

Spring Newsletter

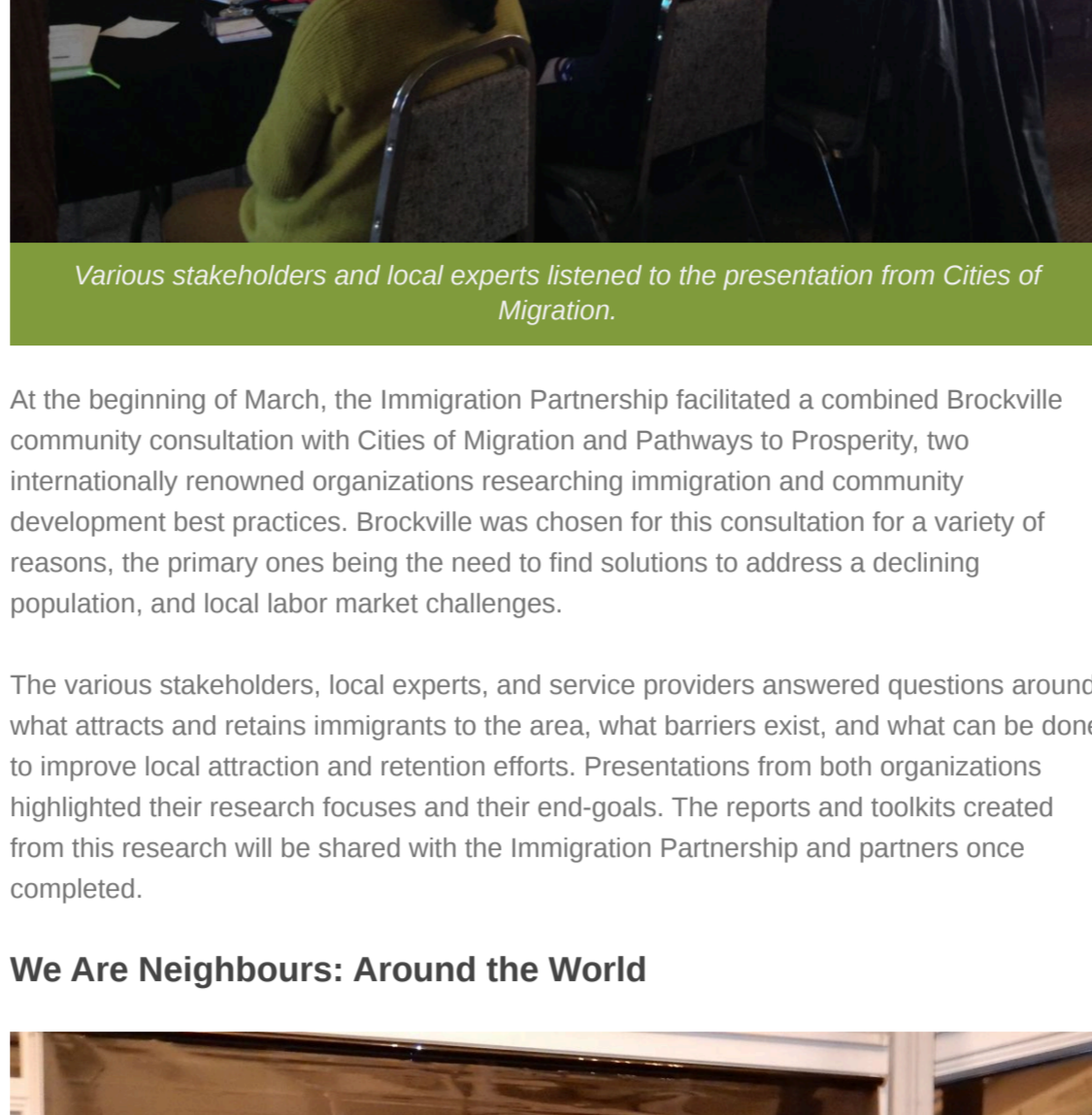


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WHAT'S NEW

Immigration Partnership Updates

Cities of Migration and Pathways to Prosperity Community Consultation

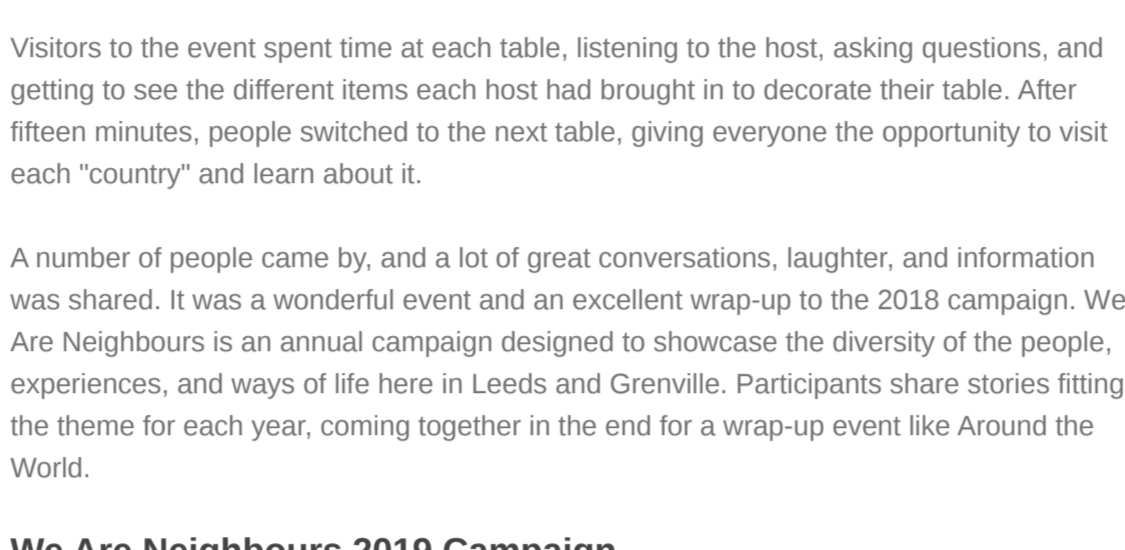


Various stakeholders and local experts listened to the presentations from Cities of Migration.

At the beginning of March, the Immigration Partnership facilitated a combined Brockville community consultation with Cities of Migration and Pathways to Prosperity, two internationally renowned organizations researching immigration and community development best practices. Brockville was chosen for this consultation for a variety of reasons, the primary ones being the need to find solutions to address a growing population, and local labor market challenges.

The various stakeholders, local experts, and service providers answered questions around what attracts and retains immigrants to the area, what barriers exist, and what can be done to improve local attraction and retention efforts. Presentations from both organizations highlighted their research focuses and their end-goals. The reports and toolkits created from this research will be shared with the Immigration Partnership and partners once completed.

