



# ICDC Alberta, MTG Healthcare Academy

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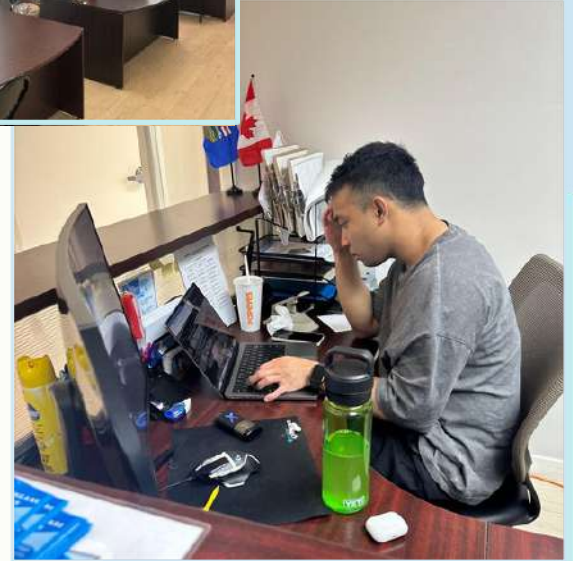
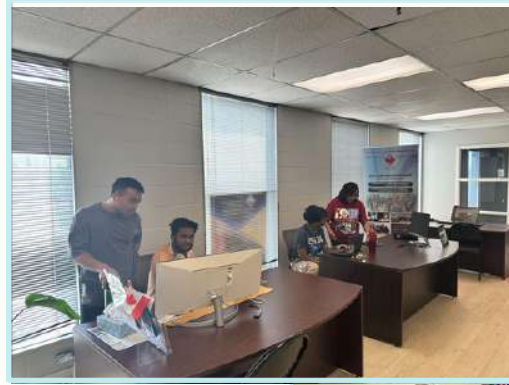


**ICDC Alberta:** The International Community Development Centre is a registered not-for-profit organization in the Province of Alberta, Canada, serving people since 2012.

**MTG Healthcare Academy:** Educating adults that they might acquire the knowledge and skills that will enable them to achieve their professional goals, since 2011.

# Our Summer Students

Summer students actively supported ICDC Canada's summer events, contributing their energy and enthusiasm to ensure successful and memorable experiences for all attendees. Here is what they have helped with this summer:



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All credit goes to the executive team and volunteers, those who worked tirelessly for the last six months, planning, coordinating, and presenting this wonderful event.

# Bangladesh Multicultural Festival at Prairie Winds Park



The Bangladeshi Multicultural Festival 2024 was a vibrant celebration of Bangladeshi culture held outdoors. The event featured a diverse array of musical performances, showcasing traditional and contemporary styles. Attendees had the opportunity to savor authentic Bangladeshi cuisine, from flavorful curries to sweet desserts.

The festival also boasted a bustling marketplace filled with vendors selling handcrafted items, clothing, and jewelry. Visitors learned about the country's history, traditions, and customs. The event fostered a sense of community and cultural exchange, bringing together people from all walks of life to celebrate the diversity of Bangladeshi culture.

# Philippines Calgary Summer Festival at Prairie Winds Park

The Philippine Calgary Summer Festival took place on August 10th and 11th, 2024, and was a vibrant celebration of Filipino culture and traditions. This annual event, held in the heart of Calgary, attracted a diverse crowd eager to experience the rich heritage of the Philippines.

The Philippine Calgary Summer Festival was not just a celebration of culture, but also a community event that brought people together. It provided an opportunity for Filipinos in Calgary to connect with their roots and for others to learn about and appreciate the rich traditions of the Philippines. The festival's success was a testament to the vibrant Filipino community in Calgary and their commitment to preserving and sharing their cultural heritage.



## Connecting with Diverse Communities

We strongly believe in cultural diversity, working with other community groups, and sharing knowledge and resources to enhance capacity building, including Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Indonesia, Thailand, and the Philippines.



# Engagement with Stakeholders

The International Development and Community Center (ICDC-Alberta), a dedicated non-profit organization, has been fostering community engagement and promoting multiculturalism in Calgary. Through its active participation in various cultural events and its strong network of stakeholders and government representatives such as Hon. Muhammad Yaseen, Minister of Immigration and Multiculturalism and Hon. Mickey Amery, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Alberta, ICDC has become a pivotal force in building a more inclusive and connected community.

ICDC's work is greatly strengthened by its partnerships with various stakeholders, including well-known hospitality industry like Radisson Hotels. These collaborations offer essential resources and support, allowing ICDC to broaden its reach and make a bigger impact.



# Clean Community, Healthy Living



The community clean-up project was a successful initiative that brought together volunteers to improve the environment and enhance the community. By removing litter and debris, the project contributed to environmental protection, beautification, and public health. The event fostered a sense of unity and cooperation among community members, inspiring others to take action and contribute to the well-being of their community. This project was supported by MP. George Chahal.



## Stampede Breakfast with media partner: Red FM Radio

Calgary's Stampede breakfasts are a beloved tradition, offering a unique and festive experience for locals and visitors alike. In 2024, these events were held across the city, bringing together communities and celebrating the spirit of the Stampede. Attendees were served traditional East-Indian style breakfast by Hon. Pierre Poilievre.

Minister Mickey Amery and Minister Rajan Sawhney also shared the food booth and served the people and interacted with participants by photoshoot sessions. Live music, entertainment, and special guests added to the festive atmosphere, creating a memorable experience for all.





**MPs Stampede Breakfast:** Members of Parliament, MPs, and Members of the Legislative Assembly, MLAs, hosted some of these breakfasts, and their involvement not only drew larger crowds but also demonstrated their initiatives in fostering unity and community support. Additionally, the Philippine Consul General, Emma Sarne, was invited to these events.

Overall, the Stampede breakfasts exemplified the significance of community engagement and provided a platform for meaningful interactions. Through these events, the Calgary community and multicultural groups demonstrated their commitment to building a stronger and more connected city.



Beyond the delicious food and entertainment, Stampede breakfasts played a vital role in supporting local causes. Many events were organized by community groups, charities, and schools, with the proceeds going towards important initiatives in the Calgary area. This allowed attendees to contribute to their community while enjoying a fun-filled morning.

## MLAs Stampede Breakfast

Hon. Naheed Nenshi and MLAs also hosted the Stampede breakfasts for the Calgary Northeast community. A considerable number of residents joined the pancake event, and it created momentum. In a landslide June vote, the former Calgary mayor took over from departing NDP leader Rachel Notley, capturing 86 percent of members' support. This event was a very friendly and enjoyable moment for all participants.





## Calgary McDougall Centre

The Calgary Police Service and the South Asian Community jointly hosted a community safety program at the McDougall Centre. This event was organized to actively engage with Calgary's diverse communities to promote communication and understanding. This team serves as a resource to boards, committees, commissions, and agencies that provide services to Calgary's diverse community. They act as consultants in inter-community and intra-community conflicts and assist police personnel in presenting crime prevention programs in the community.

The guest speakers were Hon. Mickey Amery, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Alberta, and Hon. Muhammad Yaseen, Minister of Immigration and Multiculturalism. This event was very informative and beneficial to all diverse community leaders.



# Thank you ICDC Summer Students!

Your work with ICDC has truly helped our community.  
We can't wait to see what you do next summer!

