



CONNECTIONS
COMMUNITY SERVICES SOCIETY

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION AWARDS

A CCSS Celebration

March 8, 2026

Land Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge that the land on which we gather, live and work is the unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples including the xʷməθkʷəyəm (Musqueam) Nation.

Guests of Honors

Chak Au

Member of Parliament, Richmond Centre - Marpole

Kelly Greene

BC Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness
MLA for Richmond Steveston

Hon Chan

MLA for Richmond Centre

Alexa Loo

Acting Mayor, City of Richmond

Bill McNulty

Councillors, City of Richmond

Andy Hobbs

Councillors, City of Richmond

Richard Lee

Councillors, City of Burnaby

A Message to All Volunteers from Daniel

Thank you for choosing CCSS as your platform to grow, to learn and to become a better version of yourself. We are committed to providing a safe, welcoming and supportive space where you can do what you love, explore your potential and feel a true sense of belonging. This is a place where you can strengthen your skill set, sharpen your talents and most importantly, build lifelong friendships.

Whether you are receiving an award or not, you are the shining stars of our community and the future we're all building together. Keep up the incredible spirit – your light makes a real difference.

I want you to know that I'm not walking in front of you, nor behind you. I'm walking with you – side by side – as we grow, support one another and enjoy the journey together.

Thank you once again for everything. I look forward to seeing you all again very soon – here, there and everywhere!

Daniel Suen
Executive Director/CEO



Program Rundown

- 2:00 PM** Land Acknowledgement
Welcome Remarks
- 2:15 PM** Guest Speeches
- 2:30 PM** Sharing & Testimonials
- 2:50 PM** Performance by Hidden GEM Dance Studio
- 3:00 PM** Volunteer Awards Presentation
- 3:45 PM** Closing Remarks
- 3:50 PM** Group Photos
- 4:00 PM** End of Ceremony
Light refreshment will be served.

Thank you for your great contributions and dedication to CCSS Programs in 2025!

Intergenerational Connect Program

Digital Literacy for Seniors

Adrien Lung	Aiden Luo [^]	Amanda Tang
Andison Chen	Annette Leung	Anthony Yip
Ashley Chan	Betty Wong	Bin Li
Carrie Cheng	Daphne Sun	Dave Lee
Donovan Lee	Gwen Hoe	Hannah Shi
Henry Zhu	Iris Li	Iris Zhang
Jacqueline Wong	Jeremiah Ho	Kama Zhu
Keenan Guevarra	Kelvin Tai	Kevin Jin
Kiki Gao	Kristy Chan	Kyle He
Laina Chen	Lauren Lee	Leanna Luk
Louie Liu	Lynna Luk	Maxine Ao
Nicholas Lu	Pico Cheung	Ray Wang
Roger So	Samuel Li	Vicky Liu
Vicky Luo*	William Wang	

**Group Facilitator / [^]Youth Leader*

Generations Homework Club

Afan Zahoor	Ann Wang	Avery Poon
Brian Keung	Charles Kan*	Chi Nguyen
Chloe Wong	Cindy Mo	Daniel Zhao

Generations Homework Club (Continued)

Emily Wu	Gordon Zhou	Harris Tang
Jalen Lee	Jason Tian	Jenny Pan
Jocelyn Ho	Jonathan Chan*	Jonathan Zhou^
Justin Liu	Keaton Lee	Ken Zeng
Linda He	Luca Chan	Maryam Sarmazdeh
Michelle Tu^	Mohammad Asif Howida	Rachel Sun
Sana Zahoor^	Stanley Keung	Tony Du
Tooba Ahmed	Vincent He	Zena Wang

**Program Coordinator / ^Youth Leader*

Super Senior Support Group

(English Class for Seniors, Senior Club House, Senior in Colors, WeWalk WeTalk)

Alice Meng	Ashley Chan	Charles Kan
Chloe Kao	Chun Him Lai	Cicely Au
Cindy Mo	Erin Zhu	Kaitlyn Kam
Jalen Lee	Jay Lui	Jocelyn Ho
Karina Luo	Keenan Guevarra	Kelvin Tai
Leanne Luk	Lynna Luk	Maegan Cheung
Marcus Luo	Michelle Wang	Monica Li
Orlando Li	Peggy Leung	Peggy Su
Samuel Li	Sean Li	Serena Jia
Sermeion Francisco	Vincent He	

Youth Focus Group

Alberto Wong*	Alexus Ng	Alicia Ng
Ashley Chan	Betty Wong*	Damon Chou

Youth Focus Group (Continued)

Emily Xiu	Jadeon Smith	Jay Lui
Kama Zhu	Keaton Lee	Keenan Guevarra
Krishiv Biware^	Louie Liu	Maegan Cheung^
Maria Fang	Noble Wen	Pehal Biware
Pico Cheung*	Rita Du	Sean Li^
Vicky Liu	Vincent He	

