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Did you know...

- The Caledon Parent-Child Centre (CPCC) is a registered charitable organization.
- The CPCC is a free community service ensuring access to all families.
- Grants and government funds are only one way the CPCC generates money to sustain its programs and services.
- It is necessary for the CPCC to raise its own funds and, in fact, it is encouraged by several of its funders.
- All funds raised go back into CPCC programs and services to help serve you better.
- Other sources of funding include fundraising activities, individual donations and business sponsorships.

You can help!

Here's how you can help ...

- Financial Donations - Your tax deductible donation helps sustain and expand our programs and support services.
- Supporting Fundraising Initiatives - Over the year, we run various fundraising activities and programs. Offer your support by purchasing promotional products and/or tickets for special events or raffles.
- Product and Service Donations - In-kind donations help offset costs for our programs and fundraising initiatives.
- Sponsorship Opportunities - Do you own a business? Sponsoring an event or program helps sustain our services. Your sponsorship will be publicly acknowledged.
- Volunteering - Get involved. Volunteers enhance the quality of programs and services we deliver.

Upcoming Events

Laugh Out Loud:

April 27, 2007 at Glen Eagle Golf Club.

A charity event for ladies only. All proceeds go towards our Adjustments After Birth Program.

Family Fun Night:

June 7, 2007 at the Caledon Parent-Child Centre. A summer celebration with face painting, crafts and story time.

Annual General Meeting & Volunteer Appreciation

Dinner: June 13, 2007 at Glen Eagle Golf Club.

"Level with your child by being honest. Nobody spots a phony quicker than a child."

M. MacCracken

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Unscheduled Closings

Occasionally our Centre has to cancel programs or close due to unforeseen circumstances.

Please remember the Centre's policy in the event of inclement weather. When Peel/Dufferin school buses are cancelled, all programs are cancelled and the Centre is closed. Please listen to your local TV or radio stations for bus cancellations. If we have to cancel programs for other reasons, we will try our best to give ample notice to those registered.

March Break

Mark your calendar. There will be no programs during March Break (March 12-17, 2007), how-

ever, we will be open for Family Time drop-in. Just a reminder that children's play activities offered at the Centre are primarily designed for children from birth to six years of age.

Registration

Please make note of registration information for spring and summer programming:

Spring Program Registration - April 16 to 21, 2007 (programs begin the week of April 30, 2007)

Summer programs will be offered on a drop-in basis beginning the first week of July. Space may be limited. Watch for details in late spring. Our Get Ready for

School Mini-Camp will also be back by popular demand in August. There will be two sessions to choose from and registration will be required. Our preschool mini-camp is a structured program for children going into Junior or Senior Kindergarten (JK/SK). The main focus of the program is to make the transition from home to school a little easier for the children going into JK and to reinforce the classroom structure for children who are going into SK. Mini-camp is a theme based program that includes school readiness activities, literacy, dramatic play, language and social skills.

Signing with your baby:

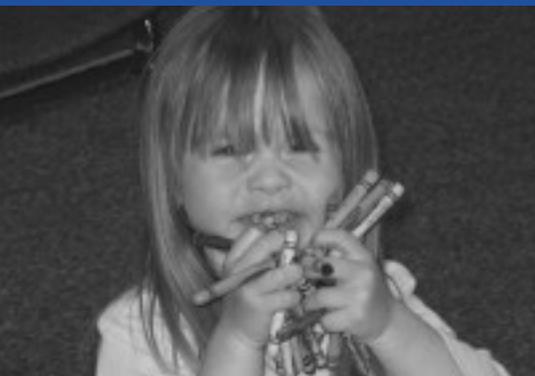
communicate now with your infant

Our new Sign with your Baby ® program is extremely popular. Program facilitator, Carol Anne has been signing since 1996 and is a certified presenter with the Sign 2 Me ® network.

Why wait to communicate? Babies have control over their hands before they develop the skills required for speech. By teaching your infant to sign, starting as early as 8 months, more and more parents, grandparents and caregivers are recognizing the many benefits of this early communication.

Here are some of the benefits of signing at home:

- Signing allows your infant to clearly communicate specific thoughts.
- Signing reduces frustration for your baby, and for you!
- Signing gives you a window into your child's mind and personality.
- Signing won't delay verbal language development, and in fact, it may accelerate it. Research shows that babies who sign usually start to talk sooner and develop larger vocabularies than babies who don't sign.
- Signing reinforces verbal language by adding visual and kinesthetic emphasis to auditory input.
- Signing children tend to be more interested in books.
- Signing builds on babies' natural tendency to use gestures.



Gift Planning: *Many Ways To Give And Gain*

Most people are aware that by making an outright gift of cash, stocks, property or work of art, they are able to immediately see their donation being used by the charity of their choice. As a donor, you will usually also realize an immediate income tax saving.

