

An Overview of the Let Them Be Kids Initiative

The Let Them Be Kids Initiative is a first-of-its-kind, nationwide program that helps communities build playgrounds in areas of need, while also building community capacity amongst citizens and laying a strong foundation for a brighter tomorrow.

In 2006, communities across Canada have been chosen to participate in LTBK. Selected communities receive matching grants allowing them to hold a multi-day Let Them Be Kids initiative, which includes workshops, programs and a community wide rally and, in the final day... culminates with the construction of a new playground, through the “community build” method, which reinforces what people can do when they unite in a common effort.

The multi-day event is sure to help make positive and lasting improvement in individuals, neighborhoods and communities across Canada.

So join us as we not only build playgrounds, but more importantly, our communities and our future!



Our National Partners

An initiative of this magnitude would not be possible without the ongoing and extensive support of national partners. We can not overstate our gratitude for their support.



The Emmanuel Foundation

We believe the life and the potential of a child born in one place is just as valuable as that in another no matter what the financial circumstances might be.



The Changing Point

TCPC is a recognized force for improving lives, through volunteer and philanthropic involvement in community-based projects.



Little Tikes

We continually observe kids and their changing environment to develop new products. Together, we will build playgrounds that define the future.



Canadian Parks and Recreation Association

We position parks and recreation as essential to individual, family and community health and well-being.



Centre for Community Leadership

As a self-sustaining unit at Niagara College, the Centre provides support and services to the voluntary sector.

LET THEM BE KIDS

National Initiative

Building Playgrounds, Communities and Our Future

coming to the
Durham Region
June 8-10, 2006



*We believe every individual,
every neighborhood and
every community is one idea,
one voice, one action – one
person – away from being better
tomorrow than it was yesterday.
You can be that one person!*

For more information go to
www.ltbk.org/durham.htm

LET THEM BE KIDS

Three Days of Equipping Ourselves and Improving Our Community

Day One: Thursday, June 8

Pre-Event Activities

- **CEO University for Youth**

University of Ontario Institute of Technology
for High School Age Youth and Their Leaders
Session 1: 9AM - 12PM
Session 2: 1PM - 4PM

- **Faith-Based Program**

“Building Communities Nehemiah’s Way”

7PM-9PM Simcoe St. Church, 66 Simcoe St. South, Oshawa

Day Two: Friday, June 9

Coordinated Events Across the Region

- **Business Leaders Breakfast**

7:30AM -9AM; Oshawa Golf Club
“Building World Class Communities...
Focusing on the Triple Bottom Line”

- **Public Leaders Summit**

9:30AM -1PM; Oshawa Golf Club
for elected officials and public leaders

- **“Everybody Gets to Play” Seminar**

University of Ontario Institute of Technology
9:30AM -12:30PM
for park and recreation professionals

- **Emerging Leaders Workshop**

University of Ontario Institute of Technology
1PM - 4PM
for “up and coming” leaders from all sectors

- **“World Class Service Builds**

World Class Communities” Seminar
University of Ontario Institute of Technology
2PM - 5PM
for employees of Gov & social service agencies

- **“The Power of One” Community Rally**

7PM - 10PM; Jubilee Pavillion, 55 Lakeview Park, Oshawa
open to all and free to the public

Community Playground Build

Day 3 – Saturday, June 10th

7AM Check-in, Work at 8AM

While the playground site is located in the City of Oshawa’s Radio Park, we view this initiative as a Durham-wide project that will contribute to a safe, healthy and caring community.



Radio Park is located just west of downtown Oshawa and just south of Highway 2 or King Street in Oshawa. Approximately five years ago the playground equipment was removed from this park because of vandalism. The new play area will be in a highly visible location, open, and inviting. June 10th will mark a very special day for the community to re-establish a playground for the children to play. What was once a fairly transient area, many of the local apartments are now occupied with families of young children who will no doubt welcome the opportunity to play in their own neighborhood.

**The playground build will be held at Radio Park.
Grounds open at 7AM, work begins at 8AM.
For more information and to register,
call 905-668-4113 Ext 2842.**

Stated Outcomes

Each activity has been shaped by months of planning with community partners and local leaders to ensure that the events and messages are all focused on achieving tangible outcomes.

- Catalyst for ongoing community activities
- Promoting crime prevention through environmental design
- Building Durham Region as a world-class community
- Creating ongoing partnership opportunities

For a full schedule and a complete description of the week’s activities go to www.ltbk.org/durham.htm

Our Local Partners

“Let Them Be Kids Across Durham Region” is the collaborative effort of five local organizations. To learn more about the vision and strategic plans of our partners, we invite you to visit their web sites.



City of Oshawa
www.oshawa.ca



Durham Community Foundation
www.cfc-fcc.ca/durham



Durham Regional Police Services
www.police.durham.on.ca



Social Services Department
www.region.durham.on.ca



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