



applegrove
community at its core



2022

Annual Report

ABOUT APPLGROVE



Applegrove Community Complex was incorporated as a non-profit corporation under the Ontario Corporations Act in 1979, is registered as a charitable organization with Revenue Canada, and has operated as a City of Toronto funded community centre since 1983. The agency is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors as well as a Board of Management appointed by City Council, and serves a catchment area that spans from Jones Avenue to Woodbine Avenue and from Lake Ontario to the railway tracks north of Gerrard Street. Applegrove's main location is inside the Duke of Connaught School, with satellite locations at Glen Rhodes Campus and Toronto Formosan Presbyterian Church. Programming is also provided at other community locations.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In last year's report we said that we looked forward to a "new normal" where we could work with you to build back better in this community after the uncertainties and challenges of the pandemic. And we are getting there.

In 2022 most programs were offered in-person with few pandemic-related closures. Some, like the Afterschool and Summer Camp programs, got close to pre-pandemic participation levels and returned to their full spectrum of activities. Others, like our EarlyON drop-ins, saw in-person participation levels rise more slowly. And programs that grew during the pandemic, including Seniors and Prenatal, continued to see strong participation.

In this new post-COVID normal it is essential that we provide a diverse, equitable and inclusive environment within Applegrove, so that we can do our part to advance a more equitable and inclusive society. In 2022 we worked with a consultant to conduct a comprehensive Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Audit. It identified important and sometimes uncomfortable information on where we are at and what we need to do to be better. The good news is that there is strong commitment to DEI at all levels of the organization. We do however, have work to do in areas such as representation, leadership competencies and staff advancement. As first steps on our DEI journey we have started to implement some of the audit recommendations.

In 2023 we will embark on a strategic planning process that will bring together our board, staff, participants, partners and community members to confirm our vision and values, and to set organizational goals and priorities for the coming years. Programming and diversity, equity and inclusion will be central to these discussions. We will be reaching out for your input and hope that you share your thoughts on guiding Applegrove into the future.

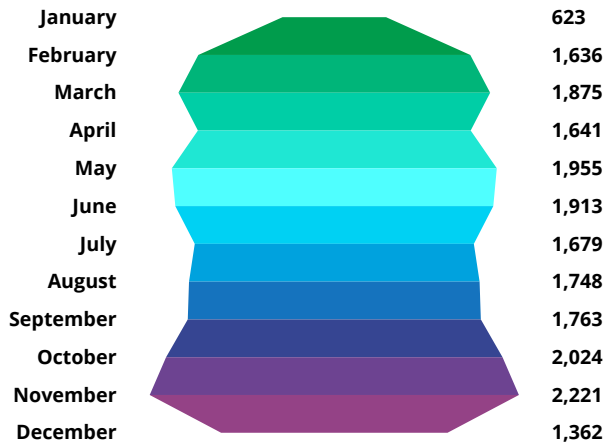
Despite the challenges of the past years, our future looks bright. Our Board and staff are ready to take new steps and work with our communities to continue to deliver meaningful programming that enhances our neighbourhood life. We look forward to having you join us on this journey!

Susanne Burkhardt
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Jim Valentine
BOARD CHAIR

