



SHELLDALE FAMILY GATEWAY



Annual Report 2021 - 2022

Executive Director’s Report to the Community

Looking back on 2021-2022, I think we can all agree that it was another crazy year for everyone – and Shelldale Family Gateway was no exception! However, as always, our amazing staff were still able to provide amazing programs for the children, youth, and their families in the Onward Willow Neighbourhood. Whether it was in smaller groups of parents and little ones in EarlyON, or in much more outdoor play for children and youth, SFG staff managed to help all our participants overcome the isolation created by the pandemic and provide so many with new and wonderful memories.

Thanks to so many of our kind and generous donors, we were able to continue the Community Table, offering folks much-needed items that helped them with food insecurity, isolation, and even just getting out of their homes.

Shelldale Family Gateway depends exclusively on fundraising and grants for our Child & Youth Programs. During the past year, our awesome Fundraising Committee came up with unique, fun, and money-raising ideas to help us bring even more programs to the children and youth of Onward Willow. An online auction and a get fit challenge are two examples of our great fundraisers. I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the volunteers on the Fundraising Committee. For many months, Tuesdays at 4pm were regular zoom meetings, sharing ideas to help our community.

I would also like to thank our hard-working and talented Board of Directors for their assistance in ensuring Shelldale Family Gateway operates at the highest standards, while providing needed services to Onward Willow children and youth.

In 2021-2022 our Board members were:

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| Kelly Slessor – Chair | Colin Thurston – Vice Chair | Michael Weller – Treasurer |
| Mike Foley – Director | Andy Chea – Director | Premila Sathasivam – Director |
| Maala Kelangath – Director | Dana Nuttley – Past Chair | Sharron Riley – Persson – FR Chair |
| Kyle Grant – Director | Michele Richardson – Director | Kim Richer – Director (joined during year) |

On behalf of the staff, Board Members, and myself, I would like to thank our outstanding community for the privilege to be a positive part of your lives.

Sincerely,

Executive Director
Shelldale Family Gateway

2021-2022 Volunteers of the Year

Shelldale Family Gateway is proud to announce our **Community Volunteer of the Year – Adult** is being presented to **Mark Stomenberg**. It has been a pleasure to have Mark volunteering with our youth for the past 6 years. He is an amazing support to our staff, helping with every aspect of our Teen program, whether it be facilitating a workshop or serving snack. Mark does it all, with a positive attitude!! His kind nature allows him to form strong and meaningful relationships with our teens, and they always look forward to seeing him. His expertise in mental health and youth programming has been an asset, as he uplifts and supports every youth he works with and goes above and beyond to make sure they feel heard and valued. We have been so fortunate to have such an amazing person a part of the Shelldale Family Gateway family -Thank you, and congratulations, Mark!

We are awarding two volunteers for **Community Volunteer of the Year – Youth**. The Youth Team is pleased to award **Mandy Ly** and **Sapan Magar** as Youth Volunteers of the Year. These 2 young people have been very committed over the past 2 years volunteering in our Afterschool Programs. They show up 3 to 4 times a week and help wherever they are needed. Mandy and Sapan come as a joint unit and sanitize hot spots, play with children, serve snack, and help with clean up. They both come to Shelldale in cheerful moods which is contagious to others. Thank you for your dedication and your willingness to stay connected and give your time to our organization – Your help is very much appreciated!

The **Charlie Whittaker Award for Lifetime Achievement** is being presented to **Gail Brown**. Gail came to volunteer at SFG many years ago in our Women’s Circle. The group was so happy and fortunate to have Gail join us twice a month to teach the parents how to sew. She has a great sense of humour and is a nurturing person to all the participants in our groups. Thank you, Gail, for all your support and encouragement over the years.

The **Wanda Lucier Award** is being presented to **Trudy Gertrude Manthorne**. Trudy volunteered last year prepping school snacks for Willow Rd. School, worked the front desk reception and helped out with the Salvation Army Hampers. She pops in and says hello to staff on a regular basis to make sure everyone is doing ok. You can see her folding our program brochures, organizing food donations, and keeping the laundry updated. Trudy is one of a kind and we appreciate everything she does to support our organization. Congratulations Trudy on winning this award.

