola, and I am from Nigeria. I am married with 4 children. My background is in Journalism, but I also use this education as a tool to do my advocacy work for women and girls.

After I moved to Canada, I studied Social Service Work at Sheridan College. My first job was at the Salvation Army as a Residential Program Facilitator, and then I became a Case Worker. Eventually, I began working in housing, which soon brought me to DBNC.

What pushed me to work in housing were the situations that I saw in the shelters. As a newcomer, there were many challenges that I myself faced. Everyone deserves shelter. Everyone. What encouraged me to keep going with my work was the joy that I saw on people's faces when they got housing.

As I am the only Housing Worker at DBNC, it is a major responsibility. I have worked hard to get DBNC on the Peel Alliance to end Homelessness and Canada Alliance to end Homelessness. I will continue to work hard to get DBNC's name out there!

Jaanaki Jeyaraam

Tamil Settlement Counsellor

Small things are what make the difference!

I came to Canada in 1996 with my two sons, and found out I was pregnant with a baby girl as soon as I landed. I lived with my uncle for almost 2 years, until I moved out into an apartment.

I was on Ontario Works Social Assistance and the staff there suggested I start volunteering. The mothers in the community told me about DBNC, where I eventually met Param (Settlement Counsellor) who suggested I volunteer at the agency. I got a part-time role in 2002 and in 2004, I became a full-time employee. DBNC offered me my first job in Canada. My passion for helping newcomers keeps me going. I strongly believe in embracing my culture and speaking to clients, from the same cultural background, in my language.

Though it has been more than 27 years since I came to Canada, for the first 4 years I supported my children by myself. It took so much determination to establish myself as an independent person. That's why I like to share my story. Clients always tell me how motivated they felt after speaking with me. Small things are what make the difference!

Jonathon Mitchell

Youth Service Manager

As I am getting

older, I am realizing

helping people is

my passion

I'm the oldest of 3 siblings. My mom was a young mother and had 3 children by the age of 24. Though I did not have a father per se, I had a lot of support from my grandparents, who were intertwined in my life journey on a high level.

Growing up, my mom always told me I had the traits and beliefs of someone who belonged to social services. As I am getting older, I am realizing that helping people is my passion. I got my first job as a team leader in the City of Mississauga at the Malton Community Center. My manager encouraged me to go to school and I took her advice. I studied recreation and leisure services and that was when my connection to DBNC started.

I did two placements at DBNC. I enjoyed my role here and was learning so much that I left my job and started working full-time here. The opportunity to work alongside Lindel (Settlement Program Manager) was not something that I wanted to miss out on. He was, and still is, a mentor to me.

Alaa Sharaf

Community Health Case Manager

I'm a mother of 3 children. I started working at DBNC 2 years ago in 2021, during the height of COVID-19. It was an opportunity for me to help the community. My work was something that I was passionate about and liked doing. It gives me immense happiness to be part of DBNC and walk with clients in their settlement journey

My family planned to move to Canada for a long time. After I finished my education here, my father decided to migrate back to Saudi Arabia. At a later point, I came back to Canada with my husband and children.

I always wanted to be a teacher or work in client-facing roles. I was a teacher for almost 6 years and now I have a chance to work with clients. It hurts to see how much clients struggle due to language barriers. I understand how this feels, because when I moved here, my family did not get much support. But now I feel newcomers are lucky to have services, like the ones offered at DBNC, in languages that they are comfortable speaking. It gives me immense happiness to be part of DBNC and walk with clients in their settlement journey.

Richard Laurente

Youth Outreach Worker

I was born and raised in Toronto. I am very big on family and friends and I love hanging out with my loved ones. I am also a new father and enjoy spending every moment with my wife and son. In this field, you really have to be a good listener and be empathetic

I love being a part of an organization that has helped so many people, especially youth. In my role, I am good at being there for people, being the voice of reason, and being a good listener. In this field you really have to be a good listener and be empathetic.

I started as a contract Youth Job Specialist at DBNC in 2016. In 2018, I joined the Youth department, where I am currently working as the Youth Outreach Worker. I provide one-onone service and also connect with youth in schools. I am currently running an employment program, "Youth On The Rise", which will give youth more opportunities to find who they are as people and to also find meaningful employment. I am excited to help youth unlock their potential.

Yulija Holinata

Settlement Worker in Hotels

I advocate for my clients. I know what it is like to be a

newcomer

Our family moved to Canada last year, because we saw it as a land of opportunities. It wasn't easy with 2 kids. We had to figure out a lot of things. We had friends who offered us a place to stay and luckily my husband found a job quickly.