We Are Neighbours: Around the World



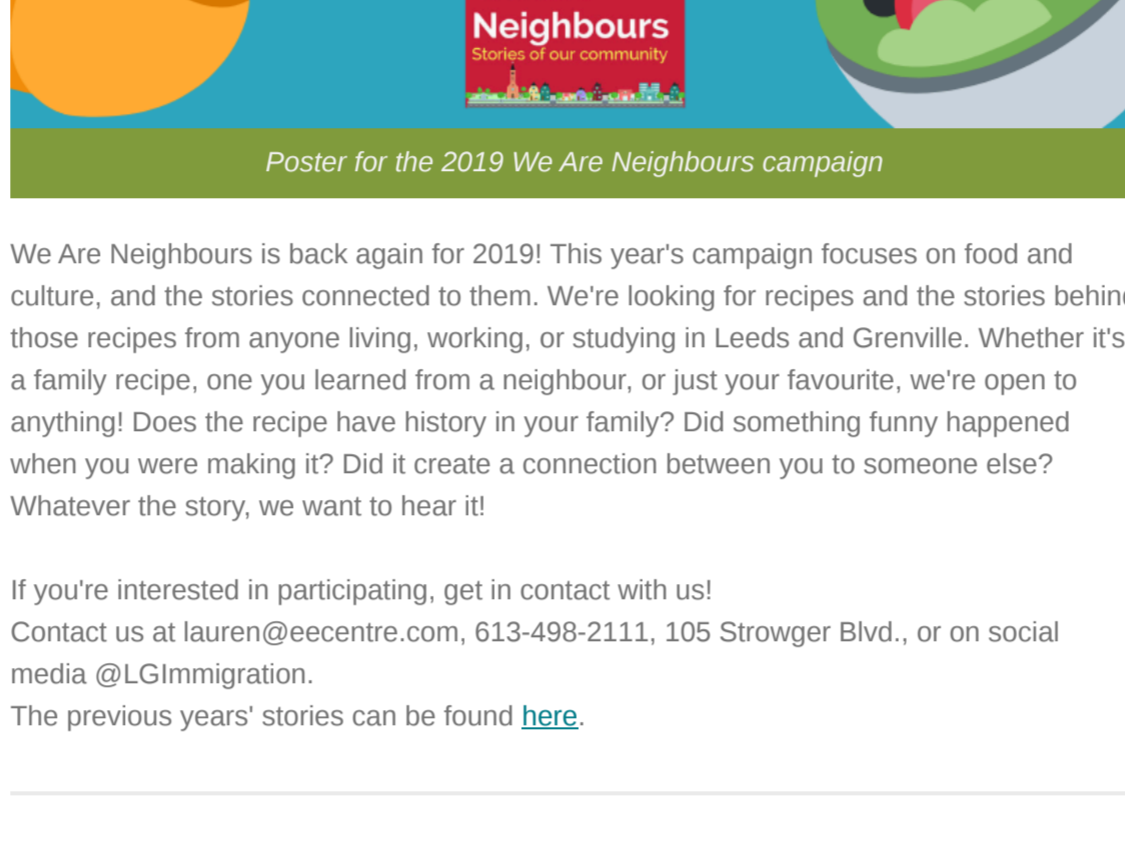
Two of our youngest event participants had fun dressing up at the Chinese table!

On March 7th, the 2018 We Are Neighbours campaign wrapped up with the Around the World event. Seven participants from We Are Neighbours representing Chile, France, Iran, Ireland, Pakistan, Scotland, and Syria hosted tables representing their home countries and cultures.

Visitors to the event spent time at each table, listening to the host, asking questions, and getting to see the different items each host had brought in to decorate their table. After fifteen minutes, people switched to the next table, giving everyone the opportunity to visit each "country" and learn about it.

A number of people came by, and a lot of great conversations, laughter, and information was shared. It was a wonderful event and an excellent wrap-up to the 2018 campaign. We Are Neighbours is an annual campaign designed to showcase the diversity of the people, experiences, and ways of life here in Leeds and Grenville. Participants share stories fitting the theme for each year, coming together in the end for a wrap-up event like Around the World.

We Are Neighbours 2019 Campaign

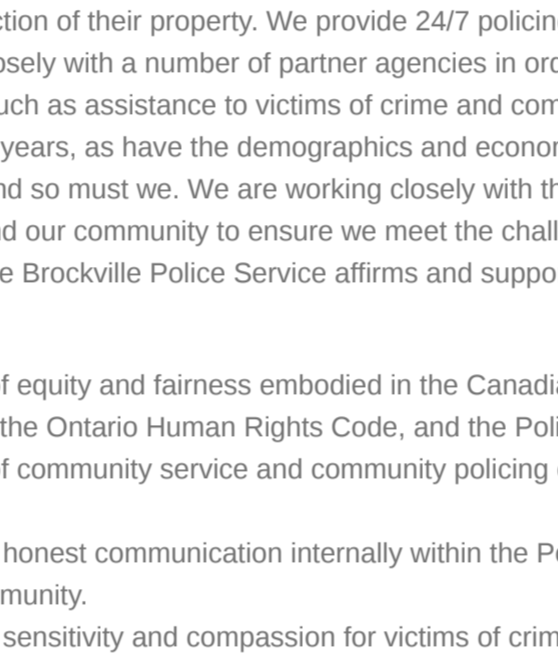


We Are Neighbours is back again for 2019! This year's campaign focuses on food and culture, and the stories connected to them. We're looking for recipes and the stories behind those recipes from anyone living, working, or studying in Leeds and Grenville. Whether it's a family recipe, one you learned from a neighbour, or just your favourite, we're open to anything! Does the recipe have history in your family? Did something funny happen when you were making it? Did it create a connection between you to someone else? Whatever the story, we want to hear it!

