

Who We are

The Bangladeshi-Canadian Community Services (BCS), is a non-profit organization located at Victoria Park and Danforth Avenue, has successfully aided the local community since 2001. It is strategically located within a densely populated part of the city, consisting primarily of minority groups.

Knowledge of cultural norms and values has allowed BCS to maximize its potential by providing services targeted at newcomers, youth and seniors via initiatives that incorporate Canadian society whilst maintaining heritage.

BCS has over 3000 beneficiaries that rely on the services provided by the organization, with more being added every year.

VISION

BCS aims to create a vibrant community living in harmony in the Greater Toronto Area. This is achieved by addressing not only the needs but also the wants of a growing community.

MISSION

*Helping people
help themselves.*

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Interested in **VOLUNTEERING?**

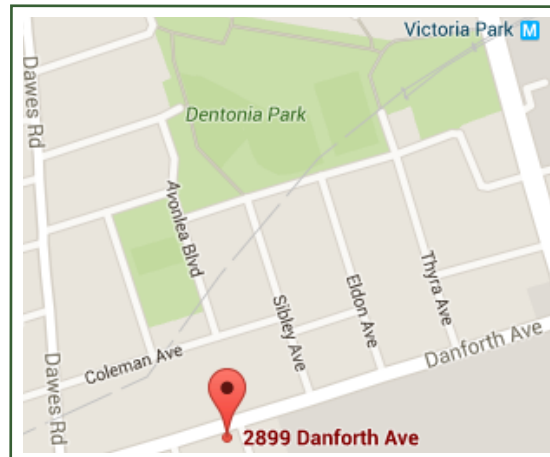
We provide volunteer opportunities for youth based on their interest and skills. Volunteers can receive strong reference letters that can help for school and job opportunities.



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YOUTH PROGRAMS

BCS truly believes “children are the future” and as such supports a variety of youth-oriented initiatives. These free programs engage youth in extracurricular activities focused on empowering them in the years to come.



Offerings include:

- Annual summer sports tournament (Soccer)
- Workshops, Mentoring
- Active Living for Girls
- Weekly Youth Drop In (Games Night)
- Youth Eliminates Smoking (YES)
- Crescent Town Youth Fitness Initiative (CTYFI)

Youth also participate in multiple leadership groups such as the Youth Eliminates Smoking (YES) program and the Crescent Town Youth Fitness Initiative (CTYFI), all of which meet multiple times a month to forward their cause and strengthen their sense of community.

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING PROGRAM (ASTP)

BCS provides FREE tutoring programs every week on Saturday's for kids in Kindergarten to Grade 12. Volunteers tutor the kids and attendees participate in various activities to enhance their learning experience.

Services Include:

- Special Coaching on Bengali & French Language
- Special Coaching on EQAO Provincial Content
- Life-Oriented Training / Workshop
- Math, English, Social Science & Science Tutoring / Mentoring



SERVICES OFFERED

SENIOR PROGRAMS

BCS believes seniors have more to offer than they are often given credit for. For this reason, we offer numerous programs focused on engaging this knowledgeable demographic and using their insights to aid in mentorship. These programs also provide seniors with an opportunity to socialize, gain knowledge about current happenings and relevant health concerns as well as voice their perspective on matters relevant to the community. BCS has taken the initiative to understand the challenges and barriers seniors are facing and are working on producing relevant programs to assist them or connect them to the right resources.

Services Include:

- Workshops/Writers Club
- Field Trips
- Friendly Visits and Calls
- Technology Training
- Weekly drop-in
- Exercise and Yoga
- Intergenerational Gap Minimization
- Home Support/ Accompaniment



RESEARCH

A big portion of BCS's efforts is directed towards research. A largely under-rated aspect of the organization, research, lays the foundation for all initiatives. These studies are imperative in determining the needs of the community and the means to best address these needs. The studies are often conducted via surveys, focus group discussion (FGD), and interviews in an effort to determine both quantitative and qualitative information.

FESTIVE EVENTS

BCS caters to the Crescent Town community, which consists of predominately South-Asians, of which a large majority are Bangladeshi. For this reason, numerous cultural festivities exist throughout the year that provides BCS with ample opportunity to bring the community together to celebrate our common heritage. These events are a great opportunity for the local population to build a stronger community through unification.



Events Include:

- Independence Day
- Victory Day
- Canada Day
- Mother's and Father's Day
- International Mother Language Day (IMLD)
- Bengali New Year (Pohela Boishakh)

FOR NEWCOMERS

BCS provides assistance to approximately 1250 clients per year (Bengali and non-Bengali), specifically newly immigrated individuals who may require assistance with settlement.

These services are often provided over-the-phone, in person, Referral and partnering with other settlement agencies:

- Crisis Management
- Family Counselling (Spousal or parental conflict, etc)
- Employment Services
- Application Assistance
- Translation
- University Support (Course/program selection, Institution information) for international students
- Available free services

