

2025 Annual Report

South Vancouver Family Place Society

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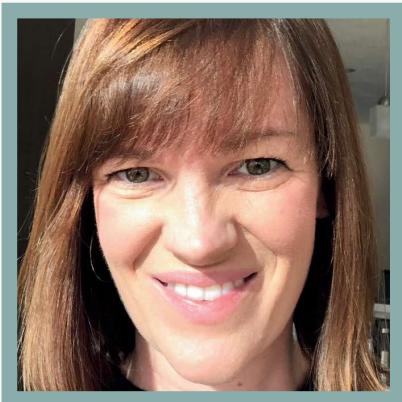
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Message from The Board Chair

At South Vancouver Family Centre, we remain committed to creating a nurturing atmosphere where families and children thrive. Over the past year, we have created a planned expansion of our preschool operations by leveraging in-depth community research, assessing market competitiveness, and aligning our services with the evolving expectations of parents. This comprehensive approach has helped us maintain early learning programs that are innovative, inclusive, and responsive to the real needs of our community.

To further support our drop-in programs and KidsCare Preschool, we have strengthened our team by adding dedicated support personnel and investing in up-to-date training opportunities for our staff. These efforts ensure that our team is empowered, well-prepared, and motivated to deliver outstanding early learning opportunities in a sustainable way.

Our creative fundraising has also been a vital part of our success. Engaging photography sessions, lively themed events, delicious bake sales, and donations have all played a significant role in uniting our community and supporting our mission. Each initiative has fostered a shared sense of purpose among our donors, volunteers, and partners.

As we look ahead, our vision is focused on continuous innovation, listening deeply to community needs, and building stronger connections for the families we serve. Thank you for being an essential part of our journey!

Message from The Executive Director



As we come together for this year's Annual General Meeting, I'm honoured to reflect on the journey South Vancouver Family Place has taken over the past year. It has been a time of steady growth, renewed energy, and deepened community connections.

This year, we saw strong progress across many areas:

- Our core family drop-in programs remained vibrant and well-attended, with growing participation from newcomer families and caregivers.
- We launched seasonal initiatives that brought learning and joy outdoors, including garden-based programming and community events.
- Our summer programs expanded to include new educational and recreational activities thanks to the incredible contributions of two summer students and additional seasonal staff.
- We built stronger partnerships—with neighbourhood schools, local organizations, and new community partners like Fresh Roots and South Vancouver Neighbourhood House—which helped us enhance food security, early learning, and caregiver support.

One of the most encouraging signs of our progress is how often we hear from families that they feel seen, supported, and part of something meaningful at SVFP. That sense of belonging is at the heart of everything we do.

To our dedicated staff: thank you for the passion, care, and consistency you bring to your work every day. Your commitment is what makes our programs feel like home for so many families.

To our board of directors: your leadership and guidance have helped us stay true to our values while planning for a sustainable future. Your support has been instrumental in helping us take bold steps forward.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to growing with intention—centering families, listening to community voices, and building partnerships that lift us all.

Thank you for being part of this journey.

With gratitude,

Julio Bello Executive Director, South Vancouver Family Place

Board of Directors

2024-2025

Haylie Samson – *Chair*

Tiffany Lee – *Vice Chair*

Carole Wong – *Treasurer*

Sumitra Quiring – *Secretary*

Lal Dhillon

Gabriela Ivone Macias Gonzalez

Ken Arnold

Janina Bautista

Misaku Taimur

Rob Listecky – RIP March 20, 2025



SVFP Staff Team

2024-2025

Summer Staff

Isaac Cheng
Angelica Gaspar
Michelle Jung
Shabnam Nahar

Management

Julio Bello - Executive Director
Victoria Ragas - Chief Finance Officer
Elizabeth Ncube - Administrative Assistant



Relief Staff

Mindy Biring
Andelina Filipovic
Angelica Gaspar

Kidscare Preschool

Maiya Aliyeva - Supervisor
Florence Kwan
Krestal Abundo

Family Place Drop-in (includes Fraserlands)

Ingrid Rios - Family Place Supervisor
Ann Asselstine - ECE/ Group Facilitator
Kenia Borges - Family Support activity worker
Farida Yasmin - ECE/Family Support worker
Luisa Huamani - ECEA/Family Support worker

Janitor

Juana Juan

Mission Statement

South Vancouver Family Place's mission is to support and strengthen all families with young children in building healthy relationships and community networks by providing services and programs in a welcoming, nurturing, stimulating, and respectful environment.

