



CANADIAN CENTRE
FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE



FIRST LIGHT GALA 2023

CELEBRATION AND
AWARD CEREMONY

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

With gratitude, we begin by acknowledging that the land we are on is the traditional territory of many First Nations including the Mississauga's of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat peoples, and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We are their guests and need to be better guests in solidarity with their struggles and the ongoing injustices they suffer. First Nation's history of the residential school system, cultural genocide, and the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls give rise to similar health issues which we at CCVT deal with regarding the impact of genocide, torture, and rape as an instrument of war and human and sex trafficking. CCVT stands in solidarity with indigenous people and communities and we have much to learn from their lived experiences. I would also like to acknowledge that we are all treaty peoples - including those of us who came here as settlers - as migrants either in this generation or in generations past; and those of us who came here involuntarily as refugees and as a result of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade. We honour the original intent of Two Row Wampum and are committed to fostering respectful relations with Indigenous communities as we pursue the Truth and Reconciliation efforts.



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CCVT MANDATE

The Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture (CCVT) aids survivors to overcome the lasting effects of torture and war. In partnership with the community, the Centre supports survivors in the process of successful integration into Canadian society, works for their protection and integrity, and raises awareness of the continuing effects of torture and war on survivors and their families.

If you are interested in making a donation or becoming a monthly donor to support the work of CCVT please contact us.

OUR BRANCHES

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SPECIALIZED SERVICES

MENTAL HEALTH

- Counseling
- Individual and Group Therapy
- Crisis Intervention
- Coordinated Professional Services

SETTLEMENT SERVICES

- Information/Orientation
- Language Instruction & Skills Training
- Senior/Women Programs
- Interpretation/Translation
- Computer Training
(Basic/Intermediate)

CHILDREN/YOUTH PROGRAM

- Group Activities and Peer Support
- Mentoring and Leadership Development
- Homework Club
- Recreational & Empowerment Activities
- Counseling

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

CCVT is associated with a coalition of Centres which support victims of violence, repression and torture, in exile or in their own countries.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Volunteer Program
- Befriending
- Interpreting and Translation
- ESL Tutoring
- Administrative Support
- Conversation Circles and Social Events
- Fundraising
- Mentorship

ANTI- HUMAN TRAFFICKING PROGRAM

Improve mental health and wellness, and social support networks of survivors of human trafficking, improve access and utilization of settlement resources, including information, orientation, and referrals related to medical, financial & legal issues for survivors of human trafficking; and improve life, educational, and pre-employment related skills of survivors.

SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT HOLDER (SAH)

CCVT became a SAH in 2022 and has been able to assist families in the GTA.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

- Information Dissemination
- Consultations on torture and its effects
- Publications & Research
- Educational Seminars and Presentations

PROGRAM

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Reception

7:00 PM

Introduction to Program

Land Acknowledgment

Opening Remarks: Mulugeta Abai,
Executive Director & Monica Franklin,
Board Chair

Honorary Guest: Mayor Olivia Chow

Blessings & Smudge: Elder Tamaro

Keynote Speaker: Sisay Woldemichael

8:00 PM

Award Ceremony

Spoken Word

Client Testimony

Volunteer Remarks

8:30 PM

Dinner

Live Auction

Winner Announcements

9:30 PM

Concluding Remarks

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

MBALU LUMOR SENIOR PROGRAM MANAGER

Mbalu Lumor is the Director of Programs and Newcomer services at the Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture (CCVT). Mbalu has over 20 years' experience in the immigration and refugee sector. She is passionate about social justice, human rights, decolonization and accountability by non-Indigenous racialized people. She is the co-author of the article, The Politics of Allyship with Indigenous Peoples in the Canadian Refugee-Serving Sector.



