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The primary reason for the publication of this English community news paper, Tamil Mirror is to communicate the Tamil mind to the Canadian social mainstream. This will not only make our partnership in the Canadian fabric strong but a well understood one.

Besides, our younger generation need a clarified and proud identity that they could hold onto; not to mention many of our retired and current professionals/academics who need a reliable medium they could communicate and share their thoughts. We could say without any doubt that the 'Tamil Mirror' serves and caters to this historical duty.

As our motto clearly reads 'The Mirror that reflects the Tamil community', is not simply a plausible slogan but a truth - in bringing the feelings and aspirations of our community here in Canada and to the outside world. The wide coverage of community events is a clear indication of this practical message.

The 'Tamil Mirror - Gala Night's purpose is:To honour community members who have contributed to the betterment of our Tamil community; To encourage Tamil youth to develop skills in writing & journalism and to build awareness about the Tamil issues.

We will be entering our 8 th year next month. We sincerely thank you for all the support you have rendered in the past and hope to receive the same and more in the future.

Have a wonderful evening.

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A Message from the Mayor

It gives me great pleasure to extend greetings and a warm welcome to everyone attending the Tamil Mirror Gala 2012.

Toronto is one of the world's most multicultural cities and home to people from all over the world. Ethnic publications and newspapers strengthen our communities and contribute to our cultural development and the growth and success of our city.

The Tamil Mirror provides news, editorials and information that is important to our city's Tamil community.

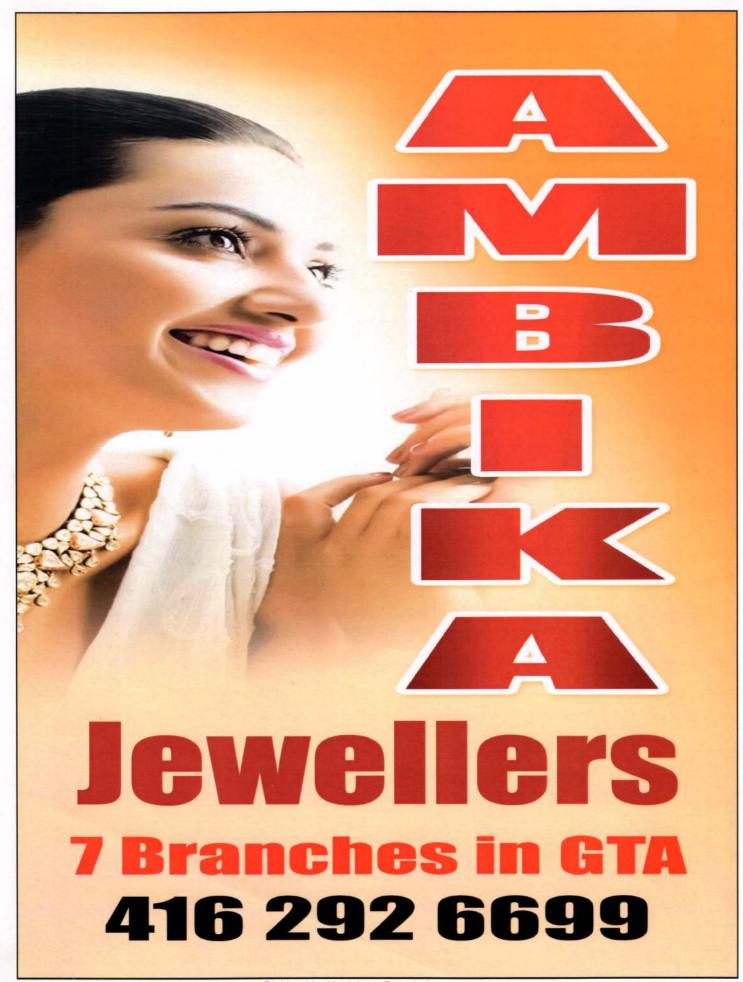
Tonight's event will honour individuals who have made significant contributions to the well-being of the Tamil community. It is also an opportunity to encourage Tamil youth to develop their skills in writing and journalism and support them in their journey to personal and professional excellence.

On behalf of Toronto City Council, please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable evening and continued success.

Yours truly,

Mayor Rob Ford City of Toronto

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Tamil Mirror Gala Night 2012

It is an honour for me to extend greetings to everyone attending this evening's Tamil Mirror Gala. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tamil Mirror, as well as all of the volunteers and organisers whose hard work has ensured this evening's event is a success. I also want to thank you for the kind invitation and I am sorry that my schedule does not allow me to be there with you tonight.

