

Potential Board Members:

Chander Gossain is a settlement worker with the YMCA, connecting especially with students at Eastwood Collegiate in Kitchener. She has gifts in connecting with people, public speaking, creative strategizing, research, teaching, finance and community outreach. Chander runs leadership programs and creative arts programs for newcomers and students say she has changed their lives. Her deep desire is to bring peace and harmony so that everyone can love each other and her personal motto is "Where there is a will there is a way." Chander loves to embroider, crochet, knit, teach and drink tea. She speaks Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu.

Connection with Silver Lake: Chander has made a significant impact with Silver Lake, bridging the gap and supporting students who apply to be on staff at Silver Lake. She has gone above and beyond to create pathways for newcomers to be on staff with Silver Lake. She has also supported the Newcomer Family Holiday.

Alicia Bowen-Hayle has worked in financial services since 2008 and brings a wealth of knowledge regarding finances. She spent 10 years in business development, and is currently with Kindred Credit Union as Manager and Branch Treasurer. She has a knack for explaining finances and encouraging healthy investment. Alicia brings excellent critical thinking skills and asks important questions.

Connection with Silver Lake: Alicia set up Silver Lake's reserve fund and got to know Silver Lake through that process. She is supporting the Newcomer Family Holiday as a volunteer.