



East End Children's Centre

For families, caregivers & friends



Announcements...

A Starry, Starry Night was a great success!

Over 100 people came out that night and we raised \$8860 for our programs!! Thanks to all who supported this event with donations, ticket purchases, and participation.

Birthday Parties at Kimbourne!

For years, families have asked to rent the Kimbourne space for children's parties, but were disappointed that renting the space from the church did not include our program equipment, due to insurance issues. That has changed! Now the space comes with equipment, and staff to help out!



Rates:

Saturdays, 1:30 - 3:30: \$225
Tues, Wed, Thur 1 - 3 pm: \$175

Subject to EECC & church policies (no latex balloons, no alcohol, no nuts)

Subject to space & staff availability
Deposit required at time of booking.

Visit the Children's Book Bank!

At the Children's Book Bank, every child receives a free book at each and every visit! You can go as often as you like! How wonderful is that?!

350 Berkley St, as Gerrard St. E, West of Parliament

Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs 10 am - 6 pm; Sat 10 am - 2 pm

The Children's Book Bank also accepts donations of new as well as previously loved books (good condition only).

www.childrenbookbank.com

Evening Programs Return To Kimbourne

December 15th, 6 - 8 pm

Presentation: Homeopathy & Child Health

Guest Speaker: Dr. Helena Ovens, Classical Homeopath & Naturopathic Practitioner

Dr. Ovens will discuss child wellness issues, from what many consider an "alternative" perspective. Alternative to what? Well... the vicious anti-biotic cycle for one thing! Lots of discussion and questions encouraged, however Dr. Ovens will not be able to carry out individual consultations in this session.

Please pre-register by signing up in program at Kimbourne or contacting us at eecc@rogers.com

December 22nd & 29th, 4 - 7 pm

Drop in for informal play & socializing

Light dinner provided; older siblings welcome



The EECC Website!!

Recent updates include:

- Our playdough recipe - we're not printing it here, cuz we want you to visit our site!
- Booking your child's B-day at Kimbourne
- December Calendar
- How to Donate to East End Children's Centre



Like all our projects and programs, the website is a work in progress. Send us your feedback and tell us about links you think would benefit families!

www.eastendchildrenscentre.org



Wondering What to Give?



How about a goat? A flock of chicks? Would a pig be more suitable?

Finding the perfect gift can be a challenge, especially for family members who don't really NEED anything, have WAY too much stuff anyway, or are hard to buy for.

There are many international livestock projects whose purpose is to help villages in developing countries sustain themselves. A gift of a goat costs about \$120 US, and makes a monumental difference to a village and its families.



Livestock can be given in the name of your hard-to-buy-for aunt or the nieces and nephews who don't need yet another toy.

East End Children's Centre doesn't endorse any particular project - it's pretty easy to search on-line for them. We typed in Unicef and found one right away. Happy Holidays!





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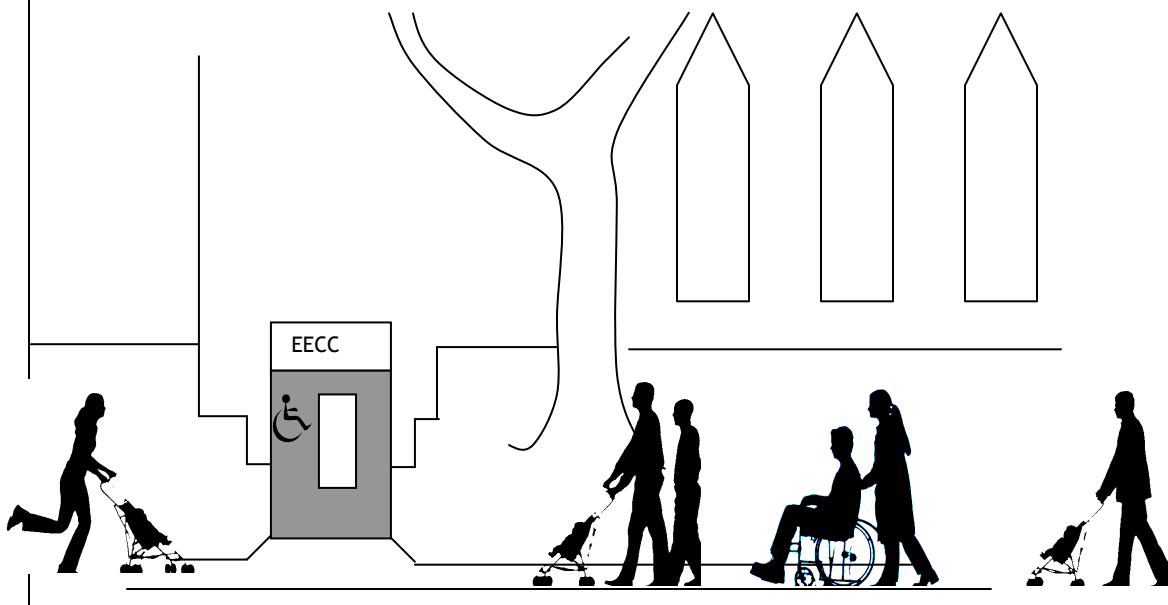
What Up With the Stroller Parking Police?!!