There is an alternative way to give to organizations that you support. Making a deferred or planned gift can benefit both you and the charity you wish to support. You establish the gift in the present, with its actual delivery to the charity sometime in the future. Planned gifts will allow tax savings, some current and others that are realized by your estate. Since Planned Gifts enable you to make a substantial contribution, your gift would have a deep impact on the future of the charity. The following are some examples of different ways to give planned gifts.

Will bequests

Charitable gifts made by Will are deemed to have been made in the year of death. Therefore, the charitable tax credit is received by the estate and can offset any tax owing from the estate. The gift may be for a fixed sum, or for a specified amount of the residue of the estate after other specific bequests have been distributed.

Life insurance gifts

Many people find that they have an existing life insurance policy that is no longer required for its original purpose. It is easy

to make this policy a gift. All you need to do is change the ownership and beneficiary on the policy to the charity of your choice. When a charity is made the beneficiary of a life insurance policy, the policy goes directly to the charity. Your estate is then entitled to a tax receipt for the amount of the gift while the proceeds remain outside your estate thus avoiding probate.

Another way to give with life insurance is by purchasing a new policy and naming a charity as both the owner and beneficiary. A tax receipt is issued for each premium payment which will mean immediate tax savings. You can also arrange a lump sum payment. The amount of your premiums can be set according to your own financial capability, and the ultimate dollar value of your policy will be far greater than the premiums you pay.

Gifts of Securities

When donating a gift of securities directly to a charitable organization such as the Caledon Parent-Child Centre, the entire capital gain is eliminated. This means that there is no need to calculate the reportable capital gain and the tax credit the gift triggers can be used to offset other income tax that you may be obligated to pay.

The types of investments which qualify include: shares, bills, warrants, mutual funds and futures, listed on stock exchanges in Canada.

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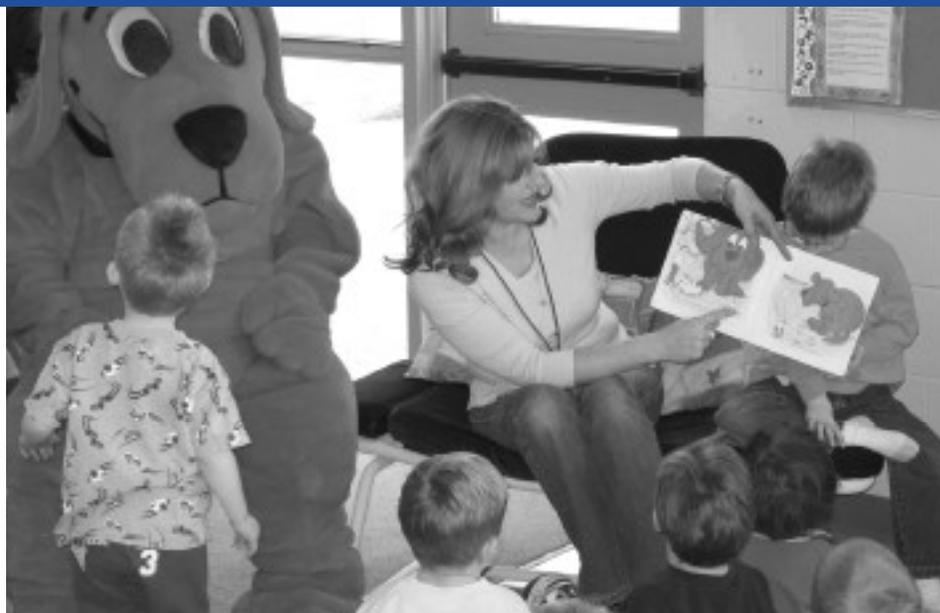


A Message to our Volunteers

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Last, special thanks to our front-line program volunteers for their warmth and kindness as they help staff deliver our programs: Nancy Christieson, Shannon Erdelyi, Kathy Hare, Shaun Hawkes and Paul Smith.



Parent Education Workshops

Take some time to look at our listing of Parent Education Workshops being offered this Spring. Some topics include Sibling Rivalry and Summer Safety. Upcoming evening workshops include Helping Your Child Learn Math, Sharing Parenting Concerns & Strategies with Dads and Make & Take a Book with Dad. Just a reminder that workshops are offered free of charge and childcare is available for a small fee during Friday morning workshops.

As most of you know, our Parent Education Workshops are extremely popular and fill up

quickly, so be sure to register early. For a complete listing of Parent Education Workshops being offered this spring, visit our website at www.cp-cc.org.

Check out our website

Did you know you can find a full listing of our programs and services online? Simply log on to www.cp-cc.org to access our most recent program calendar, a list of upcoming events, important news reminders and so much more.

Become a Volunteer

If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a volunteer with our Centre, we would love to hear from you.

Teresa Colasanti
Volunteer Co-ordinator



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