



Thanks to staff, volunteers and donors for helping the Club to support 350 families during Christmas 2015.



Dovercourt Boys and Girls Club youth, ages 14 to 16, travelled on February 6th, 2016 to Kingbridge Conference Centre in King City to participate in their first SHiFT Youth Entrepreneurship Conference. The SHiFT Youth Entrepreneurship Program's goal is to teach youth that being a young entrepreneur is a successful career path. They had the opportunity to pitch ideas and get feedback. It was an eventful day for all, as presentations were given, ideas were created and a possible career path was developed for youth. They gained knowledge of an opportunity they did not have before and were able to create amazing business plans.

SAVE THE DATE!

Dovercourt Boys & Girls Club

2016 Spring Gala

Montecassino Hotel
3710 Chesswood Dr., Downsview

Friday, May 6th, 2016

Reception 7:00 p.m. • Buffet 8:00 p.m.
Silent Auction • Open Bar

Tickets \$100

For further information contact:
416.536.4102
or visit our website at www.dovercourtkids.com

Friday, May 6th, 2016

DATES TO REMEMBER
PA Days, 7:30a.m. to 6:00p.m.
 Friday April 15, 2016
 Friday June 10, 2016
 Friday October 7, 2016
 Friday November 18, 2016
 Friday December 2, 2016

PA Days
École d'immersion française
 Avril 11, 2016
 juin 10, 2016

Christmas Concerts
Dovercourt Club House
 Wednesday December 21, 2016

Junction Triangle Clubhouse
 Thursday December 22, 2016

Last Day of School Before Christmas Break
 Friday December 23, 2016

After-School Programs begins
 Tuesday September 6, 2016

Club Closed
 Friday March 25, 2016 Good Friday
 Monday March 28, 2016 Easter Monday
 Monday May 23, 2016 Victoria Day
 Friday June 24, 2016 Last Day of
 After-school
 Programs
 Monday October 10, 2016 Thanksgiving
 Day

The Club welcomes DONATIONS for its Programming.

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The Extra Scoop



Dovercourt
Boys and Girls Club

SPRING 2016

DOVERCOURT BGC



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's February 16, 2016, visit to our Club during his 100th-day in office caused quite a stir in the Dovercourt Village community. The PM was on hand to announce the expansion of the federal government's Canada Summer Jobs Program over the next 3 years. In 2016/17/18 summer jobs for youth ages 15 to 30

join the workforce." These remarks are very well understood at the Club by the mounting number of teens applying for jobs not just in the summer but throughout the year. Within our hiring

under federal government sponsorship will grow from 34,000 to nearly 70,000. Not-for-profit organizations like the Dovercourt Boys and Girls Club are eligible for up to 100 per cent of the minimum wage and mandatory employment related costs.

Also on hand for the announcement was the Minister, The Honourable



MaryAnn Mihychuk directly responsible for Canada Summer Jobs. The Honourable **MaryAnn Mihychuk's Employment Workforce and Labour Department** will oversee the annual budget of up to \$113 million for the Summer Jobs Program. MP for Davenport, Julie Dzerowicz introduced Prime Minister Trudeau. She reminded everyone of the many programs offered

capacity that has been supported for many years by the Canada Summer Jobs Program, over 50 young people are hired for summer work in the Club's Day Camp Programs. In 2015, 14 young men and women were hired for jobs at both the Dovercourt and Junction Triangle Clubhouses.

Prime Minister Trudeau's visit and Canada Summer Jobs announcement received North American wide attention to include coverage in the **Tampa Bay Times** newspaper.



at the Club and talked about the positive impact staff and volunteers continue to have on the many boys and girls, ages 4 to 17 years old, it serves.

The Prime Minister's one-hour visit was filled with a tremendous amount of excitement for Club teen members, including Leaders in Training also students and teachers who were on hand from St. Mary's Catholic High School. Accompanying them was School Superintendent, Jim Saraco. In his remarks, Mr. Trudeau indicated: "Youth unemployment has remained stubbornly high, and far too many young people have not been able to

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR



It seems as if it was only yesterday my family and friends joined me in welcoming the New Year. But already the sun as it moves more so in our direction is summoning longer days. This is a signal for the Club also, that Summer Day Camps activities are just around the corner.

However, whatever the time of year, our staff, volunteers and Board of Directors continue the tradition of making sure our members, ages 4 to 17 years old are well served. So many smart goals are incorporated into workable action plans to ensure that the Dovercourt Boys and Girls Club focuses on children and youth's needs. The Club has quite a reach. An important part of its operations is Kids Korner Day Care, where children as early as 2½ years old learn and play in an inclusive environment.

I remember last fall being at the Dovercourt Clubhouse, nearly 200 children occupied what seemed like every available space in the building. Above their voices could be heard staff instructions summoning them to a variety of Afterschool Program activities. As the lines went in deliberate directions, the smiles on so many young faces had me thinking: Where would these children be without the Club?

As the number of members mushroom also at the Junction Triangle Clubhouse location, our realization sometime ago is correct, that the Club's growth is reflective of the demographic and economic transition Toronto is undergoing. This issue and also the current wave of Syrian refugees now settling in our city are some of the dynamics impacting our current Strategic Plan. Later on this year we will again begin the process of evaluating Club impact on community needs and updating the Plan.

Our Club now in its 59th year of operation has always welcomed change for the better. The Dovercourt Boys Club founded in 1957 had a name change in 1976 to the Dovercourt Boys and Girls Club. It has historically remained consistent and focused on its mission: That of ensuring our staff and volunteers with the support of our funders never waiver from helping to prepare boys and girls for their future roles, duties and responsibilities in Canadian society.

