



SHELLDALE FAMILY GATEWAY



Annual Report 2019-2020

2019-2020 Volunteers of the Year

Community Volunteer of the Year:

Kendra Benninger: Kendra has been a very dedicated volunteer at Shelldale Family Gateway for a few years now. She always has a smile on her face and is very enthusiastic when it comes to volunteering in our programs. She is kind, caring and relates to the children and youth she volunteers with very well. We are very lucky to have her as part of our team.

Community Youth Volunteer of the Year:

Mariam Muqueem: Mariam has been involved with our programs as a young child and actively participated over the years. In grade 7 she came every day to volunteer in the Afterschool Programs and participate in the teen program. As Mariam moved on to high school she continued to volunteer and also worked for us as a part-time staff under a 2nd chance grant. This past summer she worked for us during COVID times and acted as one of our cleaners. She role modelled for other staff how to be diligent, respectful, and kind.

Partner Volunteer of the Year:

Guelph Community Health Centre – We are pleased to announce the Guelph Community Health Centre as our Partner Volunteer of the Year. Through close connections and communications between our staff, we were able to ensure our families got the direction they needed for medical care, as well as receiving many helpful supplies from the CHC. We are grateful for the ongoing connection and cooperation.

Charlie Whittaker Award for Lifetime Achievement:

Dan Barendregt – Dan is 83 years old and has been volunteering with Breakfast Club for 5 years, working 3 shifts per week and now at 2. He is dedicated to our program, gets along with everyone, is always cheerful and even does Margie's shifts when she is away! The kids and families all know Dan, and he loves to sit and chat with them.

Wanda Bonita Lucier Award:

Joanne Ly – Joanne has been an excellent volunteer at the front desk. She is fast learner who rarely missed a shift. She has enthusiasm in learning new things and has been able to assist with many tasks. We would not be as successful without volunteers like Joanne.

Corporate Volunteer of the Year:

Hammond Power Solutions – Hammond was a TERRIFIC sponsor to Shelldale Family Gateway! They took over our Christmas wish list and ensured every single child on that list had a lovely Christmas surprise! Additionally, Hammond also contributed \$1,000 to our Winter Warm-Up, helping us achieve our new record of close to \$15,000. Thank you, Hammond Power Solutions. This is a community partner with a huge heart for the community of SFG and we are fortunate to have them on the team!

Thanks to our major donors!



Served **9,037** hot breakfasts



378 Children and **271** Adults participated in our EarlyON Programs with **3379** total visits



240 Children participated in our summer camps



800
0 – 18 years
Unique Children Served



295 volunteers contributed **11,000** hours which is **38** hours each volunteer

422 Neighbourhood Children participated in our Youth Programming



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

A Message from our Board of Directors:

This has certainly been a year filled with challenge and change at Shelldale Family Gateway! From the start of our new Executive Director in November, through the challenges of COVID-19, it is year that will go down in history, not just here at Shelldale Family Gateway but around Canada and even the world!

Irrespective of the challenges we faced, Shelldale Family Gateway absolutely still had a successful year.

This past year we were finally able to launch our book Realizing the Dream during a fantastically fun book launch in December. It was very exciting to see old and new faces alike and to listen to the wise words of former staff, partners and friends. We are indebted to the Book Committee who did such an excellent job in researching and writing. Thank you again to everyone involved. So far we have sold over \$1,000 worth of the books and if you would like a copy, just get in touch and we'd be happy to send it out!

Other terrific events held throughout the year included the ever-popular Teen Turkey Dinner, Winter Warm-Up and our International Women's Day festivities. In fact, Winter Warm-Up was the most successful ever held, raising close to \$15,000 for our Youth & Community programs. We had an amazing Silent Auction and for the first time, we also sold beautiful handcrafted pottery – the entire collection sold out!

Sadly though - due to COVID-19 - we were unable to hold our great "thank you" evening of Volunteer Appreciation. However, that didn't stop us from recognizing some amazing volunteers – so please see the box with all of our "winners" this year. Hopefully we can still have a fun evening event sometime in the future to recognize these wonderful people and corporations. We were also unable to help Kindle host the annual Shelldale Picnic, which was missed during this lovely summer. We also lost a significant amount of revenue due to COVID. We saw grants dry up, and donations reduced due to this terrible situation.

However! Both our EarlyON and Youth Programs met the challenges created by COVID-19 head on. We were able to switch from in-person program delivery to virtual within a few short weeks. The support we provided families, children and teens was greatly appreciated by everyone impacted. We were able to provide diapers, some food, and most importantly support! The biggest 'hit' was the Discovery Bags put together by our Youth Team. These fun bags had games, puzzles, snacks, and other hugely successful items. We could not have done this without the support of the Guelph Community Foundation, the United Way and some very generous private donors.

Shelldale Family Gateway is served by an incredible staff that has made all the programming changes possible through their extremely hard work. Add to this the fact that we are now also working through a huge renovation and they are miracle workers!

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Zest; Community Living Guelph
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Muslim Society of Guelph

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