

Access Alliance Receives Toronto Community Foundation Vital Ideas Grant to support Newcomer Families

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(Toronto, ON) **June 21, 2013:** Access Alliance Multicultural Health and Community Services is pleased to announce that it has been awarded the prestigious Vital Ideas grant from the Toronto Community Foundation. Through the grant program, community organizations are provided with up to \$30,000 over one year to increase their capacity in order to expand their reach, share their experience, and better sustain their impact.

Access Alliance will use the Vital Ideas grant to enhance a very successful, innovative model that provides support to newcomer families. The Newcomer Women Peer Intervention Support Program helps immigrant and refugee families connect to services in their community to ease the transition to life in a new country.



“We are extremely proud to be recognized by the Toronto Community Foundation. This funding will enable Access Alliance to reach more newcomer families, and create leaders within our communities. When people settle and thrive, they in turn help others in their community to settle and thrive. This is vital for a healthy city”, says Axelle Janczur, Executive Director of Access Alliance.

“Our support of Access Alliance is the first step in a very important journey to wider community impact,” said Toronto Community Foundation’s President & CEO Rahul K. Bhardwaj. “We are pleased to support their effectiveness so they can continue to thrive, build on their great work to date and build a stronger Toronto.”

A “vital idea” is a program or project that is currently in operation and has a solid track record of success in making Toronto a better place to live, work, learn and grow. The Vital Ideas grant stream is unique in that it provides grants for strategic activities beyond direct programming. The investment in these strategic activities is meant to be a one-time investment in building the capacity of not-for-profits.

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Access Alliance Multicultural Health and Community Services works to promote health, wellbeing and improved access to services for immigrants and refugees in Toronto. From three locations in the city, we offer resources, provide links, conduct research and build capacity to enable individuals, families and communities to achieve health with dignity. Our range of programs, services, advocacy and partnerships address medical, social, economic, environmental, settlement and integration issues for immigrants of all ages at all stages of their life. Find out more about our work at: www.accessalliance.ca.