

FAMILY PRIDE NEWSLETTER



February 2014

What was Family Pride 2013 like for your family?

We want to hear from you!

Please take the time to fill out our online survey about your family's experience of last year's event. Your input helps us to improve Family Pride for all!

The survey can be found at: <http://bit.ly/familypridesurvey>

Alternatively, please contact the Family Pride Team for a different format of the survey. We look forward to hearing from you!

Our Community Partners from Family Pride 2013!

Ten Oaks Project: The Ten Oaks Project is a charitable, volunteer-driven organization based in Ottawa that engages and connects children and youth from LGBTQ communities through programs and activities rooted in play. Last year they provided a craft at their table.

Sherbourne Health Unit and 519 Community Centre:

These participants provided a craft and colouring pages at their booths. Andy Inkster from the LGBT Parenting Programs at Sherbourne Health and Chris Veldhoven from the Queer Parenting Programs at the 519 Community Centre provided excellent guidance and support for the weekend. The 519 Community Centre also holds their own Family Pride Party the week before Pride, which allowed us to advertise our upcoming festival.

Ontario Science Centre: The Ontario Science Centre, who has participated in previous years, set-up an interactive display with the human skeleton, race tracks and other fun games for the children to play and learn with. Vishnu Ramcharan who organizes community engagement activi-

ties with the science centre was a fantastic help to us with CPR's and generating ideas for the weekend.

Paper Kite Children's Foundation: Provided a craft table (KITES) on Saturday, June 29. These first-time participants in Family Pride enjoyed their weekend and indicated that they would support us again in 2014.

The Hospital for Sick Children: The Hospital for Sick Children reached out to us in May and were excited to participate with us last year. They did some very quick planning and pulled their team together to create one of the most popular booths during the festival. The Hospital for Sick Children provided interactive games that focused on health on laptop computers, as well as a therapeutic clown. The most popular event in their area was the "Teddy Bear Clinic", where children were provided with their own teddy bear that they got to take home. The clinic focused on teaching children what would happen if they were to come into the hospital (for example, x-rays and needles). They are very eager to plan for their participation in 2014.

Family Resource Corner

Visit these links for informative and fun activities and resources for the whole family!

- Tons of great local and wider-scale programs and articles to inspire and inform, together on one interest page:

<http://www.pinterest.com/andyinkster/resources-for-queer-families/>

- A great list of LGBT/queer parenting blogs:

<http://www.circleofmoms.com/top25/LGBT-parent>

- Resources for children of LGBT/queer parents:

<http://www.colage.org/resources/>

Contact Us

Comments? Concerns? Suggestions? Questions? Ideas for future newsletters? We would love to hear from you.

Here's how to get in touch:

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Via email: family@pridetoronto.com

Our website: <http://worldpridetoronto.com/festival/family-pride>

Would you like to join the Family Pride Team?

We are looking for Team Members!

Please contact the Family Pride Team (see Contact box) for more details.

Stay tuned to future issues for content from our community partners!

