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LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Parent-Child Mother Goose Program Community,

As I reflect on the remarkable journey we've undertaken together over the past year, it's with great joy and gratitude that I share the highlights and accomplishments of our collective efforts.

Joining this incredible organization just before our last Annual General Meeting (AGM) marked the beginning of a new chapter. I stand here, humbled and honored to lead an organization with such a profound impact on the lives of vulnerable families and their little ones.

in the past year, we have hosted six Parent-child programs locally with 621 families and children participating across Toronto. We had 333 new people in our programs. We also arranged 19 Teacher Training Workshops across Canada.

the powerful impact of our programs never ceases to amaze me. The program design is simple but backed by decades of research and, we witness how parents grow into their innate skills and confidence for creating positive family patterns and fostering healthy early experiences for their children. The profound impact sets the stage for lifelong emotional, physical, and cognitive health.

We celebrated some important transitions this past year. First, we enthusiastically and smoothly returned to in-person programming after the pandemic restrictions of the previous year. Secondly, we welcomed Hamida Arif into her new full-time office administrator role. She has been with PCMG for over ten years and we couldn't be more thrilled to have her join our team in this new capacity. finally, and with deep sadness, we mourned the loss of our longest-serving board member Mira Adler. She was chair emeritus and served on the board for over 20 years - we will miss her presence and most grateful for her years of service.



You may have also noticed that we've shown up in the space of social media in a big and mighty way! You can find us active on most social media platforms, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, and even our new YouTube Channel. Additionally, we introduced the "GooseTracks" e-Newsletter, which we released five ones this year. We are excited about the potential this all holds for bringing our community together and increasing our future donor potential.

As we craft the Annual Report for 2023, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to our dedicated team, partners, clients, and families. Your creativity, trust, and commitment have been essential in shaping the vibrant community we are today.

Looking forward, the next chapter holds the promise of even greater impact. We are poised to adapt and evolve, meeting the changing needs of families with resilience and dedication. I invite each of you to join us in this exciting journey.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to the Parent-Child Mother Goose Program®. Here's to another year of progress, empowerment, and celebration!



Warm regards,
Guita Movallali,
Executive Director, VS P-CMGP



OUR ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

The Parent-Child Mother Goose Program® is backed by decades of research, yet is so simple and natural that parents easily gain skills and confidence to foster healthy relationships and give their children experiences that promote positive brain development.

Evidence-based research confirms that children's early experiences mould their brains, and the primary caregiver provides most of those experiences. The caregiver's choice of words, tone of voice, gestures, facial expressions, holding, and cuddling lay the neurological foundation for the child's lifelong emotional, physical, and cognitive health. Our programs are designed to easily, simply and naturally support parents to deepen this relationship. Proudly, our programs prioritize families in need of support and is always free of charge.

The heart of our mission beats strong: providing a joyful, interactive space for parents and their young children to discover the power and pleasure of oral rhymes, songs, and stories. We continued to prioritize families in need, offering this transformative program at no cost, thanks to your unwavering support.

Our roots trace back to 1984 in Toronto, evolving into the Vermont Square Parent-Child Mother Goose Program in 1987. Since 1991, our training initiatives have sparked Mother Goose Programs not only across Canada but globally, reaching places like Afghanistan, Iran, Australia, and the United States.



OUR PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The 2022/2023 program year was marked by a return to in-person programming after the pandemic lockdowns and online programs of the previous year.

Between September 2022 and June 2023, the 6 core programs ran once a week for 30 weeks. The core programs are Parkdale, Elmbank Infant, Elmbank Two to Four, Lakeshore, Somali Program and Malvern. Most of these programs are for parents and infants up to 2 years old as per our model. The exception is the Elmbank 2-4 years program. In addition to the 6 core programs, VS PCMGP continued to run a program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing families from September to January, led by Guita Movallali and partnering with the organization VOICE for Children Who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

The Parkdale Program

The Parkdale Community Health Centre was undergoing repair and renovation throughout the Fall of 2022 so our Parkdale PCMGP continued its programs on Zoom. Parkdale was able to return in person programs in January 2023 in a new but suitable room at the Parkdale CHC. A core group of families from the neighborhood established itself quickly, mostly with children aged 2 and older, but also a few infants as well. In 2022/23, the Parkdale program was run by Velrina Alexander and Lynda Howes with Seema Walia as childcare assistant.