Yes, the stroller parking police (aka: the EECC staff) have been out in full force, attempting to maintain law and order in the front entrance way at our Kimbourne site.

The front entrance, built three years ago, was made possible by an ACCESSIBILITY grant from Toronto Children's Services, in partnership with Kimbourne Park United Church. ACCESSIBILITY means anyone can enter, and that specifically people using wheelchairs and other mobility aids can enter. The problem is that people in wheelchairs CAN'T ENTER when strollers and other obstacles block their paths. Defeats the purpose of the grant, doesn't it?

The mats in the front entrance show where the boundary line is for strollers. When it's full... it's full - no matter how you and we wish there was more space. And while we can not create more space in this area, here are ways to ease the crowding:

- We have another entrance (side door, top of driveway) where there is an equal amount of stroller parking. Until three years ago, it was our only entrance. If you can physically manage stairs into the center with your child, consider using this entrance. There is a staircase and a hallway that will lead you into our program room. Say hello to church staff on your way down – they love EECC families!
- A sign in the window of the accessible entrance indicates whether there is still room for strollers. Green means there are still spaces; red means go to the side entrance. When your stroller occupies the last available space, turn the sign so it shows RED. When you leave, and see that more space has been freed up, turn the sign so it shows GREEN.
- Please, please... if you have a foldable stroller, fold it and lean it into the little alcove area behind the door. We know it's a hassle, but thanks for doing it anyway.





East End Children's Centre Newsletter



love and appreciation...



For rising to the occasion in support of A Starry, Starry Night:

- He stepped in with about a week's notice, and superbly co-auctioneered alongside City Councillor Janet Davis (who helps us a lot!!): The Honourable Jack Layton
- He baked a pie bursting with freshly picked apples, still warm and ready for the auction block: Janet Davis' husband Mel.
- He bid a whopping \$40 on Mel's warm, aromatic apple pie: Jon Klamas
- He was a GREAT Master of Ceremonies: Jazz & Elle's daddy, Paul Riley
- They solicited auction items (by phone, e-mail, and on foot), picked up, delivered, packaged & ribboned said auction items, sold event tickets, sent out media announcements, arranged the liquor license, bought wine & beer, set up the room, hung decorations, did kitchen duty, set up and dismantled the sound system, worked the bar & raffle tables, put away tables & chairs, did cashier duty, cleaned up: Bill & Lisa Chow, Stephanie Apollonio & Bob Hoang, Barbara Morgan, Liza & Paul Riley, Caroline & Patrick Fernandez, Heather & Simon Makin, JB Baptista, Joanna Shaw, Zenobia Homavasir & Blair Beesley, Leslie Chapin, Shannon O'Hara, Richard Wong, and staff team Eshria, Fateme, Yvonne, Alem and Thichan.
- They prepared and donated fabulous treats for the food table: program participants, staff & board members

For donating and installing the beautiful mural gracing the wall at our Kimbourne site: Mural Unique, and Caroline Fernandez, who facilitated the donation.



Very special thanks for supporting A Starry, Starry Night with donations:

