

ROSE GARDEN

Rose of Durham
YOUNG PARENTS SUPPORT SERVICES

At the Rose of Durham, our first priority has always been to support young parents and their children. The make-up of these families may have changed over the years, but our passion for helping our clients to raise happy, healthy children has never wavered. Statistically, Canada has seen a significant increase in non-traditional families since the early 2000s. 'Intact Families' (or more appropriately 'Traditional Families') are defined as a married, heterosexual couple and their biological children. In 2011 however, nearly 13% of all couples with children were defined as 'Blended Families'.



Blended families are exactly what the name implies: a family where one or both parents bring their biological children from previous relationships into the new relationship, thereby blending the families. Blended families are challenging but surely no less 'intact' than other family types. With increasing trends in divorce and common-law partnerships, we as a society are seeing and serving more and more unique family structures from 'Skip-Gen' families (children living with grandparents), to children raised by extended family, and those living in foster care. Indeed at the Rose we have served clients from all walks of life and we will continue to serve the members of Durham Region without discrimination of any kind.

The bottom line, is that a family can be any combination of parents and children where there may or may not be blood, but there is more than enough love.


Family
DNA is not required
The Day After Tomorrow

Rose of Durham Community Picnic

Spring is just around the corner and with it comes good food and fun in the sun! Come and join the Rose of Durham for a fantastic day on Saturday May 28th at Memorial Park in Oshawa. We encourage you to join us from 11am until 3pm to enjoy live music, exotic animals, face painting, balloon twisting, jumping castles and so much more! All activities are free, with the exception of the BBQ where minimal fees apply.

A full list of our generous sponsors can be found on our website.

We hope to see you there!

For more information, contact the Rose of Durham at [905-436-3622](tel:905-436-3622) or find us on Facebook.



Donations Accepted!

Rose of Durham gladly accepts non-perishable food items, clothing for young women, and children (size 2 and under). In some instances we can accept toys and equipment, please contact the office first to enquire. If you have another item or service you would like to donate in-kind please call the office to discuss or enquire as to special needs the agency may have.

Want to be involved with the Community?

The Rose of Durham offers many opportunities to volunteer and help make a difference! Connect with us today to find out how you can contribute.

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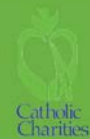
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GROW A GARDEN, GROW FUN!

Eating fresh food is great for you, but planting your own food can be therapeutic and fun for yourself and your children. Watching a seed grow tall into a tomatoe plant and then being able to use that tomatoe, or sharing with friends and family is satisfying. Even if you have limited space, there are lots of things that you can easily grow.

- Tomatoes (especially cherry tomatoes for a great snack and plentiful yield)
- Radishes
- Lettuces (which can be continually trimmed to keep producing all summer)
- Strawberries
- Peas
- Many kinds of herbs
- Cucumbers

Not only is this an investment in sustainable food but there are many lessons to be learned. Save money by harvesting your own foods, increase your time outside, gain a sense of pride, and be able to enjoy that you know where your food is coming from. Let us know on Facebook what you are planting this year, or send us photos of your edible plants! Not sure where to start? Check our Pinterest page for some fresh ideas and tips on growing your own.





Donations

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"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give"

~ Sir Winston Churchill

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