



Connecting Families

Annual Report
2020-2021

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

“We would like to acknowledge the shared, unceded traditional territory of the Semiahmoo, Katzie, Kwantlen and other Coast Salish Peoples on which we work, play and learn.”

INTRODUCTION

Semiahmoo Family Place (SFP) is a non-profit family resource and drop- in play center serving the South Surrey and White Rock area since 1991.

We provide a safe, fun, and semi-structured space for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and their families to play and learn together. Parents and caregivers are given the opportunity to build on their skills, create relationships with others in the community, and engage with their children while supported by a team of competent, passionate individuals.

MISSION

To connect families through play.

GOALS

To provide a comfortable, safe, and stimulating environment at no or low cost to children and their families.

To implement age-appropriate learning and social experiences for children while keeping them together and with their caregivers.

To reduce isolation of caregivers and children.

To provide equipment and supplies not accessible to most families individually.

To integrate all families regardless of income, race, or social structure.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Happy greetings to our SFP families.

The past year was challenging in the sense that we did not have a permanent space for SFP to call home. We continued with our online programs and slowly started to offer in-person session at the parks keeping in line with pandemic protocols. While we did not have the equipment and furniture that made our play space such an interesting place to be in, our program facilitators have gone above and beyond what they have been used to doing to provide engaging programs at parks and with the use of technology.

While we have not actively solicited for private funding, MCFD has patiently supported us through the past months albeit not have a physical, permanent space. It is also with their help that we have been able to purchase new equipment for the play space.

As the year draws to a close, we are beyond excited to return to in-person programs at Kensington Prairie Community Centre. While our programs are slightly modified to keep our SFP community safe, we strive to still be the welcoming space the community knows us to be.

Monique Carlos, MA
Executive Director
Semiahmoo Family Place

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Donna Mui
Acting President
Semiahmoo Family Place Association

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ADMINISTRATION

Monique Carlos is the current Executive Director of SFP. Currently, there is an active search for an Early Childhood Educator Lead to assist in the implementation of programs on the floor.

SFP will resume in-person sessions at KP and continue to offer both outdoor and online programs.

PROGRAM IMPACT

Gathering and Story

9:30 to 10:00 (online and at local parks)

A program that was created for families with children up to 6 years old, it has seen shifts in the past year as we began to offer in online and outdoors. The focus of the program in the past year has been to present stories with engaging puppet shows and felt materials coupled with Circle Time songs.

July 2020- June 2021

- 477 families

Music with Nelson

9:30 to 10:00 (online and at local parks)

Everyone's favourite Music Man engaged families in active dance and signing. The focus has been to involve the families in music exploration and movement.

July 2020- June 2021

- 565 families

Community Connections

9:30 to 10:00

We have endeavored to partner with third party providers to offer programs that will encourage families to stay active and move their bodies. We have offered them both online and in local parks.

Community Partners

- RibbonFit
- Harmony Kids Yoga
- Wiggle Waggle

July 2020- June 2021

- 197 families

Community Resources

Online, we have given our community the opportunity to gain information that hopefully supports their individual family life.

Experts

- Parenting workshops
- Semiahmoo Library
- Options

Feedback

Thanks very much for the wonderful music program last week at Redwood park!

Mommy C.



My son looks forward to Nelson every week! We love seeing him!

Mommy W.



It is so hard to find play groups so that she and her mom can go to socialize and meet other moms and kiddies. Thank you for this!

Grandma K.

OUTREACH

JOY OF GIVING

Last December 2020, through SFPs annual Joy of Giving campaign, we collected donations of unwrapped gifts to include in hampers of fresh produce and groceries, donated by Choices Markets and provided groceries to a total of 5 families.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Semiahmoo Family Place is grateful to receive funding and acknowledge the support of donors, sponsors, foundations, service groups and government agencies who make it possible to provide programs in our community.

Donors, Sponsors, and Gift in Kind

Choices Markets

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Register

Join us in our programs! Subscribe to our monthly newsletter to receive information about the month's schedule. Sign up at semiahmoofamilyplace.com

Volunteer

Whether you'd like to be in the play space, behind the scenes, join us often or just for special events, there are opportunities for everyone to be involved with their local family place. Visit our website or email ed@semiahmoofamilyplace.com to let us know how you'd like to help.

Donate

You can help Semiahmoo Family Place continue to connect families through play in a safe, respectful, family-centred environment where parents, caregivers and children can find support, resources, and new relationships. Give online, receive a tax receipt, and discover the benefits of support.

Subscribe

The monthly SFP newsletter provides parent education, child development, and early years learning information as well as upcoming, local, family-friendly events and activities. Sign up today at semiahmoofamilyplace.com.

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