



MIAG has celebrated another productive year during the Annual General Meeting that was held on August 25th at Clarkson Community Centre. Efforts to take our programs in innovative directions have been very rewarding with successful partnerships adding new dimensions to our programs.

The women's leadership program was an extra ordinary one in the sense that it exceeded expected outcomes. This program acknowledged and met the need of professional immigrant women to be recognized, trained, and involved.

Staff and Volunteers worked beyond the call of duty to ensure the outstanding delivery of their projects' components, among them being the staging of four conferences for the community and service providers over a period of six months. Community consultations and panel discussions were major components of these conferences and were geared towards addressing ethno- cultural community emerging needs and gaps in services.

MIAG has established a new program in partnership with Credit Valley Hospital and William Osler Health Centre. The program builds awareness of the health issues of ethno-cultural communities and traditional practices among health services providers in these two outstanding hospitals. Peel residents still benefit from our healthy lifestyle programs namely, Peel Women in Action, Peel Children in Action and Heart Health and Multicultural Youth.

Board members, staff, volunteers and representatives from partner agencies met during the year with the goal of envisioning and creating MIAG's five year strategic plan. MIAG's role will continue being a community development and capacity building entity with more emphasis on vulnerable groups such as women, seniors, children and low income families.

I am very appreciative of all the support and trust that MIAG's has acquired from funding entities, service providers, community leaders, Board members, staff and volunteers and the community at large, I therefore take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to them and everyone who contributed to MIAG's success over the past year.

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