

Annual Report 2018-2019



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A message from the President of the Board of Directors

On behalf of IWOO's Board of Directors, staff and volunteers we would like to thank you for being in attendance of our 30th Annual General Meeting. We have a lot to celebrate and we are exceptionally proud of the progress and the impact that we have had on our community in the last 30 years.

IWOO's mission has always been dedicated to the empowerment of women and families. We have developed and continue to dedicate our programs to this very notion.

We thank you for sharing our values and supporting the work that we do through your membership, participation and financial contribution.

Sincerely,

Sara Alimardani, President
Dr. Fakhri Afshari, Past President



30 Year History

Past

Present

Future



The Beginning 1989

The Iranian Organization of Ontario was created in 1989 by 5 Iranian women in Toronto, by the names: Mahin Bassiri, Faranghis Mohtashami, Parvin Jalili, Mehrak Nazemi, Maryam Khakbaznejad, and Maryam Khalili Panah.

Their vision/objective was to assist newcomers become familiar with social, health care, community and government services in Ontario, to provide social and cultural services to Iranian youth, to promote integration with the Canadian culture while preserving and promoting Iranian customs, traditions and culture.

IWOO's first home was the home of Mahin Bassiri, one of the founding members. Later it found itself a table at a community center from which it offered its services. In 2012, IWOO managed to qualify for a room at its current location at 1761 Sheppard Ave East. This is a community hub, shared by a number of other community organizations, providing services to a diverse population. IWOO ran all its programs from this one room for the next 6 years.



1989 - 2019

In 2018, IWOO reached a milestone by **obtaining charitable status**. This status recognizes IWOO as an organization dedicated to provide charitable services to the community.

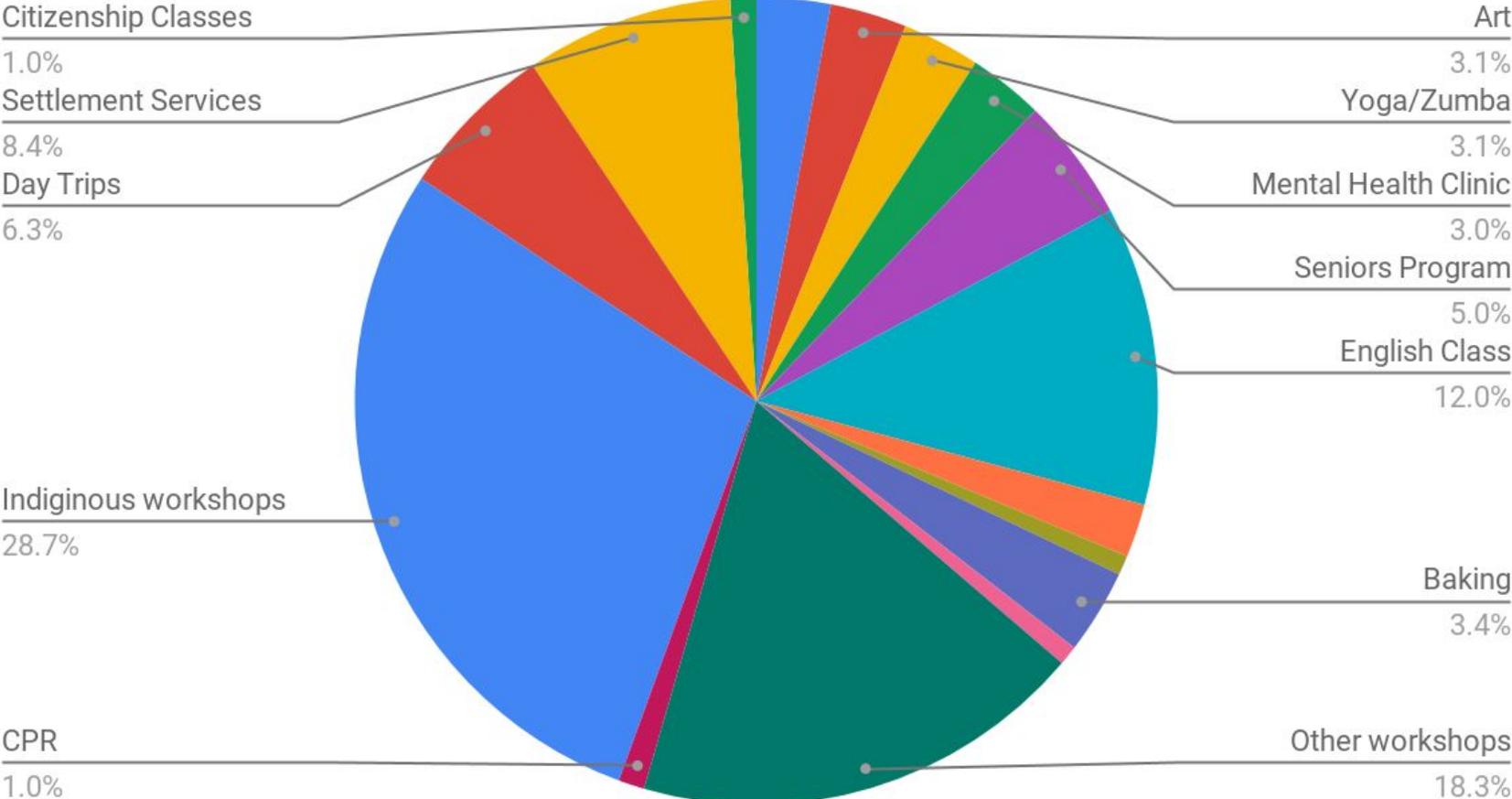
We also **expanded our space at 1761 Sheppard Ave. East**, with the addition of 3 extra rooms to deliver programs and services. This has significantly impacted IWOO's capacity to serve more clients and consistently deliver weekly programming.