This gathering of the Tamil community gives us all the opportunity to celebrate the many contributions you have made, including those persons you will be honouring tonight. This evening's event is a testament to the strength of the community here, and allows all Canadians to take pride in everything that the Tamil community has achieved in this country.

I have had the honour of previously working with the Tamil community, both here and in Sri Lanka, and I look forward to continuing to work with all members of the Tamil community for the betterment of our country and to build a more peaceful world for all.

On behalf of the Liberal Party of Canada and our Parliamentary Caucus, please accept my best wishes for tonight's celebration.



The Honourable Bob Rae, P.C., O.C., M.P. 2 0 1 2

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A Personal Message from MP Rathika Sitsabaiesan

It serves as my absolute honour to extend my warm greetings to everyone associated with Tamil Mirror and to those attending Tamil Mirror's Gala Night 2012.

As a member of Tamil community, I am highly aware of the social and culture value of Tamil Mirror. Not only does it serve as an information source for the Tamil community, but as an English newspaper, it also raises awareness about Tamil issues in the Canadian social mainstream. Tamil Mirror has proven itself to be an effective voice of our homeland, Sri Lanka.

Your work to promote our Tamil culture throughout Canada and encourage Tamil youth to develop skills in writing and journalism is sincerely appreciated. It is not only making our partnership in the Canadian fabric strong but a well understood one.

I am deeply honoured to extend my sincere congratulations to the entire team of Tamil Mirror at the occasion of the gala night, and to all community members who have worked tirelessly towards the betterment of our Tamil community. I hope Tamil Mirror continues to face absolute success in the future.

Sincerely,

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GREETINGS FROM MARKHAM

On behalf of the Members of Council and Ward 7, I am very pleased to extend our best wishes and greetings to you on the occasion of Tamil Mirror Gala Night 2012.

We are in the era of information and social media, and there is an enormous responsibility to propagate timely and genuine information, news and views to people. In this new face of the world with vivid changes to socio-economic scenario of countries and their governments, it is important to communicate the truth not only to people of our ethnicity but to the mainstream. Tamil Mirror is one such unique written medium which brings the true scenario of our Tamil struggle at homeland and as recent immigrants in Canada, to the Canadian social mainstream on a timely basis. I congratulate and thank the Executive Editor of Tamil Mirror, Mr. Charles Devasagayam for his contribution in bringing our Tamils' story to the mainstream. Reflections of Tamil Mirror today are a documentation of Tamil History for future reference. I take this opportunity to thank all the supporters of Tamil Mirror attending tonight's Gala for being a part of this effort and wish them pleasant evening.

As a Councillor, I am proud of your efforts to continue to be an inspiration for existing and future media outlets. I wish you continued success in all your future endeavours.

Sincerely,

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Logan Kanapathi
Councillor, City of Markham

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A brief about Our Chief Guest Today!



Robert Evans

Mr. Robert Evans is a distinguished former British Member of the European Parliament (MEP). From 1994 to 2009, he represented parts of London with large numbers of expatriate Tamils including Brent, Harrow and Tooting.

Mr. Evans has visited Sri Lanka many times and is one of the very few politicians to have driven from Jaffna through the Vanni and met with leading LTTE figures in Killinochi.

Soon after the tsunami struck in December 2004, Mr. Robert Evans was one of the first European Politicians to visit Sri Lanka. Not only did he travel to the Worst hit areas in the North-east of the island, he also ensured that European aid was directed to these parts. He was also instrumental in fund raising especially amongst the Diaspora in London.

As Chair of the European Parliament's South Asia delegation he was an outspoken critic of the Colombo government. He regularly challenged them on their treatment of the Tamils before and after the end of the war.

In London, Mr. Evans is still a voice for the Tamil people, speaking at conferences, rallies and events whilst challenging the British Government, the UN and anyone who will listen, on the situation in Sri Lanka.

A keen cricketer he has nevertheless repeatedly called on England and the other teams not to compete against a country facing allegations of war crimes.

Mr. Robert Evans was tireless in his efforts to get the UK and Europe to recognize the huge number of Tamils being detained in the camps. He repeatedly called for the UN to be granted complete access to the whole island and personally encouraged the then British Foreign Secretary, David Miliband to demand to visit.

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Canadian National Anthem - Sambavi Shanmuganathan

Thamil Thai Vazthu – Saibrintha Arunthavashanmuganathan.

