



# SHELLDALE Better Beginnings BETTER FUTURES

Annual Report 2016-2017

## A Message from our Board President and Executive Director

*"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."* — Mahatma Gandhi

As we reflect on last year, we can be proud of the many families supported in the Onward Willow neighbourhood. As we continue to transition under the Ministry of Education to one of the many Family Support programs that includes the Early Years and YMCA programs, we know that it is vital that we continue to support children and their families in this community. Being housed in the **Shelldale Centre** since 2001, in one of Guelph's most dynamic neighbourhoods, this community hub of supports is still one of a handful located in Waterloo-Wellington. Because of the co-location of various partners who all work towards supporting health and well-being, we are able to ensure that families can access what they need.

Last year, we sadly saw the passing of Charlie Whittaker, a staunch and avid supporter of the Shelldale Centre, Willow Road School and Shelldale

Better Beginnings, Better Futures children and youth in programs. His legacy is this building, the programs, and the neighbourhood.

2016 was our second year with a Governance Board which allowed our many teams and committees to focus on the programming while the Board focused on ensuring that the organization was headed in the right direction and had the funds to do so.

We want to thank our 174 volunteers who contributed 10,173 hours to our programs. That is an average of 58 hours per volunteer! As well, we want to thank our Board of Directors, Committee and Team members for all the planning and work that gets done. A special thank you to staff who ensure a seamless transition for all participants to either programs, school, employment, or a referral to other service providers. Our strength is indeed our people, whether they are volunteers or our staff.

As we approach 2017, we are excited

about the countless opportunities that will surface, allowing us to continue to work with children and their families.

Thank you to everyone for your continued commitment to children and families.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Nuttley, Board President

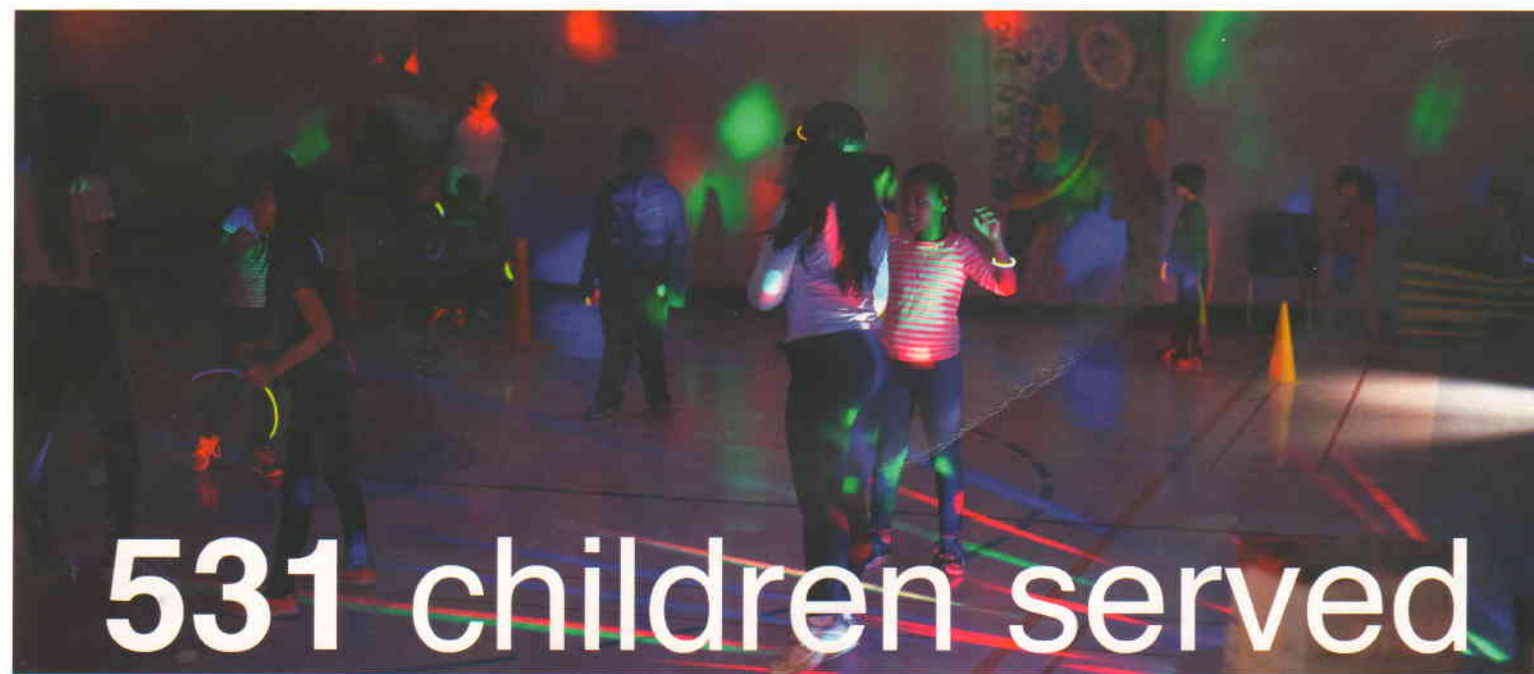
Lorri Sauvé, Executive Director

## Thank you to our major donors





**174** volunteers  
contributed **10,153**  
hours of volunteer  
service



**531** children served

Our mission is to welcome and support children and families living in Onward Willow, providing programs, services and leadership opportunities to nurture a better future and a healthy community.

**305 kids**  
attended our  
summer camp



**9,782 hot**  
breakfasts  
were served at  
our breakfast  
club



**70 families**  
were supported  
through our  
peer parent  
program

# Volunteer of the Year

At our annual volunteer banquet we chose winners in 5 categories who have worked tirelessly to support Shelldale Better Beginnings, Better Futures. Congratulations to our winners:

**Fatima Ebeid**, Community Member Volunteer of the Year

Fatima volunteers both at Shelldale Better Beginnings, Better Futures and with our friends at Onward Willow Neighbourhood group. She donates her time and talents to both the breakfast club and our children's programming.

**Almas Muqem**, Youth Volunteer of the Year

Almas has been a longtime volunteer in the youth program. She is a wonderful mentor to the other youth and teens.

**Family and Children's Services**, Partner Volunteer of the Year

Family and Children's services staff volunteer at breakfast club, on our board of directors, at our events and on our teams and committees. They have been an integral part of our team since the beginning.

**McNeil Consumer Healthcare**, Corporate Volunteer of the Year

McNeil staff generously donate their time to our breakfast club.

**Anne-Maire Simpson**, Charlie Whittaker Memorial Award

Anne-Marie has been a fixture in the Shelldale BBBF community. She advocates for us, and was co-chair of our board for many years. She shared her expertise with the Finance and HR committee until she moved on this past year.



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