



**Pacific Immigrant Resources Society (PIRS)** is a **non-profit**, community-based organization that has been providing services for **immigrant women** and their young **children** in Vancouver since 1976.

**PIRS** programs provide new Canadian women with opportunities to develop the knowledge, skills and **confidence** needed to participate more actively in the community.

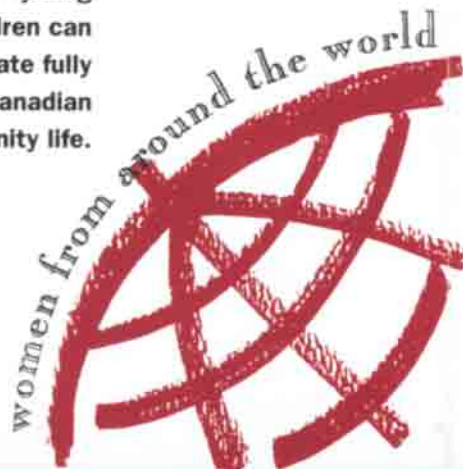


*“ My time spent with the children was both a joy and an invaluable experience. I was always made to feel welcome and I greatly appreciated all of the invitations, letters and phone calls I received from you. You made a volunteer feel very special and important. ”*

*Elisha*

### mission statement

The goal of PIRS is to ensure that immigrant women and their young children can participate fully in Canadian community life.



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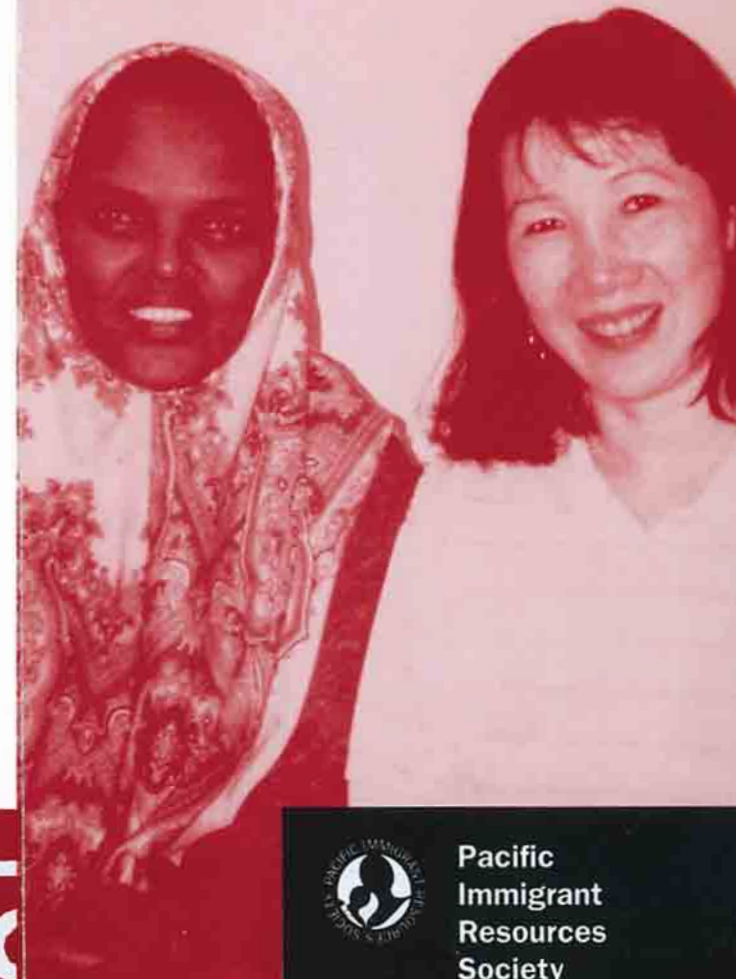
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# welcome



# join our team

Volunteers **contribute** so much to Canadian society. Sharing your time and talents in a meaningful volunteer job is an **enriching** and rewarding experience for everyone involved.

The **PIRS** volunteer program offers people a way to reach out to immigrant women and children, and help to ease the **transition** to living in a new country. Volunteers are very important to **PIRS**.

## PIRS volunteers

- **assist** ESL teachers in beginner level English classes for immigrant women
- **work** with Childcare staff in programs for preschool children
- help out in the **office**
- take part in fundraising and **special** events
- **participate** on the Board of Directors or on a Board committee



*“ Volunteering in an ESL class is great. I especially enjoy learning about new cultures while introducing my own. It’s amazing how much we have in common - families, relationships, hobbies and interests. I really find it moving when a student beams and her eyes sparkle after being able to express something important in her life. ”*

Lila



*“ My experience on the PIRS Board is that although there is great diversity here, believing in unity is the root of success - on the Board and in Canadian society. This is why I volunteer with PIRS. ”*

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## share your time

- spend one morning or afternoon a week in an adult ESL class or a preschool **program**
- **volunteer** in the office once a week
- take part in monthly Board or committee meetings
- work on a special **project** in your own time

## develop your skills

- participate in orientation and **training** workshops
- **practise** your skills on the job under the supervision of trained and supportive staff
- gain **experience** working with people from other cultures
- practise your **communication** skills
- learn more about community resources
- develop your **leadership** skills



*“ My teaching career started ten years ago in my native land Sri Lanka. I first felt isolated in a new country, having left behind a good career and comfortable lifestyle. My volunteer work is an enjoyable and gratifying way of being occupied. I consider this a stepping stone to upgrade my skills and gain more experience and education. ”*

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## for more information

To find out more about joining our team of volunteers at **PIRS**, call the Coordinator of Volunteers at **298-5893**.



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