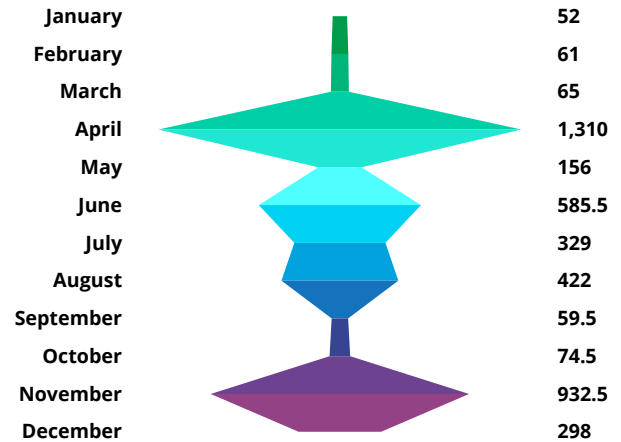
YEAR IN REVIEW

Program Visits



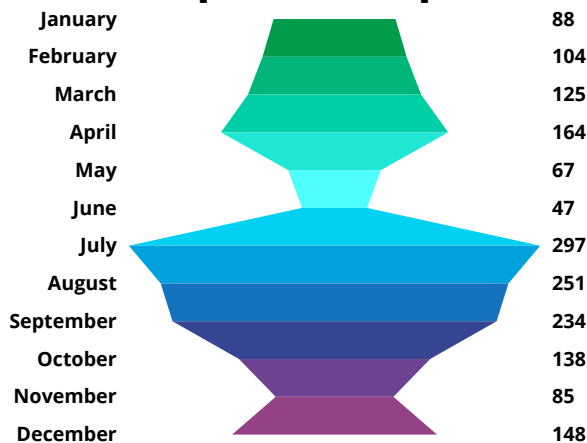
total: 20,440
↑176%

Volunteer Hours



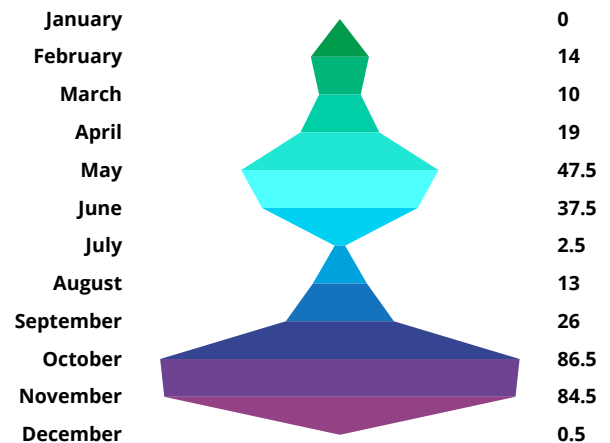
total: 4,345
↑252%

Unique Participants



total: 1,748
↑251%

Partner Hours



total: 341
↑775%

Increases are compared to the 2021 statistics

STRATEGIC PLAN

OUR MISSION

Applegrove is a neighbourhood partnership fostering community through social and informative programs for individuals and families.

5 Priority Action Areas (Identified in 2019)

Facility

Administrative Staffing Levels

Program Development & Expansion

Program Monitoring & Evaluation

Community Food Hub

2022 ACHIEVEMENTS

- Created 2 new Coordinator positions to enhance programs and support staff advancement
- Piloted new administration position to build internal IT capacity
- Expanded youth leadership programming
- Participated in sector pilot project to gather sociodemographic data with equity as a focus
- Worked with Greenbelt Markets to secure 3 grants totaling \$260,000 for the Neighbourhood Food Hub

FINANCIALS

2022 Draft Financial Overview

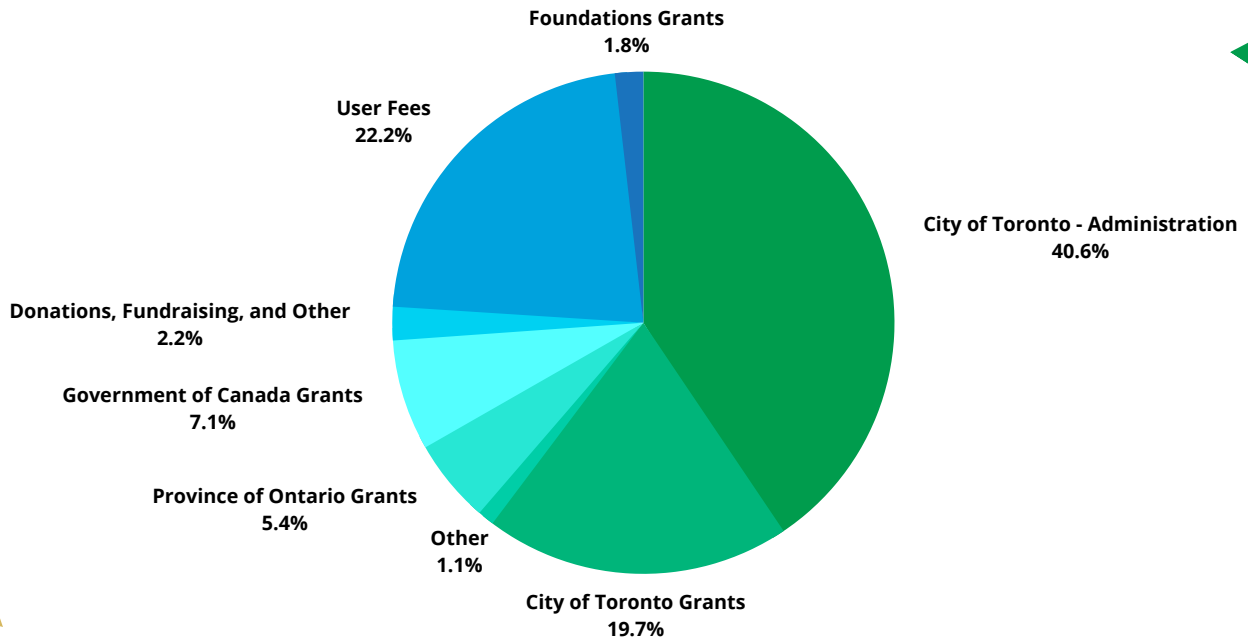
	Administrative	Program	Combined Total
Revenue	594,223	867,870	1,459,093
Expenditures	612,163	836,846	1,449,009
Surplus/Deficit	-17,940*	31,024	13,084

