

Connecting women
in need with
technology through
mentoring

iSisters Technology Mentoring Inc.

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Newsletter



3rd Annual Hike and Picnic in the Park

When: Saturday, June 3, 2006

Where: Relais de plein air Chalet,
Gatineau Park

Cost: \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids.
Lunch, snacks and activities included.

10:30 am – 12:00 pm: Take a guided hike
through beautiful Gatineau Park
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm: Picnic, games and
silent auction



Happy learner Robin (right) and proud
Cathy Reid, iSisters Executive Director

Thank you to **bv02** for
designing our new logo.

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There are many ways to help:

Come to the event
Raise pledges
Enter a team of friends, colleagues

To register or ask a question:
Email sgray@isisters.org

Your support at the hike is important to iSisters and our learners. Come to the hike and meet some of our courageous and determined program participants, like **Robin**. Read more about this amazing young woman on *page 2* in our **Learner Spotlight**.

Hike. Help. Hope.

Passion and Resolve

iSisters meets the Governor General

Our Mission:

- To provide access to technology
- To develop and deliver technology mentoring programs
- To enhance career opportunities through technological awareness

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Seventeen Ottawa-area, national and international organizations, representing over 25,000 members, banded together on March 20, to host **Passion and Resolve**; iSisters was a proud partner of this group, who share a commitment to equal rights for all women, to social and economic equality, and to justice for everyone. *cont'd on page 2*

**BREAKING
NEWS**

It's official - iSisters has a **new program partner**. Be the first to find out more as an iSisters insider who receives this newsletter.

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Breaking News New Program Partner

It's official - iSisters has signed a partnership agreement with **Immigrant Women Services Ottawa**.

Together, we will develop and deploy an employment support program for immigrant women who have been victims of violence. We are thrilled to have the chance to work with women from all over the world at IWSO.

For the first time, our employment programs will



**IMMIGRANT WOMEN
SERVICES OTTAWA**

Service pour femmes
immigrantes d'Ottawa

include work placements for all learners thanks to a new partnership with ADECCO. In-class learning will be applied immediately as all participants gain real-world work experience.

The next few months will be spent preparing and raising funds to begin teaching this fall.

Learner Spotlight: Robin

Robin (a spunky 20-year old mom to a lively 2-year old) participated in the iSisters' program at Youville Centre in 2005. In this course, Robin learned about media literacy, the Internet, computer basics and how to create a presentation using PowerPoint. She used her skills to create a dynamic PowerPoint presentation to share her experiences from a co-op placement at Island Lodge.

Robin overcame numerous challenges (single parenting, moving during the program and trips to the hospital with her daughter) and completed the course successfully. Imagine, with all these obstacles, Robin never missed a class, she always had a bright smile on her face, she had a terrific attitude, and she invested impressive time and energy in the program.

We wish Robin the best of luck as she completes her final credits for graduation through an adult education program and distance learning. iSisters will be in the front row cheering her on when she walks across that stage with her diploma in 2007.

"Thank you so much for coming to our school and helping us to understand the programs on the computer. You were a great joy to look forward to on Mondays. I have learned some great things. Thank you."

Robin aka Green Bean

Passion and Resolve *(cont'd from p. 1)*



Left to right: Pat den Boer of iSisters, Emily Farrell of Scotiabank, Diane Giard of Scotiabank and Carol Sollows of iSisters.

Her Excellency, the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, in a private session before the event.

iSisters would like to thank **Scotiabank** for bringing 26 representatives to the event. A special thanks to Emily Farrell for sponsoring tickets for women who could not afford to attend, to Debbie Henning for handling logistics, and to Diane Giard for travelling from Montreal to join us.



To learn more about the event or to read the Governor General's speech, visit: www.immigrantwomenservices.com/passionandresolve

The purpose of the event was to introduce the new governor general to the women and multicultural communities in Ottawa. Several iSisters' supporters had the pleasure of meeting

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- ✓ Organize a team to join us at the Hike on June 3
- ✓ Share this newsletter
- ✓ Share the iSisters story
- ✓ Donate online www.isisters.org