

Measuring Success

A Letter from the Heart

In the first years of our summer camp we received the following letter

"I would like to thank you for all your support and registering me in to day camp It was really fun. We did some neat stuff and I liked it this is a summer to remember. I got to go to fun places I always wanted to go to such as cosmic adventures and wave pool and it was all because of the family house. It was one of the best summers. It was so fun that when I got home I couldn't stop talking about it hell I couldn't sleep. I bet all the kids feel the same way I do because I really feel strongly about this...thank you for convincing me not to give up. On the carwash I was so close to giving up but we got a few customers and I learned that if you give up you will get nothing accomplished. The family house taught me a lot of stuff thanks. And thank you Barbra for your help on the homework club. Once again thank you you done a lot for me."
Sincerely,
Abdifitah

In 2005 Abdifitah completed his 40 hours of community placement at the Family House. Now he is contemplating post graduate studies as he finishes a joint honours degree in Political Science and Public Administration

WOW! Now that is success!!

Partnerships

Making good things happen

Community Residents
Ottawa Community Housing Corporation
City of Ottawa
Trillium Foundation
United Way Ottawa
Community Foundation of Ottawa
May Court Club
Children's Village of Ottawa
GM Canada
The Ottawa Food Bank
The Coalition of Community Houses
Ottawa School of Speech & Drama
Ottawa Carleton District School Board
ESL/Linc Program
Ace Bakery
Ultramar Foundation
Alterna Savings
Carlington Community & Health Services
Algonquin College
Carleton Memorial United Church
St Mark's Anglican Church
City View United Church
St Augustine's Church
Holy Cross
Carleton Heights Community Association
Boys & Girls Club
Youth Services Bureau
HRSDC
Ottawa Catholic School Board/ Focus on Youth
The Villas at Riverside
Local schools & social action groups
Revenue Canada Tax volunteers
Xmas Exchange
Toy Mountain



Helping Ottawa families since 1995

Facts & Figures 2008 A Closer Look

Mission Statement

The Debra Dynes Family House is committed to improving the quality of life for multiculturally diverse families, children and youth who are low income and working poor, through a range of services and programs that are community driven and meet their needs.

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Programs and Services

Giving back to the Community

New Programs, New Faces

Children & Youth Programs 2008 Investing in futures

Junior Homework Club/ Evening Homework Clubs

After 4 & Emergency Lunches

Girls Group & Boys Group

Youth Action Group

Youth Drop-In

Kindergarten Readiness

LINC Childcare

Sewing Childcare

Bundle of Joy Childcare

Toy lending library

Youth Volunteer Opportunities

Play Away Sports

Big Dreamers

Snowsuit Fund

Toy Mountain

Holiday Hampers & Vouchers

Piano Lessons

Drama Lessons

Summer Camps & Summer Breakfast Program

Soccer

Summer Youth Employment

Youth Employment Training

Special Events This Year! Skating with the Sens, Youth Day of Caring, Pumpkin Carving, Community BBQ's, High 5 Training, Drama Plays, Autographs from John Cena and much more!

Jump Starting Careers

The Family House has many student placements from High School, Adult High School Universities, & Colleges both in Ottawa and from other areas. Each year they bring energy and skills to our programs. Sara, Pascale, Regine & Andrew all started at Debra Dynes!

Making a Difference

Juice, a sandwich, yoghurt, cookies and fruit

We made lunch 3,840 times in 2008

Bagels on Monday, Pizza on Fridays

Every school week Monday through Friday

4166 After 4 snacks.

A volunteer patiently teaches Piano

259 times in a year

2168 - the number of times senior youth in the community accessed homework help

13370 people fed

620 contacts so that infants and babies had diapers, formula, cereal

3220 children and adults helped with clothing, appliances and household items

2155 times Grades 1-6 children came for Homework Help

526 times preschoolers played together in Kindergarten readiness

Safe Supported Connected

2008 Children/Youth contacts - 42811

Grants will end, programs will change, but Debra Dynes is always moving forward...

New Programs, New Faces

Big Dreamers – This program was developed to fill a gap in services. This cognitive arts program for children 5 to 7 years old is a place that encourages creative imaginations and promotes adaptable learning styles.

Play Away Sports – This is the umbrella name for recreational programming for children and youth in the community. It gives children ages 8 to 12 the opportunity to play a wide variety of sports, keeping them safe, healthy and fit.