*includes \$12,378 budget adjustment pre-approved by City of Toronto

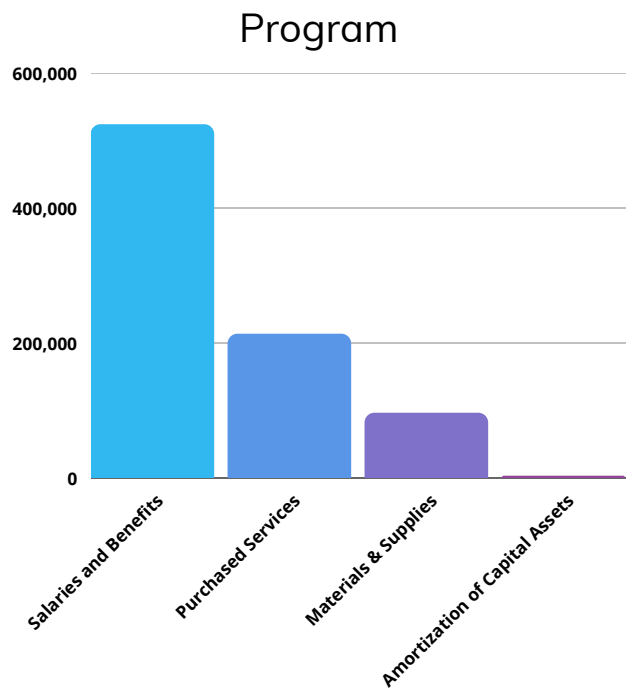
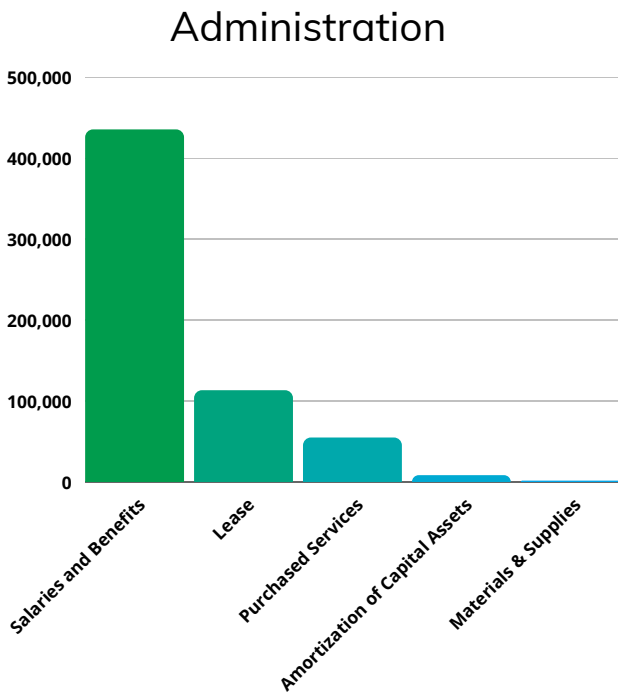
2022 Draft Statement of Financial Position

Assets	2022	2021
Current Assets	661,926	511,223
Tangible Capital Assets	34,340	42,641
Long Term Receivable - City of Toronto	197,359	206,173
Total Assets	893,625	760,037
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities	341,703	201,567
Post-Employment Benefits Payable	197,359	206,173
Deferred Capital Contributions	31,824	42,641
Total Liabilities	570,886	450,381
Net Assets		
Restricted Program Funds	112,940	108,390
Unrestricted Funds	64,799	56,266
Reserves	145,000	145,000
Net Assets	322,739	309,656