The Elmbank Infant Program

The Elmbank Infant program, along with the Elmbank 2 to 4 program, was the first to return to in-person programming in the Spring of 2022. As a result, they started the Fall with a full group of families glad to be attending a program with their babies (0 to 2 years), in person once again. This program is in an under-resourced area of Toronto, and the program was full throughout the year with community families who made connections with each other and with their children. In 2022/23, the Elmbank Infant program was run by Gail Miller, Vijaya Agrawal, and Seema Walia with Nasira Hassan as childcare assistant.



The Somali Program

The Somali program ran successfully on What's App, a favourite online platform in the community, during the Fall of 2022 and Winter of 2023. Parents were often contacted one at a time for support as well.

In addition to the rhymes and songs, the teachers were able to answer many questions and explain public messaging in a community where translation is often needed and where the transition back to in-person activities was particularly difficult. By the Spring of 2023,

the program had started to run hybrid programs with some families attending in person, and others online. This program ran in Somali as well as English and allowed the PCMGP to support families that might have been particularly isolated otherwise. The Somali Program was run by Falis Kediye and Batun Farah in 2022/23 with Istarlin Omar Jama as childcare assistant.

The Malvern Program

The PCMGP in Scarborough has historically had close ties with Babies Best Start, a home-visiting program run through Aisling Discoveries/Strides Toronto. The BBS program includes Home Visitors who have done the PCMGP training, have run programs in the past, and understand PCMGP well. As a result of referrals from these home visitors, the Malvern program online stayed full with higher-need families.

The Toronto Public Library Malvern branch instituted new protocols since the pandemic, so new arrangements were made with all relevant staff and a new contract was signed by TPL and the VS PCMGP Board of Directors. As a result, the return to in-person programs was delayed until the Spring of 2023. However, the program quickly grew at the Malvern Library during the Spring term and was thriving when the term ended in June. The Malvern program was run by Ruth Danziger, Leeya Solomon, and Gail Miller in 2022/23 with Grace Jordan as childcare assistant.





The Deaf and Hard of Hearing PCMG Program

With the support of VOICE for Children Who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing, the program ran on Zoom and targeted parents with deaf and hard of hearing children who choose oral communication for their children, or use both sign and spoken language. This program teaches rhymes, songs, and stories, in a way that works for DHH parents and their children and focuses on oral communication. In this, it is entirely different from the American Sign Language (ASL) PCMG program.

The program is inclusive and parents of hearing children are welcome. Families came online from all over the country as well as the GTA. Sometimes the whole family would join the program and enjoy sharing thoughts and concerns with families from other areas. The Deaf and Hard of Hearing program was run online by Guita Movallali and Gail Miller in 2022/23.

Program Visits

During the Spring of 2023, Guita Movallali, our ED, visited most of the VS PCMG programs in person, to get to know each location, connect with the families who attend, and especially, connect with each of the PCMG teachers and childcare assistants. The one exception is the Somali program, but connections were made with the teachers nevertheless, and a visit is planned in the future.

Teacher Updates

In June 2023, Lynda Howes retired from teaching PCMG programs full time. She is still available to fill in for others when they are away, and for consultations when needed. We are grateful for Lynda's ongoing, valuable input into PCMG programs and trainings.