Connections Kids Camp

Alice Meng	Annie Zhao	Anson Tse
Harrison Lam	Jocelyn Ho	Kyle He
Lauren Lee	Yan Guan	Zoe Wang

Connections Sports Club

Charlie Woo	Chun Him Lai	Cindy Gong
Faith Chan	Ian Ho	Jonathan Chen
Krishiv Biware		

IT & Website Operations

Darvin Yeung	Eric Wang	Hailey Leung
Jose Clartio	Oliver Rivera	Sophia Sing
Tom Cheung		

Office Administration

Barbara Yang	Carlyn Lizo	Homan Yu
Kelvin Tai	Madison Qiu	Nina Cai
Olivia Te	Vicki Lee	Wenne Foo

Marketing and Social Media

Ian Poon	Jonathan Chen	Megan Chen
Nobel Wen	Sarah Poon	Sophia Sing

Volunteer Leadership & Management

Cherry Chun	Chun Him Lai	Cindy Mo
Fiona Fung	Jonathan Chan	Peggy Leung
Rochelle Fernandez		

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

Cody Mo	Cora Lai	Dean Paul Dela Cruz
Hanshika Rajendrakumar Shah	Jordan Huynh	Liqun Lin
Manny Cheung	Ruth Chen	Simon Lee

Special Events and Projects

Truth and Reconciliation Ceremony

Daphne Sun	Dennis Tsang	Erin Zhu
Jay Lui	Kaitlyn Kam	Keenan Guevarra
Kyle He	Maxine Ao	Monica Li

Publication, Fundraising and Other CCSS Events

Aiden Luo	Alissa Chan	Dennis Tsang
Hugo Lai	Jacob Wong	Jen Wang
Lennox Leung	Ray Wang	Ryan Lai
Tina Tse	Vicky Luo	

Awards & Recognitions

Service Milestone (30-59 Hours)

Alice Meng	Alissa Chan	Ashley Chan
Cindy Mo	Darvin Yeung	Eric Wang
Jocelyn Ho	Jonathan Zhou	Jose CLarito
Keenan Guevarra	Krishiv Biware	Kyle He
Lennox Leung	Liqun Lin	Lynna Luk
Michelle Tu	Nina Cai	Peggy Leung
Ryan Mok	Sarah Poon	Sean Li
Sophia Sing	Vicki Lee	Yan Guan
Sana Zahoor		

Service Champions (60+ Hours)

Aiden Luo	Betty Wong	Carlyn Lizo^
Chloe Kao	Chun Him Lai	Cody Mo
Dennis Tsang^	Fiona Fung	Jonathan Chan
Jordan Huynh^	Pat Chan	Pico Cheung

Connections Service Milestone Award (100+ Hours)

Homan Yu	Olivia Te	Wenne Foo
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Connections Service Milestone Award (150+ Hours)

Charles Kan

[^] In absence

^{**} Awards are granted based on service records tracked in 2025

Connections Service Milestone Award (200+ Hours)

Tom Cheung

Connections Service Milestone Award (300+ Hours)

Cherry Chun^ Kelvin Tai^ Rochelle Fernandez

Connections Most Valuable Player

Tom Cheung

Connections Master of Healthy Living Award

Colin Tsang Eleanor Tang Gavin Lu 文華
Man Sang Leung Ronald Zhang 張士方

Connections Leadership and Service Award

Vicky Luo

Connections Community Service Award

Alvin Louie Chris Louie Megan Chen^

Connections Rising Star Award

Cindy Mo Eric Wang Jocelyn Ho
Louie Liu

Connections Graduate Service Award

Ashley Chan Chloe Kao Krishiv Biware
Lynna Luk

[^] *In absence*

^{**} *Awards are granted based on service records tracked in 2025*

Connections Youth L.E.A.D Scholarship

Michelle Tu

Jonathan Zhou

Sana Zahoor

Connections Youth of the Year Scholarship

Aiden Luo

CCSS Volunteer Recognition Program

We value the dedication, leadership and the positive impact created by our volunteers. The CCSS Recognition Program celebrates volunteers who demonstrate exceptional commitment, service excellence and community spirit. Awards are granted through nomination based on service records, program involvement and level of commitment. Awards are presented at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Event in recognition of the contributions in the previous year.