SUNBAL MOHAMMAD COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CHILD AND YOUTH PROGRAM MANAGER

Sunbal Mohammad is the Manager of Community Engagement and Child & Youth Program at the Canadian Centre For Victims Of Torture (CCVT). She holds a Bachelors degree in Child & Youth Care and a Masters degree in Immigration and Settlement studies. She is passionate about working with newcomer families including children & youth. Sunbal has worked with various age groups and needs for the past several years.



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



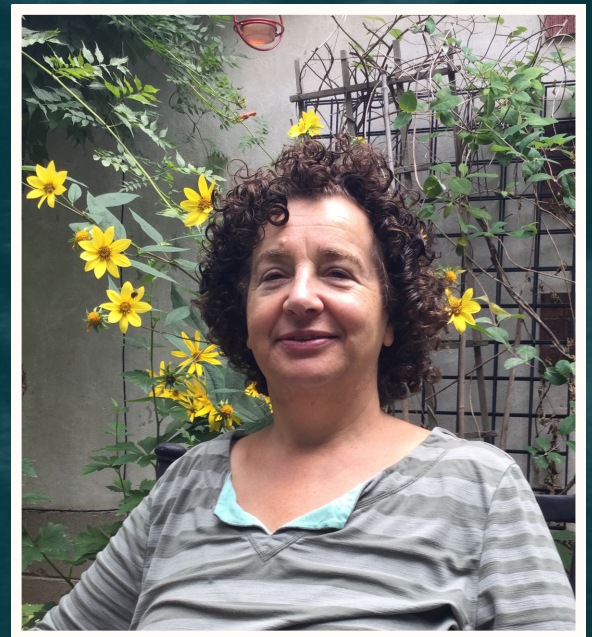
MULUGETA ABAI

The Executive Director of CCVT since 1994 is a leader in the mental health and settlement sector, designing and developing innovative programs that support survivors of torture, victims of war, genocide, and crimes against humanity. With over 30 years of community involvement in the areas of community development, advocacy, and anti-racism. He has written and co-authored several articles and book chapters on CCVT and Trauma Informed Care. He has also participated in facilitating workshops and making presentations locally, nationally, and Internationally.

MONICA FRANKLIN

Monica Franklin has been involved in newcomer and settlement issues for many years. She is a lawyer and worked for more than 20 years in the Ontario legal clinic system, most recently as staff lawyer and social assistance team lead at Flemingdon Community Legal Services in the Thorncliffe Park area of Toronto. She provided services to low income, vulnerable and marginalized populations, particularly on social assistance/disability, human rights, housing and immigration issues. She is currently on the Board of MCIS Language Solutions, which provides interpreters to many courts, tribunals, hospitals and legal clinics and also trains newcomers to work as interpreters. She was on the Board of CCVT between 1998 and 2001 and looks forward to the opportunity to renew her acquaintance with CCVT staff, clients and programs.

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HONORARY GUEST



MAYOR OLIVIA CHOW

Olivia Chow is the 66th Mayor of Toronto, the first person of Asian descent to serve as Mayor, and the first woman since the six municipalities of Metro Toronto were amalgamated into one in 1998. Born in Hong Kong in 1957, Mayor Olivia Chow immigrated to Toronto with her parents at the age of 13, where they moved to an apartment in the St. James Town neighborhood. Her parents faced the challenges of so many immigrants who have come here to build a new life for their children and make an impact on our city. And then in 2023, Olivia Chow opened a new chapter in her extraordinary life story when she ran for and won election as Mayor of Toronto, pledging to build a more affordable, safe and caring city where everyone belongs.

KEY NOTE SPEAKER



SISAY WOLDEMICHAEL

Sisay Wodlemichael, a former refugee who arrived in Canada in 1986, boasts an impressive academic and professional background. With a Master of Laws (LLM) in Constitutional Law from Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, and a Master of Arts (MA) in Leadership from the University of Guelph, Sisay has acquired extensive knowledge in his field. He dedicated 17 years to the Toronto Police Service, honing his expertise in law enforcement. Recognizing his exemplary skills and experience, Sisay was appointed to the Ontario Court of Justice, where he effectively serves as a Local Administrative Justice of the Peace and presides over criminal and provincial cases with utmost professionalism and diligence. Additionally, he has been working with Alliance for victims of Genocide organization for the last two year and working with Toronto housing crisis group as an advocate for affordable housing for the last one year. usually created to communicate a message to a wide variety of audiences.

