

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

Now that is success!!

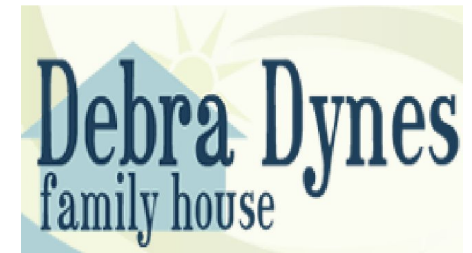
Making good things happen

Strong starts build great futures!

Mary's Daughter

A family comes to live in Ottawa, their roots are far away in Sudan. Their mother wants her children to succeed, to be successful in school, but her daughter speaks no English. Each afternoon the little girl comes to the Family House to the Kindergarten Readiness program. She is obviously a very bright young person. As she plays each day with other children, she quickly picks up English and gains the confidence and skills to be a success in school. But there is more! Nyechuor's first summer camp was at the Family House and, too young to have homework, she nevertheless comes each day to eat a snack, read books and be around the many children that make the Family House their first place to visit when school is finished.

Now that's success!



Helping Ottawa families since 1995

**A Closer Look - 2010
15th Anniversary!**



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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Creating Opportunities

Always Connected

Mariam came with her family to Canada speaking only a little English. Determined to be successful she came to the Family House for After 4 programs to keep her school work on track and improve her language skills. Two years later she was the Valedictorian of her Junior High!

Mariam continued to volunteer at the Family House and worked in our summer programs. Today she is attending University and is in the 2nd year of her engineering degree.



Giving back to the Community

The Debra Dynes Family House Board
11 members.

6 OCH residents including a representative from the Debra Dynes Tenant Association
5 Community members from the wider community
Board Members give many unpaid hours to make sure that the Family House and its programs meet the needs of the people who visit each day.

The Debra Dynes Family House Board

What do a Cook Book Author/Cooking Educator, Lawyer, CPA, Data Analyst, Public Servant, RNA, Homemaker, Parent Support Worker, Retired Educator, Community Activist have in common?

They are some of the varied people who have given their energy and time to the Family House Board

Did you know:

Our first Youth Board Member, Beidan, was Secretary of the Board for several years and is now completing her Residency to become a Doctor.

Wahild Kandar, Board member 2009, will be the first OPP officer from the community. His training in Orillia will take up most of 2010

Our Board Members bring with them knowledge and skills and ensure that the successes and realities of the Debra Dynes Community are known to Public officials, Congregations, Organizations and Funders across the City and Province

New Programs, New Faces

Debra Dynes

15 yrs young!

Always moving forward...



On December 3rd 2009 Debra Dynes Family House celebrated a new and significant partnership, becoming a recipient charity of the Ottawa Dragon Boat Foundation for 2010, 2011, and 2012.

In our 15th anniversary year, it couldn't be better news!

Ready to Grow! Ready to Row!

