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ELUCO Summer Newsletter, 2019



Volunteer Recognition at the ELUCO Annual General Meeting

ELUCO is blessed to have many long time, dedicated volunteers. These 4 outstanding volunteers were chosen to be honoured at the ELUCO AGM this year:

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None of us can recall when Ed Ede started volunteering for ELUCO; it's been that long! He's helped out at all three of our Cascade/Marconi Community Unit locations (Even the name changed in all that time). Affectionately known to our Board as "Ed the Baker" for providing delicious deserts to our School Lunch Program, we certainly appreciate Ed for so much more! A valued member of our Lunch Team, Ed doesn't hesitate to lend a hand where ever needed, and he provides valuable input to our program planning and organizing never settling for "Because it has always been that way." A level headed man of wisdom I've witnessed Ed in so many teachable moments with our children and our adults are drawn to him as a compassionate listener, confiding in him and often seeking his advice. With a gentle nudge, he's the guy who encourages others to meet their potential and even cross comfort zones. Generous with his time and efforts, we know this is not the only volunteer position Ed holds, and we sure do appreciate your commitment to ELUCO. Beyond volunteering, you are a true friend and we are blessed to have you in our lives. Thank you, Ed.

Doris Kipfer

Doris Kipfer, a long-standing member of the Valleyview Mennonite Church, was one of the original creators of the Welcome Wednesday Hospitality lunch program in 2009. For the last 10 years she has worked tirelessly to ensure that our weekly hospitality lunch is a success. As well as being a regular each Wednesday, she and her crew from Valleyview create a nutritious meal for our patrons the 4th Wednesday every month. In addition to working in the kitchen she and her husband pick up fruits and vegetables from the food coalition every week and deliver to our program so that our patrons can enjoy and even more health lunch. The patrons and our volunteers love to see her consistent smiling face each Wednesday.



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David Lynch grew up in our Cascade/Marconi Community. As a child he attended all of the programs provided by Carol. As a father, he has encouraged his own children as well as others to attend these same types of programs. A solid member of our community, David looks out for our best interests and is a friend to many. I met David in my very first days as Community Outreach Worker and appreciate how easily he accepted me into the community. He probably sometimes wishes he didn't know me so well as I have depended on him for heavy labour, moving furniture and appliances so often; but always he did that with a smile. He's the kind of guy you don't even have to ask; if it looked like we might need help, he would offer his services. Currently David is our trusted Crossing Guard for our School Lunch Program, keeping our children safe, (and I'm not even kidding here when I say) sometimes risking his life as distracted drivers run the stop sign all too frequently. Not one to complain, David is out there no matter what the weather. We so appreciate you and your dedicated service. Thank you, David.

Jim Silcox

Jim Silcox has been a faithful and generous supporter of ELUCO for more years than I can remember. Most recently he has been our webmaster, creating the ELUCO website and keeping it up to date. It is a pleasure to work with Jim. He always responds promptly and has things completed almost before he is even asked! He has helped promote ELUCO fundraising events for many years, designing and printing posters and pamphlets, inserting announcements in our bulletin, email and websites. Jim works quietly behind the scenes but he has helped ELUCO become more well known in our churches and across the city. Jim also makes frequent donations to ELUCO, covering expenses that we are often not even aware of. His ideas have made a big difference to ELUCO and we would like to recognize and honour his contributions today. Many Thanks Jim!



The Voices of Broadway Show Choir Concert

This 6th annual fundraising concert was greatly enjoyed at Siloam United Church on March 2nd. The choral music was outstanding as was the choreography, costumes,

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props, and staging, a real Broadway Musical Experience! Thank you to all who attended for your support of ELUCO and mark your calendars for next year's concert on March 7, 2020!



NANCY'S NOTES

We felt joyful and blessed as springtime is a time of renewal and celebration. You could feel a shift in energy in the entire community with the change of season.