KEY NOTE SPEAKER



ELDER CATHERINE TAMMARO

Catherine Tamaro is a multi-disciplinary artist whose practise spans decades. Catherine is a seated Spotted Turtle Clan FaithKeeper and is active throughout the City of Toronto and beyond, in many organizations as Elder in Residence, Mentor, Teacher and Cultural Advisor. She is an alumna of the Ontario College of Art and has had a diverse career, multiple exhibits and installations, published written works and presentations and continues her creative practise.

Catherine actively supports the work and development of other artists on an ongoing basis. She served on the Board of the TAC, TAC's Income Precarity Working Group and was the Chair of the Toronto Arts Council's Indigenous Advisory Committee in 2020/21 and is the Indigenous Arts Program Manager at Toronto Arts Council and continues teaching, learning and exploring her creativity and that of others.

AUCTIONEER

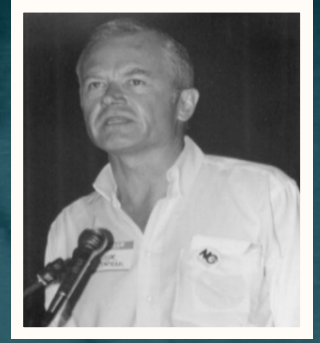


TERESA DREMETSIKAS MD, MEXICO, PROGRAM MANAGER

Teresa Dremetsikas graduated from The University of Nuevo Leon in Mexico as a Medical Doctor. She has been working for the Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture (CCVT) for the past several years in the areas of: assessment, counselling, crisis intervention, organization and facilitation of support groups as well as coordination of the settlement program and volunteer program. She is currently the Program Manager at CCVT. She has been involved in research, planning, designing and evaluation of programs at CCVT. She has been very active in public education, delivering several training sessions on the issues of Trauma informed Care and torture, Anti-Human Trafficking Work, assessment of survivors, and the development of supportive strategies for different institutions and for several organization. She has lead and substantially contributed to the development of the internal guidelines for counselors at the CCVT and for the past 2 years has worked in stablishing the Anti-Human Trafficking program at the CCVT.



2023 TREVOR BARTRAM AWARD



Trevor Bartram was a founding member of CCVT and remained an integral part of its life throughout the years. As a founding member and legal advisor, Trevor undertook the tedious and unglamorous tasks that a development organization requires. He wrote (and rewrote) the agency's bylaws, and negotiated leases, contracts, and other related agreements. He served as the secretary, Chair of the International Committee, and as a member of the Fundraising Committee. He was a jack of all trades. Over the years, Trevor contributed much to the organization befriended newcomers, and invited his many new friends into his active social life. He traveled to Africa, Latin America, and Europe attending international conferences on behalf of CCVT. The Trevor Bartram Award is given to individuals who have made a significant achievement in organizational development, particularly in setting up new community-based organizations consistent with the human rights mandate of CCVT, as well as having experience in developing programs, policies, and structures, and success with funding initiatives.

AWARD RECIPIENT:

Barbra Schlifer 
Commemorative Clinic

Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic offers trauma-informed legal services and representation, counselling and multilingual interpretation, and drives system transformation to support women and gender diverse people who have experienced violence.

Rooted in the foundations of intersectionality, innovation, and a client-centred approach, we foster the skills and resilience of the people we serve and amplify their voices to create individual and collective change.