Our Vision

South Vancouver Family Place Society envisions a connected community of happy, healthy, families where everyone is safe, engaged, and welcome.

Funders and Partners

Funders

City of Vancouver
Ministry of Children and Family Development
BC Gaming
Canada Summer Jobs
BC Center for Ability
Donors and Friends of SVFP

Community Partnerships

Vancity Credit Union
5 Family Places Partnership
South Vancouver Neighbourhood House
Pacific Immigrant Resource Society (PIRS)
South Vancouver Health Center
Growing Eden
Family Services of Greater Vancouver



SVFP Programs Stats

Food Security Program

1800 food hampers distributed to
over 150 families

9 Multicultural lunch served to 197 families



SVFP Programs Stats

Family Drop-In

Family Place Drop-in

257 total families served

157 new families

5858 total visits

828 hours of service

Fraserlands drop -in

157 families served

122 new families

1367 total visits

432 hours of service



SVFP Programs Stats

Community Outreach and Other Supports

279

New Families Outreached

288

Families attended 8 Special events celebrating multicultural events and holidays

87

Families served by Dental visit and Librarian



SVFP Programs Stats

Parenting Education & Group Support



10

Night out events attended by 192 families

14

Sessions of parenting workshops (Mental health, Nobodys Perfect, creative connections) Attended by 39 families

SVFP Programs Stats

Early Years Program

7 sessions Arts and Crafts : 168 children

61 children attended Summer Mini Camp

52 sessions of Nutrition Literacy and 12 sessions Tiny Toes offered

2 sessions summer run attended by 12 children



Social Media Outreach

3,560

Facebook hits

17,600

Website reach

690

Early Literacy Years Activities
Published

Kids Care Preschool

Over 70 Children Served



Kids Care Parent Letters

We've been part of the Kids Care bilingual class in the mornings since September, and we learned about this program through a recommendation from a parent whose child attended 20 years ago. They spoke very highly of their experience.

As a parent seeking a high-quality, play-based education, I'm impressed with Florence's dedication to the program. Her genuine care and ability to connect with each child's unique personality gives me confidence that my child is thriving and learning in her class. She provides the structure and routine that young children benefit from, evident in the positive habits she's instilled, like hand washing, waiting for snacks, and orderly dismissal procedures.

The program is fantastic, offering a wide variety of activities daily. My child often brings home artwork, worksheets, and songs, and I frequently hear them singing the songs they've learned in class. The classroom environment is clean and inviting.

While I understand that parent volunteering isn't always feasible, I believe some parents would be willing to help if given the opportunity. I know that I have personally offered to assist in any way possible, such as helping with cutting materials or organizing supplies, to lighten the teacher's workload.

M.C.



Kids Care Parent Letters

My name is Yo, and my daughter, Gloria, has been attending Kids Care Preschool twice a week since September 2024. I am very grateful for the care that teacher Maiya and teacher Krestal provide.

My daughter has some challenges when it comes to socializing and sensory processing. My worry with her going to school was that she may be labeled as a difficult kid, or just be forgotten in the back of the classroom because she has difficulty expressing herself. However, both teacher Maiya and teacher Krestel accept her for who she is, and provide great support. Even though my daughter may not say much at preschool, she talks a lot about her teachers at home, and loves them very much. I hope their hard work and dedication for their students are recognized at the AGM and they know how much they are appreciated.