Moments of Silence

Entertainment - Songs

Welcome address - Charles Devasagayam

Invocation dance – Niro Dance Creations

Address by Chief Guest – Robert Evans

Honouring Community Members

- Youth Leadership Award - Literary / Journalism Award - Community Service award

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Address by Guest of Honour – Frances Harrison

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Frances Harrison

Frances Harrison was educated at Trinity Hall, Cambridge as well as the School of Oriental and African Studies and Imperial College in London. For many years she has worked as a foreign correspondent for the BBC posted in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Iran and of course Sri Lanka from 2000-4. She has also been Head of News at Amnesty International as well as a visiting research fellow at Oxford University.

She lived in Colombo during the peace process, which enabled her to travel frequently to the Wanni and report on the people living there. She produced TV and radio programmes for the BBC on women Tigers, child soldiers, the 83 riots, the disappeared, efforts at reconstruction and then of course the tsunami.

From later 2010 Frances started researching for her book, "Still Counting the Dead", which gathers stories of survivors of Mullivaikkal. She travelled around Europe and to Australia to conduct the interviews, tracking down people who'd escaped the island. She interviewed a teacher, a doctor, a shopkeeper, a mother, a fighter and so on - ordinary people rather than leaders. Many didn't want to use their real names for fear of retribution against extended family members back in Sri Lanka - even years after the conflict.

What Frances found was broken, shattered people who couldn't sleep at night, haunted by the unspeakable horror they witnessed. Some were suicidal, all unable to comprehend why they'd been spared when so many other were slaughtered.

It cost the survivors enormously in terms of emotional courage to speak out but they felt it was their duty to the dead - the reason why they'd been spared in order to tell the world what happened in 2009. "It's a story that hasn't been properly told," says France, who hopes this will engage a wider audience in the issues of the Sri Lankan war and the survivors' quest for justice

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There are many who speak of change but only a handful dare to create it; Geetha Moorthy is one of the latter. An inspiration to all whom she comes in contact with; Geetha has stood as an example of what each and every member of our community is capable of— becoming the change of the world that we live in, for the better.

With her roots in dance choreography, Geetha founded the Narthanalaya (Canadian Centre for South Asian Dances) in 1985; training over 300 students and performing over a hundred different stage shows. Always seeking a greater purpose to showcase her knowledge and the talent of her students Geetha through Narthanalaya has raised funds for several charitable organizations ranging from The Canadian Foundation of Tamil Refugee Rehabilitation to the Children's Wish Foundation to the MukiBaum Treatment Centre.

It is her work with the latter - the MukiBaum Treatment Centre that led Geetha to see the dire need of families within our community who had children with special needs. Without leaving this realization at the doorstep - Geetha put her energy to create the change, and found the South Asian Autism Awareness Centre (SAAAC) in 2008.

SAAAC became not simply an important addition to the South Asian community, but most importantly lifted the struggling families who often struggled alone, within the Tamil community with caring support. Through this action of serving families impacted by autism in our community, the offshoot of voluntarism was encouraged and enshrined, while the awakened community stood up to support the venture through various fund-raising initiatives.

Yet, it is not the multiple numbers for which Geetha should be honored; not the nearly 100 children that SAAAC serves; not the almost 110 volunteers committing their time; or the hundreds of community members who come out in support. It is the individual impact she has on those she meets daily, by taking the time to understand their need and helping in whatever way she can; whether it be one of her dance students, a volunteer, a family who has a child with autism, or a struggling care-giver.

Geetha Moorthy, who leads through service has set the standard for years to come of what it means to do community work - because she does not speak of change—she became the change to create it.



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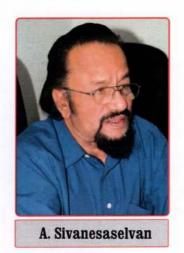


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Among the many Tamil journalists, Mr. A. Sivanesaselvan takes a special place, in terms of his achievements and contribution to the Sri Lankan mass media and integrated research to the same in the academia. His achievements and milestones are too numerous to mention. Being a veteran Journalist in the Media field for almost four decades; as the former Editor in Chief of The Express News Papers (Cey) Ltd publication 'Virakesari' and later at 'Thinakural,' his path to newsprint is nothing but illustrious. Not to mention, him being one of the Founder Member of the Editors Guild of Sri Lanka and Vice President of the South Asia Media Association.

His skills as a Lecturer in Journalism at the Sri Lanka Press Institute Colombo which elevated him to the post of Deputy Director, where he organized a fully fledged Media Resource Centre. He further enthralled himself as a Visiting Lecturer of Journalism, both at the University of Colombo and Open University of Sri Lanka.

