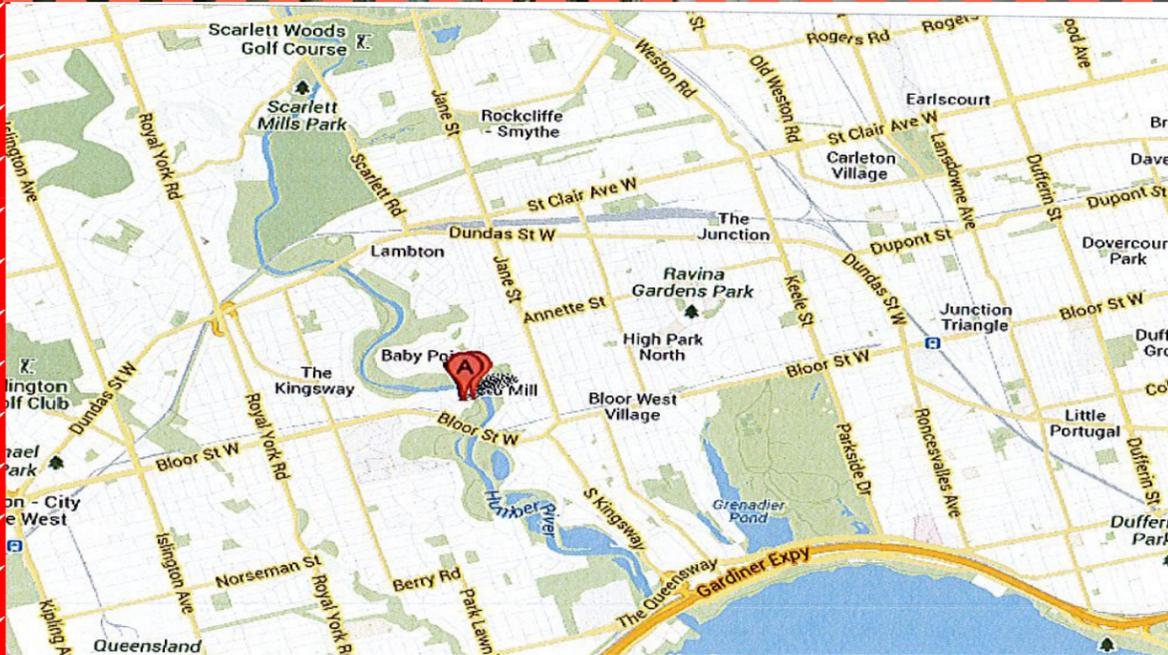


# The CCVT First Light Celebration Venue at 21 Old Mill Road



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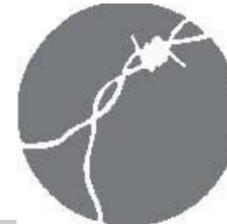
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*Have You Booked Your Ticket for the November 15th Celebration?  
If Yes, Thank You So Much and We Will be Seeing you there soon!  
If No, Please Book Your Ticket Now !!  
You Just Can't Afford Missing such a Great Event of the Year 2013!  
"Give Hope after the Horror!"*



## Volunteers' Activities

### Tips for Befrienders

#### NOVEMBER 2013 EVENTS IN TORONTO

##### **November 1 – 10, 2013 – Royal Agricultural Winter Fair**

Visit the Exhibition Place Grounds for the absolute best in local food and animal entertainment. There are lots of activities for people of all ages, including a Petting farm, an Animal Theatre where animals get to show off some fun tricks, and of course the Royal Horse Show itself. The Royal is open every day from 9am – 9pm (except Sundays, where the show closes at 8pm). Tickets range from \$16 (under 17 years) to \$23 (adult), and children under 3 get in free!

##### **November 17, 2013 – Santa Claus Parade**

Bundle up and grab your warm holiday drink and head down to Bloor Street or Avenue Road. Dozens of marching bands and fantastic animated floats will parade through the streets before the arrival of the main event – Santa Claus!! The parade leaves Christie Pits at 12:30pm, but get there early if you want a good view of the parade route.