We found a huge Ukrainian community to support us. I heard of LINC classes, where they provide you with day care, so I reached out to a DBNC Ukrainian Counsellor and registered. I also actively applied for Ukrainian and Spanish jobs and eventually found a contract job as an Ukrainian Settlement Worker in Hotels at DBNC! I then took on the role of Spanish Counsellor, which is another great community I serve.

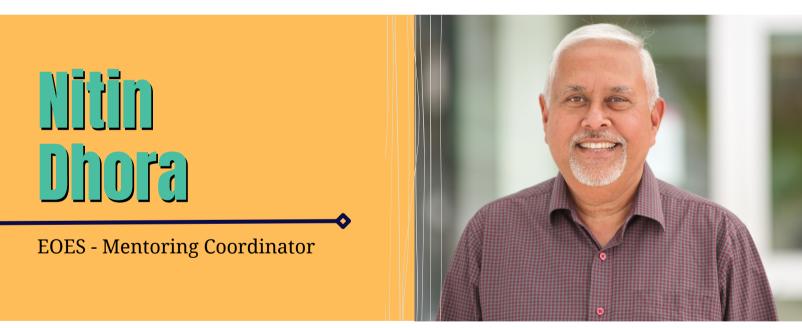
I help clients fill out forms and I refer them to different supports. I advocate for my clients and speak on their behalf. I know how it feels to be a newcomer, so I can relate to them. I work to support and guide them as best as I can.



Program Assistant Commissioner for Taking Affidavits

I am a mom from Columbia and I have been with DBNC for 17 years. I started as a volunteer before getting employed. DBNC was a small place back then. As a new refugee, I did not know much about Canada, except that it is very cold here!

Today I have all the support I need from DBNC. Currently I work in admin for the LINC department. I have enjoyed learning from my team and I have had amazing colleagues during my time at the agency.



I moved to Canada in 2004, where I rented an apartment right on Dixie and Bloor. That's when I learned about DBNC and decided to attend their Job Search Workshop. I saw a job posting for a Mentoring Program Facilitator and a Mentoring Program Coordinator at DBNC. My Counsellor, Linda, encouraged me to apply for it suggesting it was a perfect fit for me. I am so glad I did because I got the job!

Helping newcomers is very rewarding. I was amazed by how volunteer mentors invested their time and effort to help me in my early days. They inspired me to give back to the community.

Najwa Basyouni

LINC Instructor



I moved to Canada in 1996 with my newborn. Currently, I am a Level 5 LINC instructor at DBNC where I enjoy connecting with newcomers. I can describe my experience with DBNC as upward, learning, and evolving.

It hasn't been a simple journey. I started with DBNC as a volunteer teacher in 2009. I worked with visually impaired students from Pakistan, where I spent 5 hours a day siting beside the teacher, treating it as a full time job. I believe in teaching in a fun way. Sometimes we watch short clips, listen to music, dance, and exercise. You should have the passion in everything that you do!



I came to Canada in 2000 as a government-assisted refugee with my son. DBNC advised me to continue my education, so I went back to school and received my Honours Diploma.

In 2003, I began volunteering at DBNC's Settlement program and realized my passion for helping newcomers, the same way I was helped. I enjoy what I'm doing and though I'm not frontline, working behind the scenes gives me satisfaction that I'm helping the community.

Highlighting DBNC Clients

Mrunmayi has a 3-year-old daughter and works as an IT engineer. When Murnmayi moved to Canada two years ago, she heard about DBNC's EarlyON program from friends. Upon trying out the service, Mrunmayi was amazed by the facilitators and how great they were with her and her daughter. Not only was she happy, but so was her daughter who became very comfortable with the staff. Mrunmayi can't stop saying nice things about DBNC and continues to tell other parents about EarlyON.

Mrunmayi Inamdar

EarlyON Client

EarlyON always welcomes my daughter with gentle and warm gestures



Malik is a former ASL teacher, former Head of Education, and former Professor of Comparative Linguistics, before coming to Canada in January 2022. After learning about DBNC from friends, Malik came to the centre and was impressed by the welcome and care that he was given by the staff. With a passion for teaching, Malik quickly became a volunteer and then eventually got his degree. Now Malik is a full supply teacher and loves the area so much that he can't even think of moving.

