



Macaulay Today

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Partners for Literacy. Partners for Success.

The Book Nook—Building a Life-long Love of Reading

As soon as the red ribbon was cut, children poured into the Macaulay Book Nook. They raced to the well-stocked shelves in the cozy reading room to choose from picture books, novels, non-fiction and books in multiple languages.

"I love Roald Dahl," said one young girl, "but I don't have any of his books at home." Now she does.

Thanks to an exciting partnership with Toronto Children's Book Bank, Macaulay can offer children the opportunity to own their own books, free of charge! Book lover Kim Beatty, founded the Children's Book Bank on the premise that book ownership fosters a



are food for the brain." The Children's Book Bank has generously agreed to keep the Macaulay Book Nook stocked with new and almost new books.

On October 28, Kim Beatty and Macaulay Board President, Andrea Walker, officially opened the Book Nook. There were special songs and stories—in English and Spanish—to celebrate this new service. At the end of the night every child left with a book to keep! Macaulay will also provide a "Mobile Book Nook" so that children who can't visit the office may choose books too!

The Book Nook is one more pillar of Macaulay's commitment to helping every child succeed.

Partnerships in Action

Macaulay helps children succeed—today and in their future.

In today's world, the needs of children and families are complex. This is especially true for children with special challenges and those living in high stress families or

our efforts to help children succeed. Macaulay embraces , and indeed, excels at leading collaborations that work for children , families and community. This edition of *Macaulay Today* highlights how our community partnerships result in new, more intergraded services, and more creative and effective approaches.

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neighbourhoods. That is why Macaulay actively partners with organizations and community members, donors and service users to maximize

As we look to 2011, we celebrate our current partners and invite new friends to join our cause: giving children the support they need to thrive.

*Sharon Filger
Executive Director*

Partnership Spotlight

Summer Program for Children with Special Needs

At the beginning of summer, “Joseph” screamed every time his mother took him on the bus. One of nearly 2,500 special needs children that Macaulay serves each year, Joseph has a global developmental delay. His family worried that he would be isolated during the summer and wouldn’t be ready to start Junior Kindergarten.



with other children. By the end of the summer, Joseph had learned to take turns, follow routines and enjoyed the other children. His family is thrilled that he has since made a successful start to kindergarten.

This special summer partnership provides rich opportunities for children to develop important language and social skills.

Thanks to *The Catherine & Maxwell Meighen Foundation*, Joseph

and 30 other children got the special summer programming he needed. Through individual and small group supports; children with autism, speech and language delays and other behavioural or physical challenges, participated in programs, developed skills and learned to play

This is the 5th consecutive year that *The Catherine & Maxwell Meighen Foundation* has generously funded this initiative. On behalf of Joseph, and all the children attending the Special Summer Program, we extend our sincerest community thanks!

Together we are BUILDING COMMUNITIES

The Jane Street Hub Opens!

Residents of the Weston Mount Dennis and Trethewey community now have access to seamless health and social services at the Jane Street Hub. The new centre is the result of a creative partnership between Macaulay, Unison Health and Community Services, COSTI Immigrant Services, Midaynta Community Services, North York Community House and Yorktown Family Services. In early October, we relocated our Trethewey Ontario Early Years Centre to a bright, well-equipped room in the Hub. The OEYC participants are enthusiastic about the new multi-service centre. One young mother said, “I came here for my son but I am also planning to get some health information for my father.” This creative partnership will help families get better access to a wide range of free community services under one roof.



Award Winners!

Macaulay and members of the African Canadian community worked together to create an innovative outreach program, *More Than a Haircut*, that delivers fathering discussions right in neighbourhood barbershops. This unique partnership won the United Way's 2010 *Bhayana Family Award for Community Partnerships*.

More Than a Haircut Resources Now Available!

