

Baby Love Program at South Riverdale Child Parent Centre

South Riverdale Child-Parent Centre is pleased to be providing a *FREE* attachment based parenting program called "Baby Love" for parents with children 0-12 months old, 7 sessions running on Monday afternoons from March 22nd to May 8th. Childcare for older siblings will be provided.

For details about the program and how to register please call Nina or Ellie at the Centre at 416 469 3776.

East Toronto Lunar New Year Community Fair



Ralph Thornton Community Centre joined the fun at Gerrard Square for the Lunar New Year Celebrations Saturday February 11th.

Susy Glass, our Community our Volunteer Co-ordinator & Community Animator and Janice Zhang, our Mentor Program Coordinator were in attendance to enjoy the performances and meet members of our community.



COMING EVENTS AT RTCC

Monday, February 20 Family Day- RTCC is closed for the day
Wednesday, February 22 RTCC Board Meeting. 6:00 PM



February 14, 2017

INTRODUCING OUR NEW LOGO

The Ralph Thornton Community Centre officially opened on Valentine's Day, 1981.

To celebrate the 35th anniversary, the Centre is pleased to unveil its new logo!



A design competition to decide on a new logo was launched last September. Following a public exhibition of the three short-listed finalists, a jury of distinguished community members met to consider the designs.

The jury's unanimous selection was recommended to the Ralph Thornton Community Centre Board of Management, which adopted the recommendation.

The winning design was created by Studio Downey. The new logo reflects the story of the Ralph Thornton Community Centre through icons and colours. Ralph Thornton Community Centre has been the heart of the community for years, the building is the epitome of strength and leadership and the interconnecting hands represent how the Centre brings people together despite differences.

As the Ralph Thornton Community Centre brand grows, so has the need to enhance the colour story. The new colours are reflective of some of the characteristics that make RTCC stand out from the crowd.

In the coming months, the Centre will update its branding and signage based on the colours and design of the new logo.

A fitting birthday gift for the Centre!

Update

www.RalphThornton.org



Ralph Thornton Community Centre Hours
Monday to Sunday
9:00 am to 9:00 pm

Office and Exchange Loft Hours
Monday to Wednesday 9:30 am - 4:30 pm
Thursday to Sunday 9:30 am - 8:30 pm

Phone 416-392-6810 Fax 416-392-0025

info@ralphthornton.org

Our spaces can be rented for your meetings, special events, activities or workshops

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE RALPH THORNTON COMMUNITY CENTRE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 20 FOR FAMILY DAY

Queen Saultter Library
416-393-7723

Hours:
Monday Closed
Tuesday: 12:30 - 8:30
Wednesday: 10:00 - 6:00
Thursday: 12:30 - 8:30
Friday: 10:00 - 6:00
Saturday: 9:00 - 5:00
Sunday: Closed

South Riverdale Child-Parent Centre
416-469-3776

Hours
Monday: 9:00 - 1:30
Tuesday: 1:00 - 5:30
Wednesday: Workshops (pre-registration required)
Thursday: 9:00 - 1:30
Friday: 9:00 - 1:30
Saturday: 9:00 - 1:30
Sunday: Closed

Ralph Thornton Children's Programming

The Ralph Thornton Community Centre provides excellent and affordable children's programming. We offer a variety of fun activities delivered by well-trained, caring, and enthusiastic staff.

Space is limited for all of the programs, and waitlists will be in effect. Register early to guarantee your spot.

For more information on any of the children's programs and to register, call 416-392-6810 ext. 221 or email info@ralphthornton.org.

Sunday Escape

Every Sunday is an opportunity for a little escape!

Children aged 3 to 12 can enjoy safe and fun activities in two sessions. Meanwhile, parents can enjoy doing whatever parents do when their children are being looked after – and can take advantage of discounts on meals at selected local restaurants.

Session 1 runs from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm, includes one snack and costs \$20 per child.

Session 2 runs from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm, includes dinner and a snack, and costs \$25 per child.

Or do both sessions for \$40.

The deadline to register is 5:00 pm on Fridays.

March Break Camp

Ralph Thornton Community Centre will be hosting a March Break Camp from March 13 to 17 for children aged 5 to 12. The camp operates from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm and includes meals and snacks. The week will be filled with fun activities, local excursions, and one field trip.

The Centre is offering an Early Bird Special – register before noon on Friday February 3 for only \$200 per child.

Regular registration (\$300 per child) closes at noon on Monday March 6.

PA Days

The Centre continues to run Day Camps on Toronto District School Board (TDSB) Professional Activity Days for children aged 5 to 12. Upcoming days are February 17, June 9, and June 30.

Children receive lunch, two healthy snacks, and a day of fun activities, including a program with the Library and an off-site excursion (weather permitting). The program operates from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm.

The registration deadline is 5:00 pm on the Wednesday prior to the program, and the fee is \$50 per child per day.

After School Program

Registration is now open for the 2017/2018 session of the popular After School Program. The program operates during the TDSB school schedule and is available for children aged 6 (at the beginning of the school year) to 12.

Children are picked up at Morse Street Public School at dismissal time and safely walked to the Ralph Thornton Community Centre. Parents are expected to pick up children by 6:00 pm (late fees will apply).

The program includes a nutritious snack, fun and educational programming, and occasional off-site activities.

The program fees are \$300 per child per month. A \$300 deposit is required at the time of registration to reserve a spot.



Seeking Enthusiastic Individuals to Serve on the Board of Management

The Ralph Thornton Community Centre (RTCC) is dedicated to supporting a healthy, inclusive and vibrant community in Riverdale. To that end, RTCC offers a variety of programs and services that engage and assist residents, and provides space and assistance for a wide range of community groups and activities. Affiliated with the City of Toronto, the RTCC is committed to diversity, equity and social justice.

The RTC Board is friendly, accessible and consensual, and promotes building the capacities of its members and the community.

The people we need

- are committed to equity, diversity and accessibility;
- represent diverse aspects of our community and the larger city;
- will conscientiously contribute their time & energy; and
- bring integrity, dependability, skills and fresh ideas to the Board and its committees.

We especially encourage candidates with interest and/or experience in the areas of: **fundraising, marketing, evaluation, financial stewardship and community outreach**. Familiarity with Chinese cultures and language and/or marginalized communities would be an asset.

Six two-year terms and one one-year term are currently available.

Board members commit to:

- becoming an RTC member (cost \$10 or less per year);
- serving for up to a two-year term;
- participating on committees and working groups in addition to the Board;
- spending **10 – 12** hours a month on Board & committee meetings **plus related activities**.

(Board and committee meetings are conducted in English.)

Prospective candidates will:

- Answer a short questionnaire about their interests & contributions;
- Be interviewed by Nominating Committee members;
- Be invited to attend an RTC Board meeting as an observer and/or participate in a Board committee to become familiar with our processes.

To learn more: Please visit the RTCC web site at <http://www.ralphthornton.org/new-board-of-management-members-needed/>. You are invited to complete a brief questionnaire and e-mail it to the Nominations Committee by **April 10th, 2017 at 5:00 pm. A Board member will then contact you with more detailed information and to arrange an opportunity for discussion.**