Childcare

Grace Jordan, long-time Childcare Assistant at the Malvern program, retired from her position during the summer of 2023. Grace was an integral part of the Malvern program and community since long before the pandemic years, assisting in the program by helping with the needs of older children, holding babies, supporting parents, and preparing and assisting during snack time. She also shared a few of her favourite rhymes with us! We are very grateful for the time, care, and skill that Grace offered to the Malvern program, teachers, and families. We wish you all the best in the future, Grace.



Apprenticeship

In September 2022, Laxmi Balaji started an apprenticeship with PCMGP at the Lakeshore program. She continued that apprenticeship at the Elmbank Infant Program in the Winter term of 2023, and again at Lakeshore in the Spring of 2023. She is due to finish her apprenticeship by the end of 2023.

Thank you to the staff and program teachers who orchestrated a safe return to in-person programs in each of our various PCMGP locations in 2022/3. We heard from many families about how grateful they were for the contact, both on Zoom when necessary, and for the return to in-person programs as that became possible.



Video Project

In the Spring of 2023, Cat Mills, a videographer, made a short video of the program at Lakeshore, interviewing several parents to hear their responses to PCMGP. Click the link to watch the video.

<https://vimeo.com/827786549?share=copy>

Program Funding

The majority of the direct costs of our Lakeshore, Parkdale and both Elmbank Programs were funded by the City of Toronto Community Services Partnership. Most of the direct costs of our bilingual Somali Program were funded by Etobicoke Brighter Futures Coalition. Our Malvern Program was funded by the Tippet Foundation. General program funding was provided by the P.E.A.R.L. Foundation, Leonard Wolinsky Foundation, Jackman Foundation, and Shum Vourkoutiotis Fund. First Nations Project funding was provided by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Please see list of Donors. Many thanks!



PROGRAM & TRAINING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The Program and Training Committee is a committee of the National Council that focuses on all aspects of our program and training guidelines, development, and policy.

In February 2023 we held the seventh annual meeting for PCMGP's teacher trainers, over two different days and times to accommodate as many trainers as possible via Zoom. We thoroughly enjoyed being able to put faces to names and vice versa.



Questions posed were:

What's working and could work better with support from Vermont Square and the Program Training Committee?

There was a lot of discussion and comments regarding the positives and challenges of virtual teacher training. Comments and questions focused on ways to support teachers after the training and how to advocate for adequate preparation time and wages from organizations. Comments regarding the desire to move training back to in-person were shared, as was, the importance of online training to meet the needs of more rural communities. Diversity and inclusion was also a theme of the 2 meetings. Gratitude for the Zoom best practices and the work on streamlining the materials to make them more readily available online and updated were shared.



PROGRAM & TRAINING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The committee would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to all those who attended these meetings and for all the reflection that occurred.

Much of 2023 has been spent updating the Teacher Training Workshop (materials to make them more user-friendly, accessible online, and current). We have finalized the loose-leaf forms, and the yellow booklet and are in the final stages of the green lyric booklet and bibliography. Thank you to the Diversity Committee for your thoughtful feedback regarding the lyric booklet. This

process took much longer than expected. There was a desire to ensure that it was done with intention and changes would be long-lasting.

An ongoing effort to translate documents from these materials into French will be undertaken once all workshop materials have been finalized.

As always, we continue to respond to questions and communications that come our way from across the country and abroad, relating to Program and/or Training guidelines. We appreciate the opportunity to hear of the positive changes that the Parent-Child Mother Goose Program® makes in the lives of families! We welcome ideas, questions, and feedback from our PCMGP® community. Please feel free to contact us at any time ☺

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PROGRAM & TRAINING STATISTICS

PCMG Teacher Training Workshops

Teacher training workshops create new Mother Goose teachers, expand and strengthen the network of Mother Goose programs, help to maintain the program standards and develop important skills and awareness in people who work with children in other ways.

- 19 PCMG Teacher Training Workshops, to train PCMG teachers for agencies across Canada, in Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Newfoundland and Labrador, Ontario, and Quebec and abroad that wish to offer PCMG programs in their communities, including Wiikwemikoong First Nation under a designated Ontario Trillium Foundation grant.