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Malik Sharaf

Settlement Client

I was welcomed at DBNC and received assistance in various aspects of my immigration



Gaith has a degree in food science. He came to Canada in 2018 and upon arriving, visited DBNC where he saw a poster for our Food Handling program. Interested, Gaith reached out and signed up right away. After completing the course, Gaith found a position with a food company. Currently, he works for a different company in an even higher position and even better pay. Gaith was very impressed with DBNC and has since made use of other services, like the Tax Clinic.

Mohamed Gaith Aljaban

Employment Client

DBNC offers a lot of services. I referred many of my friends!



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Ding, a retired Engineer, visited DBNC four years ago after being introduced by friends. Ding really enjoys the activities run by the Community Health team such as table tennis and going to the park. Outside of the fun activities, Ding is really appreciative of the LINC program and recently completed another level. Currently, Ding is enjoying the knitting group and is working on a scarf that she will donate.

Ding Yuncheng

Community Health and Seniors Client

DBNC gave me a lot of help, through the Community Health team



Joan is a senior who has been coming to DBNC for over five years. Some thing that she loves about DBNC is how many programs there are for herself, and for others in her apartment building. She finds that it is very important to stay active and is grateful that DBNC provides that in the form games and activities, such as Bingo and word games. Joan is also very happy with the new knitting group that has recently launched.

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Joan Mastrangelo

Seniors Client

I was welcomed to the weekly Seniors circle and since then I've been a fan!



Ulan, has been a regular at DBNC, since he and his family moved here 10 years ago. Although Ulan has made use of our other services, like our Employment program and LINC classes, it wasn't until three months ago that he heard about EarlyON. He quickly made use of this tip and was blown away. Ulan is very comfortable with leaving his daughter with the EarlyON team and can't stop telling people about DBNC.

Ulan Salamatov

EarlyON Client

EarlyON really helped our daughter with her social skills and confidence



Alpa, owner of a small catering business in India, realized that she needed a Food Handling certificate if she wanted to start her catering business in Canada. After hearing from her friend that DBNC could help her get what she needed, Alpa immediately signed up and quickly got her certification. Alpa described her experience with the course as "too good" and was very impressed by the program and the staff.

Alpa Parekh

Employment Client

My experience with DBNC was good. Too good!



to see the full testimonial



Community Health Client

I wish we had more [mental health] programs like these.

Salma, who has been in Canada for the past 18 years, learned about DBNC from a flyer. Currently, she is making use of our Employment and Mental Health services. Salma, likes our programs so much that she referred her son. The only thing that Salma would like, is for there to be more similar programs to what we offer.



Farida, who currently works at the front desk of a retirement home, is really grateful to DBNC and the Employment program. After meeting a staff member at a job fair, Florida got into contact with Mujib. Mujib helped her with her resume and even helped her prepare for interviews. Farida was so happy with our services that she referred two friends to DBNC.

Employment Client

I referred a couple of my friends because **DBNC has an amazing** team and a very good **Employment centre**



to hear the full testimonial



Community Health and Seniors Client

I made a lot of new friends and I practiced my English. I referred my senior friends to the knitting club. Lanhua, who has been in Mississauga for 7 years, started participating in DBNC programs in 2019. Lanhua currently attends our Seniors program and has really enjoyed making new friends and learning English. Because of her positive experience, Lanhua referred her friends who have also started taking part in the Seniors program.



Jianan, who has been using our services for over 10 years, learned about DBNC from a friend. He has since used our Community Health services and our Seniors program. When asked if he referred to his friends, he responded with a smile and said that all of his friends were already here at DBNC.



Community Health Client

66 I learned about DBNC from my friends. One of my friends volunteers here.



to hear the full testimonial

Xueshi Chen

Settlement Client

Xueshi who has been in Canada for about 10 years, learned about DBNC from a work colleague. He reached out and started with LINC at High Point Mall. More recently DBNC helped him with the paperwork needed to collect old age pension and communicate with a government worker. Xueshi has also gotten help with housing and help from Community Health. Xueshi tells his friends about DBNC whenever he can.

I'm really thankful for the help I received from DBNC!



"Great leaders don't set out to be great eaders. They set out to make a difference."



DBNC Report 2022-23

DBNC Growth J (OUR) HEY

Free supports for newcomers of all ages to engage in all aspects of life in Canada; understand their rights & responsibilities; develop knowledge of the Canadian Education system; and facilitate a smooth transition through their settlement journey.

