

Aloha! On July 27th, 2019 we held our **13th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic** at Confederation Park. This event is dedicated to recognize the invaluable time and effort that our wonderful program attendees and volunteers have contributed. We decided to celebrate another year of successful program delivery with a Hawaiian theme and thus had the pleasure of inviting the talented ladies from **Waialele Wai Wai** to perform their traditional hula dance at our picnic! They delivered an outstanding performance and seamlessly engaged our attendees to follow along with their beautiful dances.

Our picnic would not have been the success it was without the support from our community partners such as Panago Pizza, Fresh Direct Produce Ltd., and Costco. This cherished day gives families and volunteers the chance to get together and celebrate yet another year of bridging and enriching generations. We're thankful for everyone who came out to celebrate with us and more importantly for their ongoing support and participation in the program! We look forward to continuing to bridge and enrich generations for many years to come.



**Thanks for a wonderful, fulfilling first Co-op experience, from Cindy...**

"It has been a truly rewarding and fun experience working at Volunteer Grandparents this summer. Overall, this work experience has been a great opportunity for me to develop many important skills and it has been an honour to plan the picnic that brings all the program volunteers and families together. It was my pleasure to work for an organization that makes such a positive impact on so many individuals' lives. I am grateful to have been given the chance to personally interview some volunteers and families and to learn more about their positive experiences in the Family Match Program. Thank you to all the amazing individuals I worked with this summer for their kind support and guidance!