2023 AMINA MALKO AWARD



Amina Malko was one of the first CCVT staff members and worked as Office Manager for over five years. She was an extremely hardworking, tireless and committed staff member. Her particular interest was improving the lives of refugee women through her dedication and perseverance. She advocated on behalf of women refugees, working for policy changes at the local, national, and international level, and was a key member in organizing Refugee Rights Day. With CCVT funding and support, Amina undertook organizing an “African Women in the Community” conference in an effort to have women’s voices expressed directly. After CCVT, Amina moved to OCASI. The Amina Malko Award is awarded to those who have significant involvement in policy, advocacy, and settlement services for newcomers.

AWARD RECIPIENT



JENNIFER STONE

Neighbourhood Legal Services

Jennie Stone is the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Legal Services. She was NLS’ staff immigration lawyer from 2011-2018. Prior to joining NLS she co-founded the Hong Kong Refugee Advice Centre (now Justice Centre HK) which advocates for the rights of refugee claimants and other migrants in the HKSAR. Until November 2018 she spent 4 years on the Executive Committee of the Canadian Council for Refugees. She is currently the co-chair of the CCR’s Legal Affairs Committee.

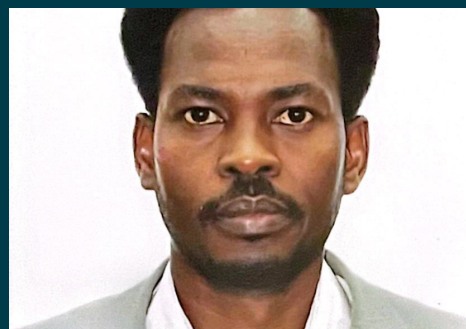
2023 FRANCISCO RICO AWARD



Francisco Rico-Martinez worked all his life for justice for more than three decades. He was President of the Canadian Council for Refugees from 1997 to 2001, as well as filling numerous other positions in the organization through the years – and never stopped being a leader, a teacher, an inspiration, a model, and a companion along the way, within the CCR and throughout the refugee and immigration advocacy communities.

The Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture establishes the Francisco Rico Martinez Award in honor of Francisco Rico-Martínez, a dedicated advocate for refugees and marginalized populations. This prestigious award recognizes two deserving students in a relevant post-secondary institution, with each recipient receiving a \$2500 prize. Francisco's legacy as a refugee and founder of the FCJ Refugee Centre inspires this award, aiming to empower future leaders in this field. The selection committee, comprising representatives from CCVT evaluated applicants based on academic achievement, commitment to social justice, and potential impact. Join us in advancing refugee rights and creating a more inclusive society.

2023 FRANCISCO RICO AWARD RECIPIENT



OSMAN ALI

Osman Ali is a refugee who fled genocide in Darfur and lived in Israel for the last ten years. Growing up in Sudan, obtaining education was always difficult with many obstacles but he persevered. Despite all the difficulties and challenges, he never lost faith in the power of education. He now holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications and Interactive Design from Reichman University in Israel. He was able to finish the degree under pressure and threat of deportation due to lack of legal status. He is an activist and passionate refugee who fought for human rights, immigrant workers' rights and refugee rights with resilience for the last ten years in Israel.

Currently, he is residing here in Toronto Canada. Osman is pursuing a graduate degree in Immigration and Resettlement Studies at TMU. He believes that pursuing education will empower and enable him to realize his dream of contributing in the field of human rights and refugees who are struggling to survive.



FABIOLA CRUZ LI

2023 FRANCISCO RICO AWARD RECIPIENT

Fabiola Cruz Li graduated with an Honours Bachelor of Arts (HBA) from the University of Toronto in June 2023 where she pursued a Major in Latin American Studies and a Double Minor in History and Political Science. Fabiola is currently a non-degree student at the University of Toronto. As a refugee claimant higher education often seemed out of reach to her. Fabiola is committed to show asylum seekers and refugees that these spaces are accessible, and that they have agency. Fabiola has devoted herself to the cause of refugees through her extra-curricular work. As Co-Director of World University Service of Canada (WUSC), she has mentored refugee students in their first year at the University of Toronto. Fabiola has also done an internship with Al Otro Lado, an organization that provides services to asylum seekers in the U.S.-Mexico border, where she arranged crossings for unaccompanied minors. Fabiola is currently a Migrant Support Worker with FCJ Refugee Centre, where she supports clients with their immigration applications. Fabiola will complete a Master of Arts in Latin American Studies at Stanford University with a partial scholarship in September 2024.

