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Holiday Newsletter



Hi {FIRST_NAME|Friend of College-Montrose Children's Place },

**FROM EVERYONE AT OUR HOME TO EVERYONE AT YOUR HOME
WE WISH YOU THE HAPPIEST OF HOLIDAY SEASONS**

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College-Montrose Children's Place Winter Celebration Resounding Success

Over 200 people, newborns to seniors came to celebrate the arrival of winter with us last week. Everyone enjoyed a delicious, hearty breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon and sausage prepared by our good friends at Europa Catering. Thank you Tony!

The warming holiday songs of OZAKAZOO brought out the kid in all us both young and old. Also Sarite Harris from Music Together involved adults and children alike in an interactive music and song circle while playing on her ukulele.



We can't forget our special guest. Many proud parents snapped photos of their children with Santa! Thanks Santa. We know you're very busy.

We hope you can join us next December!

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Holiday Hours

Closed For the Holidays

All Children's Place sites, including the OEYC at 180 Shaw St, St Helen at 66 Sheridan Ave and Gooch at 3735 Dundas St W will close for the holidays starting

Saturday December 20 through until Monday Jan 5. Please check our calendars for program hours for the new year [here](#).

Open for the Holidays. Everyone Welcome. __

For your convenience we have arranged for a few of our partner sites to remain open over the holidays. Locations, dates and times are listed below.

Alexandra Park Community Centre - 416-603-9603

105 Grange Court (west of Spadina, south of Dundas)

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on

Dec 22, 23, 24, 27, 29, 30 and 31

Cecil Community Centre 416-392-1090

58 Cecil St. (east of Spadina, north of Dundas)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Dec 23, 27, 30, and Jan 3

St Albans Boys and and Girls Club 416-543-8461

843 Palmerston Ave. (west of Bathurst, south of Dupont)

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Dec 22, 23, 24, Dec 29, 20, 31, Jan 2, 3

Toronto Cross Cultural Services Association 416-977-4026

310 Spadina Ave (north of Dundas)

10 a.m. - 12 p.m and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. on Dec 23 & 30

10 a.m. - 12 p.m and 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. on Jan 2

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Good News! 5th Annual Chiado "Night to Remember" Meets Fundraising Goal

Not only did we raise a lot of fun at the Chiado dinner but CMCP was also very successful in fund raising. As per previous years we sold out the event and we will raise just over \$10,000.

Many people are responsible for the success of this event.

Thank you to our gracious Chiado host, Albino Silva and to all who contributed silent auction items and sold tickets to the event.

Judging from the level of conversation, engagement and sounds of delight as we moved from one delectable course to the next, I believe everyone had a good time. Many diners were so excited that they made reservations for next year!

We urge you to think of Chiado when considering a fine dining experience.

<http://www.chiadorrestaurant.com/>

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New Programs and Workshops for the New Year

Registered Programs: Child Care is provided for most programs.

Please register at your program site or email dkhambati@cmcp.ca

January:

OEYC programs at 180 Shaw St

- Thursday Jan 15 Mat Chat - Nutrition 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m.
- Wednesday Jan 21 Participants meeting 10a.m.-12 p.m.
- Wednesday Jan 28 Parenting & Temperament Styles 10a.m. - 12p.m.

Gooch program at 3735 Dundas St West

- Thursday Jan 22 - Mar 12, weekly Nobody's Perfect 1p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Alexandra Park Community Centre, 105 Grange Court

- Saturday Jan 24 - Mar 7, weekly Family Math 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

February:

OEYC programs at 180 Shaw St

- Wednesday Feb 4 Behaviour Guidance for Infants 10 - 12 p.m.
- Fridays Feb 6 - Mar 27, weekly, Let's Get Started 6 - 8:30p.m.
- Wednesday Feb 11 Oral Health 9:30 a.m. - 11a.m and 2:00 p.m. -3:30 p.m.

- Wednesday Feb 11 Dental Screenings 11-12:30 p.m. and 3:30 - 4 p.m.
- Saturday Feb 28 Open House - Working Parents 10 - 12 p.m.

Gooch program at 3735 Dundas St West

- Wednesday Feb 4 Participant Meeting 10 - 12 p.m.

St. Helen programs at 66 Sheridan Ave

- Thursday Feb 12 Participant Meeting 10 - 12 p.m.

March:

OEYC programs at 180 Shaw St

- Wednesdays March 4 - Mar 25 Weekly Caregiver Support Group 9 - 11:30 a.m.
- Monday March 23 Open House - Community Partners 9 - 11 a.m.

From time to time we make changes to our program in response to participant needs and requests. Please always check [calendars](http://www.cmcp.ca).
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Volunteering at CMCP

Excerpted from a letter by Bruce Whiteman volunteer at St Helen

"...there's one characteristic that volunteers share, it is a willingness to help out, to do what's needed..."

... "Willing" is the operative adjective. I love being with the children--and some of them take to me too--and it is a never-ending source of astonishment to experience their happiness at play, their endless energy, and even their occasional neediness (a tear to wipe, or a nose, same). I'm happiest sitting on the floor (be on their level, it counts) and playing with them, watching over their antics on the gym equipment (they're fearless!), or throwing a ball to hands and arms that are still trying to figure out how to make the ball come to them. It's all a gift of the spirit. But even in the midst of this fun, a call to tidy another room or to prepare a snack is not unwelcome. Whatever is needed, the volunteer stands by to undertake.

...There's certainly something to the idea of "giving back" as a noble ideal; but in truth, it's easy. Easy, because the rewards for me are so startling and so real.

The only hard part? Some of the children ... whom I had made friends... keep moving on to bigger and better things, like pre-school or even kindergarten! ... But that's all to the good. I know that she and he will be making new friends and gaining new skills at the next level. What could be more rewarding than that knowledge? I thank The Children's Place for giving me the opportunity to experience it. "

[You too Can Volunteer](#)

Many [volunteer opportunities](#) still available.

- Childcare assistants
- Data entry
- Website maintenance
- Bingo Volunteer
- and many more

For more details please email our volunteer coordinator fcosta@cmcp.ca

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