



SHELDALE FAMILY GATEWAY

Annual Report 2024-2025

Board of Director's Report to the Community – Collaboration & Relationships

Another wonderful and successful year has been achieved here at Shelldale Family Gateway. Our amazing staff and volunteers have once again managed to provide the best after school programs and camps for the children and youth of the Onward Willow neighbourhood. From welcoming so many new families to our EarlyON programs, to enriching the lives of school-aged children and youth, a common theme of our ongoing success is collaboration and the positive relationships we build with others.

Through their outstanding work ethic and deep belief in the good work we do, SFG staff and volunteers continue to build positive relationships with not just program participants, but also with their families and many, many other organizations, all of which contribute to the well-being of our community. SFG continues to work towards ensuring our children and youth can achieve their best possible selves. This simply would not be possible without the cooperation and collaboration of several caring organizations. Too many agencies to list here, I would like to thank everyone who works with Shelldale Family Gateway in their own unique capacity, in ways that make our work better and even more effective for our children and youth. You all have my deepest gratitude.

We would like to thank Diana Boyle for her 7 years of service to our organization and wish her well with her retirement. As a Board of Directors, we would also like to thank the fundraising team who commits hours of their time to help raise funds for all of our programs.

Sincerely,

Your Board of Directors,

Michael Weller - Chair/Treasurer

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A TERRIFIC COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIP



Shelldale Family Gateway has had an incredibly successful and special relationship with Skyline since the early 2000's. The partnerships and relationships that were created came about not only out of direct need, but also out of the singular desire to see the children and youth of our community do well. It was a natural synergy that has gotten even better over time.

Significant and positive changes have been made over the past 25 years, and it is due in large part to the efforts of the incredible staff and their ongoing support to make an incredible difference.

Many of our families live in various Skyline buildings situated close to the Shelldale Centre. Skyline's dedication to help families live in a healthy

supportive community is important and they give back to the community in so many ways. They provide financial resources to support our programming; they participate in many of our fundraisers to demonstrate their commitment to the community. They have provided guidance to the infrastructure of the organization and have volunteered in many special events. Over the past three years, Skyline has supported 280 young people through its active involvement in the "Patriots of the Arts" initiative, which it proudly funds. These youth have participated in a wide range of creative programs, including art projects, music, filmmaking, drama, and video production. With Skyline's support, they also designed and now maintain the Youth Room — a space they take great pride in and care for passionately.

Shelldale Family Gateway had a crucial and unique role to play, as we have always been a safe place for the kids of this community. There are games, activities, and importantly, food to share with our young people. And there's literally nothing in the world that brings people together better than sharing a meal in a safe, welcoming environment.



Recently, Skyline reached out to provide electronic devices to families and youth who live in the community. Below are a few quotes of what families have said to say thank you in their own way.

"I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for considering my request for an iPad. As a low-income immigrant acquiring such a device is beyond my current means, yet it has made a difference in my life. My brother's birthday is coming up and I wanted to give him something truly special. This will help with education and personal growth." Daniel

"Thank you for the iPad it will help me a lot for school and with my family. I am very grateful for the iPad and being able to come to Shelldale summer camp and enjoy the fun stuff we do." Minas

"Thank you for giving my son a phone as he starts high school this Fall. This will help me stay in touch with him and I will know he is safe. As a parent it gives me peace of mind, and I truly appreciate Skyline's generosity and care for our family."

The Board of Directors extends it's sincere thanks to Skyline for their dedication and support to this community. We look forward to continuing this meaningful partnership and building on the work already underway.

OUR PROGRAMS



503 children ages 0-6 and 340 parents took part in **EarlyON** programs for a total of 3,976 visits by children



528 children & youth ages 5 -18 took part in our **School Age Programs** for a total of 16,813 visits with a total of 23,063 program hours



90 youth dropped into our **Youth Room** on a regular basis for a total of 745 visits



268 Youth attended our Summer Camp and 8 Neighbourhood Youth worked as Summer Camp staff.



65 children & youth registered and 10,523 nutritious breakfast meals were served during the school year in our **Breakfast Club Program**



300 Income Tax returns were prepared at our **Volunteer Tax Clinics**

OUR MISSION

To welcome and support children, youth, and their families living in the Sheldale 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

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