CLIENT SPEAKER



FREHIWOT GEBREMICHAEL GEBREYESUS

Frehiwot Gebremichael Gebreyesus, from Ethiopia. Born and raised in Addis Ababa, descended from Tigrayan parents. Two years ago, Frehiwot made the difficult decision to migrate to Canada with her three young children to escape the tragic Tigray genocide, as she was one of the victims of the genocide act which was active in Addis Ababa. Her background is rooted in aviation, with over 23 years of dedicated service to Ethiopian Airlines and Saudi Arabian Airlines. Unfortunately, her ethnic identity was a reason to abruptly depart from both her long-standing career and her homeland. This sudden migration had an impact on her social and emotional well-being. Frehiwot's association with CCVT began in January 2022, and she feels the support and training she has received has been truly invaluable.

CCVT VOLUNTEER



Iniyal is a Tamil woman who fled war and immigrated to Canada when she was 11 years old. Her passion for education and working with students stems from her own experience within systems. She currently serves a diverse and complex community of caregivers and learners in south Oshawa as a vice principal within the Durham District School Board. Iniyal has been working with newcomers as a community in various capacities within the education system as well as community involvement for more than 20 years. She is an active volunteer with CCVT and an ally group member with Lamp Lifeboat Ladder. Iniyal believes that the connections made through these relationship alters the core of who we are and humanity Gardening, paddling, going for walks and cooking brings Iniyal joy.

ENTERTAINMENT

EMILY BELVEDERE HARPIST

A recipient of the 2008 Hnatyshyn Foundation Classical Music Grant for Orchestral Instruments harpist Emily Mariko Belvedere has been praised for her “crystalline technique” and her “ease in merging lyrical and dissonant sounds”. (MusicWeb International’s Worldwide Concert and Opera Reviews) An enthusiastic competitor, Emily has won a number of bursaries and scholarships including claiming third prize at the American Harp Society’s 18th National Competition in Salt Lake City, Utah. More recently, Emily won the 2013 McGill Classical Concerto Competition as well as the prize for best performance of a Canadian work in the 2013 OSM Standard Life Competition in Montreal. Emily is an avid performer of chamber music and was also a prizewinner in the Glenn Gould School Chamber Music Competition at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto. In February of 2014, Emily was featured as a soloist with the McGill Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Maestro Alexis Hauser.



ENTERTAINMENT

RITA LAURENCE NGARAMB POET

Rita Laurence Ngarambe is a humanitarian activist, Speaker, poet, MC and Host , founder of United for humanity organization and a poet. An honaree of the 100 acoplished black woman Canada awarad, She is the 2end global ambassador for Miss face of humanity 2022, the first ever queen of Emancipation Canada crowned 2019, she has dedicated her life's work to help better and bring the best of our humanity in unity and love.”



ENTERTAINMENT

LANCE FREEMAN SELF-TAUGHT ARTIST

Lance Freeman is a visual artist and former athlete who has been creating art for over 16 years, his art is a reflection of his diverse background and experiences. Lance is self-taught and has developed his skills through years of practice and experimentation. His art is inspired by music, life experiences, and personal growth, and he uses his art as a way to connect with others and share his unique perspective. In addition to creating his own art, Lance has also worked on commissioned pieces for clients, including the Toronto Blue Jays organization. He has completed three projects for the team and has been recognized for his talent and creativity. Lance continues to push the boundaries of his art and is always seeking new challenges and opportunities to grow as an artist.



