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## World citizens work for caring community

Building a caring community for the "New Age Child" is the goal of a Mississauga resident and her organization.

Helen Tucker, director of the World Citizens Centre in Mississauga, has received a grant of \$2,500 from the Canadian Commission for the International Year of the Child for her project.

"Basically we want to create a community of world citizens," says Tucker who is Secretary of the Executive of the World Citizens Assembly as well as the registrar of the Canadian International Registry of World Citizens.

She explains a "world citizen" as a friend and good neighbour and one who takes responsibility as a citizen in the municipality where democratic world government begins and where every child has human rights and the support of caring community".

"The purpose of the World Citizens Centre is to build caring and sharing communities all over the world," Tucker says. The Centre in Mississauga issues numbered World Citizen cards as "a statement of one's commitment to the world community". According to Tucker, over a million people from 105 countries have been registered since the organization's founding in 1949.

Tucker says she wants to share the grant with other agencies for an International Year of the Child project in Mississauga. She said the grant is "mere seed money" but hopes it will encourage people to contribute time and talents to a project.

A meeting of the group will be held on Thursday, May 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mississauga Parks and Recreation Department, 8th Floor, UNIVAC building, City Centre Drive. For further information call 279-7600, ext. 406 or Tucker at 278-2679.