##### **November 28 – December 8, 2013 – One of a Kind Christmas Show**

Want to get all that holiday shopping finished? Well, visit the Direct Energy Centre to check out the unique hand-crafted ceramics, jewellery, clothing, and accessories. This event has been taking place since 1975, and features the work of approximately 800 artisans. You are bound to find something you like for yourself (or as a gift!). Tickets are \$12 each and children under the age of 12 can enter for free.

##### **November 29 – December 15, 2013 – Lowe's Toronto Christmas Market**

Inspired by the romance and magic of a traditional Christmas, this event captures the tradition, heritage and charm of a European Christmas market. These markets originated in Germany back in the early 1400's and have cropped up in cities all over the world. Hundreds of unique vendors are on hand to sell their local handcrafted products and treats. There are also family-friendly musicians, carolers and children's choirs...and can't forget the roaming elves! The event is FREE and runs from 12-9pm (Monday to Friday) and 10am – 9pm (Saturday and Sunday).

##### **November 30, 2013 – Calvacade of Lights**

Come to Nathan Phillips Square to check out the 47<sup>th</sup> annual Calvacade of Lights. This FREE event celebrates the holiday season with the lighting of Toronto's Official Christmas tree, live musical performances from top Canadian artists, a dance party on the iconic outdoor skating rink, and a fireworks show.

*Compiled By: Maxine Bond, Volunteer, CCVT Scarborough Branch*

## A FRIENDLY CALL FOR PARTICIPATION!



*My dearest friend,*

*Without thee the hope is barren!*

*I have always appreciated your friendship and your effort-less ability to help others, you are good hearted and kind.*

*The Canadian Center for Victims of Torture (CCVT) is hosting an event that I think will interest you. It will be held on Friday November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 6:00 to 11:30 p.m. (at the Old Mill, 21 Old Mill Road). It will be a night of unfor-*

*gettable events such as, dancing, music, **and** surrounded by royal dishes. We will also be having a live auction, and I encourage you to donate items.*

*Please support the CCVT to continue with its endeavor towards rehabilitation of torture survivors. The ticket is \$125.00 per person. We will provide you with charitable tax receipt for \$60.00. The price for a table of 10 persons is \$1000.00 (\$350 Charitable Receipt).*

*The proceeds of this event will go to helping survivors of torture, war, genocide and crimes against humanity. Your support will effectively be used to bring most disadvantaged human persons out of the abyss. Every year we try to improve, and I believe this upcoming event will be our best. Don't miss out on this chance for a night filled with entertainment and remember to spread the word.*

*Please take a moment and open the attachment. It will give you a glimpse of our program. I will be pleased to discuss further with you, if you spare a minute to give me a call: 416 363 1066 x 226.*

*With boundless affection,*

**Ezat**

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**CCVT GIVES HOPE AFTER THE HORROR!**

## OPEN HOUSE AT 2401 EGLINTON AVE. E. CCVT SCARBOROUGH NEW LOCATION



★ Monday October 21, 2013 is a day for me always to remember as I attended the OPEN HOUSE for the CCVT Scarborough new office location. I had signed up to help at the Front Desk on that day and it turned up to be a remarkable learning experience as I enjoy each and every minute of my volunteer time there. An amazing teamwork spirit made it a SUCCESS as everybody was actively involved, staff and volunteers.

At the Front desk, I had an opportunity to welcome the guests, distributed the CCVT flyers in different languages; including the Flyer inviting everyone to the First Light Celebration which is due next month on November 15, 2013. Thereafter, the waiting staff took Guests for a tour around the office area as they briefed them about the services of CCVT.

Mostly I enjoyed interacting with professionals from different organizations located on the same building like Canada Red Cross, Council of Agencies Serving South Asian (CASSA) and lawyers from different Law Offices. I also had a chance of networking with my peers!

All participants were served with a variety of snacks and refreshments; I really enjoyed the mini Spinach Cheese samosas!

Finally, I would like to thank CCVT for the warm welcome they surrounded all of us who participated; and the friendly family environment they always create for us volunteers and we feel at home while at CCVT.

