



Connecting Families

Annual Report
07 2021- 06 2022

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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings fellow family members of SFP,

Each year seems to go by more quickly than the year before, and here we are meeting together as a community at our AGM. As a community we have faced many challenges in the past 12 months that have impacted SFP: From Covid and its restrictions all the way to reduction in grants and fundings.

However, our community has also been blessed. Just like how seasons naturally change, we are also seeing an uplifting change for SFP. We are seeing more new families arriving at our center, new changes in our resources to assist and make the experience at SFP more convenient for families such as a brand new website and a soon to be released digital family sign in program, and our new and exciting Saturday crafts program,

Regardless of whether we face challenges, or are blessed with good news, these circumstances bring SFP together as one family, which you are part of.

On behalf of the SFP Board of Directors and Staff, I would like to sincerely thank you for your continued support and

love during this journey we are in together. Hope to see you at the center soon!

Chris Bulich
Board President
2022

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

A wonderful evening to all.

This year, in April, we returned to our Kensington Prairie home and that has been a welcome change for both our facilitators and the families who attend our programs. Family Place and Baby Place returned to in-person and online programs like Music with Nelson transitioned to in-person much to the delight of our families. We have continued holding sessions at local parks in an effort to both manage our budget as well as provide time in nature that we are no longer able to do at our space in Kensington Prairie. Active Saturdays has yet to resume as KP remains closed on weekends but we have recently tried holding programs at the local library.

Due to the 2-year closure of our physical facility and our online and park programs being offered for free to our community during the pandemic, we are continuously looking for alternative sources of funds to keep our services going. We strive to keep our drop-in fees low, even waived in special circumstances, to keep with our mission of being able to welcome everyone into the space. The City of Surrey has generously donated the use of our play space for

the next few months and that has certainly guaranteed that we are able to stay open for the fall and winter season. Moving forward, we hope to continue to be able to provide a safe, happy place not only to our regular families but to many new ones as well. We hope to find partners in the community that can help SFP continue on in its mission.

Monique Carlos
Executive Director
Semiahmoo Family Place

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2021-2022

Chris Bulich, President
Lucy Lin, Treasurer
Alison Cotter, Secretary
Shay Bulich, Director
Kayley Bach, Director

THE TEAM

Monique Carlos serves as the Executive Director of SFP. Our dedicated team comprised of Gigi Thomas, Maria Oliveira, Alyssa Roberts and honorary member Nelson Beavington welcome families to the space. On-call facilitators Emilia Rodriguez and Kayley Bach are welcome additions to SFP.

FINANCES

As of November 1, 2022

Gaming \$37,024.17

General \$14,377.81

PROGRAM IMPACT

FAMILY PLACE

Monday to Wednesdays 9:00-1:00

Thursdays 11:00-1:00

Back to in-person sessions in KP, Family Place offers Story Time, Free Play, Crafts, Music, and visits from community helpers.

MUSIC WITH NELSON

Wednesdays 10:00-11:00

Thursdays 11:00-12:00

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.

BABY PLACE

Thursdays 9:00-11:00

A program for families with children ages 0-18 month that focuses on providing children with tummy time, music, stories, and age appropriate toys. Parents and caregivers are able to make new connections in the community.

*1,218 adults and 1,680 kids
(134% increase from last period)*

NATURE MORNINGS

Nature walks and stories at local parks in the community
(new)

SATURDAY CRAFTS

Held at the local library, families are provided with themed stories, songs, and crafts.
(new)

FEEDBACK

“SFP really helped my son get over his shyness and get used to people. I appreciate everything you, GG, Maria, and Alyssa and her kids done.”

Daddy C.





OUTREACH

JOY OF GIVING

Last December 2021, 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 4 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

Soroptomist

MCFD

BC Gaming

City of Surrey

Register

Join us in our programs! Visit our revamped website semiahmoofamilyplace.com for details and to register.

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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