



# SHELLDALE FAMILY GATEWAY



Annual Report 2018-2019

## ***A Message from our Board of Directors:***

This has been another amazing year for Shelldale Family Gateway. This organization is unique in providing such a broad spectrum of services, as a provider of new EarlyON programs for ages 0-6 through the County of Wellington, plus youth and community programs through other funding sources designed to match specific needs of families in this neighbourhood. We continue to value and support the grass roots foundation from which the centre continues to grow and thrive.

There is much to celebrate from this year's special events, including our Teen Turkey Dinner, International Women's Day, Volunteer Appreciation Night, and our popular Winter Warm up, Shelldale Picnic, and Summer Camps. We have a friendly new 'logo' and have enhanced our web site and social media presence. And, the new T-shirts were a big hit.

To promote sustainability, we recently established the Shelldale Family Gateway Endowment Fund to make it easier to provide 'gifts in perpetuity', while always welcoming direct donations for our ongoing non-funded programs. We are always searching for new partners to join us in our mission, and for individuals who want to make a real difference for real people. Presently, we are thrilled with the upcoming launch of our new book, "Realizing the Dream", which details the story of how Shelldale Family Gateway began then evolved over time to become such a remarkable success story, and a model for others far beyond this community.

As we reflect on the last year, we focus on the many families and members of the community that have been supported. We celebrate the generous contribution of friends, partners, organizations and neighbours as they continue to donate their time, expertise and resources. We celebrate the dedication and incredible experiences of staff, who consistently exceed expectations and ensure everything that needs to happen gets done. Joining the team this fall is our new Executive Director, Diana Boal, who brings extensive leadership experience to her role, and we look forward to working together with her in the years ahead.

As we approach 2020, Shelldale Family Gateway is thrilled about the ability we have to continue to work with children, youth, and their families. Thank you for all who continue to do so much to make it work so well!

*Working Together for a Thriving Community*

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