PHOTOGRAPHER



VAN TRAN PHOTOGRAPHER

Van is a Photographer, Graphic Designer and an Apparel Printer. She specializes in Storytelling Photography. Van found Graphic Design in 2022 and she has been experimenting non-stop since. Van is a dedicated CCVT volunteer who has contributed her valuable photography skills at various events,



RAFFLE ITEMS

Purchase 1 Raffle Ticket for \$10 or 3 for \$20 for your chance to win one of these prizes!

ETHIOPIAN COFFEE BASKET



Ethio's Natural Coffee is sourced directly from their own farm back in Ethiopia. They export and sell them to roasters across Canada. Get your own basket filled with authentic flavors of coffee by participating in our raffle

HAMILTON BEACH AIR FRYER TOASTER OVEN



The Hamilton Beach Air Fryer Toaster Oven combines air frying functionality with the versatility of a classic toaster oven. You get the even crisping and browning of air frying right on your countertop, along with the ability to toast, bake and broil.

50/50 RAFFLE

Purchase a raffle ticket for \$20 and enter for your chance to win 50% of all cash collected in the raffle! A winner will be selected based on the raffle ticket at the end of the event



MENU

STARTER

Caramelized Butternut Squash Soup

ENTRÉE

8 oz. Bone-in Chicken Breast with Sweet Pepper
Sauce

or

6 oz Bistro Petit Beef Filet with Roasted Garlic

or

Braised Moroccan Vegetarian Tagine with Tofu,
Eggplant, Zucchini, Roasted Garlic, Tomato Sauce,
Basmati Rice, Naan and Roasted Vegetables

DESSERT

Chocolate Espresso Torte with Raspberry Coulis

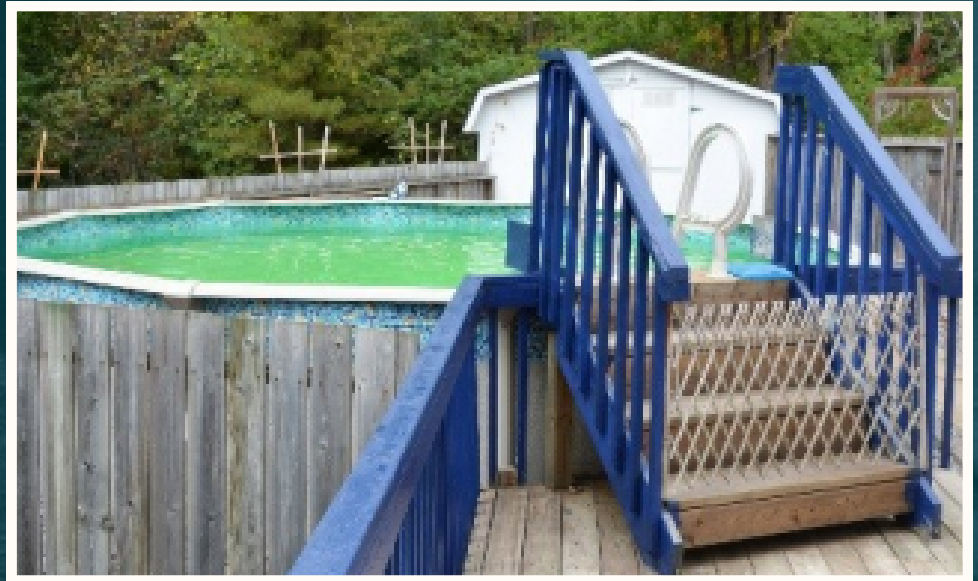
DRINKS

Wine, Coffee & Selection of Herbal Teas

LIVE AUCTION

ONE WEEK VACATION
GETAWAY (WINTERIZED
COTTAGE)

(VALUE \$1000.00)
DONATED BY: DR. WENDELL
BLOCK & ANNA SKYBA



Take a week long summer/winter vacation at a 3 bedroom cottage by the Skootamatta River about one hour east of Peterborough. The riverfront cottage has a small above-ground pool and option for canoeing and kayaking on the river. Perfect for a family getaway.



