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Ralph Thornton Community Centre
 765 Queen Street East, M4M 1H3

Monday to Sunday
 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Office and Exchange Loft Hours

Monday to Sunday
 9:30 AM - 8:30 PM

The Ralph Thornton Community Centre's third floor Computer Room is open as the Lewis Pearsall Exchange Loft.

416-392-6810 info@ralphthornton.org

Queen/Saulter Library
 416-393-7723

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

South Riverdale Child-Parent Centre

416-469-3776
 Hours:
 Monday: 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM
 Tuesday: 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM
 Wednesday: Workshops
 Thursday: 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM
 Friday: 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM
 Saturday: 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
 Sunday: Closed

March 2, 2020

RTCC walked - and hosted - Nellie's "Coldest Night!"

On Saturday, February 22nd, members of the RTCC Board (*Christine, Janet and Alan, pictured below*) participated in the Coldest Night of the Year Charity Walk, along with thousands of other Canadians across the country. The walk in Riverdale, which kicked off at the RTCC, directly benefited Nellie's, an emergency women's shelter for women and children. In addition to fundraising, volunteers experienced first hand what it is like to be out in the cold during the winter in order to bring awareness to the challenges of being homeless. Over \$52,000 was raised in total for Nellie's WEAV program.

Due to the generosity of our donors, including members of the RTCC board and family/friends/supporters, we raised a total of \$2,000, placing 6th place out of 21 teams!!! These proceeds/donations will go directly to the most vulnerable population in our community.

The event was a great success. See everyone next year!



The Ralph Thornton Community Centre Update is published every two weeks, and is available online and in print at RTCC, with periodic broader community distribution. To subscribe to the online version, please email info@ralphthornton.org or call (416) 392-6810. You can also follow us on Twitter @ralphthornton, or on Facebook at RalphThorntonCommunityCentre. Our website is www.ralphthornton.org.



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COMMUNITY CENTRE

PRESENTS

MARCH BREAK CAMP MARCH 16 – 20, 2020

Don't miss out on a fun week at
Ralph Thornton Community Centre!
Lunch & 2 Healthy Snacks provided daily
Hours of Operation 8:30 am to 6:00 pm
Cost: \$350 for the week

We have a jam-packed schedule full of fun activities for campers to engage in. We'll be doing arts and crafts, games, drama, movies, science experiments, and cooking workshops. Along with all these other activities, we also get to go on field trips Ontario Science Centre and AGO!

Please apply by filling out a registration form online at www.ralphthornton.org and email it to info@ralphthornton.org, or do so in person on the third floor at 765 Queen Street East. The deadline to apply is **Monday, March 9, 2020, by 5:00pm**.

We look forward to spending March Break with you!

For more information contact:
Lainey Little, Children & Youth Program Coordinator
416-392-6810 ext. 233
lainey@ralphthornton.org



Baby Love

Fostering Secure Attachment

Baby Love is an attachment-based program for parents and caregivers of children from 0-8 months. Caregivers will learn about their babies' minds, learn how to help their babies feel secure, and learn how to help their babies deal with stress. Babies who are secure have better relationships, learn better in school, have better physical and mental health.

EVERY THURSDAY
MARCH 5TH - APRIL 23RD
1:30-2:30PM
8 WEEKS

If you are interested in signing up speak to staff at SRCPC
@ 416 469-3776 or email info@srcpc.org
(limited spaces!)



Coming Events at RTCC

March 2—RAC Camp registration starts
March 3—Activate Heart and Stroke Foundation at RTCC

March 5—Baby Love starts at SRCPC
March 7 - Paper Bag Princess Day - Queen/Saulter Library
March 16-20- RTCC March Break Camp
March 24 - Wine Talk at

RTCC
March 25 - RTCC Board of Management
March 28 - Wine and Craft Beer Expo at
April 3 - Deadline for nominations to RTCC Board of Management

Herbal Spring Tonics



Give yourself a boost this spring with registered herbalist **Danette Steele**. Learn about herbs that increase energy and vitality and help us adapt to seasonal and life changes. During this workshop we will taste herbal remedies, and you will bring home some spring tonic recipes.

Thursday April 2
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

All participants must be registered.

Register in person or call 416-393-7723

Queen/Saulter Library
765 Queen Street East
416-393-7723



Summer Camp Counsellor

The Ralph Thornton Community Centre (RTCC) is a dynamic neighbourhood centre involved in community development and social justice in South Riverdale. We collaborate with others to create a healthy, inclusive, and vibrant community.

