

# Teen's ambition is to stop AIDS

At the age of sixteen, Shamin Mohamed Jr. set out on a feat to take on a challenge and set out a vision in the world. After several years of organizing a local 30-hour famine event at his high school, Shamin began expanding his humanitarian abilities past the horizon. In 2004, Shamin Mohamed Jr. started a registered non-profit organization called "Children's AIDS Health Program". The bilingual organization has seventy-five members across Canada.

The program's primary objective is to be an organization that helps provide treatment for AIDS for children under the age of 16. It encourages youth to be involved with this cause. The goal is not only to educate children with AIDS, but also to educate others to prevent AIDS. Its long-term goal is to build a health care centre in Third World countries specializing in AIDS for children. Aside from treatment and education of AIDS, the organization plans to help children with AIDS to live their life as children and not miss out on their childhood. It also plans to expand its cause throughout the world and create awareness - 92% of donations go to programs that benefit children who have AIDS.



who is now 17, launched a campaign directed towards youth and university students. His vision is to encourage Canadian youth to be involved with global situa-

tions like HIV/AIDS by always having youth members as a part of the board.

Shamin is currently in the process of speaking to several universities to host the organization's grand event on March 10, 2006. The event is called the 24-hour

wake. University students would stay awake for 24 hours to promote AIDS awareness.

Shamin is also the Toronto District School Board's SuperCouncil president, representing 86,000 students in 103 secondary

schools. He is also a 2005 Top 20 Under 20 Award Recipient and a 2004 DareArts Leadership Award recipient.

For more information about the campaign, visit [www.LetsStopAIDS.org](http://www.LetsStopAIDS.org).

## OFL awards youth contribution

By William Doyle-Marshall

The Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL) recently recognized two young women - Michelle Myrie and Anna Liu - for their involvement in leadership roles with Ontario youth.

Myrie has a solid record of community participation even before her connection with the Afro Canadian