LIVE AUCTION

VENETIAN GETAWAY (FURNISHED APARTMENT)

(VALUE \$1500.00)

DONATED BY: DR. CLAIRE PAIN



This charming, newly renovated, ground floor apartment is situated in the heart of working class Venice, a 12 minute walk from St Mark's Square, situated near the gardens where the Biennale is held and only a vaporetto stop from the Lido beach and weekly market. There is an inviting private garden perfect for breakfast and romantic dinners. In this enchanting area of Venice, museums and concerts are an easy walk away and there are plenty of inexpensive (and expensive) restaurants to satisfy your appetite. An excellent cheese shop, wine store, bread shop, fish stall and butcher are all nestled close by on Via Garibaldi, while barges sell fresh fruit and vegetables on the local canal. Cozy in winter and cool in summer, you are sure to have a delightful getaway at this Venetian villa!



LIVE AUCTION

LIVE: NATURE PAINTING AT THE GALA

DONATED BY: LANCE FREEMAN

The live auction featuring a masterpiece in the making, a canvas transforming under the skilled strokes of an artist's hand. This captivating live painting will capture the essence of nature in all its glory, from the whispering leaves to the dancing sunlight. Guests will have the opportunity to watch the artist Lance paint live at the Gala. The painting will then be available for purchase through a live auction.



SILENT AUCTION



This stainless steel toaster oven from Hamilton Beach offers Extra large 6 slice capacity, and accommodates 12" pizza.

Allows you to toast, bake and broil, offering multiple functions to satisfy all cooking needs. Equipped with a 30 minute timer with auto shut-off and comes with a large curved glass door, removable crumb tray, broil rack and bake pan all included.

Value: \$70.00

Minimum Bid: \$40

A one of a kind original painting, gifted to a staff member at CCVT. This painting is meant to highlight the importance donkeys play in our world, being utilized as tools for transportation, aiding in civilizations advancements.

value \$80.00

Minimum Bid: \$50



SILENT AUCTION

This black & stainless steel toaster from Hamilton Beach comes with extra-wide slots to fit thick slices of artisan bread and other breakfast favorites. Bagel & defrost settings: The 2-Slice toaster perfectly toasts the cut side while warming the outside with the bagel setting. Defrost setting thaws then toasts waffles or pancakes. Removal of smaller breads, like English muffins, from the toaster is easy with the toast boost feature.



Value: \$49.99

Minimum Bid: \$25.00



Make this stunning, diamond cut whisky decanter and glasses set the crowning jewel of your glassware collection. The airtight glass decanter locks in aroma, while the glimmering whisky glasses show off its rich, complex color. This whisky gift set includes 1 x 750 ml glass decanter and 2 x 270 ml tumbler glasses; all pieces are dishwasher safe.

2 sets (Value: \$45.00 each)

Minimum Bid: \$25

SILENT AUCTION



Take home this lightweight, 14 inch all black Dell laptop equipped with Windows 11 Pro. 250GB of storage provided allowing you to store anything from work documents to family photos on it. Equipped with charging cable as well.