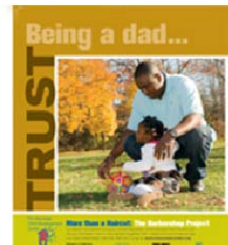
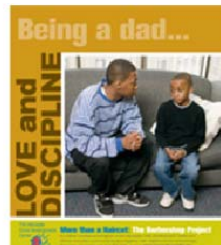
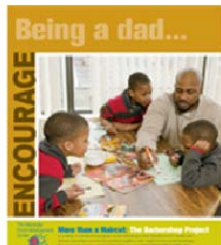
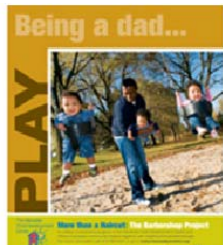
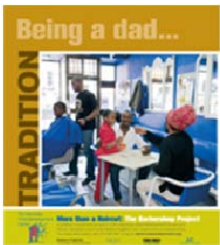
Exciting new resources for community organizations, parent groups, father's groups, educators, African Canadian community with More Than a Haircut participants.

*A set of **5 posters** celebrating Black fathers with key messages and positive images of real dads and real children!

**More Than a Haircut* DVD: a 30 minute document-

To order call Ghenet (416) 789-7441 or www.macaulaycentre.org and click on

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Hazel Macaulay Literacy Fund

Literacy is a key pillar of children's success and self-esteem. Last year, through the Hazel Macaulay Literacy Fund, Macaulay provided much-needed support to children at risk of falling behind.

Children's Libraries were set up in non-traditional places like barbershops and community programs—so that children and parents can access high quality, culturally appropriate children's literature.

Getting Ready for School Backpacks were filled with school supplies and distributed to low-income school-age children so they could start school on an even playing field.

Literacy through the Arts engaged students in dramatic activities that increase skills, self confidence and social skills. Previously disinterested students became excited learners.



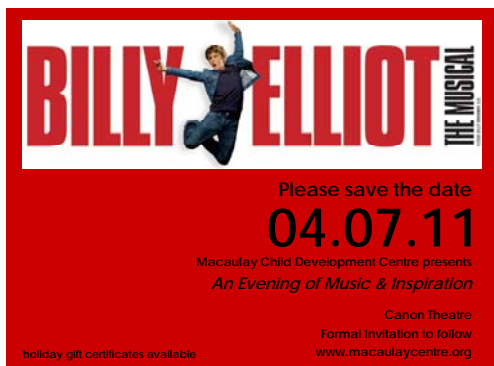
How You Can Help

Macaulay's vision is for all children to achieve their greatest potential within caring, responsive families and communities. Last year alone, we provided support to nearly 7,000 children and youth including 2,500 children with special needs. We need your support now more than ever to ensure all children succeed—today and in their futures.

Your gift can make a lasting difference in a child's life.

- \$25** provides a healthy snack to hungry children in our Homework Clubs.
- \$40** provides a backpack filled with school supplies for one school-age child from a low-income neighbourhood.
- \$125** provides child development advice for a high risk parent in their home.
- \$350** provides 5 students after-school homework help and social support.

If you would like to support Macaulay Child Development Centre, please visit our website www.macaulaycentre.org to make an online donation or contact the head office (contact details listed below).



Macaulay's annual fundraiser is taking place on Thursday, April 7th, 2011 featuring "Billy Elliot" - *An Evening of Music and Inspiration*

Please Save the Date for this important event.
Ticket Price: \$150
 Stay tuned for additional details.

Did you know that Macaulay Child Development Centre offers young children, their families and caregivers—

- * Child care centres
- * Licensed home child care
- * Family resource programs
- * Family literacy programs
- * Homework clubs
- * Parenting groups
 - * For mothers
 - * For fathers
 - * For caregivers
- * In-home parent education and support
- * Speech & language services
- * Support for children with special needs
- * Early identification and intervention
- * Resources for families and caregivers
- * Information and training
- * Consultation services
- * Highly qualified and multilingual staff
- * Expanded service through interagency collaborations

Helping children succeed today and in their future.

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