The vision of the founding members has been carried forward for the last 30 years by several others, without whom we would not be here tonight: Dr. Homa Sarlati and Afie Mardukhi, two of IWOO's past presidents are no strangers to you. Their efforts and energy kept IWOO going over the years. More recently, Negar Hashemi, Dr. Fakhri Afshari and currently Sara Alimardani have carried on the torch.

Over the years, IWOO has awarded several scholarships to young Iranian Canadian women in the community to encourage them in the pursuit of their studies and preserving the Iranian culture. IWOO is also proud to have supported youth by hiring summer students with the assistance of the Federal Government. IWOO has successfully obtained and implemented several government projects, focused on improving the lives of newcomers.



IWOO's Programs & Participants



Michael Couteau's Event (Outreach Program)

Women's and Beauty Event (Outreach Program)

IWOO's Annual Summer Picnic

Mental Health Forum 1

Fall Colors watch

Valentine

Senior's Trip - summer

AGM

Nowruz Bazar

Celebrating Nowruz

IWOO's Gala

Persian Family Day Event (Outreach Program)

Yalda Celebration

Mental Health Forum 2

Senior's Trip - spring

Volunteer Appreciation Day

Olderadult Day Trip - winter

International Women's Day

Events &
Attendance



سازمان زنان ایرانی انتاریو برگزارمینماید

آگاهی جامع فارسی زبان در زمینه
بدرفتاری، آزار و بی توجهی به سالمندان

Respect our ELDERS
Create a Better World for Everyone

این پروژه با همکاری اداره مهاجرت و شهروندی دولت انتاریو شکل‌های مختلف بدرفتاری، آزار و بی توجهی به سالمندان را معرفی و راه‌های مقابله با آنها را نشان میدهد. همچنین امکان بیان تجربیات و همفکری افراد زائر محیطی امن، برای جلوگیری از تکرار این تجربه‌های ناخوشایند فراهم می‌کند.