If you're interested in participating, get in contact with us! Contact us at lauren@centre.com, 613-498-2111, 105 Strowger Blvd., or on social media @Immigration. The previous years' stories can be found [here](#).

COUNCIL MEMBER FEATURE

Brockville Police Service



We are pleased to welcome the Brockville Police Service to the Immigration Partnership Council! Greg Francis, the Community Safety Officer, will serve as representative.

With over 180 years of service, the Brockville Police are committed to the safety of our citizens and the protection of their property. We provide 24/7 policing and emergency response. We work closely with a number of partner agencies in order to provide outstanding service, such as assistance to victims of crime and community safety. Policing has changed over the years, as have the demographics and economics of our community. Times are changing and so must we. We are working closely with the Police Services Board, City Council and our community to ensure we meet the challenges faced at various levels. Accordingly, the Brockville Police Service affirms and supports its intention for and adherence to:

- The principles of equity and fairness embodied in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the Ontario Human Rights Code, and the Police Services Act.
- The principles of community service and community policing embodied in the Police Services Act.
- The principle of honest communication internally within the Police Service, as well as with our community.
- The principle of sensitivity and compassion for victims of crime.
- The principle of continuous improvement and education of members of the Police Service.

The mission of the Brockville Police Service is to ensure safety and security through partnerships within our Community. We are pleased to be part of the St. Lawrence-Rideau Immigration Partnership Council.

You can learn more about the Brockville Police on their [website](#).

LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

The Town of Kemptville

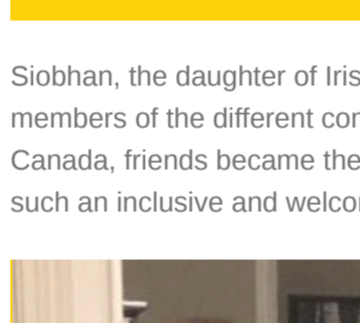


DID YOU KNOW?

- It was originally settled by Lyman Clothier, who bought the land and set up a mill, which eventually caused the town to start up.
- The town was originally called Clothier's Mill, but was eventually named Kemptville after Sir James Kempt, the Governor of Upper Canada at the time.
- Kemptville is the largest community in North Grenville, with almost one quarter of North Grenville's population.
- Photo credit: P199

PARTNER UPDATES

Name Change!

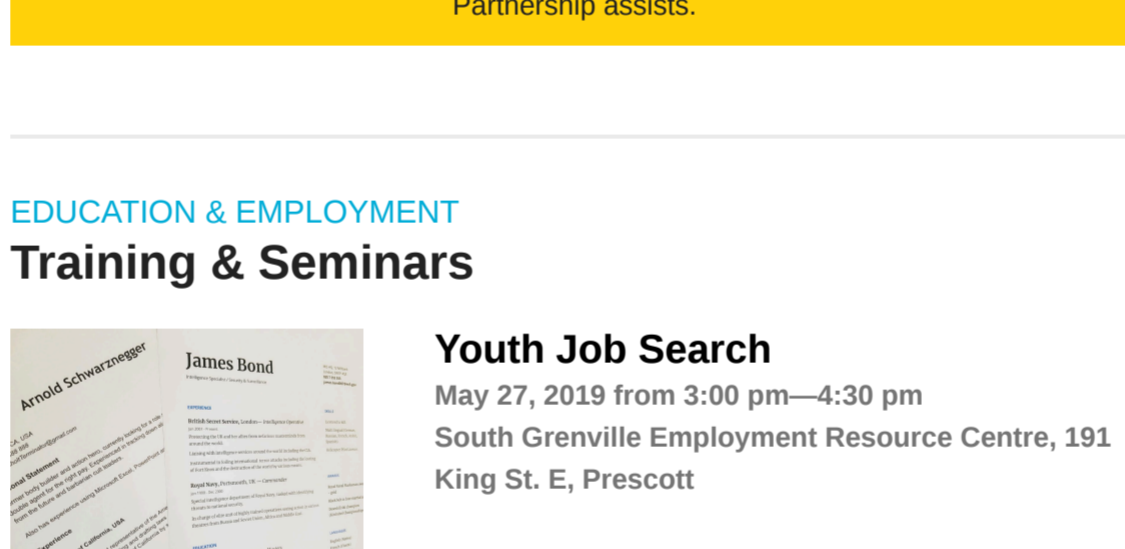


New Name
1000 Islands Region Workforce Development Board has changed its name to the Eastern Workforce Innovation Board! Their mission, to champion community initiatives and partnerships that best use available resources to develop a skilled, effective and adaptable local workforce remains the same! You can visit their website [here](#).

