



## Ralph Thornton Centre Update

Friday, May 22, 2015

- **We're Planning a "Mugging" at RTC!**

As part of the Ralph Thornton Centre's participation in the "Eats and Beats" Festival on Saturday, June 6, we are planning a "mugging" – and we need your help. If you have any surplus coffee mugs lying around your home or office, please drop them in to reception at RTC before June 4, so that we can re-purpose them for this event. This is a great chance to do that last bit of spring cleaning! For more information on all the great events that are part of "Eats and Beats," go to [WWW.RIVERSIDE-TO.COM](http://WWW.RIVERSIDE-TO.COM), and please join us at RTC from anytime from 1:00 – 5:00 PM on June 6<sup>th</sup> for a range of festival events.



- **RTC Welcomes Our Summer Students – Sajida Kadri and Ivy Sik**



Sajida Kadri and Ivy Sik will be working at the Centre from May until August, assisting with a variety of projects as well as supporting reception and the exchange loft. Sajida has completed the Social Service Worker diploma program at George Brown College, and completed a placement here at RTC from October 2014 to February of this year. Ivy has completed her Bachelor's degree in International Development Studies at the University of Toronto (Scarborough), and has a range of volunteer and communications experience including a year-long placement in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. We are delighted to have them with us over the summer, and are already benefiting from the energy and dedication they bring to their time with us.

*(Sajida pictured left, and Ivy pictured right)*

- **Getting Ready for this Summer's Good Food Markets !**

**Good Food Market Volunteer Training** will be taking place at Ralph Thornton Centre on Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup> from 3 p.m.-6p.m. For more information contact Stephen Fenn at [SFenn@srchc.com](mailto:SFenn@srchc.com). We anticipate the first Good Food Market of the season will be at Ralph Thornton on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

This year, RTC will be hosting markets at both the Ralph Thornton Centre and in Rivertowne, on Thursday afternoons, in collaboration with the Riverdale Food Working Group. The RFWG is composed of community members and organizations to make Riverdale a food friendly and food secure neighbourhood. We are interested in bringing nutritious, fresh foods to our community. Volunteer opportunities: Help with pricing produce, market set up, selling produce; customer service, market clean-up, and outreach. Meet and work with great people and volunteer in the community. The time commitment is 1 or 2 days a month, 3 hour shifts starting 1 hour before market opens or 1 hour after close, from June-October. Training will be taking place in May. For more information, contact Stephen at [sfenn@srchc.com](mailto:sfenn@srchc.com) or 416-461-1925, ext. 344.





- **RTC at the Leslieville Tree Festival!**

**Leslieville Tree Festival:** June 13th from 12-4 p.m. Ralph Thornton Centre staff and volunteers will be providing children's activities and promoting the Ralph Thornton Centre. Please come by and make a grass head!

- **Showing Support for Sex Ed at the 519**

One of our sister community centres, 519 Church Street, has taken the lead in promoting community engagement and support regarding inclusive sex education. We're pleased to share information about the events they have planned for May 31<sup>st</sup> at the 519. Details in the poster (*below left*).



- **TDSB Governance Consultation at RTC**

Former Toronto Mayor and Ontario Human Rights Chair Barbara Hall (*below*) is chairing a panel reviewing the governance of the Toronto District School Board. On May 5, the panel met at the Centre for one of their public consultation sessions. With three current trustees (including local Trustee Jennifer Story) and a number of former Trustees (including RTC Executive Director John Campey), there was a lively exchange of views on both the problems and the possible solutions.



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