برای کسب اطلاعات و شرکت در جلسات و سمینار ما با دفتر
سازمان زنان ایرانی شماره ۹۵۶۶-۴۹۶-۴۱۶ تماس باشید

پروژه تغییر نگرش به جنسیت و گرایش های جنسی

Changing Perspectives on Gender and Sexuality Project

- ❑ Funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation
- ❑ Let's talk about LGBTQ+ needs and issues in our community
- ❑ 15 workshops, 310 participants
- ❑ با حمایت مالی از طرف انتاریو تریلیوم
- ❑ در جامعه ی فارسی زبان گفتمان در مورد نیازها و مسایل

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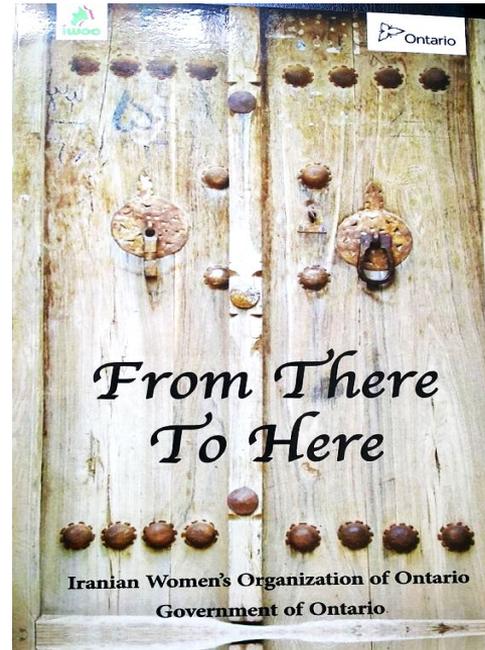


From There to Here

IWOO's first book: A collection of stories and memories told by women in our community.

Available in Farsi and English to be enjoyed by multiple generations.

A project financed by the Government of Ontario and made possible by the generous sharing of several women who openly told their stories, and by the tireless work of Parisa Habibi and Maha Shamlou and several volunteers who collected the stories.



Totally Connected Older Adults and Youth Project

- ▶ Teaching seniors to use ipads
- ▶ Connecting youth volunteers and seniors
- ▶ Funded by the Federal Government



تشکر و قدردانی از موسسات حمایت کننده

Thanks to Our 2018-2019 Sponsors



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Farbod Afshari
H.B.Sc. BPharm



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تشکر و قدردانی از مشارکت کننده ها، و موسسات حمایت کننده

Thanks to Our Program Facilitators and Partner Agencies

Partner Agencies

Settlement Assistance and Family Support Services (SAFFS); Immigrant Women's Health Centre; Family Service Toronto; Parkway Forrest Community Centre; Earl Bales Community Centre; Oriole Community Centre; CILAC Pro Bono; Thorncliffe Neighborhood Office; Yorktown Children and Family Mental Health; Toronto Public Health; Griffin Centre; Toronto Public Library; Seneca College; TIFF; Hot Docs;

Program Facilitators

- ▶ **Pro Bono Legal Clinic:** Sherry Darvish, Founder and Director, Rose Bahrami and Yalda Riahi
- ▶ **English Classes:** Soudabeh Mofrad and Mojgan Parsa
- ▶ **Literary Club:** Selora Lazarjani
- ▶ **Settlement Services:** Macy Tatari
- ▶ **Peace Workshops:** Mitra Safari
- ▶ **Shahnameh Reading:** Sedigheh Aledavoud
- ▶ **Zumba Classes:** Sonia Asli



تشکر و قدردانی از داوطلبین

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Marjan Toofani
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Staff and Board of Directors

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- ❑ Dr. Noushin Khavarian
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- ❑ Maryam Parvaneh
- ❑ Leili Panahi
- ❑ Saeedeh Niktab Etaati

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- ❑ Dr. Fakhri Afshari (Past President)
- ❑ Farzan Lotfi (Treasurer)
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- ❑ Dr. Fariba Bashiri
- ❑ Samireh Yazdani
- ❑ Afsaneh Vakilian
- ❑ Mahnaz Khosravi
- ❑ Bita Ekhlasi (Secretary)
- ❑ Negar Hashemi





Thank you!

Questions? Comments!