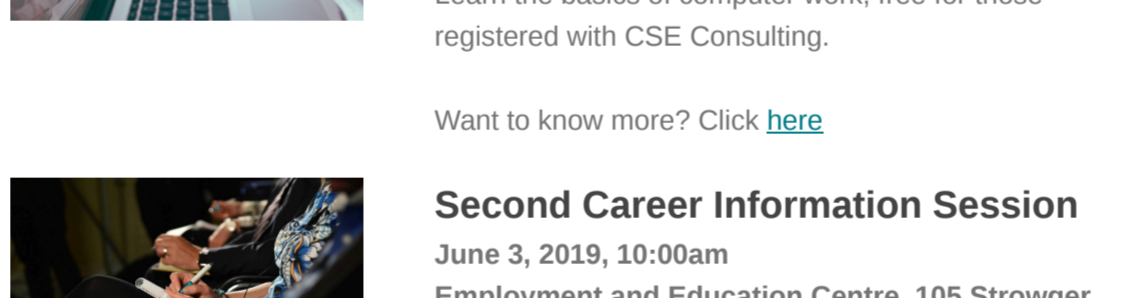
LOCAL CELEBRATION

Syrian Potluck Dinner

In an effort to create community connections, Siobhan Brodowski of 1000 Islands B2B has begun hosting monthly potlucks that involve immigrants from different countries. The first was a Syrian potluck which also celebrated Ahmad Khadra, both for his 20 years in business with Kinda Electronics, and also for his birthday!



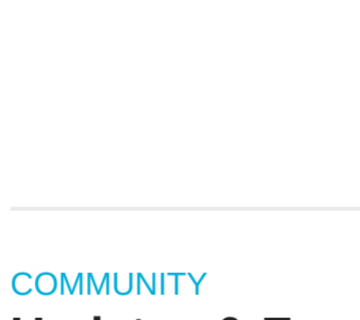
Siobhan Brodowski (left) with 1000 Islands B2B hosted the Syrian Potluck, which also honours Ahmad Khadra (right) for his 20 years of owning and operating Kinda Electronics!



Ahmad Barrett receives recognition for his years in business from the offices of MP Michael Barrett, MPP Steve Clark, and the City of Brockville. Siobhan (middle) hands the scroll over, while Melissa Francis (right) of the St. Lawrence-Rideau Immigration Partnership assists.

EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

Training & Seminars



Youth Job Search

May 27, 2019 from 3:00 pm—4:30 pm
Six Local Churches, Brockville
South Grenville Employment Resource Centre, 151 King St. E, Prescott

Learn how to find, apply, and land a job as a youth!

More information [here](#).



Computer Basics

May 30, 2019 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
CSE Consulting Kemptville, 125 Prescott Street, Kemptville

Learn the basics of computer work, free for those registered with CSE Consulting.

Want to know more? Click [here](#).

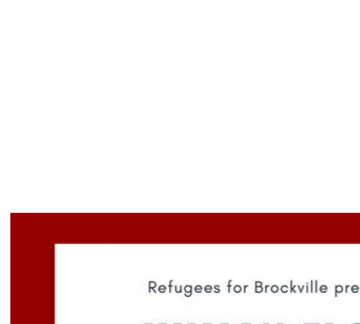


Second Career Information Session

June 2, 2019, 10:00am
Employment and Education Centre, 105 Strowger Blvd., Brockville

Attend this information session to find out if you qualify for funding assistance for retraining.

For more info, click [here](#).