2022 Draft Total Revenues by Source



2022 Draft Expenditures by Type



Purchased services: IT, auditor, insurance, internet/phone, TDSB permit fees, contracted services

MEET OUR TEAM

BOARD MEMBERS

- Andre Riolo
- Eadit Rokach (Vice-Chair)
- Hamdi Abdo
- Jim Valentine (Chair)
- Michelle Aarts (TDSB representative to Nov. 2022)
- Moneca Yardley (Treasurer)
- Paula Fletcher (City Council representative)
- Sara Ehrhardt (TDSB representative as of Nov. 2022)
- Shirin Karim
- Simone Hodgson
- Susan Munn (Secretary)
- Vai Teng Law

STAFF TEAM

- Aida Badillo
- Amy Erving
- Anastasia Rupert
- Andrew Kershaw
- Ayaa Ibrahim
- Benjamin Ferguson
- Callum Jackson
- Emma Labreche
- Gabriella Cunha
- Jahnaya Reid
- Jakub Bros
- Jared Calder Floirendo
- Jaydon Atell
- Jen Arima
- Josh Grainger
- Judy Wong
- Kiyanna Smith
- Laurie Hutchison
- Louise Maynard
- Madeleine Holden
- Maryam Bhayat
- May Seto
- Maya Cooperstock
- Monica Vela
- Nanor Boghossian
- Olivia Dawson
- Olivia Uslenghi
- Persephone Clark
- Rachel Malcolmson
- Raylene Bailey-White
- Shelley Manousos
- Shernel Monlouis
- Sophie Wagner
- Susanne Burkhardt
- Tammy LeBlond
- Ulina Mathurin
- Zubeda Bhayat



FAMILIES & EARLY YEARS

EarlyONs

The Applegrove EarlyON Programs are warm and welcoming spots for families to connect and learn through play. This year we were able to re-open the Applegrove Connection EarlyON in its new location at the Glen Rhodes Campus.

We saw an increase in people returning to the centres to visit in-person and we returned to our regular program hours. And although our online services tapered off as people came back in person, one of our Youtube videos went viral!

Prenatal

This program brings pregnant and post-partum women together to connect with one another and community professionals about what they are experiencing and share information. Activities included sessions on yoga, stretching and strength and workshops on topics such as labour and delivery, nutrition and dental health. This year had a continued focus on mental health, with much discussion and learning on topics like self-care and postpartum depression. Participants received regular food boxes and grocery gift cards – many reported that these were essential to eating fresh, healthy food during pregnancy.

3,708
in-person
visits

200,680
Youtube
views

84
participants

\$10,128
food
support
provided

CHILDREN & YOUTH

After School

Our After School Program continued to rebound after the pandemic as our registration numbers rose from last year. Our programs offer safe and enriching places for children to socialize and unwind after a long day at school. This year we were able to reintroduce our beloved cooking and baking activities and even held a few bake sales and other small events for the families.