Summary of Program Activities

- 6 PCMG programs to underserved Toronto communities: Lakeshore, Elmbank Infant, Elmbank 2-4, Parkdale, Malvern, and Somali PCMG.
- 170 books and disks to PCMG program providers and families across Canada and abroad Program Statistics
- 307 adults and 314 children registered in our directly delivered virtual and in-person Parent-Child Mother Goose programs in Toronto this year.
- 137 new children and 126 new adults



Teacher Training Workshops 2022

- 1 -September 2022 (virtual) - Facilitator: Guita Movallali
- 2 -Story Telling Workshop One-day Course on Story Telling- October 2022

Teacher Training Workshops 2023

5 TTWs, Facilitators: Guita Movallali, Lynda Howes, Maria Ordonez, Ruth Danziger and Lynda Howes.

Other Region TTW 2022- 2023

14- Other Region Training Workshops 2022- 2023

19 – Total TTW 2022-2023



OUR IMPACT IN WORDS

Words From Our Participants

- Coming to Mother Goose is a real stress reliever for me, and is good for my mental health. My son enjoyed the rhymes and songs, especially the ones with actions and gestures, as well as the positive energy. We enjoy meeting the other families who come as well. Last week, he started to talk and I know that Mother Goose has been part of his language development. He also likes to hear a new rhyme each week.
- I sing I See the Moon to Ashwin to sleep every night. Such a beautiful lullaby!
- He likes singing the songs and the actions. His favourite rhyme is Rum Sum Sum.
- Our son's favourite rhyme is Smooth Road. He likes to move and enjoys the actions in the rhymes.
- It's so warm! Thank you for your love! It's great to be able to participate in Mother Goose online! See you Monday! I will pass your love to my mother and daughter too!



OUR IMPACT IN WORDS

Three generations, mother, grandmother and daughter:

- My mum and I feel very warm, and my baby can feel that too! Mother Goose gives our family lots of love and happiness. We love mother Goose!

This mother has had a lot of extra challenges with her two children:

- Hi Ruth...I just wanted to...give you my thanks for this wonderful program we embarked upon and in July it will be 3 years that we've been connected to Mother Goose. We do so much stories and rhymes and Muriel now initiates a lot of the rhymes and its just lovely. It's a gift you have given us for life.

Words From Our Teachers

- Moms expressed becoming very comfortable with attending programs on Zoom.
- Moms enjoyed having a social connection in times of social isolation.



Our Resources & Social Enterprise Overview

Social Enterprise Activities

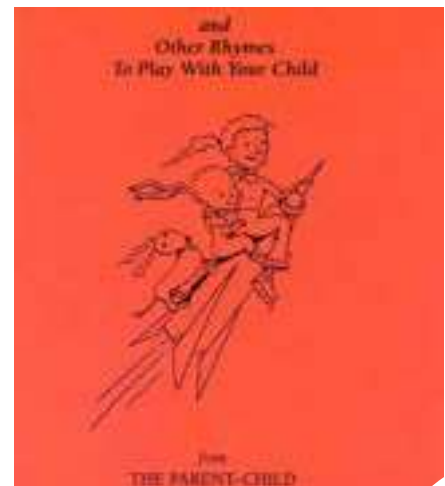
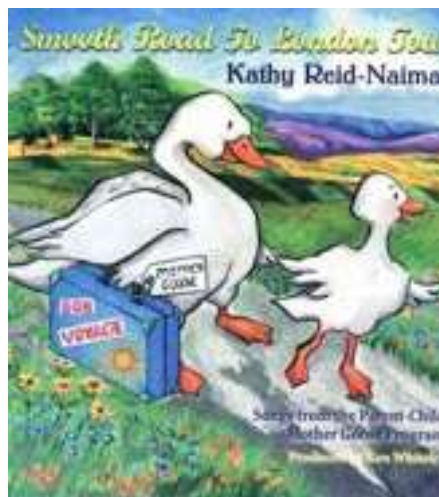
Thanks to the model developed in 1992 by PCMG co-founder Celia Lottridge, our PCMG teacher training workshops, our books, and disks are offered as a supplementary service to agencies and individuals anywhere in the world who are interested in PCMG, with the ultimate goal of disseminating the PCMG program and its methods and benefits as widely as possible. In a good year, our social enterprise is a small source of revenue to support PCMG operations.