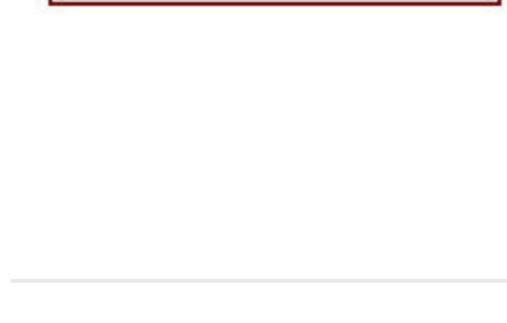
First Aid and CPR Level A or C with AED Training

June 4 and 5th, 2019, 8:00am to 4:30pm
St. John House, 23 Abbott Street, Brockville
Emergency or Standard First Aid with CPR Level A or C - including AED. Course being hosted by St. John Ambulance

For more info, click [here](#).

COMMUNITY

Updates & Events



Refugee Sponsorship Information Session

May 29, 2019 from 5:00pm to 6:30pm
Brockville Country Club, 1548 King St. W, Brockville, ON

Join Refugees for Brockville for an information session including a panel of current sponsors to find out about how you can sponsor refugee newcomers to Brockville and area.

For more info, click [here](#).

The BIG GIVE Community Event

June 1, 2019 from 8:00am to 1:00pm
Six Local Churches, Brockville

The Big Give is back again this year and everything is FREE! This includes haircuts, clothes, and children's events! Six area churches involved. Brockville Transit is offering free rides for those going to and from the churches.

Spring into Summer Gently Used Clothing Bazaar

June 2, 2019 from 10:00am to 1:00pm
85 Hwy 32, Gananoque

Craving some new summery things to wear? On a shoestring? You can do much better for style, quality & low prices than our huge collection of gently used clothing in excellent used condition. For men and women. You can try things on! Everything from floaty shawls and sheer blouses to business wear and rugged outdoor gear. Shoes, purses, men's button shirts and more. All neatly organized under our tent Village at the Gananoque & District Humane Society shelter, 85 Hwy 32, just north of Gananoque & the 401. From 10 am to 1 pm. Cash only. Rain date June 22.

For more information, click [here](#).

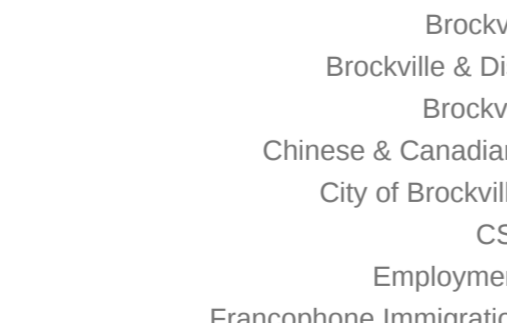


Refugees for Brockville Presents: Human Flow

June 21, 2019 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Brockville Legion, 189 Park Street, Brockville

Refugees for Brockville invites the community to a FREE screening of Human Flow. A film about Human Migration by director and artist Ai Weiwei.

For more details, click [here](#).



Lansdowne Festival

June 22, 2019 from 10:00am to 1:00pm
Lansdowne Community Centre, 1 Jessie Street, Lansdowne

Take time for Textiles. Come to the Textiles Festival at the Lansdowne Community Centre, 1 Jessie Street, Lansdowne, on Saturday June 22 from 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is \$1.00. Come and see spinners, weavers, rug hookers, quilters and many more demonstrate their art and sell their products. Lunch will be available and served by the Lansdowne Women's Institute.

Contact Liene 613-659-4709 for more information. Sponsored by Lansdowne Association for Revitalization.

IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

Member Organizations

These are the organizations that provide leadership to the St. Lawrence-Rideau Immigration Partnership.

- Brockville & Area YMCA
- Brockville & District Multicultural Council
- Brockville Police Service
- Chinese & Canadian Heritage Cultural Association
- City of Brockville Economic Development
- CSE Consulting
- Employment + Education Centre
- Francophone Immigration Support Network of East Ontario
- Futuro Academy
- Immigrants - Services d'Immigration au Canada
- KEYS Job Centre
- Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit
- Leeds Grenville Small Business Enterprise Centre
- Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Foods & Rural Affairs
- Refugees for Brockville Committee
- St. Lawrence College
- 1000 Islands Workforce Development Board
- Town of Prescott
- Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands
- United Counties of Leeds Grenville
- Upper Canada Leger Centre
- Volunteer Centre of St. Lawrence-Rideau

Contact Us Today To Get Involved!

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