

PumpkinFest Fundraising

PumpkinFest is the signature fundraising event for the West Vancouver Community Centres Society (WVCCS). The event raises money for the West Vancouver Community Centre to help fund special programs and equipment which would not otherwise be funded by the District of West Vancouver.

Over the first 7 years, PumpkinFest has already raised over \$300,000, all of which is invested directly back into programs and equipment which enhance the member experience at the West Vancouver Community Centre, Aquatic Centre and Ice Arena.

If you would like to be a sponsor at PumpkinFest 2018 please contact Jodi Weiderick at jweiderick@westvancouver.ca

Through the generosity of our Sponsors, Donors and PumpkinFest attendees, some of the programs and equipment PumpkinFest has contributed to include:

WVCCS PROGRAMS

Movement Therapy - Aquatics - is an innovative approach to working with children and youth with physical and cognitive disabilities. Through a partnership with the District of West Vancouver, children from School District #45 follow the Red Cross Learn to Swim Program curriculum that is adapted to their abilities. Attending with their Special Education Assistant, they participate as part of a group, and then are able to spend time moving about the aquatic environment, interacting with others and utilizing the amenities.

Movement Therapy - Gymnastics - utilizing an innovative approach District of West Vancouver staff collaborate with West Vancouver School District and Vancouver Coastal Health staff to offer an individually tailored program for children with physical and cognitive delays in the Dynamic Movement Studio. Children develop at their own pace, and goals are set individually. The benefits of the program are seen in every aspect of the child or teen's life: increased confidence, improved flexibility and coordination, improved ability to function socially in a group environment, and increased physical fitness.

Friday Night Youth Drop-in Gymnastics - the Dynamic Movement Gym is turned into a youth friendly space where young people (Grades 6-12) can come to explore, test out and increase their physical abilities on the various pieces of gymnastics equipment.

Yoga for Youth and Young Adults with Autism - in partnership with the Canucks Autism Network, the adapted yoga programs give youth and young adults with autism the opportunity to try a new activity, and gain strength and flexibility, while making friends in a fun and supportive environment.

Blocks, Bricks and Build Lego Festival - this annual event is hugely successful offering participant's onsite opportunities to build, create, and interact with Lego. Event activities include: Lego racing, Lego free build, Lego robotics & Duplo building.

Urban Explorers Program - is an amazing new program that teaches pre-teen the life skill of how to use the public transit system and safely walk in the streets. Registrants embark on an exciting scavenger hunt that teaches them how to use and navigate the public transit system using phone apps and maps.

Summer Camp Inclusion Program (formerly Camp Buddies) - is a leadership program where youth and young adult volunteers are trained to create an inclusive environment in summer camps for children who have social, emotional and development barriers, or who face special challenges such as having English as an additional language.

WVCCS EQUIPMENT

Cypress Corner Equipment - to enhance the ever popular childminding program at Cypress Corner and in order to continue to provide the best quality service, new toys and equipment were purchased. The new toys were greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all participants. The new toys included a water table, a workshop, classic toy bench and baby doll highchairs.

Water Yoga Boards - a new and popular way to complete a Yoga workout is on water using specialized water yoga boards. This new aqua fitness program involves standing on a board in the water, focusing on yoga poses and increasing the focus on core and stability, and will be operational in 2017.

Outdoor Ping Pong Table - to encourage no-cost, year-round intergenerational enjoyment, an outdoor table tennis table was purchased to meet the community's needs and will be operational in 2017.

Aquatic Play Centre - an expanded Activity Play Centre in the Aquatic Centre lobby provides a range of activities to entertain children and a comfortable are for families to sit together.

Wibit Inflatable (Bridge feature) - the inflatable bridge was an extremely popular addition to our public swims and birthday parties.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT - SEE YOU AT
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