



## A Fun-Filled BBQ

This year's annual volunteer appreciation event took place at Confederation Park on August 28th with 100 program participants in attendance. Joyce, our SFU Co-op student, did an amazing job organizing the event supported by Veronica, Lauren, Kevin and many day of the event volunteers. Daytime activities included face painting, bubbles, a Yoga demonstration, three legged races, a bean bag toss and of course a Piñata for the children.



Racing Together



Special Announcements

The event was an opportunity for attendees to get to know other families and volunteers involved with our programs. We thank everyone who shared the special day with us.

Please give us your feedback by filling out this brief survey found here:  
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QBQT3YB>.  
We endeavor to continuously improve our events.

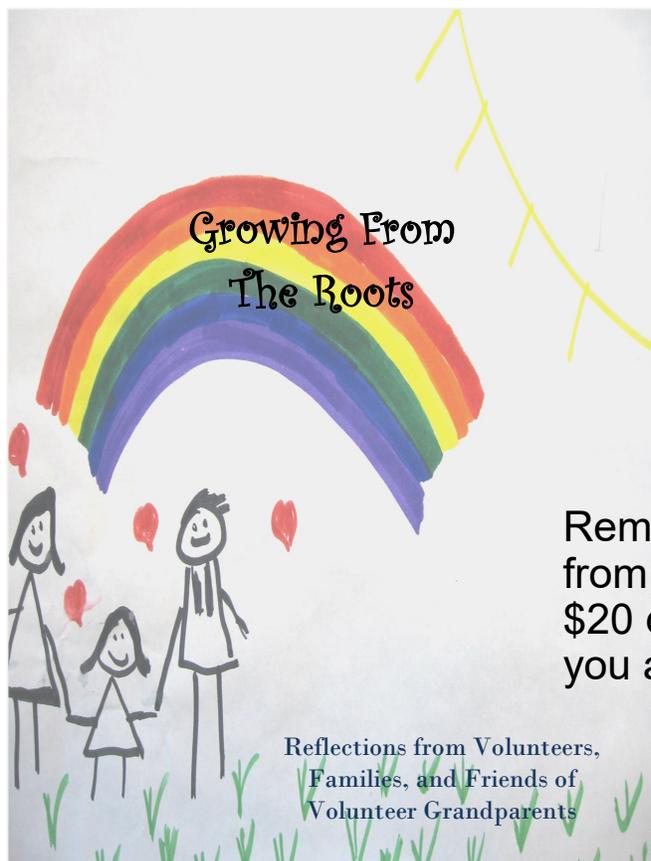


Yoga Demonstration by Debbie Dawkins—  
Heart Centre Yoga



Face Painting– You look wonderful Hanna!

### Something to Share with Loved Ones...



Reminder: The Second Edition of Growing from the Roots is available for a minimum \$20 donation. Reserve your copy now if you are interested!

### Thank you to our Event Supporters:

- Brentwood Mall
- Capilano Suspension Bridge
- Chevron
- Choices
- Community Savings Credit Union
- DAVIDs TEA
- Ed's Linens
- Empire Theatres
- Greater Van Zoo
- GVC Credit Union
- Heart Centre Yoga
- Metrotown
- Purdy's Chocolates
- Sweet Factory

Without your support, our event would not have been such a success.

### Final Thoughts from Lauren...

I feel so fortunate to have had my first Co-op term with Volunteer Grandparents as the Outreach/Education Assistant. My biggest task this summer was reprinting a second edition of our legacy book *Growing From the Roots*. I really enjoyed interviewing, writing and hearing program participant's stories, and getting to know more about Volunteer Grandparents from the participant's point of view. I also held the 2011 PNE/Playland Contest, promoted Volunteer Grandparents through the media, and distributed tickets through our partnership with Kids Up Front. Overall it has been a challenging summer that has just flown by!



### Final Thoughts from Joyce...

I have had an amazing time working for Volunteer Grandparents. The summer has gone by in no time at all, but I have enjoyed every moment spent here. During my work term, I was in charge of planning the annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic. This included applying for sponsorships and donations, as well as organizing activities for the event. The picnic was on August 28, and I was very happy with the way things turned out. Thankfully it was a beautiful day without a cloud in the sky, and lots of people attended. Working for Volunteer Grandparents has given me so many valuable experiences and has been extremely rewarding as well. I really enjoyed meeting and interacting with all the people involved with the programs. I wish everyone involved with Volunteer Grandparents the best!



# Unwrapped!

A Charitable Night  
of Shopping



On Tuesday, November 22 2011, from 7:00- 10:30 pm **Coquitlam Centre** is very excited to be holding their third annual community initiative “Unwrapped – A Charitable Night of Shopping” – a fundraising event “fashioned” to be a community and holiday tradition. Unwrapped is a one night, three-and-a-half-hour-long shopping, entertaining, food and wine tasting, prize-laden extravaganza. Entrance to the event is limited to a specific number of ticket-holders who can only purchase their tickets from select, registered not-for-profit groups like Volunteer Grandparents!

**Tickets are \$10.00 each and 100% of all sale proceeds** go to the ticket seller’s registered not-for-profit group: [Volunteer Grandparents.](#)

During this three-and-a-half-hour-long event, patrons will take advantage of one-night-only special discounts and promotions from participating retailers, get a sneak-peek at hot winter fashion trends, festive musical entertainment, indulge in savouries, sweets and wine tastings from local area restaurants and wineries, have a chance to win one of the fabulous hourly prizes, gift baskets and gift certificates, and be amazed and enchanted throughout the night! Unwrapped will be a shopper’s paradise, a fun-filled night-out and most importantly, a community gathering like no other!

\*This is an event for adults only. Nobody under the age of 19 will be permitted to attend.

**If you would like to purchase a ticket for this event please call Veronica: 604-736-8271.**



**Additionally, if you would like to help sell tickets to your friends and work colleagues please let us know. Remember, 100% of the proceeds will go to Volunteer Grandparents!**

## Interesting Links:

I2i Intergenerational Society has been created by educators, health care workers, older adults, community, youth and parents, to promote intergenerational programs and learning opportunities, and to assist in developing rich and sustainable connections between generations. The 'i2i' is an abbreviation of their purpose, an 'invitation' (i) to intergenerational immersion (2i).  
<http://www.intergenerational.ca/>

Little Miss Gumdrop Pageant  
(This year they are having a Grammy Division)  
For more information please visit their website:  
[www.littlemissgumdrop.com](http://www.littlemissgumdrop.com)

For some grandparenting tips you can visit the following sites:  
<http://helpguide.org/mental/grandparenting.htm>  
<http://grandparentstlc.com/blog/category/grandparenting/>

A reminder to spread the word about our organization. We are seeking kind and loving grandparents for many waiting families in the Lower Mainland. Phone us in order to find out how you can get involved: 604-736-8271. Please tell a friend!