Summer Camp

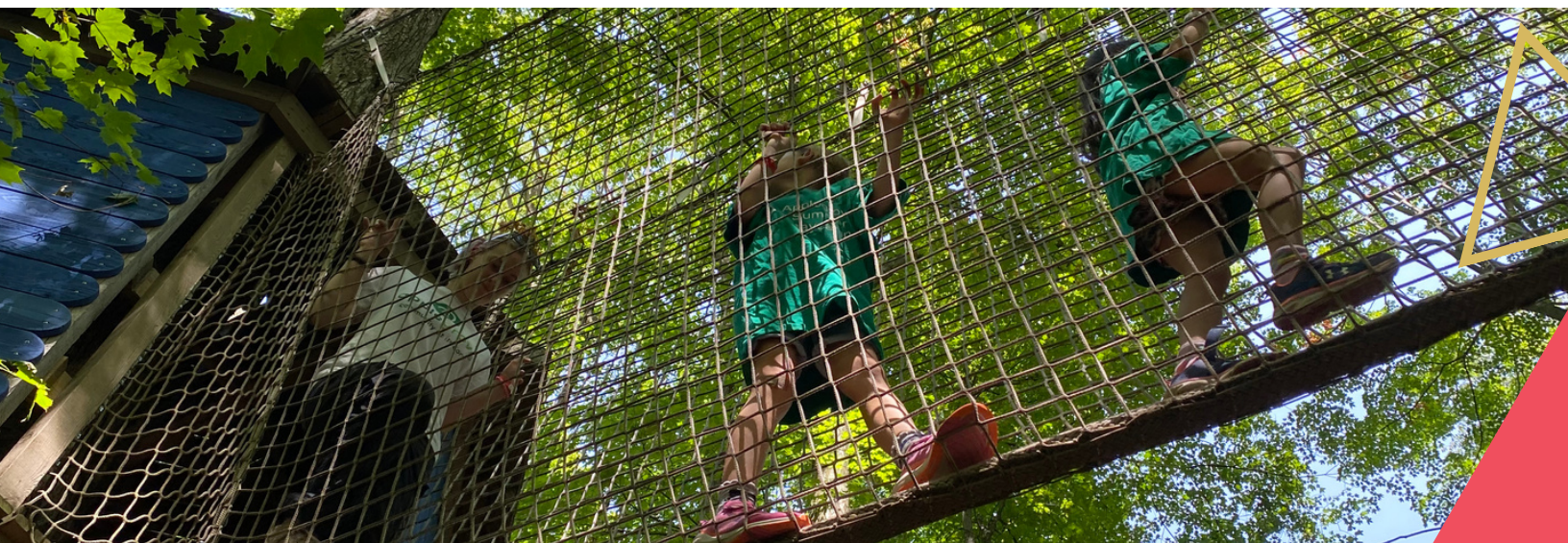
Our popular Summer Adventure Day Camp was near its full capacity this year, with most weeks selling out. We were able to return to the public pools for swimming and offered an exciting line-up of trips and activities. By partnering with Ralph Thornton and Eastview Community Centres for a Leader-In-Training program and through our own volunteer programs, we had more youth involved in camp this summer, mentoring the kids and building their own skills.

70
children

1065
program
hours

139
campers

812
volunteer
hours





Youth Leadership

In partnership with Ralph Thornton and Eastview Community Centres we were able to offer a brand new Youth Leadership Program this school year. Focusing on developing leadership and life skills, youth were able to get involved with and lend support to initiatives in our community (e.g. food bank, community events). They also attended workshops, plan their own events and enjoyed social outings. The program staff are older youth, creating a unique youth-led model that we are excited to continue to grow.

Youth Drop-In

Our Youth Drop-In returned in the fall, after more than two years of stop-and-start due to the pandemic. It offers a safe space for youth to unwind, socialize and participate in fun activities based on their interests. Part of the program is an open gym night for youth to get active through sports and activities.

Summer Leadership Camp

We continued to expand our Summer Leadership Camp this year by offering a second session during the summer. The youth earned their Food Handling Certificates, volunteered in our Food Champions Program and planned two successful community events. They also got involved with our summer camp program, helping to run activities and events, which was a win-win all around.



SENIORS & OLDER ADULTS

This program grew a lot during the pandemic and it's not slowing down! In 2022 most activities returned to in-person and favourites like Games, Book Club, Walking Club, Spanish and Line Dancing were a staple. We saw and responded to increased demand for our free Income Tax Clinics. We also tested out Pickleball and introduced the Food Champions Program with partner Club Sandwich at the Neighbourhood Food Hub. It brought seniors together with youth to prepare food for distribution in the community, and hosted Good Food Markets with affordable produce at two buildings where seniors live in the community.

229
participants

326
program
hours with
partners

120
Income Tax
returns filed

3555
program
visits





EVENTS & PROJECTS

The Neighbourhood Food Hub

After more than two years of emphasis on responding to pandemic-related food needs, in mid 2022 the Food Hub focus shifted back to advancing a sustainable, partnership-based model for a community-driven food hub. Activities focused on fresh food delivery with partners Nourish East End and Club Sandwich, starting the LaunchPAD incubator program for low-income food entrepreneurs and hosting events to showcase the Glen Rhodes facility as a multi-purpose community event space. But 2022 presented some unexpected challenges including post-pandemic burnout, staff changes and a need to invest in key partnerships. The result however, is a renewed vision for moving forward and an exciting emerging core partnership model.

