



*A lot of the same kids come in each day but it's not the same
kids who come out*

The kids that have come out of the Toronto Kiwanis Boys & Girls Clubs have had fun. They have had a nutritious meal, and they have learned skills like using a computer. Make sure no child's potential is thrown away: help us create opportunities for kids.

For program & volunteer opportunities or to make a donation visit: www.believeinkids.ca
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Our Mission

To provide a safe, supportive place where the children and youth of Regent Park, Cabbagetown, downtown east and Trinity-Bellwoods can connect with mentors, each other, and their community to experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, build positive relationships and develop confidence and skills for life.

Our Vision

A world where every child and youth knows they are respected and valued; where their voices inform solutions that address their needs and the needs of families and communities; where they know they have the power to achieve their dreams.

Core Values

Belonging	We welcome everyone in an accepting environment based on belonging and positive relationships
Respect	We ensure that everyone – children, youth, families, volunteers, staff – is heard, respected, valued and treated fairly
Encourage and Support	We encourage and support every child and youth to play, learn and grow to achieve their dreams
Work Together	We work together with young people, families, volunteers, our communities and government to find solutions
Speaking Out	We speak out on behalf of children, youth and families so that we can make our world better

Key Messages

- Clubs provide a safe, fun place where children and youth can experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, build positive relationships, and develop confidence and skills for life.
- Dedicated, trained staff and volunteers build positive relationships with children and youth that change the direction children's lives for the better.
- We are part of a National organization that is a leader in providing safe, supervised out-of-school care for children and youth.
- Clubs offer children a place to channel their energy and sense of adventure into challenging activities that encourage healthy living, personal growth, learning, and community involvement.

- Clubs provide programs to children and youth from preschool age to young adulthood, with a focus on children ages 6 – 24.
- Toronto Kiwanis Boys & Girls Clubs take a preventative approach to tackling a broad range of critical issues facing young people in our society today, including child poverty, youth education and employment, youth violence, substance abuse and teen pregnancy.
- Through their involvement with Toronto Kiwanis Boys & Girls Clubs, children and youth learn about being responsible individuals and are encouraged to develop their leadership potential, so that they can contribute to and participate in their communities.

Key Points of Differentiation:

These are the key points of differentiation or uniqueness that were identified as defining Boys & Girls Clubs in relation to other youth-serving organizations.

Changing Lives	Belonging to a Boys & Girls Club is a life changing experience for most kids
Build Positive Relationships	Young people can develop life changing relationships with caring adult role models that make a difference and often influence the life path they choose for the better
Accessible & Affordable	Club fees are affordable to all children and are reduced or waived for those in need
Youth Empowerment & Leadership	At both the national / regional level and at individual clubs, youth are empowered in organizational decision-making, and given opportunities to develop leadership both in the organization and in their communities. They help shape programs, share their creative ideas
After-School Care	A strong focus on before and after-school care (we are the only national youth-serving charity with this focus)
National Reputation	As opposed to community centres
Over 100-Year History	Significant credibility as a long-standing, trusted, well-run organization
Scope of Organization	Collectively the Clubs serve far more children and youth in Canada than virtually any other charity, including Big Brothers, Big Sisters – the group with which we are most confused
Continuum of Services	In most clubs, a child can be an active club member from a very young age right through to young adulthood
Range of Programs	the Clubs have an unusually wide variety of programs and services compared to other agencies

We serve over 1,300 young people in downtown Toronto, providing:

- A safe place in which to learn and play during the out-of-school hours
- Summer Day Camps that give children carefree fun and learning opportunities
- Leadership development and employment preparation
- A staff of compassionate, well-trained professionals
- An inclusive, receptive atmosphere for all children

People and communities we serve:

- Children aged 3-24 yrs. and their families
- The Regent Park/Cabbagetown community has been served by our Miles & Kelly Nadal Youth Centre (formally our Gerrard Club) since 1936.
- Our T.P. Loblaw Club has served the Trinity Bellwoods community since 1945.
- Many of our members come from at-risk families where safety is a concern. Our members can suffer from a lack of self-esteem, poor nutrition, poverty, lack of schooling, absent parents and are at high risk for drug-related activity.

Specific Activities of the Toronto Kiwanis Boys & Girls Clubs:

Our clubs operate Full-Day Learning Programs (3yrs – 5yrs); After-School Children's Programs (6yrs – 12yrs) from 3:30 to 7 p.m.; and Youth Programs (13yrs – 24yrs) from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Friday. Programs we offer our members expand their education, deal with social and skills for life development by engaging individuals in recreational activities.

We are open during March Break, PA Days and for Summer Day Camp during July and August and now offer year-round Youth Programming, including on Saturdays. During these times, we offer progressive programs for our kids.

Activities are divided into five different areas of development:

1. **Social Development** – leadership development, cooking, etc.
2. **Educational Development** – drug abuse prevention, literacy, computer literacy, etc.
3. **Creative Development** – arts & crafts, drama, choir, music, etc.
4. **Physical Development** – gymnastics, girls' fitness, cycling, basketball, floor hockey, etc.
5. **Community Support Programs** – Parent Support Group, Safe Walk Home, etc.