***Heartfelt thanks for your support,
contributions and dedication in making the
inaugural CCSS appreciation event possible!***

Performers

Hidden GEM Dance Studio

Video Sharing

Ann Tsang

Grace Kan

Megan Chen

Partners / Sponsors

One Café

ProCare Health & Wellness Clinic

Richmond Public Library (Brighthouse Branch)

Production Team

Master of Ceremonies

Chloe Kao

Kitty Chong

Jonathan Zhou

Stage Team

Afan Zahoor

Chun Him Lai

Janice Fan

Mabel Loc

Nikhil Garg

Pehal Biware

Vera Ha

Photographers

Maggie Fong

Clarence Cheung

Video Wall

Diana Zhang

Jamie Leung

Graphic Design

Olivia Te

Floor Team

Aiden Luo

Cody Mo

Fiona Fung

Florence Lai

Henry Zhu

Ira Fan

Iris Zhang

Joshua Wong

Maria Fang

Maryam
Esfandyari

Maxine Ao

Michelle Tu

Olivia Te

Sana Zahoor

Producer

Kitty Chong

Board of Directors

Gary Ma , Chair

Hong Yi Li, Vice Chair

Peng Wang, Finance Chair

Cora Lai

Ornella Tolfo

Testimonials

“Volunteering at CCSS has been a valuable experience for me as a Grade 8 student. Through the Digital Literacy for Seniors program, I support older adults as they learn to use smartphones and other everyday technology. I enjoy being patient and helping them feel more comfortable and independent. I am also part of the Youth Focus Group, where we discuss school-related challenges and share ideas to better support students in our community.”

– **Louie Liu**

Digital Literacy for Seniors, Youth Focus Group

“I joined CCSS as a volunteer for volunteer management in July 2025. I gained many great insight about the organization and its commitment to fostering connections within our society. It was my absolute pleasure to work with the staff and multi-faceted volunteers from every corner of the society. I look forward to another year with CCSS and contribute more to help foster that connection with many more individuals.”

– **Jonathan Chan**

Volunteer Management, Generations Homework Club

Testimonials (Continued)

“Volunteering at the Digital Literacy for Seniors and the Chinese New Year gathering for seniors has been a truly meaningful experience for me. Supporting seniors as they learn to use technology and apps reminds me that growth has no age limit. Seeing their curiosity and determination inspires me deeply. Through volunteering, I came to realize that while we offer guidance and time, we receive even more – connection, gratitude, and renewed purpose in my own journeys. This is the most beautiful part of volunteering. And we need more people to pay it forward.”

– **Annette Leung**

Digital Literacy for Seniors

“My journey with CCSS has been both encouraging and empowering. As a newcomer with a background in education and leadership, I was seeking guidance and community. CCSS provided practical support within an inclusive and welcoming climate that strengthened my confidence. Through their programs, I gained valuable insights, meaningful connections, and a deeper commitment to contributing positively to the community and broader society.”

– **Maryam Esfandiyar**

Generations Homework Club

Testimonials (Continued)

“Volunteering for CCSS's Digital Literacy for Senior program has been very meaningful over the last five months. While I taught seniors how to use their digital devices with confidence, I learned the importance of patience. I also enjoyed stepping out to help staff hand out flyers for the calligraphy program. I feel grateful for the opportunity that I can gain the volunteer experience and help others at the same time, in an inclusive and warm environment. Thank you for this meaningful journey!”

– **Anonymous**

Digital Literacy for Seniors

“I wanted to express my sincere gratitude for this program. It has made a tremendous difference in my child's self-esteem. He used to be very shy and hesitant to try new things, but since joining the program, I've seen a remarkable change in him. He is now more confident, open and willing to step outside of his comfort zone.

Thank you so much for creating such a safe and supportive space for children. The impact goes far beyond the curriculum. You are empowering the next generation to take initiative, build confidence, and develop leadership skills. We are truly grateful for everything you do.”

– **Rania (Parent of Adam, Grade 6)**

Generations Homework Club

Testimonials (Continued)

'It was a Tuesday afternoon in 2019 at the Generations Homework Club. A seven-year-old named Maya had been struggling with reading for weeks—frustrated, ready to give up. That day, something clicked. She sounded out her first full sentence without help, looked up at me, and smiled like she'd just discovered fire. Her grandmother, waiting nearby, quietly wiped her eyes.

This is the moment in the space created by CCSS. Maya's smile lives on in everything I do.

I've spent the last three years applying everything CCSS taught me – about patience, cultural humility and what genuine community support actually looks like. The work CCSS did sends ripples far beyond the walls. You invested in me once, and I've spent the years since trying to honor that investment.

– **Alex Chen**

Generations Homework Club (2019-2021)

About Connections Community Services Society

Founded in 1974, our mission is to be a leading provider of programs and services that are responsive to the diverse needs of children, youth and families. We work toward a better tomorrow by connecting our community and supporting our children, youth and families to thrive and reach for their dreams.

Our Vision

Connected people, thriving communities.

Our Mission

We work with people to strengthen the pathways and tools they need for improved well-being, opportunities for development, and human connection.

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