

## About Ve'ahavta and the Creative Writing Contest

**VE'AHAVTA** IS A CANADIAN JEWISH HUMANITARIAN AND RELIEF ORGANIZATION, MOTIVATED BY THE JEWISH VALUE OF TZEDAKAH (JUSTICE), THAT ASSISTS THE NEEDY AT HOME AND ABROAD, THROUGH VOLUNTEERISM, EDUCATION, AND ACTS OF KINDNESS, WHILE BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN JEWS AND OTHER PEOPLES.

VE'AHAVTA IS PROUD TO HOST ITS ANNUAL *CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST FOR HOMELESS AND MARGINALIZED*. THE IDEA IS TO EMPOWER INDIVIDUALS THROUGH THEIR WRITING TO RECOGNIZE THAT THEY MAY HAVE THE SKILLS TO PURSUE WRITING OR EDUCATION IN THEIR LIVES, AND PERHAPS FIND THEIR WAY OFF THE STREET OR OUT OF POVERTY.

WE BELIEVE THAT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE HOMELESS AND MARGINALIZED NEED TO HAVE A VOICE. PLEASE SHARE YOUR STORY WITH US FOR A CHANCE TO WIN AMAZING PRIZES.

*"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."*  
*-Anne Frank*

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Ve'ahavta's 10<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary

Creative Writing Contest

2011

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TORONTO



## SUBMISSIONS

Please use the Postage Paid Envelope (if this was part of an entry package) to send your submission and Contest Entry Form to Ve'ahavta.

Send via email to

[creativewritingcontest2011@gmail.com](mailto:creativewritingcontest2011@gmail.com)

Or regular mail at the address on the bottom of this flyer.

Be sure to put c/o Creative Writing Contest

If sending by email or regular mail please include all information as required on the Contest Entry Form.

Maximum of 2 entries per person.

Submissions are due – March 15, 2011 Midnight

Award Ceremony - June 2011

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUBMISSION!

*"Even the poorest heart has some jewel on which it hangs." -Karl Emil Franzos*

## TIPS TO GET YOU STARTED- SHARING YOUR STORY

Most often our life experiences are the BEST stories we have, take the opportunity to relax and let your thoughts run wild. Here are some tips to getting it all on paper.

- 1) Brainstorm a list of memories, dreams, stories or events that have occurred in your life.
- 2) Look over the list that you have created.
- 3) Chose something from your list, and brainstorm again.
- 4) Now that the memories are fresh and on paper.....Relax!
- 5) Free Write – take ten to fifteen minutes to just write freely about your chosen topic.
- 6) Review what you have written
- 7) Start writing your piece (Story, Poem, Prose, Lyrics)
- 8) Review your piece and edit as desired.
- 9) Have a friend read your piece, a second set of eyes is a great writer's tool.
- 10) Be proud to have a VOICE!

NOTES – *Please make sure your writing is clear, and legible. (if hand written)*

*Any word processed documents are appreciated but not required.*

*Make sure to include a Contest Entry Form*

## AWARDS

### ANNIVERSARY EDITION

#### PRIZES

##### GRAND PRIZE

**\$2000**

##### SECOND PRIZE

**The Technology Bundle**

**(A Laptop, 12 month of Internet Service  
and a Digital Camera)**

##### THIRD PRIZE

**\$1000**

##### Other prizes include:

**The Judges Picks in Inspiration,**

**Survival, Courage and Hope (\$250 Each)**

**The Opportunity Awards**

**A Writing Course at a Local College or  
University and \$100**