

Member Monthly Update



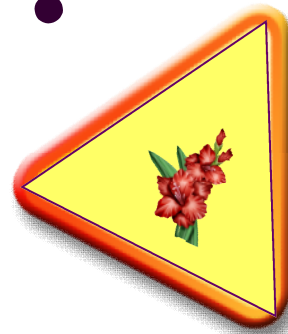
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"Glad Days for Epilepsy"

Epilepsy York Region hosts an annual fundraising and awareness campaign: "Glad Days for Epilepsy", every summer in August. Funds are raised through the sale of fresh, locally grown Gladiola flowers and proceeds go toward on-going programs, services, and supportive networks for individuals living with epilepsy in York Region. This campaign also allows us to inform people around the community about epilepsy. Gladioli are sold at various events and locations throughout the month of August. We also recruit individuals within local companies to collect orders from their colleagues and we deliver the flowers fresh! This annual campaign is crucial to our organization and its members, as Epilepsy York Region relies on community and company assistance. Please come and visit us at the Markham Unionville Jazz Festival on August 15th and 16th, St. Mary Immaculate Church in Richmond Hill On August 23rd, the Finch TTC Subway station August 25th to 28th, and St. Luke's Church in Thornhill on August 30th.

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EYR'S VALUABLE SUMMER SEASON!

Now that summer is drawing to a close three of our valuable summer students will be leaving.

Jennifer Carandang is returning to Ryerson to her fourth year nursing course. Jennifer has been busy during the summer preparing all the material for our new website. She has also been organizing our members' get-togethers.

Cathy Morrison is attending George Brown College in the Fall. Cathy's main position during the summer has been the Glad Days Coordinator. She has contributed many hours to this, our major fundraiser.

Aliza Panjwani has volunteered her time during the summer giving presentations and translating for the other presenters to the South Asian Community. Aliza has also writing articles on the stigma of epilepsy which will appear in the next Epigram and will also be on the website. Aliza is returning to the University of Western Ontario for her fourth year of Psychology.

Our summer students have been a wonderful help to Epilepsy York Region and we wish them every success in their studies.

Thank you for all your help.

We also welcome back Karen Smith as a volunteer. Karen is our Information and Referral Officer and is usually in on Tuesdays. So if you or your friends require any advice concerning epilepsy give Karen a call at 905-508-5404.

At the beginning of our summer season, Paul Odnoletkov joined EYR as a volunteer. Paul is participating in our communication plan and will be establishing a marketing plan for the agency.

If you have any questions contact us at: epilepsyork@gmail.com or call our office at 905-508-5404