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College-Montrose Children's Place



Join Children's Place for our **30+1 Anniversary Celebration**

Once again our good friends at [LiUNA](#) (Labourers International Union of North America) are supporting College-Montrose Children's Place! Last year we were honoured by and grateful for their very generous sponsorship of our LiUNA Community Kitchen. This year they've offered their banquet facilities for our **30 +1 Anniversary Celebration dinner.**

In 2013 we were so busy renovating our new OEYC space at Artscape Youngplace we couldn't find the time to celebrate our 30th anniversary. So let's party for our 30+1 birthday.

We invite you to celebrate this auspicious event with us on Saturday May 31, 2014 at the LiUNA Union Centre. It will feature:

The live soulful music of [Quique Escamilla](#) whose talent has been compared to the world renowned Bob Marley.

[DJ medicineman](#) as one of the top DJ's in Canada, medicineman's weekly CIUT Radio show, "No Man's Land" has recently earned a DJ Stylus Award nomination. NO MAN'S LAND is considered by many to be the top world fusion radio show in Canada.

Silent Auction with a diversity of art pieces, crafts, tickets to cultural and sporting events and many other items of interest including a tasting menu dinner for 12 at internationally critically acclaimed Chiado Restaurant.

· And of course a mouth-watering **Portuguese Meal**

LiUNA is Supporting Children and Families!

What about you?

Tickets: \$ 100. By cash and cheque at any CMCP site or www.cmcp.ca

When: Saturday May 31 6 p.m. to Midnight

Where: LiUNA Union Centre, 1263 Wilson Ave.

All proceeds will go to CMCP programs for children and families.

Children's Place was born in 1983 as a result of the hard work of a group of newly arrived immigrant women. This group recognized that they were struggling to understand the child rearing practices and the education system in their newly adopted country. Concerned for their children's educational success and for maintaining their culture of origin, they banded together to create an organization that would support them.

Shortly thereafter Children's Place opened its doors to a dozen families in a small classroom on the third floor of Montrose School. Today in 11 sites, over 3,000 parents/caregivers with almost 4,000 children come together every year to play, learn and connect.



What Your Support Brings You!

Early Learning Sites in Downtown Toronto

1. Trinity-Spadina OEYC at Artscape Youngplace, 180 Shaw St. and satellite at St Raymond School, 270 Barton St.
2. The St Helen Family Resource Program in Mary McCormick Recreation Centre, 66 Sheridan Ave.
3. The Gooch Family Resource Program at 3735 Dundas St West and at Lambton Community School, 50 Bernice Crescent.

In addition CMCP has six different community sites with an agreement to provide early learning services for CMCP:

1. [Alexandra Park](#) at 105 Grange St.,
2. Cecil Community Centre at 58 Cecil St.,
3. [Harbourfront Community Centre](#), 627 Queen's Quay West.,
4. [Scadding Court Community Centre](#), 707 Dundas St West.,
5. [St Albans Boys' and Girls' Club](#) at 843 Palmerston Ave.,
6. The [Toronto Cross Cultural Community Service Association](#) at 310 Spadina

Some Programs You Can Enjoy at these Sites

Family Drop in programs at all sites where children and adults can come together to play, learn, share parenting ideas, connect with friends and make new ones. Nutritious snacks, song and reading circles are included.

Other Play and Learn Opportunities

The Wednesday morning Kindergym at St Helen Family Resource Program, 66 Sheridan Ave, has expanded to **Monday mornings**. Start your children out on a lifelong enjoyment of physical activity by developing their basic movement skills through active play. See our [calendar](#)

Register for the **Peer Nutrition program** at Gooch, 3735 Dundas St West. This program starts Monday April 8 and continues every Monday afternoon until Monday May 26th. It offers an opportunity to cook, share and learn sound food/nutrition practices, and engage with peers on parenting issues. See our [calendar](#)

Family Math is coming soon to the OEYC on Friday evenings in May. Enjoy a hot meal with other community families and then learn fun and interesting ways of introducing your children to the five strands of mathematics they will encounter in elementary school. This program helps parents and caregivers to see the math in everyday situations at home and in the community. This program requires registration in person at the OEYC, 180 Shaw St. or by phone 416-532-8100. Check our [calendar](#)

Parent relief/Occasional Childcare: Don't forget we offer temporary child care services for a negotiated time at all our directly operated sites. Children are provided with a safe, warm and nurturing environment where they can interact and fully participate in early year's activities.

Stroller Parking: United Way Days of Caring CIBC Volunteers Help!

During this winter participants at the OEYC at 180 Shaw St. have been leaving strollers locked to the city bicycle shelter. There have been an overwhelming number of strollers requiring parking and rightly so, bicyclists have objected to this use of their shelter. With the support and cooperation of Artscape Youngplace, we have found a new location outside of the building for stroller parking but it will require some work.

On Thursday May 1, the United Way Days Caring volunteers from CIBC will come

prepared to remove grass and lay paving stones for our new parking area, behind the ramp at the entrance to the building. This will require some muscle work and it will be a full day project from 9 am to 4 pm. Any participants who wish to offer their muscle power to this project for few hours please contact Filomena Costa at 416-532-9485 ext. 229.



Children's Place on a Quest for New Strategic Plan

Our latest plan which was established almost 4 years ago has run out. The board staff and volunteers of CMCP will be meeting for a daylong session on Saturday April 12th to look at ways we can best meet our mission over the next three to five years.

Thank you to those of you who attended a participant focus group and gave us your thoughts on where you would like CMCP to focus its resources and energies over the next period. We will keep you updated as we develop our plan.

Have any questions? Want To give us feedback?

Email: aottolino@cmcp.ca or call Angela Ottolino 416-532-9485 ext 223.

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