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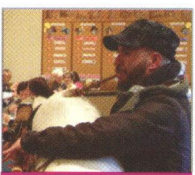
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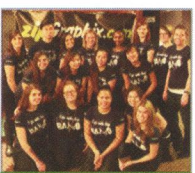
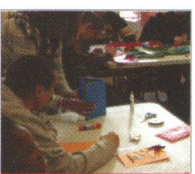
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Members of Villa Charities and the Toronto Catholic District School Board meet for the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding

Memorandum of Understanding

On December 19, 2012, Villa Charities and the Toronto Catholic District School Board held a special signing ceremony to launch a joint development project to serve the educational, cultural and recreational needs of the neighbourhood surrounding Dufferin Street and Lawrence Avenue.

The \$50+ million redevelopment project is considered to be the first of its kind in Canada and will accommodate a new school for Dante Alighieri Academy, a re-envisioned Columbus Centre, Joseph D. Carrier Art Gallery, and day care, and other services currently provided by both organizations. The construction of the

state-of-the-art multipurpose educational and cultural arts centre is the largest and only co-development project of this magnitude currently underway in North America. It also provides much needed capacity to service Toronto's burgeoning performing and fine arts community.

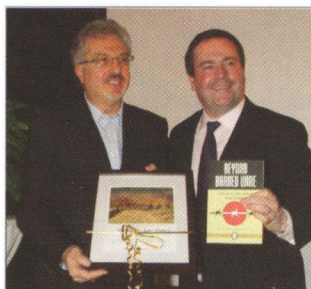
"Villa Charities has been developing culturally sensitive community services at Lawrence and Dufferin for 40 years," says Villa Charities Chair Nina Perfetto. "A lot has changed during this time. The Columbus Centre neighbourhood and campus continue to experience shifting demographics and (Continued on page 5)

Canadian Historical Recognition Program

On February 18, Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism Minister Jason Kenney joined members of the Italian, Chinese, South Asian, Jewish and Ukrainian communities to celebrate the success of the Community Historical Recognition Program (CHRP). The event took place at Sala Caboto in Villa Colombo.

CHRP was established in 2008 to acknowledge and educate all Canadians about how certain ethno-cultural communities were affected by wartime discriminatory measures and immigration restrictions applied in Canada.

"The Government of Canada is committed to

Pal Di Iulio presents Minister Kenney
with a gift

recognizing and educating Canadians about the experiences of those pioneers who overcame such heavy burdens," said Minister Kenney. "Their experiences mark an unfortunate period in our nation's history. We must ensure that they are never forgotten."

Projects funded by CHRP include Columbus Centre's permanent exhibit *Italian Canadians as Enemy Aliens: Memories of WWII*, and its travelling

edition, *Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Times: Italian Canadian Experiences During World War II*.

To learn more about CHRP-funded projects, visit www.CIC.gc.ca/CHRP.