



CYAN

Community Youth in Action Network

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

- Northridge Senior's Centre
- \$500 Facebook Challenge
- Kevin Flynn Public Bowl For Kids Sake (March 25)
- YMCA Youth Strategic Planning Session (March 27 @YMCA Oakville)
- CYAN Family Skate (April 2)
- Helping with advertisement for CYAN
- Day of Caring (April 16)

CYAN is a network of committed youth and adults that wish to partner with numerous organizations in Oakville committed to increasing the quality and quantity of volunteer opportunities for students. Our mission is to promote more youth engagement in Oakville, while acting as a central hub for the youth to seek out volunteer opportunities. Our goal is to reach out to many high schools, youth groups, student councils, etc to promote CYAN in hopes that students find volunteer opportunities through our website and facebook page.

Want to get connected with CYAN?

The Community Youth in Action Network steering committee is comprised of students from grade 9 to 12, whose aim is to bring forth ideas and set the direction for the organization. Being on the committee allows for the students to work as a team, be creative, and most importantly represent the voice of the youth we aim to help. The youth steering committee members are responsible for meeting bi-monthly, deciding on the projects to undertake, assisting at fundraising events, and promoting the name of CYAN. The CYAN steering committee is always looking for new members to join. If you are interested and would like to apply, please visit our website www.thecyan.org. Under Resources, you will find our **Steering Committee Application Form**. Fill it out and submit online!

Get your volunteer hours!

If you are between the ages of 14 and 20 and want to:

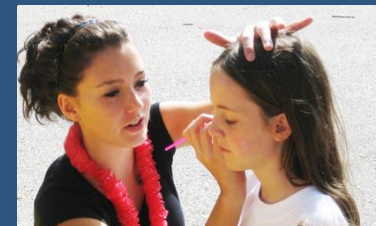
- Meet new people
- Explore new opportunities in your community
- Become a leader
- Build your resume
- Better qualify for scholarships and awards

Mission Statement:

**To strengthen,
expand and promote
the impact of youth
civic engagement.**



CYAN is a registered not-for-profit organization that helps students earn their volunteer hours.



Event of the Month

Make your **40** hours
FUN w/
\$500 CASH

“ If you could create your own Volunteer Opportunity with **\$500 CASH** how would you make Oakville a better place? ”

How to Play:

- 1. Mar. 1st-25th:** Share on our Facebook wall in 1 post how you would use \$500 dollars to make the Oakville community a better place. Get creative and remember that it can only be 1 post in length (450 characters).
- 2. Mar. 26th-27th:** CYAN will choose 5 people who will be entered as finalists for a chance to win \$500 cash.
- 3. Mar 28th-Apr 8th:** The voting is on! Come back to this tab, and you'll see the 5 finalists. The CYAN community can begin voting (by clicking "Like") for their favourite submission. If you're a finalist, you'll want to encourage as many friends to vote for your story as possible.
- 4. Apr 8th:** The submission with the most Facebook "Likes" will receive \$500 Cash to make Oakville a better place!
- 5. April 16th:** The award will be presented at the Day of Caring, Change the World event. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Play by Posting Today!



The CYAN \$500 Youth Challenge is an exciting new Facebook campaign to encourage youth to stand out, be bold, and make a recognizable difference in their community.

CYAN in collaboration with United Way, Volunteer Halton and the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, will be having a "Day of Caring – Change the World – One Community at a Time". Youth are invited to be part of this social networking and community building project.

You must be between 14 and 20 years old and a resident in Oakville, Ontario to be eligible as a finalist.

The winner will be presented at the Day of Caring, Change the World event on April 16th.

The \$500 Facebook Challenge can also be a group effort! Does your class or group of friends have an idea for a community project? Choose one student to submit your idea on behalf of their group. The more minds working together the bigger change we can make!



The Joanne and Guy McLean Youth Award 2011

The United Way of Oakville has created the Joanne and Guy McLean Youth Volunteer Award. This award will recognize one Oakville high school student who has gone above and beyond their required 40 hours of volunteer services in their community.

All submissions are due by March 23, 2011, and will be reviewed by a board of six volunteer secondary school students. These same students will determine the recipient of the award, who will be presented the award at a school assembly in June.

For further information regarding submission requirements, please visit www.thecyan.org. You will find all necessary forms under Resources (Community Resources).

Please send submissions via email or mail by March 23, 2011 to:
Community Youth Steering Committee
c/o United Way of Oakville
466 Speers Road, Suite 200
Oakville, ON L6W 3W9
Email: erin@uwoakville.org



See what's new online...

Resources:

Now easier than ever to sign up online!

-Volunteer Recruitment Form:

Interested in volunteering through CYAN? Fill out our online form to get connected!

-Steering Committee Application Form:

For those students who want to play a more active role within CYAN.

-Community and Youth Organization

Tip Sheet: Provides tips to make the event a learning experience for the youth and a successful opportunity for the organizers.

-Community Volunteer Service

Tracking Sheet: Print out and keep track of your service hours.



Google Map:

-Our new Google map feature under Volunteer Opportunities and Events makes finding your destination that much easier. Zoom in and out of the map to locate the exact location of where you need to be!



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CYAN Fun Skate

**Saturday, April 2nd, 2011
Sixteen Mile Sports
Complex**

**Arrive Time and
Register: 11:30am**

**Skate Time: 12:00-
1:00pm**

**Prize Drawings and
Refreshments: 1:15-
2:00pm**

**Location: #1 Budds
Chevrolet Rink**

**Admission: \$5
donation in support
of a great
community service
program.**

Cyan is pleased to announce our fundraiser skate day, in support of our monthly Intergenerational program at Northridge Long Term Care Facility.



*Lace up your
skates and have
some fun with your
friends, family, and
community. People
of all ages are
welcome to come
out!*

In the Spotlight...

Organization:

TBK- Andrew Schiestal

www.tbkcreative.com

Tagged By Kindness is a fundraising program for non-profit organizations, inspired by the movie, Pay it Forward. Its program is now being used in 120 high schools in North America.

Volunteer:

Volunteer Recruitment

Are you interested in volunteering and connecting more within your community?

Check us out online at www.thecyan.org and fill out the **Volunteer**

Recruitment Form under our Resource tab.

News

CYAN is looking for youth with stories to share. Is there anything exciting going on in your community or at school that you would like to post in our next newsletter? Submit a story, poetry, song-if you have a creative side that you would like to explore, here is your chance!

Student Submissions

My name is Carina Iskander, I am a grade eleven student at Iroquois Ridge High School and I currently sit on the CYAN youth steering committee. The purpose of CYAN is to become the information 'hub' for scholarships, bursaries, learning workshops, and volunteer opportunities. The reason I am with CYAN is because I am able to link my love for volunteering with my drive to make a difference in our community. I love being on the youth steering committee because I know my opinions are recognized and valued by the adults in our community. CYAN has taught me about not-for profit organizations and how they establish themselves in our community, I have been able to develop various skills through volunteer opportunities and look forward to a new year of volunteering and meeting new people. In conclusion, CYAN has helped me realize that my own community has so much to offer and every act of kindness truly makes a difference.

Food for Thought...

Have you thought about a co-op? If you are looking to learn about grassroots and not-for-profit organizations and get involved with the community; consider choosing CYAN for our co-op placement.