



The Children's Storefront:

A meeting place for parents and children

For thirty five years, the Children's Storefront has been an icon in the community – a place where families can “drop in” and find the support they need in an environment that is both welcoming and non-judgmental. As the first child-parent centre in Ontario, the Storefront paved the way for many of the free programs now in existence.

The central role of the Children's Storefront has been to provide support for parents and young children. Since 1975, the Storefront has been the place where children could come and learn how to play together in a warm and child-centered environment while parents and caregivers could bond with each other and share stories about themselves in a supportive environment. Unlike nursery schools, daycares or counseling facilities, adults and children are served together in the same program.

The Children's Storefront opened in January 1975 in a corner store at the intersection of Bathurst and Olive streets. Founded and staffed by Ryva Novick and Maryann Schwartz, the location provided a convenient place for people in the community to drop in according to their daily schedule. There is no structured programming at the Storefront, which means that everyone is welcome at any time. No one is ever late because their child slept in (or did not sleep) or because they have errands, appointments or work to do. For parents adapting to the needs of their young children, this kind of “scheduling” is welcomed with open arms.

The Children's Storefront important dates for 2011:

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING DINNER

Friday May 13, 2011 – 4:00 – 7:00 pm

\$20.00 for a family/ \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child

35th BIRTHDAY PARTY

Sunday June 12, 2011 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Please come and celebrate our Thirty Five years of being in the community!
Hoping to see families from the 35 year lifespan of The Children's Storefront
Our party will be a potluck celebration. Food must be nut-free.

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING DINNER

Friday September 16, 2011 – 4:00pm – 7:00 pm
\$20.00 for a family/ \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child

FAMILY POTLUCK BRUNCH

Sunday October 2, 2011 – 11:00am – 1:00pm
Come join us for a family friendly Sunday brunch
Potluck and nut free!!

FAMILY POTLUCK BRUNCH

Sunday November 6, 2011 – 11:00am – 1:00pm
Come join us for a family friendly Sunday brunch
Potluck and nut free!!

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING DINNER

Friday November 18, 2011 – 4:00pm – 7:00 pm
\$20.00 for a family/ \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child

FAMILY POTLUCK BRUNCH

Sunday December 4, 2011 – 11:00am – 1:00pm
Come join us for a family friendly Sunday brunch
Potluck and nut free!!

All Events to be held at The Children's Storefront at 826 Bloor Street West.

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