Book and Disk Sales

Our most popular books were: Bounce Me, The Moon is Round and Zoom Zoom Zoom.

Our total sales for the year, we donated some of our books to:

- Our teachers/programs
- Montreal P-CMGP
- Etobicoke Brighter Futures Coalition (EBFC)
- Ontario Cultural Society of the Deaf



Our e-Newsletter: GooseTrack

We achieved a successful launch of our e-Newsletter, GooseTrack, in 2023.

This dynamic platform has seamlessly connected us with our teachers, donors, and parents, fostering stronger communication. Introducing the mass emailing system through Mail Poet, we have meticulously prepared our recipient list, creating an effective channel to engage and connect with our community.

Our Social Media

In 2023, the Parent-Child Mother Goose Program has marked a year of remarkable strides.

Our unwavering commitment to serving vulnerable families and their babies has resulted in significant achievements, we've expanded our presence on various social media platforms, connecting with our community on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

Our Website

This year we continued updating our website! Our website can be found at:

www.parentchildmothergooseprogram.org.

The new features have also helped to make a few of our internal processes more efficient and centralized.

We tried to make it more interactive and user-friendly. We also updated our NEWS section and our Donor and sponsor page.



University of Toronto Schools Event

In October, we participated in the Volunteer Fair at UTS on Wednesday, the 20th. Guita represented our organization, actively engaging with over 250 students who visited the event. At our table adorned with brochures and posters, she passionately introduced our organization, emphasizing the impact of fundraising and volunteering. It was an excellent opportunity to connect with the community and inspire students to join us in making a difference. We're grateful for the chance to showcase our mission and foster potential partnerships.



Guests from the Montreal P-CMGP



Summer was with special guests from Mother Goose Montreal – Robin, Gaby, and Desrean! Your visit filled our hearts with joy, and we extend our sincere gratitude for the incredible work you do in Montreal.

During their stay, we took the opportunity to visit the Founder's House and the Vermont Square Parent-Child Mother Goose Program office, both rich with the legacy of our co-founder, Celia Lottridge. From Montreal to Celia's doorstep, we spread the joy of learning and connection.

Connection lies at the heart of our program, and the meeting with Celia, Ruth, and our friends – Gaby, Desrean, and Robin – was both productive and insightful. Together, we continue to nurture the spirit of learning and connection that defines the essence of our program.



CELIA LOTTRIDGE, OUR CO-FOUNDER



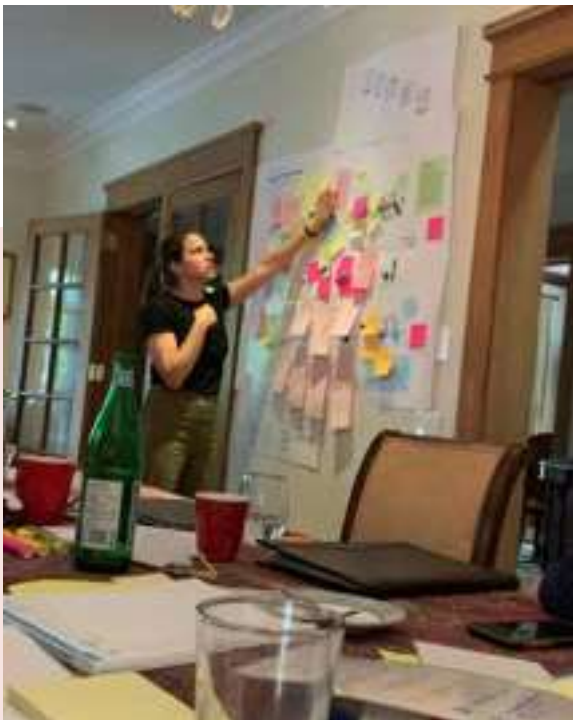
Strategic Planning Retreat

We are thrilled to share that this year witnessed an impactful Strategic Planning Retreat, bringing together our dedicated Board Members and Executive Director. The success of this retreat is a testament to our hard work and commitment.

