



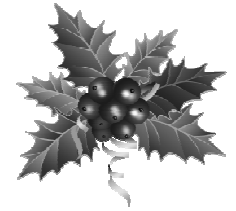
# East End Children's Centre

For families, caregivers & friends



## Our Annual Holiday Closing

- Terry Fox program: CLOSED December 21st - January 1st
- Kimbourne & Presteign programs: CLOSED December 24<sup>th</sup> - January 1st.
- Kimbourne re-opens Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.



## 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!



## You Better Not Cry

(that is... if you want a Zhu Zhu Pet)



*He sees you when you're sleeping  
 He knows when you're awake  
 He knows if you've been bad or good  
 So be good for goodness sake!*

Is it just me or does anyone else think that's just **creepy**? No wonder the holidays are among the most stressful times of the year!



## Birthday Parties at Kimbourne!

Enjoy the Kimbourne space for your next birthday party, baby shower or get-together!

Rates (includes hands-on HELP from EECC staff!)

Saturdays, 1:00 - 3:00: \$225

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

Check our website for more information:

[www.eastendchildrenscentre.org](http://www.eastendchildrenscentre.org)





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## Evening Programs



Evening programs take many forms: drop-in playgroups (with a light meal), family math & literacy series, as well as workshops for parents & caregivers (with child care available). Here's what we've got lined up so far:

### Special Celebration:

- Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 4 – 6:30 pm at Kimbourne. Come celebrate the Winter Solstice with us. Dinner provided. Older sibs welcome.

### Workshops:

- Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>: Raising Sexually Healthy Children 6 – 8 pm at Kimbourne
- Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>: An Overview of Speech & Language Development 6 – 8 pm at Kimbourne

### Family Math & Family Literacy:

These are structured, play-based programs for children 3 ½ to 5 years, and a parent. Child care is offered for siblings. A six-week Family Literacy series is tentatively scheduled for mid-February. Watch for postings in our programs, or our website for exact dates.



## We're Not the Only Game In Town! Program Options for the holidays...

### Check out these other great drop-in centres and Ontario Early Years programs:

- **Donlands Family Drop-In is located at 280 Donlands Ave. (just south of Cosburn). Call them at 647-258-9987 for their hours.**
- **Ontario Early Years Centre, located at 140 Dawes Rd at Secord Ave. Open Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>. For more information, call: 416-686-3390**



## CLOTHING EXCHANGE AT KIMBOURNE

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:



IF YOU HAVE STUFF YOUR KIDS HAVE OUTGROWN, YOU BRING IT TO KIMBOURNE AND PUT IT IN THE CLOTHING EXCHANGE, LOCATED UNDERNEATH THE INFORMATION TABLES.

IF YOU SEE STUFF IN THE CLOTHING EXCHANGE THAT WILL FIT YOUR KIDS, HELP YOURSELF.

YOU DON'T NEED TO GIVE TO THE CLOTHING EXCHANGE IN ORDER TO TAKE SOMETHING.

CLEAN CLOTHING IN GOOD CONDITION ONLY (NO RIPS, NO STAINS PLEASE)





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## YOUR DONATIONS REALLY HELP!

Thanks a bunch to the following people for supporting East End Children's Centre through monetary contributions: Melanie Eyers, Caroline & Patrick Fernandez in memory of Ernie Sharman, Stephanie Apollonio & Bob Hoang and Allie Geary Botting. Thanks, too, to all of you who dropped about \$2500 into our donation jars so far this year!

The following individuals took advantage of the United Way's payroll deduction program, and directed their contributions straight to us: Julie Dale, Craig McFadyen, James Copobianco, Maria Disbrowe, and Hilali Ghulam.

Thanks and applause go to Anne Marie Scheffler for her fabulous performance of Suddenly Mommy on October 4<sup>th</sup>, at an EECC fundraiser! Check out Anne Marie's work at [www.wannemariescheffler.com](http://www.wannemariescheffler.com) This event was also supported by Baby on the Hip, Small World Café, Toronto Councillor Janet Davis, Jerry Jeremiah, Mysteriously Yours Dinner Theatre, The S.P.A.C.E., Leslie Chapin, Anna Kwang of Serenade Jewellery, Whistlers, Jawny Bakers, Legacy Indoor Cycling, Royal Beef, ValuMart Danforth, SportingLife, Winners, William Ashley, Toni Pederen of Wee Wear, Kai Kids, Richtree, Tuckers Marketplace, Il Fornello, Delta Chelsea, and Great Glasses Danforth.

Love and appreciation to Kyoko Morii for organizing a roof-top patio party and raffle benefitting East End Children's Centre, with help from Jan and Michael Breuls-Dorang. Kyoko, Jan and Michael piggy-backed the EECC fundraiser onto the Open Rhodes Art Show & Sale in November.

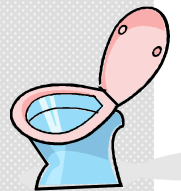
And... we've got corporate and foundation support, too! Alterna Savings, TD Canada Trust, FK Morrow Foundation, Dundas Data Visualization and CN Employees & Pensioners' Fund all made donations this year! East End Children's Centre is proud to have been selected to participate in the 2009 Payless Gives Shoes 4 Kids Program a grass roots campaign to deliver \$1.2 million in free shoes to children of families in need.



## Your child should NEVER be alone in our washroom.

It's not safe – someone could hurt your child.

It's not hygienic – young children are not great hand-washers and can not adequately clean up toileting spills and splashes.



If you are responsible for more than one child, ask a someone you know, or a member of staff to supervise the others while you accompany your child to the washroom.





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## Resources & Information for Parents

Most of our Kimbourne participants have visited the information table and check out the bulletin board. But, what's in that mysterious black filing cabinet located there? Resource files!! Lots of them, on all kinds of topics of interest to families: child development, health issues, autism, breastfeeding, education, family activities, safety and lots more. Please tell us what kinds of topics we should add!



### CanadaHelps.org

- An easy way to make a donation to East End Children's Centre
- Your tax receipt is issued automatically
- Search for East End Children's Centre using our charitable #101544351 RR0001 or by our official name: East End Child-Parent Development Centre of Metropolitan Toronto



## Our Regular Schedule



**Kimbourne Park United Church**  
200 Wolverleigh Blvd.  
(basement) 416-469-0495

Drop-In Hours:  
Tues, Wed, Thurs and Sat  
9 am - 12 noon



**Terry Fox Recreation Centre**  
Gledhill School  
2 Gledhill Ave. 416-425-4051

Drop-In Hours:  
Mon & Fri: 8:45 am - 12 noon  
Wed 12 noon - 3 pm (Sept-June)

Closed the first Wed of each month



**Presteign United Church**  
2538 St. Clair Ave. E.  
North-East of the St. Clair &  
O'Connor intersection  
416-469-0495 (Yvonne)

Drop-in hours:  
Fridays 9:30 pm - 12 noon

CLOSED for the month of August

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!

