



Everybody Belongs Together

All people belong and our communities are stronger when all members are included.





Extend-A-Family is a Toronto-wide community organization that seeks diverse opportunities wherein a variety of mutually valued relationships may flourish between individuals with a disability and others in their communities.





Extend-A-Family works in the community to facilitate the building of relationships between individuals who have disabilities and other members of the community. We foster public awareness of the gifts and contributions that people with disabilities bring to our communities.

The core work of Extend-A-Family is about relationship. Our relationships keep us safe and bring meaning and a sense of belonging into our lives. Through relationship we often give most deeply of ourselves; however, most people with disabilities have fewer personal relationships in their lives. It is not uncommon for people in our society to see the disability instead of the person and this prevents relationships from happening in natural ways. This is a loss to both the person with a disability and a community who has not come to know the individual's gifts and contributions.

Extend-A-Family is a not-for-profit, charitable organization, founded in 1976, governed by a volunteer Board of Directors comprised of parents of children with disabilities, self advocates and community members.



Coordinators help facilitate opportunities to:

Connect with people, to share activities and interests

- same age peers
 - families
 - mutually valued relationships
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Connect with a group or club, to participate and contribute

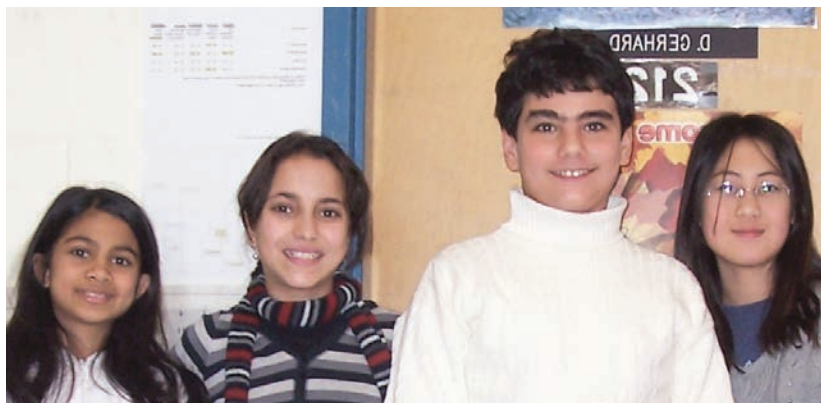
- Brownies, Scouts and other youth groups
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Connect in school settings, to belong and have fun

- friendship circles
 - peer friendships
 - interest based clubs
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Connect with community life, to be active and involved in community

- support circles
- volunteering
- work
- faith groups
- leisure and recreation



Other Opportunities

Extend-A-Family offers opportunities to individuals, families and the community.

- workshops

- speakers

- education

- community outreach

- networking

- resources



How to Get Involved

Are you a family with a child 18 years or under who has a disability?

Are you a family or community member who is interested in getting to know, share interests and time with a child or youth with a disability?

We encourage you to contact Extend-A-Family directly for more information and an application package. A Coordinator will visit the family to become better acquainted with your son or daughter and explore the possibilities.

Extend-A-Family welcomes families to be an active partner in developing these opportunities.



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