We have been with Kidscare for many years now especially with teacher Maiya. My son went to preschool there and my daughter is currently in her second year at the school. When she first started with the school she was very shy and did not use her words very much at the school (chatterbox at home!), but over the last two years she opened up and is talking with her teachers and friends and enjoys going to school! We love the warm feeling when we walk in each day and when we say goodbye. Maiya has always been so loving (my son loves to pop in and see her whenever he gets a chance!) but all of the teachers are great especially Krystal (she attends the MWF mornings), and we are so lucky to have had both our children attend in this amazing school! Keep up the great work :)!
Raveena

Kids Care Parent Letters

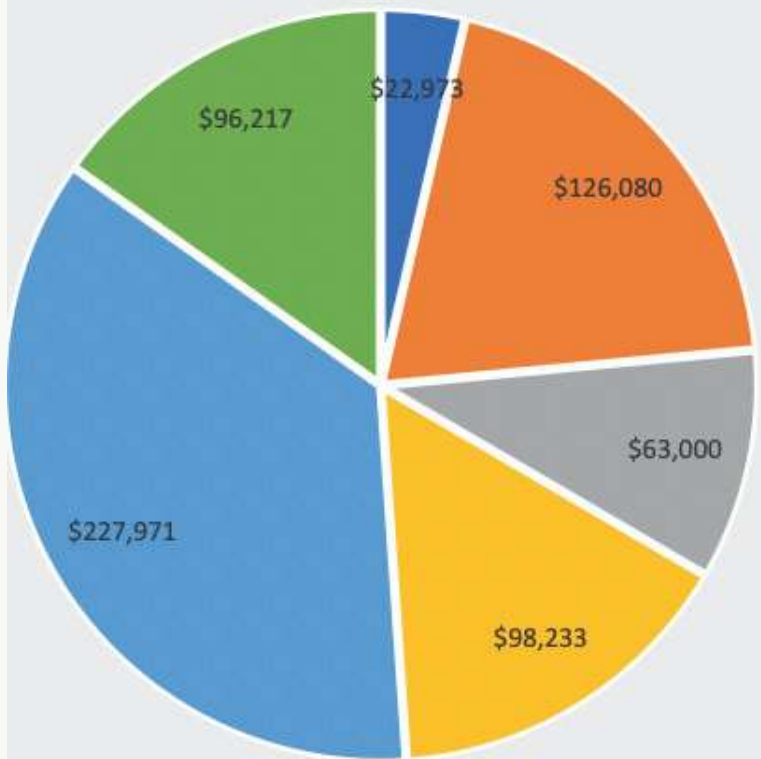
We love the Kids Care Preschool and our daughter loves it as well! The teachers are kind, caring, and really spend the time getting to know all the kids. Since attending Preschool, we have seen our daughter become more extroverted and social. She's made friends at school, loves playing with her friends, and loves doing all the activities. They celebrate many different festivals and cultures at the Preschool and our daughter really enjoys learning about them. Her Chinese has improved as well and she speaks a lot more Chinese at home. We love it so much that we have enrolled our younger daughter in the same Preschool as well. Thank you to all the teachers and staff for their amazing work!