10335 Clients

SWIS

Settlement

Workers in School

1631

New

Clients

Orientation-

Settlement

Information and referrals for families and youth, immediately after	b tho

Information and referrals for families and youth, immediately after their initial registration in the school, to support their settlement in Canada, as well as foster student success.

7451	2443	145	42
SWIS	Workshop	Total	Schools
Services	Participants	Workshops	Served

Low-Income Energy Assistance Program Through a qualifying process, the program offers low-income households, emergency financial assistance for electricity or natural gas bills if they are behind on payments. LEAP supports applications for low-income households to qualify for a reduction of their electricity bill with the electric utility company.



168 Assisted Clients

DBNC Growth J (OUR) NEY

Free specialized program for employers and job seekers to support hiring needs; job search; and navigating the landscape of the Canadian labour market.

- **370** clients attended the Food Handling Program & Job Search Workshops
- **182** clients employed under Employment Ontario Employment Service
- **29** Co-op Placements under the Enhanced Language Training
- **92** matches with mentors

Free English language classes to help improve self-confidence; gain knowledge of Canadian culture; practice using English in daily life activities; prepare and pass Canadian Citizenship test; improve English language skills for work; and develop comfort with computer usage.

105930UniqueLINCClientsClasses
From Literacy

to Level 8

- Parents attended LINC classes while:
 - **60** LINC children attended LINC Summer Camp
 - 202 unique children attended LINC childcare services
- 127 clients benefited from the Chrome Book loan program.
- 254 Afghan refugee children were served in Mississauga hotels.
- **30** Ukrainian youths attended LINC Youth Conversation Circle.

LINC Youth Conversation Circle course helped newcomer refugee youth to prepare for school and to start adapting to life in Canada.

Youth

Employment

Program

1579

New

Clients

Language Instructions for

Newcomers to Canada

Free drop-in programs for newcomer youth to adjust to Canadian culture, make new friends and practice or enhance their English speaking skills. The NYCE lounge provides a safe and supervised space for youth.

MyPLAY Summer Camp: **160** children served MyPLAY After School Program: **57** children served Newcomer Youth Community Engagement (NYCE): **50** youth served

DBNC Growth J (OUR) NEY

A high-quality, free drop-in child and family program that supports early learning and development for families with children from birth to 6 years old. It offers a range of programs that support children's early literacy and numeracy development, as well as their physical, social, and emotional development.

2950	2905	40
Children	Parents/ Caregivers	Events
Served	Served	Attended



EarlyON

28022

Client

Visits

Free, effective, and engaging programs to address community health, eliminate health disparities, and improve community well-being. Community Ambassadors and Social Workers work within the community to link individuals to health services and support their health needs in navigating the healthcare system.

29897	158	1634 7	620
In-person	Educational	Virtual	Media
Interactions	Sessions	Interactions	Interactions



Caregiver and Senior's Support Program provides education, information, and referrals for caregivers and their care recipients. It assists individuals by involving them in their community, and connected to resources that help them to maintain optimum health, quality of life, and independence

19 nursing, medical, and social service worker practicum students contributed an energetic and professional intergenerational aspect to the services offered to older adults programs.

DBNC Growth J (OUR) NEY

In partnership with the City of Mississauga, this program offers free and confidential community mediation services. It assists individuals, groups, businesses, and any residents of Mississauga to resolve disputes, disagreements, or concerns.



Conflict

Mediation

7	41	210
Cases	Volunteers	Volunteer
Solved		Hours



\$14,600

Fundraised

In collaboration with local businesses, schools, and community organizations, this program works to support the community by providing free, safe, and dignified access to food, clothing, gift cards, and personal care products.

36 Families Served 128 Individuals Served

Finance

THE DIXIE BLOOR NEIGHBOURHOOD DROP-IN CENTRE

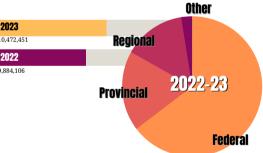
Statement of Financial Position

March 31, 2023, with comparative information for 2022

	2023	2022	
Assets			
Current assets: Cash and cash equivalents Grants and other receivables Prepaid expenses Short-term investments (note 2)	\$ 1,543,241 868,951 124,973 - 2,537,165	\$ 1,179,947 1,231,730 73,118 600,000 3,084,795	20 \$10,4 20 \$9,88
Capital assets (note 3)	156,008	238,836	
	\$ 2,693,173	\$ 3,323,631	