ANNICK PRESS	HARBOURFRONT CANOE & KAYAK CENTRE	NOVOTEL HOTEL	TEN FEET TALL
ART GALLERY OF ONTARIO	HARBOURFRONT CENTRE	NOAH'S NATURAL FOODS	THE BIG CARROT
BABY ON THE HIP	HBC FOUNDATION	OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY	THE HOANG-APOLLONIO FAMILY
BEACHWOOD FLOWER SHOP	HEALING ON THE DANFORTH	ONLY WINE	THE HONOURABLE JACK LAYTON
BELGIAN CHOCOLATE SHOP	HEATHER MAKIN	ONTARIO SCIENCE CENTRE	THE PALMER GROUP
BILL & LISA CHOW	HELP!!! WE'VE GOT KIDS	OVERKILL	THE SECOND CITY
BILL'S GARDEN CENTRE	IL FORNELLO	PARENTBOOKS	THE S.P.A.C.E.
BOOK CITY	JAWNY BAKERS	PARTY PALS	THE TIN ROOF
BOWLERAMA	JENNY LOWELL & PAUL PELLETTIER	PETER'S PAINT	THE TORONTO ARGONAUTS
CANADIAN TIRE Warden	JERRY'S SUPERMARKET	PINPOINT AUTO	THE TORONTO SUN
CAROLINE FERNANDEZ	JOHN WILEY & SONS CANADA	Office of Mayor David Miller	THE WORKOUT LOFT
CATHY PALMOS	KAI KIDS	RANDOM HOUSE	THE WORKSHOP GALLERY
CINEPLEX ODEON CORP	KARMA KAFE	RECLAIM AGENT HONEY	THEATRE PASSE MURAILLE
COLUMBO'S PIZZA	KEG	RENAISSANCE CAFÉ	THREE'S COMPANY CAFÉ
COMICS & MORE	KEY PORTER BOOKS	ROGERS CABLE	TORONTO COUNCILLOR JANET DAVIS
CN RAIL	LATTITUDE FOR LIVING	ROGERS BLUE JAYS	TORONTO COUNCILLOR CASE OOTES
CN TOWER	LEON'S FURNITURE	ROYAL BEEF	TORONTO MARRIOTT EATON CENTRE
CRESCENT TOWN CLUB	LICK'S BURGER & ICE CREAM SHOP	ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM	TORONTO NEWSGIRLS BOXING CLUB
DANFORTH BOWL	LIZA RILEY	SERENADE JEWELLERY	TRACEY HALE
DELTA CHELSEA INN	LOBLAWS Vic Park & Gerrard	SHOPPERS DRUG MART Danforth	TREASURE ISLAND TOYS
DRUXY'S FAMOUS DELI	LOBLAWS QUEENS QUAY	SKM SPEEDY INTERNATIONAL	TUCKER'S MARKETPLACE
DUCKWORTHS FISH & CHIPS	MARRIOTT EATON CENTRE HOTEL	SMALL WORLD CAFÉ	TUNDRA BOOKS
ELGIN WINTER GARDEN THEATRE	MASTERMIND EDUCATIONAL	SOL SMART ENERGY SOLUTIONS	VALUMART
EZ ROCK	MCDONALDS PAPE	SPHERE ENTERTAINMENT	VIC HILL & CHRIS CHAPMAN
FINE SILVER GIRL	MELANIE EYERS	SPORTING LIFE	WHISTLER'S RESTAURANT
GAP CANADA	METRO Shoppers World	STARBUCK'S	WILD WATER KINGDOM
GARDEN MUM	METRO NAILS	STARFISH ENTERTAINMENT	WINNERS
GERRARD PIZZA	MICHAEL PRUE, MPP	SUNSET GRILL	WOODBINE ENTERTAINMENT
GRAND RIVER TOY CO.	MURAL UNIQUE	SWISS CHALET	ZILLOTTO
GREAT GLASSES on the Danforth	MY GIFTED CHILD	TARRAGON THEATRE	
HAIR FANTASY	NELVANA ENTERPRISES	TASTE OF THE SILK ROAD	

When shopping for the holidays, please remember and reward their generous, community-aware business practices!





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Our Holiday Schedule

Kimbourne:

Monday, December 22nd OPEN 4 - 7 pm
 Tuesday, December 23rd OPEN 9 am - 12 pm
 Wednesday, December 24th CLOSED
 Thursday, December 25th CLOSED
 Friday, December 26th CLOSED
 Saturday, December 27th OPEN 10 am - 1 pm
 Monday, December 29th OPEN 4 - 7 pm
 Tuesday, December 30th CLOSED
 Wednesday, Dec 31st CLOSED
 Thursday, January 1st CLOSED
 Saturday, January 3rd OPEN 10 am - 1 pm

Terry Fox:

Friday, December 19TH OPEN 8:45 am - 12 pm
 Monday, December 22nd through Friday, January 4th CLOSED
 Monday, January 5th OPEN 8:45 am - 12 pm

Presteign Church:

Friday, Dec 19th (last day for 2008) OPEN 10:30 am - 1 pm
 Friday, Jan 2nd OPEN 10:30 am - 1 pm

The Ontario Early Years Centre at 140 Dawes Rd will be open over the holidays. Call 416-686-3390 or go to www.ontarioearlyyears.ca and search Beaches-East York for program hours.

Note to parents & caregivers of school aged children... please remember that our programs are for infants, toddlers and preschool children (birth to senior kindergarten). School aged siblings are permitted to visit our evening and week-end programs only. We ask that you kindly make other programming arrangements for school aged children during school breaks.

Our Regular Schedule

 <p>Kimbourne Park United Church 200 Wolverleigh Blvd. (basement) 416-469-0495</p> <p>Drop-In Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs 9 am - 12 noon Saturdays 10 am - 1 pm</p>	 <p>Terry Fox Recreation Centre Gledhill School 2 Gledhill Ave. 416-425-4051</p> <p>Drop-In Hours: Mon & Fri 8:45 am - 12 noon Wed 12 noon - 3 pm (Sept-June) Wed 8:45 - 12 noon (July & August)</p>	 <p>Presteign United Church 2538 St. Clair Ave. E. North-East of the St. Clair & O'Connor intersection 416-469-0495 (Yvonne)</p> <p>Drop-in hours: Fridays 10:30 - 1:00 pm</p>
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Parents, and caregivers... we're glad you like our programs! However, please adhere to the above hours of operation, which are dictated by funding availability. We can not accommodate early arrivals, nor can we pay staff to stay late when families don't leave at closing time. Thanks!