Value: \$1500

Minimum Bid: \$500



Red, Gold and Silk
Cotton Dress Throw-
on

Value: \$100

Minimum Bid: \$50



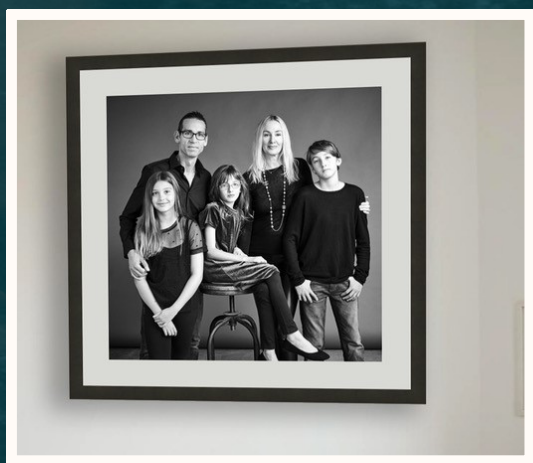
SILENT AUCTION

JÉRÔME
ART & PHOTOGRAPHY

Capture the spirit of your children in this child/siblings studio portrait session: up to 1 hour of studio time with Mr. Jérôme Scullino, an awarded photographer with 25 years of experience, plus a complimentary 12x12" black and white print of your choice. Can include up to 4 children age 1+. (retail value: \$1500)



Minimum Bid: \$300



Capture the unique relationship between you and your children in this family studio portrait session. Includes up to 1 hour of studio time with Mr. Jérôme Scullino, an awarded photographer with 25 years of experience, plus a complimentary 12x12" black and white print of your choice. Can include up to 4 children age 1+. (retail value: \$1500)

Minimum Bid: \$300



SILENT AUCTION



Two \$70.00 gift certificate to Rami Beauty Salon.

Minimum Bid: \$40



Two Gift Certificates, valued at \$1500 each. The successful bidder may only purchase ONE certificate (Min Bid: \$300) Premium Family Portrait Experience

Minimum Bid: \$300

Pair of tickets towards a play during the Tarragon Theatre's 2023/24 Season, which runs from September 2023 to June 2024. Value \$130.00



Minimum Bid: \$50



SILENT AUCTION

**theatre
passe
muraille**

Pair of two tickets to a performance in our
2023/24 season. Value \$130.00

Minimum Bid: \$75

Dancing Flowers: Oil on masonite panel
by Philip Cortin
(Value \$180.00)

Minimum Bid: \$75

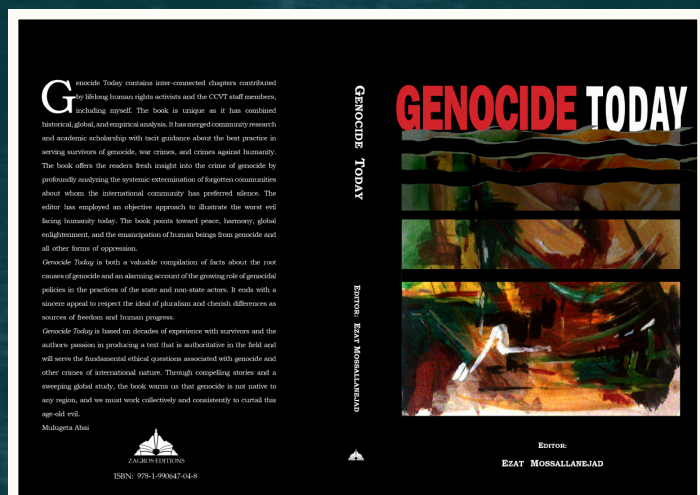


CCVT ITEMS FOR SALE

RECIPE BOOK

\$25

CCVT's recipe book is not just filled with delicious dishes from around the world but also with stories and memories from our senior survivors. This project was a collaboration between our agency and 20 senior survivors from diverse cultural backgrounds. It aims to bring them together, alleviate their isolation and, provide a platform to share their unique experiences. This project would not have been possible without the generous support of the New Horizons for Seniors Program, CCVT senior clients, and staff.

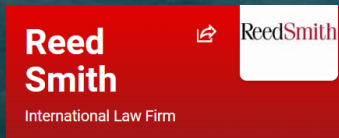


GENOCIDE TODAY

\$30

"Genocide Today" is more than just a book; it's a tool to raise awareness and provoke meaningful discussions on the ethical questions associated with genocide and other international crimes. This book was written in collaboration with CCVT Staff and edited by Ezat Mossallanejad. Purchase your copy today!

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