

Making Hamilton the Best Place to Raise a Child

Growing Roots... Strengthening Neighbourhoods



The Dragons Zone, an after school program at St. Brigid's School administered by parents and run by teens for 4 to 8 year old children from the neighbourhood. An example of one of the over 70 projects supported to date by:



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Early Successes

- Over 70 projects supported to date.
- Hundreds of residents have taken part in discovering the strengths that exist in their neighbourhood, identifying the challenges, prioritizing those challenges, developing plans to address a challenge, resourcing the plan with the strengths that exist, implementing the plan and evaluating the results. Thousands have attended or benefited from their efforts.
- Parks are now safer and more welcoming (Hundreds of children benefit from this effort each and every day).
- Areas are now more attractive.
- Residents are becoming more involved in positive things in their neighbourhoods.
- More parents are involved in their children's schools.
- Neighbourhood Associations are emerging focusing on the strengths not the challenges.
- Bringing four neighbourhoods that get far more publicity for their challenges together to focus on their assets and build their future based on those strengths.

Community Partners

Beasley neighbourhood
Landsdale neighbourhood
McQuesten East neighbourhood
McQuesten West neighbourhood

Poverty Reduction Strategy

- Neighbourhood Outreach and Development.
- Leadership Development.
- Small Grants to help make projects happen.
- Program Planning, Development and Evaluation.



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