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Connecting Generations • Building Digital Confidence • Celebrating Community

2025 Community Impact Update

2025 Impact Highlights

At KAWAC (KACB Worldwork Alliance Canada), seniors continue to demonstrate that learning, sharing wisdom, and building community have no age limit. This year, our seniors participated in community events, digital learning activities, and intergenerational programs that strengthened social connections, improved digital confidence, and promoted well-being.

25+ Seniors engaged weekly in computer, cooking, or game activities

50 New volunteers recruited (25 seniors and 25 youth)

3+ Senior volunteers supporting administrative work weekly

6 Intergenerational cooking cycles completed

Community Events & Celebrations

Rain or Shine – Art in the Heart (October 10, 2025): Our seniors participated in the Art in the Heart community gathering, celebrating creativity and culture regardless of the weather. The event brought together residents, artists, and community groups in a vibrant atmosphere filled with art displays, music, and storytelling.

❖ Impact: Seniors engaged in community art appreciation • Strengthened community inclusion and social interaction • Celebrated creativity across generations

World AIDS Day Community Awareness: KAWAC seniors proudly joined the global community in marking World AIDS Day, reflecting on resilience, awareness, and support for people living with HIV. The event highlighted the importance of compassion, education, and the reduction of stigma.

❖ Impact: Strengthened intergenerational dialogue about health awareness • Shared lived experiences and advocacy • Honored the resilience of communities affected by HIV

YRES Recognition Event – Toronto (June 21): Our seniors were invited to celebrate community achievements at the YRES Recognition Event at Palmerston Theatre. The evening highlighted the contributions of volunteers, community leaders, and organizations making a difference across Ontario, including an award for leadership in volunteerism.

❖ Impact: Recognition of community contributions • Networking with other community organizations • Celebration of volunteer leadership

Digital Learning & Technology Access

Expansion of the Computer Resource Hub: KAWAC continued expanding the Computer Resource Hub, providing seniors with access to computers, internet services, and technical guidance. This initiative supports seniors in developing digital literacy skills, allowing them to connect with family, access online services, and build confidence using technology.

Key Activities: ✓ Equipment maintenance and upgrades ✓ Technical support for users ✓ Guidance on email, online safety, and basic computer skills

✦ Impact: Improved digital confidence among seniors • Reduced digital isolation • Increased access to information and services



Seniors engaged in digital literacy training at KAWAC's Computer Resource Hub

Community Outreach & Volunteer Recruitment

Outreach and Community Mobilization: KAWAC expanded its volunteer network by engaging community members interested in supporting seniors' programs. Recruitment activities included community meetings, outreach visits, and local information sessions.

✦ Impact: Increased volunteer participation • Strengthened community partnerships • Enhanced program support capacity



ICT training session fostering digital inclusion for seniors

Intergenerational Skills Exchange Forum

One of the highlights of the year was the Intergenerational Skills Exchange Forum, where seniors and youth shared knowledge and experiences. Youth volunteers helped seniors learn technology skills, while seniors shared life lessons, storytelling, and cultural knowledge.

❖ Impact: Strengthened relationships between generations • Increased mutual understanding and respect • Promoted shared learning opportunities



Seniors Come-Together & Learning Day

KAWAC hosted a Seniors Come-Together and Learning Day, bringing seniors together for a day of learning, wellness discussions, and community building.

Activities included: ✓ Digital literacy demonstrations ✓ Community discussions ✓ Health and wellness conversations ✓ Social networking activities

✦ Impact: Reduced social isolation – up to 25 seniors came together every week • At least 3 seniors volunteered weekly in administrative support • Increased community participation • Encouraged lifelong learning through good nutrition and keeping minds sharp



Seniors learning together during KAWAC's digital literacy program



KAWAC Seniors Center – Building community connections through learning

Looking Ahead

KAWAC remains committed to empowering seniors through digital inclusion, intergenerational learning, and community engagement.

In the coming year, we plan to expand:

- ✓ Digital literacy workshops
- ✓ Intergenerational mentorship programs
- ✓ Community learning events for seniors

Together, we continue building a community where seniors remain active, connected, and empowered.

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