



City of Brampton Mayor's Youth Team



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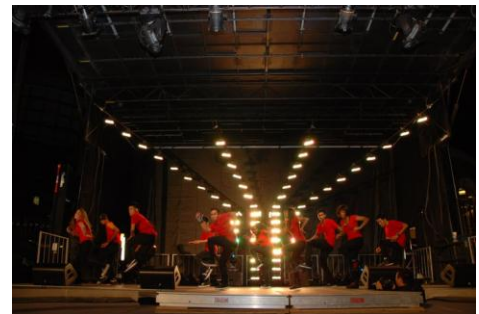
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WE CAN END THE HATE!

OCTOBER 1st, 2010 – The Alliance Against Violence Youth Concert brought out the best of what Brampton Youth have to offer!

YOUTH INFUSE DOWNTOWN BRAMPTON WITH AMAZING ENERGY AT CONCERT

If we all relate, we can end the hate. This was the ongoing message that the Mayor's Youth Team sent out to their fellow Brampton youth as they hosted their 2nd Alliance Against Violence Youth Concert at the Rose Theatre Garden Square. The event which drew close to 2000 energetic youth in attendance provided a very diverse showcase of performances from local talent that included dance, spoken word, song, beat boxing, theatrical skits and more! One of many highlights of the night included former Toronto Argonaut Orlando Bowen coming through to speak about the topic of youth violence awareness and encouraged youth to stay positive. Orlando finished his speech by walking through the crowd and he, along with over 100 youth broke out into a flashmob dance! The audience went wild and everyone joined in, it was amazing! The night concluded with a special performance from Canadian music sensation Shawn Desman! Following the concert, the Mayor's Youth Team received positive feedback and praise not only from the youth in attendance but also from parents who decided to stay and take in the important message as well.



Former Toronto Argonaut Orlando Bowen addresses Brampton youth





ALLIANCE AGAINST VIOLENCE: THE CAMPAIGN

Alliance Against Violence is a month long campaign that started in September to promote a safe and peaceful start to the 2010-2011 school year. Throughout the campaign, students from secondary schools across the city led by members of the Mayor's Youth Team developed anti-violence banners to showcase their school's commitment to the campaign. In addition, the youth team was fortunate enough to spread their positive message out to youth via Rogers Television as they were interviewed on the local television show "Daytime" having many of their fellow schoolmates tune in and understand the background of the Alliance Against Violence initiative. Written assignments on youth violence were assigned to students by teachers from various schools which were then presented to students via announcements. The youth team also had the opportunity to interview their fellow schoolmates on their thoughts about youth violence and potential solutions. All these great activities in the month of September were a build up to what turned out to be an amazing event in the Youth Concert.



BRAMPTON DAY FESTIVITIES

The Mayor's Youth Team had the pleasure of assisting City of Brampton staff in various activities at the 11th annual Brampton Day held in Downtown Brampton! Thousands of city residents came through and were immersed in a fun, interactive family setting providing visitors to explore City Hall, Gage Park, and Rose Theatre Garden Square. Games, Music, and a Free BBQ were among many of the great attractions the youth team helped out with in addition to promoting upcoming youth initiatives and recruiting prospective members. It turned out to be a beautiful and enjoyable day for all.

WELCOME WAGON SHOW

On October 17th, the Mayor's Youth Team assisted organizers with the setup of interactive displays, registration, giveaways and takedown of the Welcome Wagon Baby Shower Show. The show, which was located at Century Gardens Recreation Centre, is held in local communities across the country featuring guest speakers with valuable information and demonstrations for expectant mothers. The event was fun and interactive for the youth team as they took in a lot of information themselves in addition to their helping throughout the showcase.

Upcoming Events

- **Tree Lighting Ceremony – November 19th**
Ken Whillans Square
- **Santa Claus Parade – November 20th**
Downtown Brampton
- **Winter Celebration – December 1st**
Chinguacousy Park



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Upcoming Meetings

- **Santa Claus Parade Meeting –**
Wednesday November 17th @ Central
Public School – 5:30pm to 7:00pm
- **Executive Meeting Monday**
November 22nd @ City Hall – 6:30pm
to 8:30pm



PEEL PLANET DAY

October 30th served as a day of Environmental Awareness as the Mayor's Youth Team teamed up with youth from all over Peel Region and participated in the first ever Peel Planet Day! This youth-coordinated event that took place at Claireville Conservation Area was developed by students from Volunteering Peel and consisted of a variety of environmental initiatives including planting over 500 trees, a Park Cleanup, building bird houses, and attending environmental workshops from such organizations as Brampton Clean City, Canadian Tire, as well as the Peel Environmental Youth Alliance just to name a few. Special guests such as the Minister of the Environment John Wilkenson attended to speak about the importance of protecting our environment.



Peel Planet Day Group Shot!



Face painting was one of the many activities offered at this year's Fright Night Events.

BRAMPTON FRIGHT NIGHTS

The Mayor's Youth Team provided a helping hand at the annual City of Brampton Halloween Fright Nights hosted at various Recreation Centers! These free events provided a variety of fun filled activities for families including a haunted house, arts and crafts, face painting, hay wagon rides and more! The Mayor's Youth Team had a blast helping out staff and connecting with young kids by getting them into the Halloween Spirit, we all look forward to next year's festivities.

WORKING WITH OUR NEIGHBOURS TO MAKE GREAT THINGS HAPPEN

Over the past month, the Mayor's Youth Team has initiated dialogue with their counterparts in Mississauga and Caledon to determine how they can work together in potentially developing Region wide projects and events to reach the youth of Peel. A proposal to develop a Peel Youth Council between the three groups has been discussed and is currently in the developmental stages. It is the hope of the Mayor's Youth Team that with the formation of this new youth council, a stronger voice for Brampton youth can be heard in the Region of Peel resulting in the team's continued commitment in keeping Brampton a Youth Friendly Community.



THE GREAT PUMPKIN PARTY!

Over 500 pumpkins filled the Rose Garden Square at the annual Pumpkin Party held on Monday November 1st as the Mayor's Youth Team assisted in the delivery of event festivities/activities which included a free BBQ, Pumpkin Display, and Music Entertainment. It turned out to be a great family event with more than 500 carved pumpkins lit up prior to being added to the composter and the Mayor's Youth Team was happy to do their part for the environment.



What's Next for the MYT...

The Mayor's Youth Team will be participating in upcoming winter events to help usher in this Winter season! These events include the annual Christmas Tree Lighting and the Santa Clause Parade in Downtown Brampton as well as assisting with activities at the Winter Celebration in Chinguacousy Park on December 1st.

The Mayor's Youth Team will also in the process of recruiting new members to the team to help provide input on future youth initiatives as the team looks forward to 2011.

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