

WATERLOO REGIONAL BLOCK PARENT® PROGRAM

Building Safer
Communities,
One Block At A Time.



2014 Summer Newsletter

A message from the Board of Directors

So many exciting things are happening in our program! We are pleased to announce that we are entering a new phase of planning and strategic development. In this edition of our newsletter you will learn about what the Board of Directors is currently working on and how you can help to improve our program!

Risk Management



Has your Block Parent sign expired?

If your Block Parent sign does not have a "14", "15" or "16" sticker on the front, you are NOT up to date. In order to legitimize our program and minimize risks, all Block Parent signs must have an up to date sticker. To get an updated sticker, all Block Parents need to update their Police Records Checks



The Waterloo Regional Block Parent Program Board of Directors Participated in a 6 hour strategic planning session earlier this year.



One of the outcomes of the strategic planning session is to focus on fostering partnerships with fellow community organizations such as Crime Stoppers, Neighbourhood Watch and the Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council

(PRC's). Police Records Checks are a vital component to the program, and they are FREE! Given the importance of this mandate, the Block Parent Program will be calling all Block Parents who have expired signs and PRC's, to arrange pick up of your expired sign. You may be in the midst of getting your updated PRC's, but as per our program policy, we will need to collect your Block Parent sign in the interim. We encourage you to update your PRC's asap and mail them to our office. Once your up to date PRC's are received and reviewed, we will be happy to return the sign to you with a brand new expiry date sticker. Let's work together to ensure that all Block Parent homes are SAFE HOMES!

Strategic Planning and Internal Audits

This summer the Waterloo Regional Block Parent Program will be performing a series of internal audits to ensure we have substantial policies around Governance, Finance, Human Resources, Volunteer Management, Programs and Services, and Policies and Procedures. These internal audits will allow us to identify and rectify any gaps in these areas. This process will lead to a stronger, more established program, where we are in a better position to increase our visibility and enrollment and ultimately make a larger positive contribution to the community.

Recruitment



Another new strategy is to shift our focus to Neighbourhood Associations across the Region of Waterloo. We believe the Neighbourhood Associations in our Region will foster strong connections between our program and the community.



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- Deloitte
- Region of Waterloo
- Franklin Self Storage
- Around KW
- Price Waterhouse Coopers
- Rory Farnan who made a donation to us via Canada Helps

We truly appreciate the dedication and support we have received from the above organizations and individuals. If you are interested in sponsoring or making a donation to our program please contact us today!



The Waterloo Regional Block Parent Program is encouraging our volunteers to become advocates for the program. We want you to be a part of our transformation into a highly visible and strongly supported community organization.

Do you know anyone who would be interested in becoming a Block Parent?

We challenge you to talk about the Block Parent Program at least 5 times in the next month. You could mention it at your child's school, sporting event or even in the dentist's office. How about chatting at your place of worship or your local community center? Each conversation about our program moves us one step closer to our goal. Share the message about how others can help build safer communities, one block at a time

Past and Upcoming Events

- St Dominic Savio Presentations - Spring 2014
 - Presentations were given to all Kindergarten to Grade 3 classes
- CrimeStoppers- Putting Crime in the Penalty Box - Spring 2014
 - Elmira Community Centre crime prevention and awareness event
- Sparks Presentations - Spring 2014
 - Presentations were given to groups of Sparks
- Family Fun Day at Country Hills - Spring 27th



Congratulations to Tara Mondou, Chair of the Waterloo Regional Block Parent Program, who has recently been voted onto the board for the Block Parent Program of Canada. Tara is now representing the Block Parent Program at a national level which is no doubt a win for the entire organization. Thank you Tara for your continued support, hard work and dedication to our program.

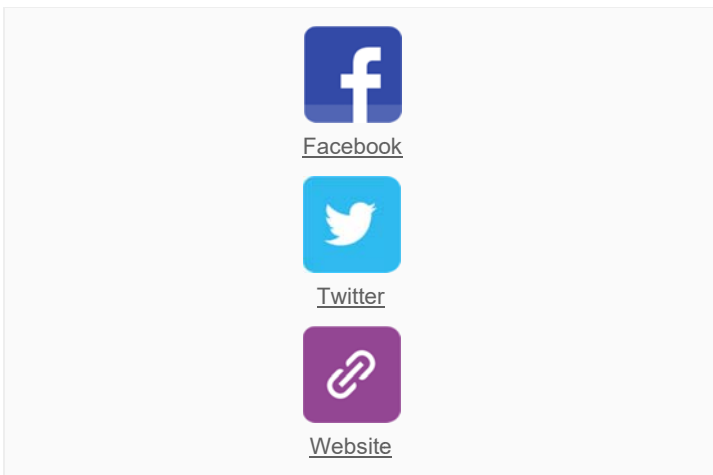


The Waterloo Regional Block Parent Program is pleased to welcome three new members to the Board of Directors.

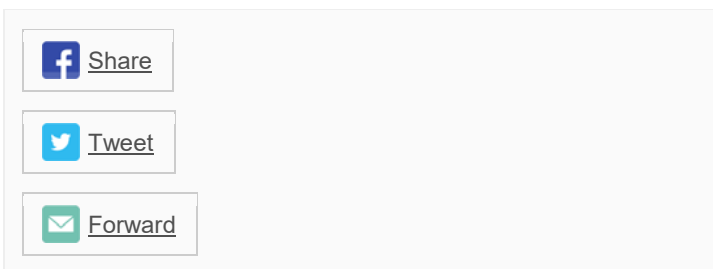
Rebecca Stuart has been with the program since the summer of 2013 and was officially voted onto the board in November 2013. Becky is an RN with a strong community focus. She got involved with Block Parents because she remembered the big influence the program had on her street growing up. She is currently undertaking an internal review of board processes and is excited to see where the work will lead

- Community Engagement event
- Santa Claus Parade - November 15, 2014
 - Come out and walk with us in this years Santa Claus Parade!

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Carlie Wardell has been involved with the program since March 2012. She was appointed as the Events Coordinator in August 2012 and she was voted onto the Board of Directors in May 2014. Carlie is excited about her new role as a member of the board and looks forward to embracing new challenges.

Laura Van Dyke has been involved with the program since the Winter of 2014 when she became a Block Parent and expressed an interest in getting more involved with the Program. Laura was voted onto the Board of Directors in June 2014 and will be taking on the role of Secretary and Marketing Coordinator. She is very excited to dive in and get the ball rolling.

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