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## Season's Greetings

By Hilda Warren

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CultureLink and its community members celebrated an extraordinary 2010 Holiday Season this December with great success!



We had a record attendance, with great fanfare and great food. One could feel the buzzing, the enthusiasm, and the great efforts from everybody who worked to make this possible. As Eman puts it 'I know, whatever I say will not be thank you enough'

Everybody loved the Polish Dancers and the Italian Latin Dancers, great performances. The children had great fun as there were gifts, face painting, balloons, raffles, dancing and entertainment for them.



We had a full spectrum of stakeholders attending the event: clients, volunteers including board members, and community partners, who clearly enjoyed it. CultureLink's Welcoming Community Champion, Gerard Kennedy, Member of Parliament for Parkdale - High Park, went to the podium and said "CultureLink represents the welcoming community spirit in Toronto". He truly enjoyed his volunteering with CultureLink, and that his vision for newcomers was very similar to CultureLink's.



WE HAD A PARTY! .....

*"At CultureLink we believe that::*

- *Newcomers are critical to Canada's future;*
- *Our staff and volunteers are our organization's most important resources."*



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### Newcomers Appreciation for The Host Team

My CultureLink Match It's so great, after the first time we met up almost once per week.

Usually we went to have a drink or dinner, that's really a good time to talk with each other.

It's very nice of Binh to share a lot of interesting things and experiences with me.

He also suggested us to join the event to visit "Evergreen Brick works" which is held by Culture Link.

Thank you for setting us up.

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Everything is amazing. We meet every week and spend a great time.

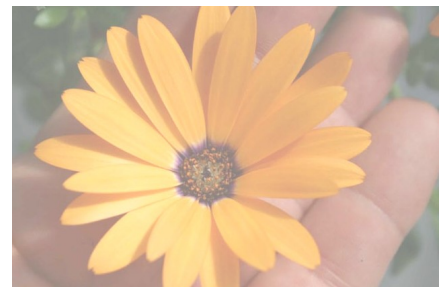
We've found some common points of interests, so we spend time speaking about different topics.

We went to the Nuit blanche and that was so gorgeous. Also, I've known a lot of things about Canada and about Toronto particularly. It's great for my English. Stan is ideal and I get an excellent practice.

I hope everything will keep in the same way and we'll continue to have a good time.

Thank you very much,

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**CultureLink** is a settlement agency located at Bloor and Dundas West in downtown Toronto. For twenty-one years, we have upheld our mission:

**CultureLink** is dedicated to facilitating the independence and full participation of newcomers in Toronto's diverse community. CultureLink works within an anti-discriminatory framework to ensure a respectful, safe and inclusive environment.

We hope you have enjoyed Volume Two, Issue 1 of our Welcoming Community Newsletter, and that you will enjoy future issues.

**KNOW SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO JOIN  
CULTURELINK'S HOST COMMUNITY?**

**HAVE THEM SIGN UP!**

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