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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to inform you that nominations for the **Newcomer Champion Awards** are now being accepted. The Newcomer Champion Awards recognize individuals and groups who have made a difference in their community and province through active citizenship and engagement.

Newcomers are not the only ones eligible for this award. Award recipients are champions of voluntarism, supporters of newcomers, and advocates of greater social and civic inclusion.

Nominations may be made in the following 3 categories:

1. ChangeTheWorld Youth Ambassador – recognizes outstanding youth volunteers who have participated in the ChangeTheWorld Ontario Youth Challenge.
2. Community Leader – recognizes individuals who have demonstrated active involvement and commitment to their communities and/or province.
3. Newcomer Champion – recognizes groups which have contributed to the celebration of Ontario's diversity and which have helped settle and connect newcomers in their communities.

Nomination forms and more information are available on my ministry's website at www.ontario.ca/honoursandawards, or by phone at 416 314-7526, toll free 1 877 832-8622, or TTY 416 327-2391. **The deadline for nominations is March 15, 2012.**

Ontario is dedicated to building a province where cultural diversity is celebrated, newcomers are valued and people work together to improve the quality of life for everyone.

Please consider recognizing an individual or group who has made an outstanding contribution to our great province.

Sincerely,

Hon. Charles Sousa
Minister