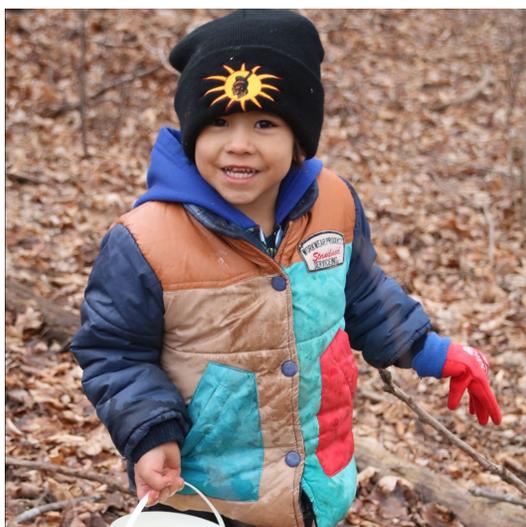
One of our favourite events is our Annual Family Trip to the Sugar Bush. We give thanks to our hosts,

Don and Carol Langford for this amazing opportunity to let loose in the country with hands-on learning of the Maple Syrup process and a taste of their labours as we share a meal of pancakes and sausages. Honestly, people talk about this all year long with the happiest memories and hopes of returning.

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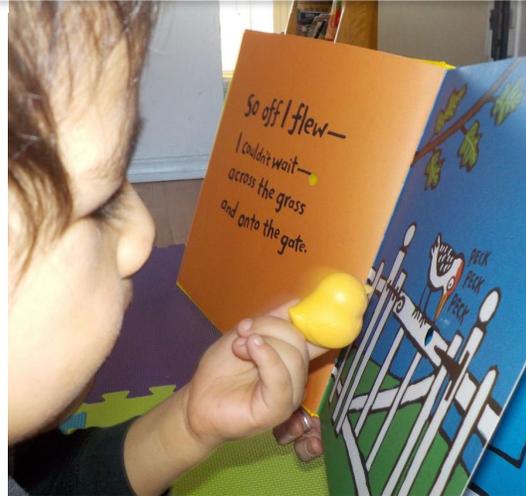
Our children enjoyed reading, playing board games, building with Lego and sculpting with clay. We did not forget St. Patrick's Day for our Irish friends or to rejoice in the promise of Easter.

We welcomed to the unit our friend Linda from London Public



Library Outreach. She delighted our young children with stories, rhymes, music and play. Our tweens appreciated their time of books and activities after school. Literacy programming will continue during the summer months.



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Thank you to the May Court Club of London for their continued support of our Lunch, Breakfast, Snacks and Nutrition Programs for our families. It is an honour and pleasure in June to meet with the ladies and to learn about other programs they so generously support.

Thank you to the Middlesex London Health Unit for sponsoring us with Harvest Bucks to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables from our local farmers. We will host food and nutrition programs so that we may join in community to share meals together, recipes and ideas, cooking and canning.

We acknowledge and celebrate those in our community who partner with us sharing our ELUCO ministry. We so appreciate all of you!

Blessings,
Nancy

CREATIVE TALENT AMONG US

One of the joys of my job as Community Outreach Worker is all of the wonderful people I meet. Sara

sculpting and woodworking. Right from a young age she picked up a jigsaw and said, "Hey I can make

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Willems and her family have participated and assisted with many of our ELUCO programs over the years. It was there that I got a glimpse of her giftedness. Completely humble with a kind caring heart and soul, I'm sure she puts love into every one of her projects.

I asked Sara to make a cake for ELUCO's 35th year anniversary AGM and despite her hectic schedule at that time she wasn't going to let us down. Everyone was amazed at the absolutely gorgeous cake that she threw together in a hurry with children and dog under foot.

Sara's been decorating cakes for about 7 years but she's always had an artistic eye. Sara enjoys

that." No doubt she inherited her creative ability from her father, not her mother who can barely draw a stick person! Her sons have a natural talent as well; Christopher has sophisticated drawings and Micah puts amazing detail into his sculpting. Young Sean is a free-spirit and we have yet to discover where his talents lie.

In addition to the many projects Sara gifts to her family and friends, she sent the most awesome treats for classroom special events. Recently she created pink chocolate lips for Kiss Cancer Goodbye at the Pink Dress Event. Some day, when her life settles down a bit, Sara hopes to start her own business which I know will be a huge success! Thank you, Sara, for the joy you bring to us.



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