By: Nisreen Al Khatib

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## October 31st Clients' Activities

### THE ESL CLASS



Activity supervised by Yaya

★ It was a cold and gloomy Halloween morning. The wind was howling and the rain was pounding against the pavement!

That would be a great start to a scary Halloween story, but there was nothing but fun and laughter on Halloween day at CCVT!

Yes, it was a cold and rainy day on October 31<sup>st</sup>, but inside at CCVT, preparations for a fun-filled morning

with the ESL class with teacher Yaya were underway. As I walked through the doors, clad in my belly dancer costume, Yaya was at the printer donning a retro hippie outfit, peace sign necklace and all! We were all smiles that day as we laughed and commented on one another's costumes. Yaya also brought some stick-on moustaches for added comedy relief. Class began as normal with the lesson of the day which included pronunciation and listening exercises.

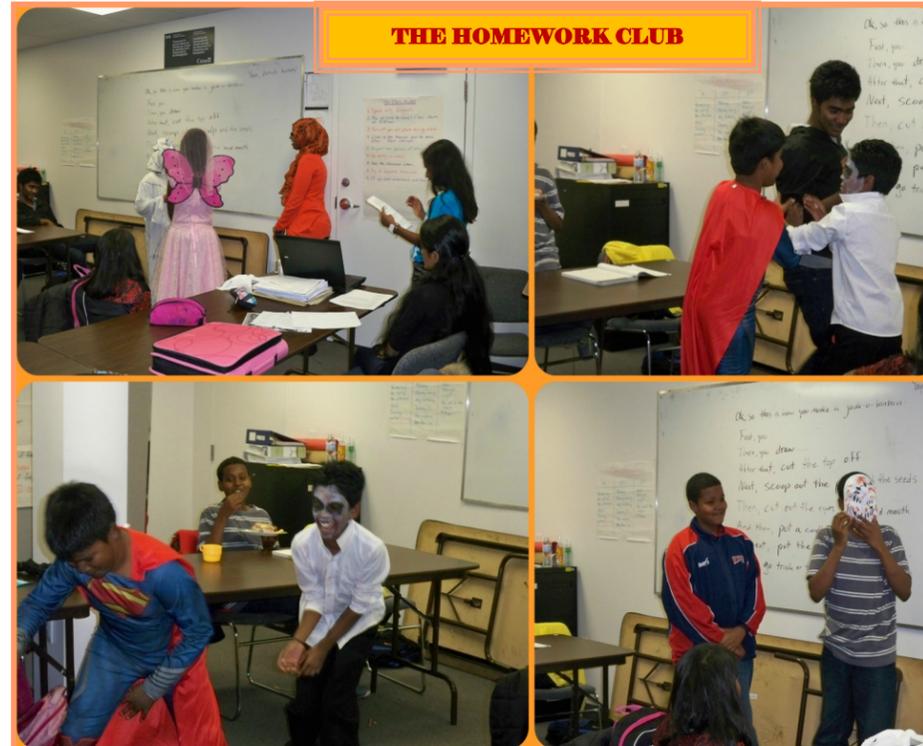
After break, Yaya presented the class with directions on how to make a Jack-o-lantern, as most, if not all of the students had never participated in Halloween and therefore had never carved a pumpkin. So we began the task of designing our very own Jack-o-lanterns. Everyone seemed eager to get involved in drawing the face on their pumpkin, scooping out the seeds and pulp and carving out their designs. In the end, I must say that it was quite a success! All of the pumpkins looked smashing (no pun intended)! But don't take my word for it, judge for yourselves (see pictures attached).

We were proud of our accomplishments which showed by the numerous photos that were taken.

Thank you to Yaya for providing the pumpkins, prizes and delicious candies, and to all the volunteers, staff and students who made this day a howling good time!

By: Natasha Lashley, Volunteer, CCVT Scarborough

### THE HOMEWORK CLUB



**Homework Club children did a Presentation on Halloween Safety Tips.**

**Participants were so prepared and it was all fun for the kids!!**

By: Sarah Hassan, Student Placement