We are seeking Camp Counsellors for our summer Riverdale Adventure Centre (RAC) Camp. This position is responsible for providing a safe, fun, and enriched camp experience for children ages 6-12 within the stated RAC policies and procedures. Under the directions of the Coordinator of RAC, Coordinator of the Summer Mentor Program, and the Manager of Strategic Initiatives, and in collaboration with other counsellors and specialists, the counsellor is responsible for planning and implementing daily recreation programs. The RAC camp is offered to local residents with dedicated spaces for children from low income and LGBTQ+ families.

Responsibilities

- Plan and implement age appropriate recreation programs;
- Supervise children in program;
- Prepare regular program plan;
- Collect all camper attendance and permission records required for camp activities;
- Update inventory reports relating to first aid and program supplies;
- Communicate to parents regarding camp activities;
- Report regularly to the camp Coordinators and/or Manager of Strategic Initiatives and participate in supervision sessions;
- Attend training and all required meetings associated with RAC;
- Assist in the evaluation of the RAC program;
- Follow camp policies and procedures; and,
- Perform other camp related duties as assigned by the camp Coordinators and/or Manager of Strategic Initiatives.

Qualifications

- 1 year previous experience working with children
- Recreational programming skills—program planning and implementation
- Effective communication skills—written and verbal
- Emergency First Aid and CPR-C (training will be made available prior to the start of camp)
- Must be between the ages of 16 and 30 years at the start of employment
- Residence in Riverdale, LGBTQ+ background, and/or Chinese language skills an asset.

Rate of Pay: \$15.00 (As Summer Program Staff, this position is excluded from CUPE Local 2998)
Contract: June 29, 2020 through August 28, 2020, inclusive. Mandatory training offered prior to the start of camp on July 6, 2020.
Hours: 35-40 hours/week Monday through Friday

Please send resume to glenn@ralphthornton.org with the subject heading "RAC Counsellor" by 5 pm on Friday March 20, 2020.
Only those selected for interviews will be contacted.

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Call for Nominations - RTCC Board of Management!

Want to make a difference in our community?
Come join the Ralph Thornton Community Centre's Board of Management!

RTCC is a gathering place that welcomes, connects and engages the community in all its diversity. The board is responsible for the overall management, operation and maintenance of the Centre.

We especially encourage candidates with interest and/or experience in fundraising, marketing, evaluation, financial stewardship or community engagement. Familiarity with Chinese cultures and language and/or marginalized communities would be an asset. Six two-year terms are currently available.

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

Are you interested in:

- Equity, diversity and accessibility?
- Representing diverse aspects of our community and the larger city?
- Conscientiously contributing your time & energy?
- Bringing integrity, dependability, skills and fresh ideas to the board and its committees?

Board members commit to:

- Becoming an RTCC 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 the Board & two 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 the Nominations Sub committee members;
- Be invited to attend an RTCC Board meeting as an observer and/or participate in a Board committee to become familiar with our processes.

You are invited to complete a brief questionnaire <https://www.ralphthornton.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Candidate-Questionnaire-2020-01-26-4-1.pdf> and e-mail it to the Nominations Committee by Friday April 3, 2020.

Details & RSVP
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March 24th

March 25th

March 29th

Wine Talk
& Tasting

Craft Beer
Talk & Tasting

Craft Beer
Tour & Tasting

Hosted by
Queen/Saulter Library

Hosted by
Saulter St Brewery

Hosted by
Eastbound Brewing Co.

*Free

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March 24 to 29th

Wine & Craft
Beer Specials

Food + Drink
Pairing Events

Prix Fixe at Riverside establishments

March 28th

Wine & Craft Beer Expo

*Free Tastings, Talks & Demos

+

• Pop-up Food, Silent Auction

*\$5-10 suggested donation in support of



RAC Camp Applications Open March 2-30, 2020!

Applications for spaces in our summer camp, **Riverdale Adventure Centre Camp**, are opening up on Monday, March 2 and will remain open until Monday, March 30 at 5:00pm. Parents can visit our website at <https://www.ralphthornton.org/> to do a fillable application on-line, or pick up a paper copy at 765 Queen Street East, 3rd floor Reception desk.

RAC Camp will run from July 6 to August 28, and is for children ages 6 to 12. Families can apply for up to 4 weeks, at a cost of \$20/week.

This year we are planning a fun program with a different theme each week. Each week will also include games, sports, crafts, cooking, swimming, play in local parks, and a special outing.