



## QUESTIONS?

Please reach out — we're always happy to talk about community-university impact. Let your curiosity lead you.

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In Surrey we acknowledge the First Nations on whose traditional territories we are privileged to live, Kwantlen, Gayayt and Tsawwassen Semiahmoo, Katzie, Kwikwetlem, is home to more refugees than any other city in the province, and close to half of Surrey's population are immigrants to Canada. Over 40% of the population is 19 or under, and Surrey has the largest school district in the province.

## ABOUT SURREY

As our society faces increasing challenges, universities have a significant role to play in their local communities. The SFU Surrey-TD Community Engagement Centre, as a place-based entity, enables SFU to genuinely connect with people and organizations in Surrey through collaboration, the sharing of resources and the co-creation of ideas and solutions in order to build more resilient communities. Engaging the community in an authentic way, to us, means that we see ourselves as an embedded part of the community.

## ABOUT US

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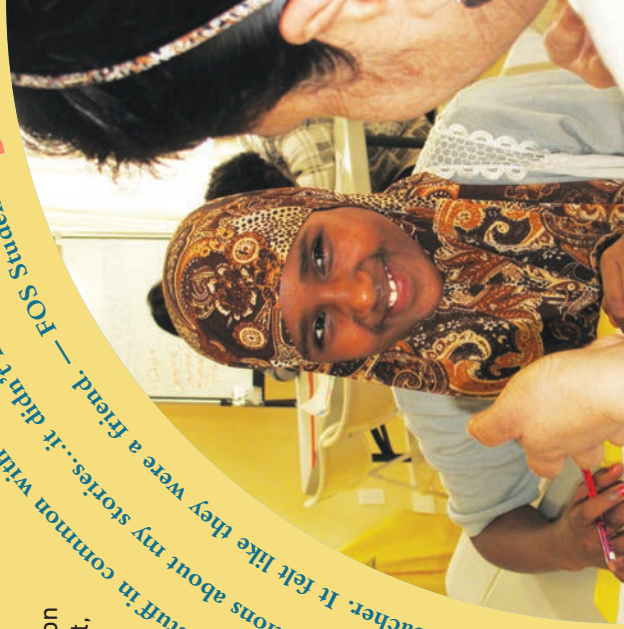


## TUTORING, HOMEWORK AND ENGLISH SUPPORT PROGRAM

A no-cost tutoring program for children of immigrant and refugee families in grades 5-9. SFU students are trained to provide literacy, numeracy, English, homework support, and mentorship. The SFU Surrey – TD CEC also funds Friends of Simon tutors to work with the Surrey School District Welcome Centre, where a current gap in services currently exists for newcomer youth ages 17-24.

**Partners:** SFU Faculty of Education  
Friends of Simon Tutoring Project,  
Surrey Libraries, Surrey School  
District Welcome Centre

*A lot of the tutors had some stuff in common with me and they are really open to having conversations about my stories...it didn't feel like they were a teacher. It felt like they were a friend. — FOS Student*



## WHY

We believe in the importance of reflecting the strengths, assets and needs of the community through our programming and engagement with partners. The current focus on supporting children, youth and newcomers to Canada was born out of consistent listening and learning for where we can add value in the community and how we can link benefits back to SFU through student experiential learning, research, and strengthening community partnerships.

## WHAT WE DO

The SFU Surrey – TD CEC offers programming in partnership with community organizations with a focus on supporting children, youth and newcomers to Canada.



*I have ended up being a receiver just as much as a giver, for just as children have their own potential waiting to be stirred, they have the capacity to find that spark in others as well, and engage with it. — Student Volunteer*

**RACING READERS**  
Racing Readers engages children in grades 2-5 with fun activities that build physical skills, literacy and numeracy, as well as social connectedness. Participants are guided through the program by SFU student staff and volunteers who act as mentors and foster companionship, support and learning.  
**Partners:** Surrey School District

## OTHER PROGRAMS

 <p><b>Media Minds</b> Facilitates confidence and social connectedness through film education.</p>	<p><b>Pathways to Education</b> Breaking the cycle of poverty through access to education and support in a hyper-local community.</p>	<p><b>Community Ambassadors Program</b> Promoting community inclusion by engaging people who face barriers to employment.</p>	<p><b>Inclusive City Cares</b> Making Surrey a more welcoming and inclusive community through the stimulation of dialogue and the exchange of ideas.</p>	<p><b>Y-Minds</b> Tackling stress, worries and anxiety for youth through a low-barrier group counselling program.</p>	<p><b>...and much more!</b></p>	<p>Visit our website for more information at <a href="http://cec.sfu.ca">cec.sfu.ca</a></p>
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