

DEDICATED TO GIVING IN DELHI

Anne Clasper/Donna Hughes -- Community Co-ordinators

Two years ago, Canadian High Commission spouses got together to determine what could be done to improve the social life of the Commission. One of the results was the formation of the Canadian Club of New Delhi. The Canadian Club is a social organization for all Canadians resident in New Delhi. They hold an Annual Christmas Wassail/Carol Party, a picnic in the country, potluck suppers and a variety of other social events. After a rocky beginning, the Canadian Club has become an important focal point for the Canadian community.

Can-Assist started at approximately the same time. Can-Assist is an organization dedicated to channeling the Canadian community's fund-raising and charitable endeavors. In the autumn, we organized an Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the Official Residence. This past year we entertained almost two hundred people with a traditional turkey dinner and raised Rs. 15,000-00 for Lok Kalyan Samiti, an organization that, teamed with Operation Eyesight Universal, sponsors cataract operation eye-camps. On Valentine's Day, we held a "Give from the Heart" Food Drive, and at the end of March, the third Annual Can-Assist Swim-a-thon was held. The Swim-a-thon raised Rs. 36,000-00 under the able management of Maureen Kleniewski and her committee. This money will be disbursed to a variety of worthy causes, including the Delhi School for the Blind, the Haemophiliacs Association, Bethany Village Scholarship Fund, and a home for battered women.

Both the Canadian Club and Can-Assist have proved themselves to be interesting and viable organizations. Canadians resident in New Delhi are fortunate to have so many dedicated volunteers.

In the photograph:

Jordan & Chris Voth, Stacy & Kristina Johnston, Ashleigh Gulkiewich, Amber & David Godfrey, Jessica & Aimee Campeau, Joanne & Jennifer Lazarus, Jennifer, Dana & Steven Kleniewski, Joanne, David, Steven & Kevin Mclaughlin, Suzann Stevens, Robin Tamsin & Alison Clasper, Steven & Jeffrey Kilpatrick, Jennifer & Christopher Hurst, Kevin & Cheryl Hughes, Mathew & Chelsea Carswell Mathieu, Elise & Alison Kimmill, Sara Johnson, Alexandre & Maximillian Gagné-Crete.



Missing from the photograph:

Erin & Colin Molesberry, Nathan & Sarah Stevens, Evan Jones, Leila Gilbert, Tanya Gasparini, Susannah, Erica & Rachel Logie, Teljya & Maya Oka, Andrew McKay, Elizabeth Boekhoven, Mathieu Gagné, Ryan Kilpatrick, Samantha Dugas.