Many thanks,
Justina Loh



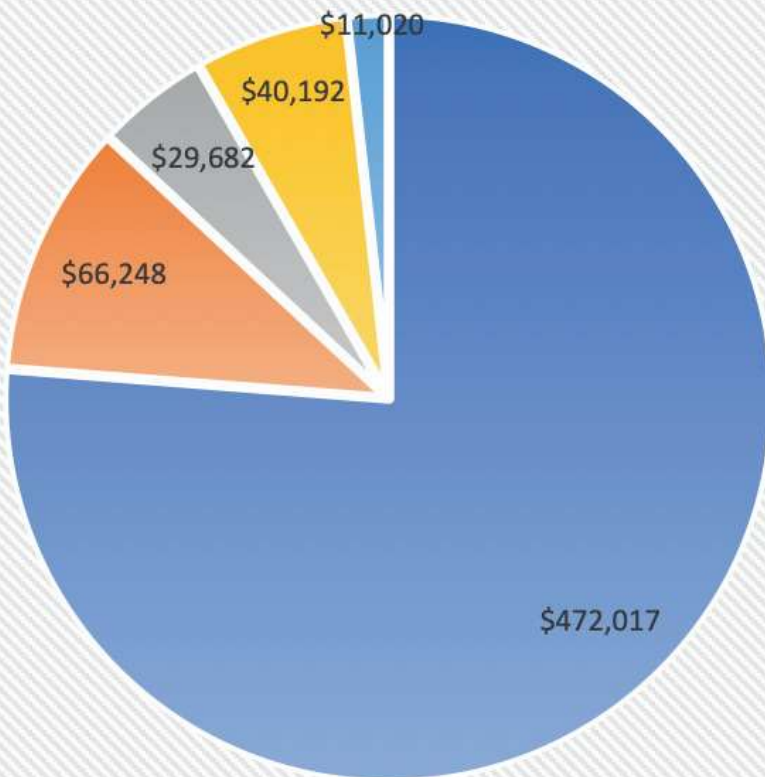
Financial Summary

TOTAL REVENUE: \$634,474



- Federal (HRDC) 4%
- Provincial (MCFD +EY) 20%
- Gaming 10%
- City of Vancouver (CORE, Enhancement) 16%
- KC Fees/CCFRI, CCOF, WEP 36%
- Other (charity, Donations) 15%

Total Expenditures \$ 619,159



- Wages and Benefits 76%
- Administration 11%
- Direct Program 5%
- Occupancy 6%
- Other 2%

Total Volunteers

80 Volunteers

2,373 volunteers hours valued at \$35,346

244 hours Board of Directors contribution
valued at \$6,100



Donations

\$10,594 In-kind donations value (children's clothes, arts and crafts, food and groceries)

Volunteer Impact Statement

As we gather for our AGM, it is with a heavy heart that I share the loss of Rob ListECKI, whose passing has deeply affected all of us at South Vancouver Family Place.

Rob served as a dedicated volunteer and board member for five years, giving generously of his time, wisdom, and compassion. His leadership and commitment helped shape our organization and touched the lives of countless families. Rob was more than a volunteer—he was a pillar of the Fraserlands community, always advocating for those who needed it most and ensuring our programs reflected the warmth and inclusivity he embodied.

Rob's legacy extends far beyond our agency. He was a devoted husband, an amazing father to his son and daughter, and a true friend to many. His kindness, humor, and unwavering support will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege to know him. On behalf of everyone at South Vancouver Family Place, I want to extend our heartfelt love and support to Rob's family. We will always remember Rob with gratitude and affection, honoring his memory by continuing the work he cared so deeply about.



List of Donors

2024-2025

- Wesgroup
- Ken Arnold
- Tania Arroyo
- Cristina Eris
- Yo Kotsubo
- Charlotte Woo
- Pam Lee
- Scotiabank
- Zineb Bekkari
- Via Alejandro
- Polly Bo Lai Tsui
- Claudia Liu
- Salim Khimani
- Lynn Leong

We couldn't have done it without your
generous support

Thank you to all our donors and volunteers

Success Stories

I have been attending SVFP since June 2024. When I come to Family Place I have fun, and feel calm relaxed and welcomed. Family Place has showed me that parenting isn't about doing it all alone—it's about leaning on a supportive community and growing alongside others. It empowers families by creating a nurturing environment where both children and adults grow, learn, and feel supported as valued members of the community. SVFP has strengthened our family's resilience, deepened our community ties, and empowered us with lifelong skills to thrive together. M

I've been attended SVFP's Family Drop-in Programs, Nobody's Perfect, Play N Learn, Tiny Toes, Literacy Activity and Multicultural Lunch. When I come to the centre I feel welcomed, happy, sense of belonging, and relaxed. I have learned that there are supports out there, just have to find them, and I learned a lot about parenting from talking to the staff, grandparents and other parents that attend the programs. It's a place for me to go when I don't know where to take my child. Especially on days when we are struggling at home. It's been good for my overall mental health to have a place like this to go to. N

Since attending SVFP in the Summer of 2023, I have learned the importance of being a good example for kids by getting involved in the activities with them. SVFP has provided a safe place for kids to socialize and learn. It's very helpful for those who do not attend preschool or daycare. I have felt welcomed. A



Success Stories

When I attend SVFP, I feel Welcome, included and supported and has provides me a place to belong to, access to referrals to services that are meaningful to my family, information about community services, and I have learned how best to communicate with my child. L