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current liabilities: Accounts payable and accrued charges (note 4) Deferred contributions (note 5)	\$ 512,103 217,864	\$ 787,145 389,245
<u> </u>	729,967	1,176,390
Deferred capital contributions (note 6)	155,631	238,459
Net assets:		
Invested in capital assets (note 7)	377	377
Unrestricted	1,807,198	1,908,405
	1,807,575	1,908,782
Commitments (note 8)		
	\$ 2.693.173	\$ 3.323.631

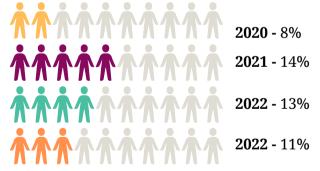


Grants



Human Resources

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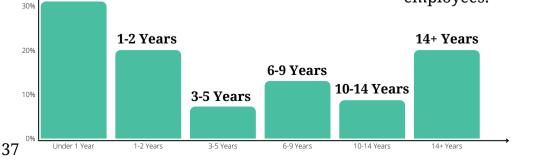


Years of Service

40%

Under 1 Year DBNC is proud of our ability to retain employees and our growth over the last few years. Our workforce is at 31% new employees, bringing new ideas, energy, enthusiasm, and skills.

To help facilitate this: DBNC has rolled out a new Payroll/HRIS system, an improved comprehensive benefit plan, offered more vacation time, multiple learning and development opportunities and an employer funded RRSP plan for employees.





Information Technology

This past year, the Admin and IT team continued to improve infrastructure for increased productivity and a more secure digital environment with the following achievements:

- Reinforcement of the IT infrastructure and device management
- Participation in the successful process of CARF accreditation
- Training in standards of operations for the Front Desk team
- Professional development opportunities for team members
- Installation of new air conditioning system
- Cyber security training
- Staff sign-in/out system
- Upgrading of Sharp printers
- A more stabilized Front Desk team
- Purchasing/receiving/inventory system



Outreach & Development

Family Sponsorship

Families served - **60** Dollars raised - **\$23,000**

Scholars of Future Youth Scholarship in memory of Michael Lipinski

Youth scholarships given out - 7 Dollars raised - **\$5,748**

Dish It Up DBNC: Cookbook

DBNC is the first agency that has self-published a cookbook. This cookbook not only showcases **more than 60 recipes**, but it also demonstrates DBNC's diversity as an organization. Cookbooks are now on sale!

Events

WORK

Girls Leadership Month 55 participants spread over 4 sessions

Summerfest

EDUCATION

3,000+ attendees enjoyed a warm afternoon of sunshine, exciting performances, fabulous giveaways, and free refreshments!



DREAM

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Roois & Resilience: A Leadership Podcasi by DBNC

In February 2022, DBNC proudly launched Roots & Resilience, a podcast highlighting and celebrating diverse, non-traditional leaders in our community.

This year we introduced both audio and video version of the Podcast.

Guests on the podcast have included former Olympic athletes, authors, academics, a lawyer, and many more!

You can watch episodes on YouTube: @dixiebloorneighbourhoodcen6795





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Ministry of Labour, **Immigration**, Training and Skills Development (MLITSD)

- Seva Food Bank
- Malton Neighbourhood Services
- Brampton Multicultural Centre
- Newcomer Centre of Peel
- Polycultural Immigrant and Newcomer Services
- Peel District School Board
- **Indus Community Services**

Our Partners MIAG

- Syrian Canadian Foundation
- East Mississauga Community Health Centre
- CMHA
- MOHT
- EveryMind
- The Indigenous Network
- **Dufferin Peel Catholic** • **District School Board**

- CDRCP
- Embrave
- Mississauga Community Legal Services
- Schlifer
- Achēv
- TRIEC
- Brampton Multicultural Council

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- Nkky Egwuenu
- Rashmi Sheth
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- Glenforest
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- St. Martin
- St. Paul



A SPECIAL THANK YOU to our Community Care Closet donors

Thank you to those who donated, and continue to donate, to DBNC. The gift you give has a direct impact on the families we serve. Funds raised help provide additional resources like clothing, transportation, educational supplies, hygiene products, small household necessities, and so much more.



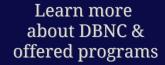
Finally, to our esteemed and dedicated volunteers, DBNC is humbled and honoured by your drive to help families in our community. Volunteers are the backbone of DBNC's work and are the reason why we are able to impact so many lives.

Thank you!



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