Corporate Volunteer of the Year Award – Well.ca



This year we would like to recognize **Well.ca** as our Corporate Donor who has generously contributed so much to Shelldale Family Gateway EarlyON programs. We connected with Well.ca a few years ago requesting donations of diapers and wipes for our families in need. Without hesitation, they were able to help and so our relationship began. Now as well as their continued donations of diapers and wipes, they also provide other baby essentials that have helped our families tremendously! Throughout the pandemic, we could always rely on Well.ca to keep our supply well stocked so that our families were able to have access to the donations during a time of vulnerability. We cannot thank Well.ca enough for their generosity and endless compassion for Shelldale EarlyON and we look forward to continuing and growing our relationship with this incredible organization.

Partner Volunteer of the Year – The Grove Youth Wellness Hubs

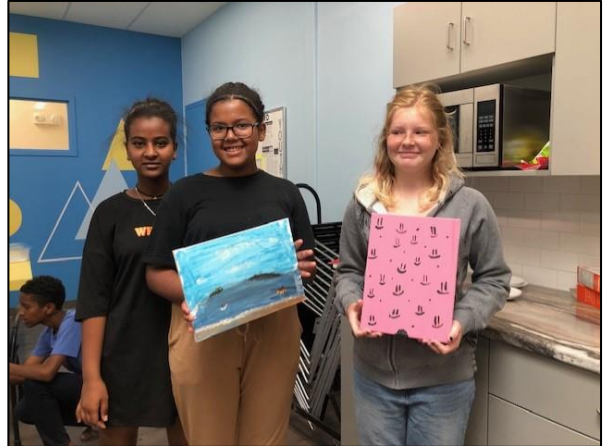


The **Grove Youth Wellness Hubs** have been operating in Guelph, Wellington, and Dufferin Counties for a while now. Shelldale Family Gateway is the most recent site to be able to offer mental health supports to our youth aged 12-26, through The Grove. As SFG and The Grove move towards further integration of the Youth Wellness Hubs Ontario model here in our neighbourhood, SFG will be able to offer more mental health supports. The Grove has provided SFG with training for staff, funds for our Youth Room and funds for a Site-Lead. We are grateful to The Grove for their incredible attention to the specific needs of our youth and helping to eliminate the unique barriers they face in accessing mental health services. We are looking forward to many years of partnership.

OUR PROGRAMS



226 unique children ages 0-6 and 176 parents participated in our EarlyON programs for a total of 2,238 visits



428 unique youth ages 7 -18 participated in our Youth Programs



We served 9,523 breakfast meals at our Breakfast Club



184 Youth participated in our Summer Camp and 11 Neighbourhood Youth worked as Summer Camp staff.



100 unique teens participated in our Teen Drop-in



Our Community Donation table was set-up 3 times a week for 4 months and visited by 225 community members



190 Income Tax returns were prepared at our Volunteer Tax Clinics

OUR SUPPORTERS

CORPORATE

Canadian Tire Jumpstart
Complete Tax Services
Darmax Inc.
Diloreto & Long Real Estate
Domain Logistics
Eastern Farm Machinery
Insitu Contractors
R.J. Burnside and Associates Limited
Riley Financial Group Inc.
RONA Wayne Filsinger & Sons Guelph
Royal Bank of Canada
Skyline Enterprises Management Inc.
Smith Valeriote Law Firm
SR-P Creations
Toronto Dominion Bank
Well.ca

GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

City of Guelph
Employment and Social Development Canada
Ontario Ministry of Education
Ontario Trillium Foundation

Thank you to everyone that supported us this past year!

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COMMUNITY/PARTNER SUPPORT

Guelph Community Health Centre
Guelph Family Health Study
House of Worship and Prayer Christian Centre
Lutherwood Employment Services
Rotary Club of Guelph
Rotary Club of Guelph South
Second Chance Employment Services
The Children’s Foundation of Guelph Wellington
The Grove Youth and Wellness Hubs
The Guelph Community Foundation
The Guelph Police Association
United Way of Guelph and Wellington
Upper Grand District School Board
Youth and Philanthropy Initiative Canada

IN KIND SUPPORT

1460 CJOY	Mindful Movement Studio
Amy Armstrong	Pizzaville
Ashley McArthur	Pure Source
Domain Logistics	Salvation Army
Guelph Soccer Club	SR-P Creations
Guelph Storm	The Seed Guelph
Hammond Power Solutions	The ShoeBox Project
Harvey's	Wellington Brewery
Kickz Soccer	Willow Road School
Magic 106.1	

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OUR MISSION

To welcome and support children, youth, and their families living in the Shelldale Family Gateway community, by providing programs, services, and leadership opportunities

OUR VISION

Working Together for a Thriving Community

OUR VALUES

Inclusivity, Diversity, Collaboration, Community Driven, Excellence, Respect