Incidentally, Mr.Sivanesaselvan started his carrier as a lecturer in Tamil at Jaffna College, Vaddu Koddai and later as part of the library staff at University of Jaffna. During his stay at the University of Jaffna, he carried his research in the origin and development of Tamil journalism in Sri Lanka and obtained his Master of Arts in Tamil Journalism, from the University of Peradeniya under the guidance of eminent academics like, Prof. Rev. Fr.Thaninayagam, Prof. S.Vithiyananthan, Prof K.Kailasapathy and Prof K. Indrapala. Later he proceeded to the University of Mysore for Post Graduate Degree in Library and Information Science.

As part of his Bachelors Degree program in Library and Information Science, Mr. Sivanesaselvan submitted a selected Bibliography on 'Printing and Publishing in India since Independence'; after which he followed the Masters Degree Program in Library Information and Documentation Science. For the said program he submitted an analytical study of the problems and prospects of the University Libraries in Sri Lanka with special reference to University of Jaffna.

Besides his interest in academia, Mr. Sivanesaselvan also wrote analytical columns on prevailed political spectre, which appeared in Tamil dailies under many pseudo names; some of which are Mathorupahan, Elalan and Asvathaman. While in University of Peradeniya he also edited 'Ilankathir', the Tamil Society Magazine and later edited Pavalar Thuraiappa Pillaii volume and Arumuga Navalar centenary volume to his credit. He also edited Dr. James Rutnam felicitation volume.

For his Contributions he has received many National Awards including 'Kalasoori' honour for his services in the field of Literary Culture Media.

The 'Tamil Mirror' congratulates Mr. A. Sivanesaselvan on his many achievements and abound contribution, and confers the honorary award for Literary and Journalism for 2012.



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Abissheka Lloydson

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Ms Lloydson's interest should not simply be viewed through a single lens. Her involvement and participation in various sports activities such as basketball, badminton, volleyball, swimming and yoga, brought her many awards for each of these sports.

Not to be outdone as an astute student Abissheka Lloydson promptly brought her signature into studies, by winning the Honour-Rolls in Grade 8, 9 and 10.

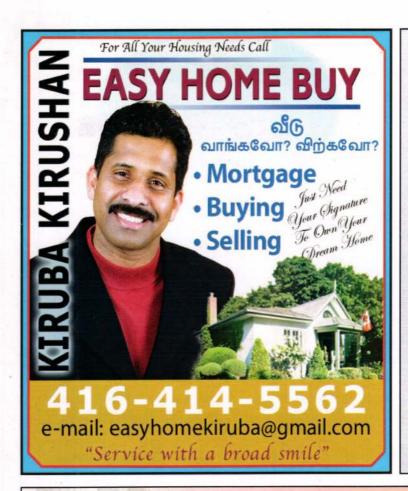
In order to find natural staging for her inborn talents and to set an example for everyone – she raised the bar on her own accomplishments. Her remarkable entry into modelling, starting with the fashion show at OHM wedding show in 2011 was a huge success. She attracted interest from various modelling and fashion agencies of local South Asian and Canadian spectre, which resulted her appearing in many commercials for the same. On Oct 30th 2011 Abissheka Lloydson was crowned as 'Miss Tamil Toronto 2011 - Queen of All Angles.'

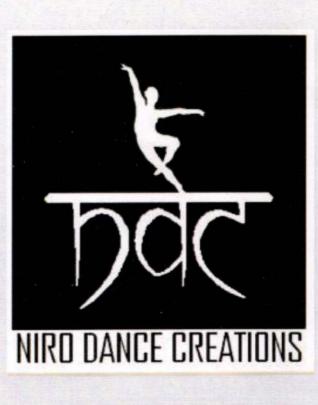
The multi talented Abissheka Lloydson's passion was not simply restricted to her own advancement and relay of her talents – but more so on giving back to the community and society that she very much appreciate and adore. Her involvement with kids with disabilities and her coaching of swimming, dance, violin and music to young kids is her natural embodiment of her inner spirit.

The ultimate pace for her ideals came to a right space, when Abissheka recently visited her homeland. Her dreams came true when she got an opportunity to teach the kids at her mother's old school of Katkulam Thamil Kalavan Padasalai in Vavunia, Science, Math, English and basic Computer skills.

'It takes only one person to make a difference and I want to be that one person that will make a difference in today's society. My word of advice to the youth is this - bring your culture, and talents wherever you go and let them shine. That's why we are here on earth. Canada has a lot of opportunities to prove your talents. You need to focus on your goals and be shining lights to you and the society around you' says Ms Abissheka Lloydson.

The 'Tamil Mirror' congratulates Ms Abissheka Lloydson on all her accomplishments and endeavours and confer her with the 'Youth Leadership Award' for 2012.







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