**30,720 lbs
fresh food
delivered**

Don Summerville Scholarships & Events

Applegrove continues to work with Toronto Community Housing (TCHC) and Context Development Inc. to engage and support tenants during the revitalization of the TCHC Don Summerville site. Through two rounds of the Don Summerville Scholarship Program (with Applegrove Board members on the evaluation team) six amazing people were awarded scholarships. As part of a larger team effort to connect tenants with revitalization and other employment opportunities, Applegrove hosted a Don Summerville youth employment summer placement position. Last but not least, we were delighted to be able to support and attend two amazing tenant-led events that brought together the Don Summerville community.

**\$15,000+
awarded in
scholarships**

All-Candidates Meeting

Elections matter and Applegrove has a long history of hosting All-Candidate events. This year we worked with Ralph Thornton and Eastview Neighbourhood Community Centres and South Riverdale Community Health Centre to host a total of three All-Candidates events for the provincial and municipal elections. With pandemic concerns and restrictions still in place it was a challenge to engage people so we got creative about encouraging participation by using different formats, offering food and bringing in a celebrity moderator (Dianne Buckner, host of CBC's Dragon's Den).

12
events

667
attendees

44
volunteers

6
events with
partners

Community Movie Nights

Applegrove offered two Community Movie Nights at the Neighbourhood Food Hub this year. The Summer Leadership youth organized and ran one in late summer that offering families a chance to have fun with activities and a movie, while raising funds for Applegrove by selling pizza, drinks, snacks, and homemade arts & crafts. The second was a Halloween double feature presented with the Neighbourhood Food Hub and in partnership with vendors from the Leslieville Farmers Market. We offered a family-friendly movie followed by a 13+ Movie later in the evening. This spooky event included trick-or-treating and a costume contest!



PARTNERS

Program Partners

- Club Sandwich
- Context Development Inc.
- Duke of Connaught Public School
- East End Community Health Centre
- East End United Regional Ministry
- Eastview Neighbourhood Community Centre
- George Brown College – Community Worker Program
- George Brown College – Social Service Worker Program
- Queen’s University – Faculty of Education
- Ralph Thornton Community Centre
- S.H. Armstrong Recreation Centre
- South Riverdale Community Health Centre
- St. Stephens Employment & Training Centre – TNG Community Services
- The Neighbourhood Group
- The Neighbourhood Organization
- Toronto Community Housing Corporation
- Toronto District School Board – Focus on Youth
- Toronto International Film Festival
- Toronto Metropolitan University - Early Childhood Studies
- Toronto Metropolitan University - Nursing Program
- Toronto Metropolitan University - Social Work Program
- Toronto Public Health
- 519 Glitterbug
- The Children’s Book Bank of Canada
- Kids Up Front

Facility/Site Partners

Duke of Connaught Public School, East End United Regional Ministry, Nourish East End, Pegasus Toronto, S.H. Armstrong Recreation Centre, Toronto Formosan Presbyterian Church, WoodGreen Woodfield Daycare

FUNDERS & DONORS

Government

City of Toronto

AOCC Funding, Social Development, Finance and Administration; Children’s Services; Toronto Public Health

Province of Ontario

Ontario Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture; Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility; Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities

Government of Canada

Canada Healthy Communities Initiatives; Employment and Social Development Canada; Public Health Agency of Canada; Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

Organizations & Foundations

- CP 24-CHUM
- Kiwanis Club of Toronto
- Metcalf Foundation
- Older Adult Centres' Association of Ontario
- Participaction
- Rotary Club of Toronto
- Toronto Star Fresh Air Fund



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"I appreciate that Applegrove runs an affordable camp; due to my financial situation I would not be able to afford to send them anywhere and summer would not be as fun. Your subsidy policy is easy and appreciated very much. My child enjoyed their experience at Applegrove Summer Camp and couldn't wait to tell me about their day and everything that happened. Thank you for this program - it makes summer special for my family."

- Summer Camp Parent

"They are lovely people, don't know what I would do without Nanor and they allow me a subsidy on paid trips otherwise I couldn't afford to go, on my very low pension."

- Seniors Participant

"The emotional support, financial assistance and the knowledge shared in this program are comforting and relieving in such a difficult economic climate during such a life-changing event. I couldn't be more grateful for the program and think every prenatal or postnatal person benefits from such an experience."

- Prenatal Participant

"As a first time parent, I'm so glad I found EarlyON. The staff make both parents and babies feel so welcome every visit. It's nice to meet other parents and see our son interact with other children. The space is full of toys, books, and activities for little ones to explore. We love dropping in!

- Applegrove EarlyON Parent

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