Governing Structure of the Toronto Kiwanis Toronto Kiwanis Boys & Girls Clubs:

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Partnerships

Toronto Kiwanis Boys & Girls Clubs enjoy many effective partnerships with a number of Toronto-based organizations. We would also like to thank the many corporate partners who have contributed to our organization over the past few years.

For a full list of Community and Corporate Partners please visit [List of Partners](#)
If you would like to become a corporate partner, please contact [Amanda Neale-Robinson](#).

Rogers Raising the Grade

Rogers believes that every young person deserves the chance to reach their full potential. Rogers also believes that education is the key to helping young people realize this potential. This is why Rogers developed the Rogers Youth Fund.

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The Rogers Youth Fund initiative is a national program designed to provide basic academic support (literacy, numeracy, and languages), tools and resources needed to excel both inside and outside the classroom. It is dedicated to helping Canada's youth overcome the barriers they face in getting the most out of their education, particularly those who are at risk due to poverty, isolation, being new to Canada, or who face challenges at home.

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In association with Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada – Rogers Raising the Grade

With the support of the Rogers Youth Fund, Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada will deliver a new multi-faceted education program called Rogers Raising the Grade, aimed at increasing academic skills, high school graduation rates and access to post-secondary education for at-risk youth from a select group of Boys and Girls Clubs across the country, Toronto Kiwanis Boys & Girls Clubs are pleased to be part of the program in its inaugural year.

Rogers Raising the Grade will provide our youth with the skills, tools and opportunities necessary to excel academically and secure their future success as productive, independent and contributing members of society. It is an interactive after-school program that allows youth to explore their personal interests, receive homework support, connect with mentors and/or tutors, interact with peers, increase their digital literacy and plan for post-secondary education. www.raisingthegrade.ca

Rogers Raising the Grade Technology Centre

Toronto Kiwanis Boys & Girls Clubs is proud to be working with BGCC and Rogers on this important program.



Rogers Raising the Grade technology centres The Rogers Raising the Grade Technology Centres will provide youth with a designated space delivering access to high-speed Internet and current technology including computers and other electronic resources to support learning. They offer a positive, collaborative environment in which youth feel comfortable and engaged. Each participating Club will have specific times during the week when only Rogers Raising the Grade participants will have access. Outside of the program hours, all other Club members will have the opportunity to use the Rogers Raising the Grade Technology Centres.

About Rogers Youth Fund: The Rogers Youth Fund initiative is a national program that helps youth overcome education challenges and excel in the classroom and beyond. The Rogers Youth Fund is currently working with 16 local charities as well as Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada nationally. For more information, visit www.rogersyouthfund.com

Toronto Kiwanis Boys & Girls Clubs History

- 1921 The Kiwanis Club of Toronto founded its first Boys & Girls Clubs in 1921
- 1932 A Kiwanian, T.P. Loblaw, established a trust fund for the Toronto Kiwanis Boys & Girls Clubs
- 1936 The Gerrard Boys & Girls Club opened and in 1939 the building Gerrard is housed in was acquired by Kiwanis, and its facilities rented to the Boys & Girls Clubs
- 1942 The Summerhill Boys & Girls Club opened
- 1943 The Girls K Club at Trinity Park opened
- 1944 The Police K Club opened
- 1945 The Midtown K Club opened
- 1955 The Police K Club closes because the building was demolished
- 1956 The Trinity K Club closes because the building was condemned
- 1957 The Parkdale K Club opened
- 1967 The Summerhill K Club closes
- 1984 The George Rigg scholarships established to assist children to purchase back to school supplies
- 1988 The Parkdale Club closed
- 1992 Toronto Kiwanis Boys & Girls Clubs incorporated as a not-for profit Charitable organization separate from the Kiwanis Club of Toronto
- 1995 The new community Board of Directors assumes responsibility for the Club's operating budget of \$800,000
- 1996 The Kiwanis Club of Toronto's 75th Anniversary in Boys and Girls work
- 1997 The First former member elected to the Board

- 2000 The Midtown changes name to T.P. Loblaw
- 2001 The United Way funds service expansion in Regent Park
- 2003 Toronto Kiwanis Boys & Girls Clubs becomes a full United Way member agency
- 2007 The TP Loblaw Club is moved from 68A Claremont to 20 Portugal Square
- 2009 The Club receives \$500,000 in funding from MHP and opens six new sites in Regent Park
- 2010 The Club undertakes a \$7,500,000 Capital Campaign to renovate the 101 Spruce Street location
- 2012 The Toronto Kiwanis Boys & Girls Clubs Miles & Kelly Nadal Youth Centre hosts its Grand Re-Opening (January 26, 2012)
- 2013 The TP Loblaw Club introduces the Club's first-ever full day learning opportunities

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