The essence of our strategic planning lies in recognizing that strategy is not merely a static plan or a list of tasks—it's a dynamic set of choices. In the face of uncertainty,

It emphasized that strategy goes beyond mission statements; it's about crafting specific, integrated choices that propel us forward. By fostering a collaborative environment, we collectively navigated the complexities and uncertainties, paving the way for a future that aligns with our organizational goals.

The next retreat will be in 2024.



Storytelling Toronto

In 2023 the PCMGP partnered with Storytelling Toronto for two events.

In May we celebrated the Toronto International Storytelling Festival by creating a set of stories for children organized by Ruth Danziger, called Little Bird. Storytellers and program teachers Vijaya Agrawal, Gail Miller, and Ruth Danziger told stories to a very happy audience of children and their families.

In June Storytelling Toronto hosted a fundraising event and extended a warm invitation to our organization to participate. Guita Movallali, our Executive Director, took centre stage, weaving a compelling narrative that resonated with the audience. The event, a testament of the power of storytelling, left a lasting impression, fostering a sense of community and connection.



Our collaboration with Storytelling Toronto has deepened, and we maintain close contact with this dynamic organization. Through shared narratives, we continue to explore the rich tapestry of storytelling, strengthening the bonds that unite us in our mission.

This event not only showcased the art of storytelling but also emphasized the collective impact that can be achieved through collaboration and shared narratives. We look forward to further collaborations and the stories that unfold in our shared journey.



Our Partnerships

We cherish the model of partnership in all aspects of our work. We believe there is no need to reinvent the wheel, and we seek to partner with organizations with shared values and purpose where and when possible. This allows us to share and learn together, so we can collectively do our best work.



Memberships

PCMG is a member of Families Canada (previously known as the Canadian Association of Family Resource Programs FRP), Ontario Non-profit Network (ONN), Storytellers of Canada, Etobicoke Brighter Futures Coalition, Social Planning Toronto, the Centre for Social Innovation, and Sick Kids Hospital Infant Mental Health Promotion.



Parent-Child Mother Goose in Australia

We regularly share information and experiences with our fellow Geese in Australia.

Babies Best Start and Aisling Discoveries

Babies Best Start refers vulnerable participants to our Malvern program. This is part of the Strides program run by Aisling Discoveries in Scarborough. We have been connected to them for a very long time. Their home visitors who have taken our training, sometimes, visit our programs to enhance and supplement their early child development expertise. They refer many vulnerable families to the Malvern program. They also contributed to our book I Bring You a Story.

Etobicoke Brighter Futures Coalition

As a long-time member of the outstanding EBFC, who fund most of the direct costs of our Somali PCMG Program, we participate in the EBFC evaluation and coordination committees and meetings.

Program and Training Committee

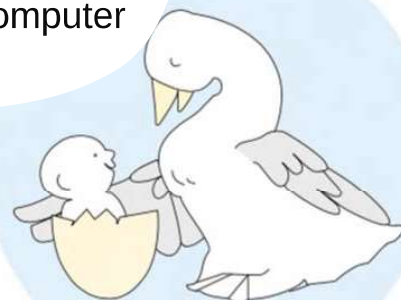
The Program & Training Committee is a national volunteer group responsible for the policy and standards of the Parent-Child Mother Goose programs and teacher training workshops. We are very grateful to the dedicated people who do the invaluable work of maintaining the integrity of our programs and workshops.

