

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF EAST SCARBOROUGH FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Boys & Girls Club of East Scarborough?

The Boys & Girls Club of East Scarborough is a safe, accessible, well known place where East Scarborough children and youth, from birth to 19, and their caregivers, from all cultural and economic backgrounds, can come to participate in well funded and powerfully staffed social, recreational and educational programs that are intentionally designed to enhance their growth, personal development and potential as contributing members of society.

When did the Club begin operating?

The Club has been providing an extensive range of recreational and social services for children and youth for over 50 years. It evolved from an organization established in 1956 as the “Scarborough Police Youth Club” and became a Boys Club in 1961 and a Boys and Girls Club in 1978. In 1982, with assistance from the City of Scarborough, the permanent facility at 100 Galloway Road was established.

What is the relationship of the Boys & Girls Club of East Scarborough with the other Boys and Girls Clubs across Canada?

Although autonomous and incorporated with our own local Board of Directors we are members of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Ontario and Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada and share the same Core Values of Inclusion & Opportunity, Respect & Belonging, Empowerment, Collaboration, and Speaking Out.

What programs does the Boys & Girls Club of East Scarborough offer?

The Club offers the following programs:

- Early Years Services
 - Early learning and literacy programs
 - Parenting programs
 - Information for new parents about pregnancy
 - School readiness programs
- Licensed Child Care Services
 - Licensed Preschool
 - Licensed School Age Care
- Special Needs Services
 - Child Care Consultation
 - Program Consultation
 - Training
 - Special Needs Resource Library
- Children & Youth Services
 - After School Programs
 - Summer Camps
 - Youth Programs
 - Youth Leadership Programs
 - Mobile Youth Recreation & Information & Referral
 - Youth Council
- Volunteer Services
 - Volunteer recruitment, orientation, placement
 - Stay-In-School Mentoring/Tutoring program

The Club also works in partnership with other community organizations to provide the East Scarborough Storefront and the Harvest Kitchen. The Storefront provides the community with access to a wide range

of services and resources. The Harvest Kitchen produces approximately 3000 meals per month that are distributed to seniors' groups, women's shelters, and church meal programs.

How does the Club ensure a discrimination free environment?

The Boys & Girls Club of East Scarborough has a Multi-cultural and Anti-Discrimination/Harassment policy that recognizes the cultural, social and economic benefits that living in an increasingly diverse community brings to us. We condemn any verbal, written, attitudinal or physical displays of discrimination, and have established the Club as a Discrimination Free Zone.

What is the cost of the Club programs?

There is a \$5.00 membership fee and depending on the programs there are also affordable monthly program fees. However, no child will be denied membership due to financial barriers.

How can I volunteer at the Club?

All of our programs are strongly supported by our volunteers who contribute approximately 21,000 hours a year. To apply, call the Club and ask for the Volunteer Coordinator who will answer your questions and assist you with the volunteering process.

How is the Boys & Girls Club of East Scarborough supported financially?

The Club is well funded by our major supporters; the Ministry of Children & Youth Services, Ontario Early Years, Service Canada, City of Toronto and United Way of Greater Toronto.

Can individuals donate to the Club?

Yes. Individuals who make a financial donation to the Club will receive a charitable income tax receipt.

How can I find out more about the Boys & Girls Club of East Scarborough?

The Boys & Girls Club of East Scarborough has a website, www.esbgc.org, which offers extensive information about its programs, services, and events. The website also offers information about how to volunteer at the Club as well as how to contact staff regarding your questions.

What is in the future for the Boys & Girls Club of East Scarborough?

To continue to meet the needs of the East Scarborough community through expansion and innovation there is an identified need to enhance and expand the physical space of the Boys & Girls Club of East Scarborough. Based on a feasibility study undertaken throughout 2004/05 to determine the best method to accomplish this goal the Club is currently seeking support to reach its goal of \$5.0 million to cover the costs of renovations and expansion construction, as well as capital costs associated with such expansion.