



Bridging Generations

Winter 2011

www.volunteergrandparents.ca



Program Updates:

We currently have 21 families waiting for a caring volunteer grandparent to bring a special intergenerational dynamic into their lives. Please be an ambassador for us and tell a friend about our programs. Some families have been waiting for years for a volunteer. Let's come together and match these patient families to a loving volunteer!

Here is a reminder of the qualities we are seeking in our **volunteers**:

- ◇ Over the age of 50
- ◇ Stable and reliable
- ◇ Caring and patient with children
- ◇ Able to commit 2-4 hours/week for a minimum of one year
- ◇ Complete the screening and orientation process

Contact Veronica Grossi for any program questions: 604-736-8271

With Thanks...

I would like to thank all the families and volunteers who chose to complete the program evaluation survey. I will consolidate the feedback and try to implement as many suggestions as possible. Thank you!

Please let me know if you are interested in submitting information to be used in our newsletter. Submissions can be emailed to me at vgrossi@volunteergrandparents.ca

We have had some amazing ticket opportunities through Kids Up Front. I would like to thank all the children who have created lovely thank you cards for the ticket donors. On the next page we have described some of the highlights.

***A reminder that our office will be closed the last two weeks in December.



Happy Holiday Wishes to all of our wonderful volunteers, families and Board Members and a Happy New Year!

Bridging and enriching generations since 1973

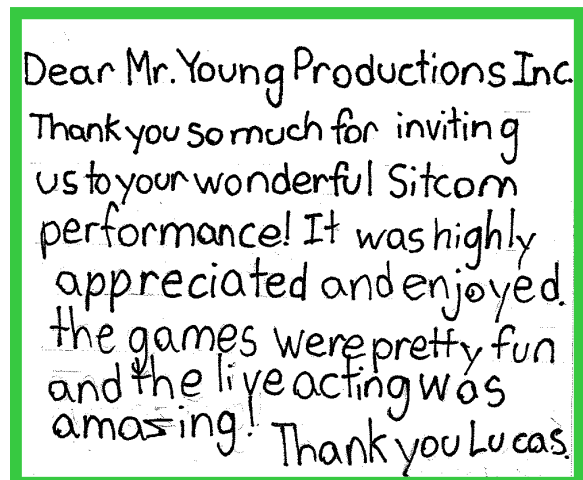
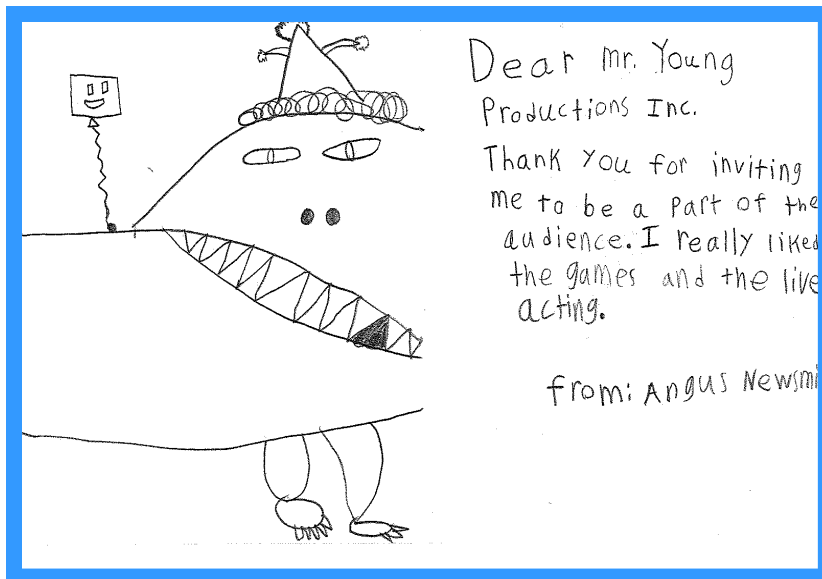


Highlights from KUF



Our partnership with Kids Up Front has been a huge success. It has given our program participants an opportunity to attend different sporting events, concerts and arts experiences throughout the Lower Mainland. To date we have received **137 tickets** at a total value of **\$3, 820.25** in 2011.

One of the program partnership guidelines is that the recipient of the tickets submits a thank you card after the event thanking the donor. Below are examples of some thank you cards that have been submitted.



The following are some free or low cost activities that are occurring in the next few weeks leading up to Christmas,

8th Annual Rogers Santa Claus Parade

Sunday, December 4, 2011 1:00pM

[Www.rogerssantaclausparade.com](http://www.rogerssantaclausparade.com)

Vancouver Christmas Market:

November 24 - December 24, 2011 ~ 11AM - 9PM

Cost - \$2.00 per child

- \$5.00 per adult

Where: Queen Elizabeth Theatre Plaza downtown Vancouver

9th Annual Santa Claus Parade

November 26 & 27, 2011 ~ 1-4PM

Where: Edmonds & Canada Way, Burnaby

Join us along Edmonds Street for the parade. Afterward visit Santa and enjoy hot dogs, hot chocolate, crafts, games and more!

Where: Burnaby, along Edmonds & Canada Way

Burnaby Village Museum Heritage Christmas:

November 26 - Jan 1, 2011 ~ 12PM - 4:30pm

Free!

Where: Burnaby Village Museum - 6501 Deer Lake Parkway, Burnaby

Explore the living 1920's village during a magical time as the Burnaby Village Museum is once again transformed into the Heritage Christmas. Walk the decorated streets of the village and interact with costumed folk as you take in seasonal favourites: a visit with Father Christmas or a ride on the vintage carousel.

There are so many great things happening right now in our community. Please enjoy the festive season! Warmest holiday wishes!



We acknowledge the financial assistance of the Province of British

Columbia's [Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch](#).