Early Child Education Colleges

PCMG offers students from ECE and Child Care degree programs the opportunity to gain exceptional experience and knowledge as volunteer childcare assistants in our programs. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we didn't have student placement, this year. However, we did host one student at our Parkdale program, from the CREATE Institute, a diploma program in Expressive Arts Therapy.

Midaynta Community Services

We are very happy to partner with Midaynta for our bilingual Somali Program. Midaynta Executive Director Mahad Yusuf offers highly knowledgeable support and promotes the program to families, and encourages parents in the program to study English and learn computer skills



Family Resource Agencies

The Parent-Child Mother Goose Program is offered throughout the Greater Toronto Area by other organizations with teachers who have taken our teacher training workshops. These include:

- Afghan Women's Organization
- Alderwood Community Centre
- Birchmount Bluffs Neighbourhood Centre
- Blue Hills Child and Family Centre
- Centre for Immigrant and Community Services
- Davenport Perth Neighbourhood and Community Health Centre
- Elmbank Community Centre
- Parkdale High Park OEYC (Earlscourt-Creche Child Development Institute)
- Parkdale Community Health Centre
- Malvern Public Library
- Milton Community Resource Centre
- Ministry of Education
- Oakville Parent-Child Centre
- The Chartwell House Early Learning Centre
- YWCA Durham
- OEYC Today's Family
- Story Planet East York
- Toronto Family Resources
- Regent Park Community Health Centre
- Region of Peel
- Mississauga Parent-Child Resource Centres
- mother craft/Breaking the Cycle
- York Child Development & Family Services
- Native Child & Family Services
- Parent Resources
- OEYC Stoney Creek
- OEYC Today's Family
- OEYC Markham Family Day Care Services
- OEYC York North
- Oakville Parent-Child Centre
- YWCA Durham OEYC



Thank You to Our Contributors

The Parent-Child Mother Goose Program extends heartfelt thanks to the creative and dedicated individuals who brought about the delivery of PCMG programs and workshops to the community!

Program Director:
Ruth Danziger



Team Update: Office and Social Enterprise Administrator

the organization is delighted to announce that Hamida Arif, the proficient Bookkeeper of ten years, has officially assumed the position of Office Administrator. We wish the best to our outgoing office administrator, Jag Palmar.



Program Teachers

- Sarah Abusharar
- Falis Kediye
- Vijaya Agrawal
- Gail Miller
- Velrina Alexander
- Maria del Carmen Ordonez
- Ruth Danziger
- Leeya Solomon
- Batun Farah
- Seema Walia
- Istarlin Omar
- Halima Ahmed
- velrina alexander
- Lynda Howes



Childcare Assistants

- Nasira Hassan
- Seema Walia
- Grace Jordan



Volunteers:

- Fatime Khamis
- Khadija Ali

Bookkeeper:

- Hamida Arif



Teacher Training Workshop Facilitators

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In Memoriam: Mira Wolinsky Adler (1937-2023)

Mira Wolinsky Adler, a beacon of strength and devotion, left an indelible mark on the Parent-Child Mother Goose Program. As a Registered Nurse, Mira's commitment to public health and preventative care resonated throughout her career. A loving mother to three sons, she faced adversity with resilience, later co-founding a successful plant maintenance business.

Joining our Board in the late 1980s, Mira's transformative leadership, notably as Chair Emeritus until 2019, shaped the program's trajectory.

Her family's Wolinsky Foundation became a crucial support pillar. Beyond her passing on January 9, 2023, Mira's legacy endures. She wished for donations to sustain the Parent-Child Mother Goose Program, and in her memory, generous contributions have poured in. Mira's spirit lives on in the echoes of her remarkable journey, and we remember her with deep gratitude and fondness.



Thank You to Our Donors

We are immensely grateful to all of our donors, who so generously support our causes. We apologize if any names were missed.

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