-Eddie Aiello, Chair, Board of Directors

Junction Triangle Clubhouse (JTC) Events



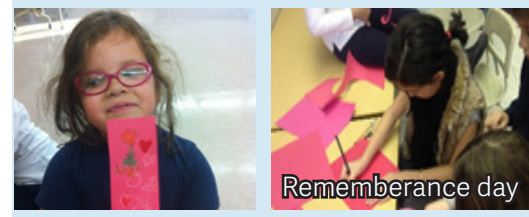
Arts
and
Crafts



Kids worked on a banner using words and pictures to describe what the Afterschool Program means to them!



Visit to Cristina Martins office to display Black History Month Art Work.



Remembrance day

PUSH FOR HOPE



Saturday June 18th, 2016
at 10:00 am- 12:00 pm

Free Community B.B.Q following the event

Superintendent, Heinz Kuck of
11 Division Police Service
Goal: \$7500 – to purchase music
equipment

3 km pushing a steel sled from
**11 Division, 2054 Davenport Rd to
Dovercourt Clubhouse,
180 Westmoreland Ave**

Event will raise awareness about the
struggles and lack of opportunities
faced by Inner City Youth.

For more information call
Chantelle Boxill at 416.536.4102

Please donate by using the following
link: <http://www.pushforhope.myevent.com/3/donate.htm>

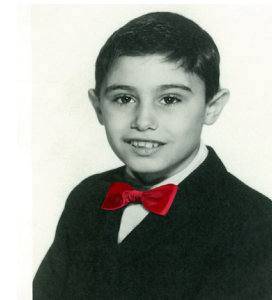


Science Explorers: The Explorers have been busy exploring different science activities and understanding the reaction that occurs during the experiments. Hands-on science activities let the Explorers engage in multiple senses. Hands-on science encourages the children to DO something- observe, ask questions, touch, smell and experiment! Allowing the Explorers to really participate in science gives them the chance to make discoveries on their own. Kids learn by doing!

"Slime is liquid like, but does not flow. We call this kind of material a polymer!"

Madison, age 7

TONY TINO: FORMER CLUB MEMBER; CURRENT VOLUNTEER



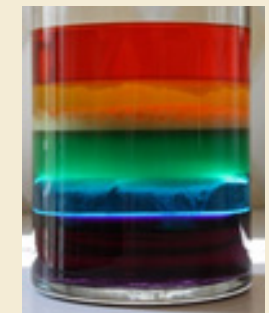
My parents, moved to the Bloor and Dufferin area in the mid 60's, just around when I was 10 years old. I went to the local Catholic School St. Anthony's and that's where I was first introduced to the Dovercourt Boys and Girls Club. Most of my classmates were Club members and I soon signed up. The Club was a great place to be. I spent my time in various programs the Club offered: Arts & Crafts, Games Room and Woodworking. My favourite was

the Gym Program: Hockey, Baseball, log & ladder, obstacle courses and Gymnastics. It was a great way to spend the day, evening and weekends. As a teenager, I joined the volunteer group and later was hired as a part time staff member. Today I am President of Craft, a division of **MacLaren McCann Advertising**. Our group creates, designs and produces communication and broadcast materials for some of the country's most successful companies. Mastercard, Royal Bank, General Motors, Bayer Crop Science, and Wendy's are among the clients we work with. I always credit a big part of my success in business to the experience and guidance I was given at Dovercourt. It was a place to explore and learn new things; interact with others and meet new people. It was, and still is today a wonderful place to be involved with. I continue to volunteer at Dovercourt and serve on the Board of Directors. It's my way of giving back to kids in the community. Here are the three top things I learned at the Club that have helped me along in my business career;

1. THE VALUE OF TEAMWORK – A company cannot be successful if the employees do not work well as a team. I guess I spent a lot of time in the gym at Dovercourt and on teams. Team work creates a bond among the group that makes everyone try their best to be successful. You win as a team or you lose as a team. I have terrific teams in both the Graphic and Broadcast units at Craft. They are creative, talented and committed to make the company successful. They make my job easier.

2. HONESTY AND RESPECT – I learned to treat everyone with honesty and respect, especially your leaders. If you are fair and honest with staff and clients, you will earn that respect back. It is important that you lead by example, and others will follow the same path.

3. THE IMPORTANCE OF NETWORKING – At some time in our lives, we lose touch with people. Everyone moves on in different directions for a variety of reasons. Don't let that happen. I am still in contact with many of my friends I met at Dovercourt. Build a powerful network of friends and business associates and stay in touch with them. Throughout your career you may need some advice or help on matters. Start early and build alliances across all businesses. My network started at Dovercourt.



"Rainbow Jars look beautiful and shows density of different liquids and how certain liquids do not mix with each other"

Gabriela, age 9

Alumni Letters

I have very fond memories of the Dovercourt Boys Club as I was growing up in the area. I watched as "the Club" was in the process of being built and then the excitement of becoming a member of the Club. Played floor hockey in the gym and table tennis in the activity area. I continued going to the Club during my time at Dovercourt Public School and then at Central Technical High School. Unfortunately, our family moved away from the area in the fall of 1963. I missed going to the Club. A quick story about one of my memories. I dreamed about being a goalie in ice hockey but due to the family financial situation we did not have the money to spend on equipment. The Club organized an ice hockey game on the natural ice rink in Dovercourt Park so I signed up for it. As I got to the rink, I quickly realized that my dream would not be fulfilled. The goalie equipment was too heavy and difficult to put on, besides the fact that it was cold on the ice, unless the play was in our end. Ha ha, just thinking about it brings a smile to my face. So I continued with the floor hockey games in the gym. Anyway, please continue the great work with the children in the area.

Louis Frustaglio