



Dear Friends of the Week of the Child and Youth and National Child Day

The Week of the Child and Youth (WOCY) Hamilton values and celebrates children and youth as distinctive and cherished members of society through the promotion of activities and events. We consist of community partners dedicated to fostering and mobilizing the community.

Week of the Child and Youth Hamilton's objectives are:

- To heighten community awareness of our children as our future
- To recognize and honour the contribution of caregivers, parents, teachers and volunteers who make significant contributions to improve the lives of children and youth
- To celebrate childhood

Every year people across Canada and around the world have been challenged to take time to recognize our most precious resource – our children. Hamilton is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Week of the Child and Youth, and over 16 years of National Child Day. National Child Day was the day declared by the Canadian Government as the national day to promote the awareness of the Convention of the Rights of the Child (1989). We invite you to join in the celebration by hosting an event on a day during the week of November 13- 22<sup>nd</sup> that is suitable for you and/or your organization.

As a commitment to you, we will promote and support all new and existing events that occur between November 13<sup>th</sup> and November 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will involve the creation of a calendar of events for the week and promotion through our Week of the Child and Youth website [www.wocyhamilton.com](http://www.wocyhamilton.com), as well as the City of Hamilton website and information line. Additionally, we will use multi media strategies to promote all the wonderful work that you will do this week in honour of children and youth.

Please use the attached form to plan your event. Once the form is completed, please fax or email the form to Wendy Gould at [wgould@todaysfamily.ca](mailto:wgould@todaysfamily.ca) or fax it to her attention 905-574-2684 by September 30<sup>th</sup>, so we can share your celebration activities with our partners and friends.

Sincerely,

Wendy Gould - Chair  
Kelly Zerebny – Vice Chair  
Children and Youth /National Child Day Events