I am very grateful with SVFP staff. When I come to Family Place I feel Happy, confident, I have learned Topic about parenting, and I have connected with others moms. I have benefited by coming to SVFP because I and my kids have the time to meet other families, and I have learned more about children and parenting. Since 2020



When I come to Family Place I feel safe, with the support of the wonderful people who make up the team. They have helped us in many ways and we are grateful to have found this safe place for families. I have learned a lot about parenting and becoming more confident as a mother. SVFP is beneficial because it is a safe and learning space for children and parents. Family Drop-in Programs, Nobody's Perfect, Play N Learn, Tiny Toes, Literacy Activity, Multicultural Lunch, Arts and Crafts in the garden, "Growing Eden" Garden Group



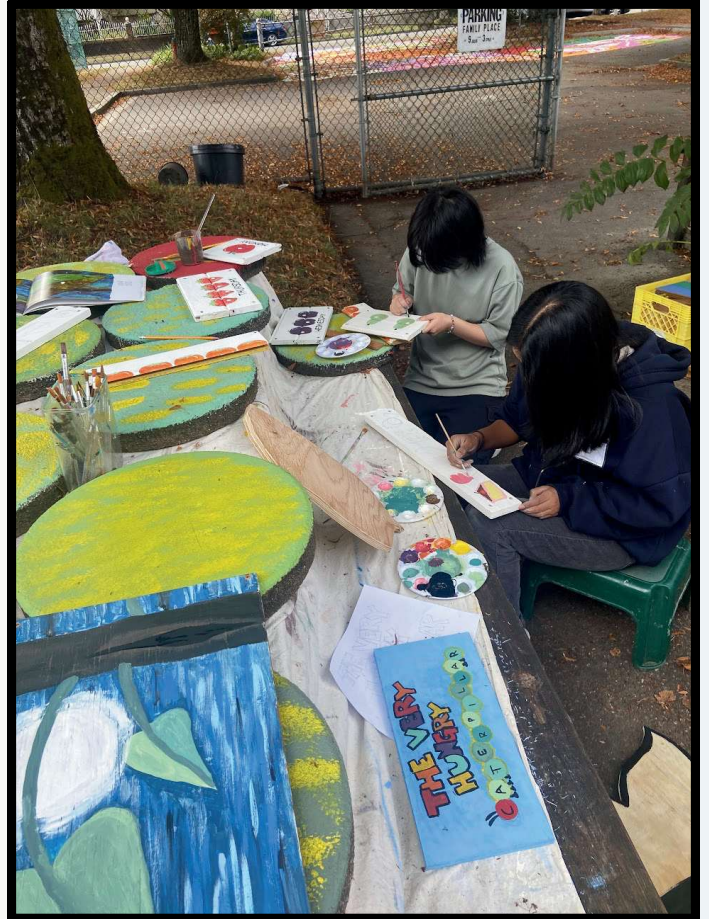
Success Stories

It is without a doubt a turning point for me when I arrived at Family Place. Here I found so much support and I still have it, from the great team and other fellow mothers. Because here I have met many valuable women, and in the great work of parenting, we always have a voice and an ear for others. When I come to SVFP I feel accompanied, calm, safe and happy and have learned the importance of work and respect as a society. Since January 2023

I've recently Attended Play N Learn and have learned New healthy recipes for my child and ways my child can help me without them getting hurt, example prepping food. My child has lots of fun trying new things, we sing, dance and can play with other children around his age. SVFP has created a welcoming, fun, and inclusive community for me and my toddler. We look forward to our drop-in days and have made so many new and impactful relationships with other families and staff. SVFP drop-in program has been a great program for my child. My toddler loves the play gym room, art activities, and circle time. I love that the program discourages phone use so I can spend quality time with my child. We feel relaxed and at home at Family Place. We are always greeted warmly and enthusiastically by staff and volunteers. Everyone tries to get to know us better and makes us feel comfortable. I have learned many fun activities that I can do at home. Each day we go to SVFP drop-in includes different art projects and sometimes cultural activities that are exciting and new for my toddler. B



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