

# Bridging Generations Newsletter



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## Program Update

The spring and summer sunshine brings renewed energy and new beginnings. Please reach out to us if you are interested in getting involved in our Volunteer Grandparent Programs. We are currently recruiting wonderful senior volunteers and accepting new families into our Family Match Program. We are also reaching out to our community volunteers for support in our Letters To Seniors Program.

## Join the Volunteer Grandparents Family Match Program



## Become a Volunteer Grandparent

Do you have 2-4 hours a week to share with a child? If so, why not become a Volunteer Grandparent?! Reach out to us to learn how. Phone Volunteer Grandparents 604-736-8271 [info@volunteergrandparents.ca](mailto:info@volunteergrandparents.ca)



## Letters To Seniors- Christmas in July

It's the most wonderful time of the year! We have already begun collecting Christmas/Holiday cards that will be distributed to isolated seniors in December, but we need your help!



Last year, we could not provide cards to everyone that made a request. Our goal this year is to collect and share **1000 cards!** You can help us reach our goal by mailing in a kind message, letter, or Christmas, Chanukah, or Kwanzaa card for a senior!



## Participant Spotlight



We've been interviewing participants from our programs to see what they love about VG! Here is what one of our Letters to Seniors participants, **Myrna**, had to say...

### **Why did you apply to be in the Letters to Seniors program?**

"I was curious about the activities Volunteer Grandparents offers [...] I was so ecstatic because it's about pen pal writing. It reminds me of the good old days (internet was not a thing then)."

### **What did you and your pen pal bond over?**

"[We] like to read books and play chess. We instantly reply to our letters."

### **How has your involvement in this program made an impact on your daily life?**

"[It is] a chance to explore and be involved in today's generation. It made me realize that adults like me should be aware of what is going on in the minds of [today's] youth."

**Watch our social media for the next few months to see more interviews from our amazing participants in the Letters to Seniors and Family Match programs!**



## Mid-Summer Recap

Any family enrolled in our **Family Match Program** who considers themselves low-income can request free entertainment tickets through our **Kids Up Front** partnership. Contact us for more details!

### **Participant Review of Event: Vancouver International Children's Festival**

"It was my daughter's first trip to Granville Island where the Children Festival was hosted. It was very busy and that was part of the fun.

My daughter enjoyed dancing on the stage at one of the shows and exploring all the stations at the activity village. The face make-up tent was certainly the highlight of the day. A very sweet volunteer patiently transformed my daughter into a lion. Later on, my daughter refused to wash her face and insisted on spending the whole weekend with her lion's face!"



### **Some very sad news...**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Mr. Paul Florio in April 2022. His contributions to our organization were immense. By generously creating the Florio Bursary, they enabled children in our community to take part in activities such as piano lessons, ski classes, horseback riding lessons and special camps over the last 20 years. We extend our thoughts and prayers to Paul's family and friends.

If you would like to extend condolences to his family please visit [Dignity Memorial](#).