

# SPENCE NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2020

## SNA BY THE NUMBERS

Kits for kids 6-11 April - 32

May - 100

Total kits = 132

Kits for Youth 12-18

March - 1

April - 84

May - 155

Total kits = 240

Kits for 55+

April - 65

May - 150

Total kits = 215

**TOTAL = 587** 

the gifts we have been able to share vith the community

We are so proud of

with the community during this difficult time and wanted to

share this with you!

Great work SNA Teams and a huge thank you to all those

who donated to make this possible!!

Meals (Youth & Family)

March - 114

**April - 579** 

May - 773

Total Meals = 1466

**Food Boxes** 

March -20

April - 57

May - 73

Total Food Boxes = 150

Meals (WE24) - At Hotel

March - 189

**April - 611** 

May - 547

**Total Meals = 1347** 

Meals (WE24) - At MERC

March - 305

**April - 802** 

May - 1025

**Total Meals = 2132** 

**TOTAL = 5095** 

**Housing Resources = 22** 

Youth at Hotel = 24 Youth Housed from Hotel = 13

Online workshops = 8 Viewed by: 3430+

Cultural online videos = 2 Viewed by: 800+ **Bikes Distributed = 37** 

Playlists Made = 3 Playlist Followers = 25

Youth Employment
Services Provided = 54
"Work from Home"
Program Participants = 4
Certificate Courses offered = 6
Online Resources = 3
Online Recipes = 10

Sports Equipment Distributed = 108

Seed Starting Kits
Distributed = 28

Online Activity &
Coloring Booklets = 13

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INDIGENOUS, AND PERSONS OF COLOUR IDENTIFYING COUNSELLORS, THERAPISTS. AND MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS

**July 2020** 

#### WANT TO BE ADDED?

EMAIL: CHANCE@SPENCENEIGHBOURHOOD.ORG CALL/TEXT: (204) 451-2455

\*List updated the 1st of every month

"Join our neighbourhood scavenger hunt to win prizes, meet friends, and learn about activism in the Spence community











CENTRAL https://cnwpg.org/making-magic-may

**Harm Reduction 101** Learn about harm reduction practices, demystify substances, and supporting friends, family and loved ones with substance use. Join us on Facebook Live on July 2, 2020 Tune into our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cnwpg

### DONATIONS NEEDED THANK YOU!

**SNA Sports** - Sports Equipment (New or Gently Used) WE24 - Household Items, Meal Train BB, Newcomer/Youth - Crafts & Activities for Children & Youth

All donations can be dropped off at 430 Langside (MERC)

### **Mail Pick Up** 430 Langside (MERC) **Monday - Friday** 4 - 6 pm

#### **Spence Neighbourhood Association (SNA):**

**615 Ellice Avenue** (Head Office):

Community Connecting, Environment & Open Spaces, Finance, Homeless Outreach, & Housing.

430 Langside Street (Magnus Eliason Recreation Centre - MERC):

Building Belonging, Children, Newcomer Youth Outreach, West End 24 Hour Safe Space, & Youth Drop-In.

365 McGee Street (West End Commons):

First Jobs 4 Youth, Wahkohtowin Strengthening Families Program, Homework Club, & Youth Crew.

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231 Isabel Street (Central Neighbourhoods):

Gang Action Interagency Network (GAIN)

350 Spence Street (Axworthy Health & RecPlex):

Community Sports Program

Phone: 204-783-5000 | Email: liaison@spenceneighbourhood.org | Website: www.spenceneighbourhood.org

#### **CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS**

Building Belonging

Watch online for our re-opening date for modified structured programming with a meal for kids ages 6-12 that brings us outdoors and encourages social distancing! Our Summer Program in July and August will run Monday to Friday 12 - 4 pm, with safe walk available 11 - 12 am and 4 - 5 pm. Summer Program registration forms are available at the M.E.R.C (430 Langside St.) or online. Contact us at buildingbelonging@spenceneighbourhood.org Families in the Spence neighbourhood can register to receive weekly activity packages delivered until programming starts up again. Packages include an art activity, colouring supplies and donated books, games and sports equipment.

**Newcomer/Youth Program** 

Our youth drop in program will keep delivering anti-boredom packages every Friday while we work hard on planning a fun and safe summer for all. Youth packages normally contain the materials to develop an art/crafts activity, sports equipment, as well as some exercises for self reflection and well being. We also have prizes every week, so if you are a youth between 12-17 years old and want to get a package you can contact Carolina at newcomer@spenceneighbourhood.org or through our facebook: Spence Merc. We are here to support you!

**Community Sports Program** 

Sport just had our first successful virtual Zumba class instructed by one of our lovely SNA staff. We are looking to explore more virtual classes as well as no contact sports such as golf, tennis, badminton etc. Preparations are still in the works. We are exploring our partnership with Sport Mb to gain instructors for the no contact sports. Also, we continue to give away sport equipment. Physical Activity Videos - Mondays or Fridays

Posted on Youtube & Facebook
Daily Facebook Posts on Active Living
<u>Equipment Giveaways</u>
Monday - Friday
10:30 am - 1 pm
4:30 pm - 6 pm
430 Langside - MERC

**Community Door Service** 

Monday - Friday 10:30 am - 1 pm Bagged snack and hygiene supplies 430 Langisde - MERC

First Jobs for Youth

This summer's program will look different from other years. We will be doing interviews by phone or video conference in mid to late June and hiring 10 youth for the summer. In July the program will be using the newly developed "Work from Home" model. With the possibility of some onsite work, in August if it can be done safely in small groups at that time. We are also planning on running a fall session with 10 older youth.

Spence Neighbourhood Association offices are closed on national and provincial holidays.

#### MORE WAYS TO ENGAGE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

WE24 Overnight Safe Space
Celebrated 4th Year Anniversary June 16, 2020
Monday - Sunday
10:00 pm - 11:30 pm
Bagged-to-Go Meals
Limited Washroom Accessibility
430 Langside - MERC

#### Wahkohtowin Strengthening Families Program

Wahkohtowin is in its 12th session of the program with 4 families currently registered. We have plans to spend the summer months exploring topics such as communication, LUV-listening, and problem solving. In addition to the curriculum, the program works from a holistic perspective where families will be encouraged to connect with mentors weekly for 1-on-1 mentorship opportunities, support accessing resources, and weekly meal/grocery drop offs. We are also pleased to announce that we recently partnered with Ogichidaa Arts Woven Masters who will be coordinating the Sakihiwe festival, which is a free online indigenous cultural program. The festival consists of a series of cultural workshops hosted by various members within the community, which families have been invited to tune in and participate in throughout the month of June. The program will conclude with an online graduation ceremony where families' hard work and commitment to the program will be acknowledged and celebrated." As we head into the fall, we will begin recruiting for Session 13. Please feel free to contact our site manager Seth at (204) 471-0940 if you have any questions, are interested in registering for the next session, or if you would like to refer a family.

During door service hours community members in the Spence Neighbourhood can make their way to 430 Langside St for resources such as snacks or a lunch and hygiene products.

10:30 am - 2 pm - Snacks and other resources are handed out.

2 pm -6 pm - Lunch is available (usually a sandwich, juice box, granola bar, fruit)

4 pm - 6 pm - Mail pick up

Also accepting donations such as toys, sport equipment, hygiene.



#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Holistic Housing Committee Postponed |5:30 - 7PM|615 Ellice Contact: Housing Coordinator at 204-783-5000 ext.105 housing@spenceneighbourhood.org

Community Connecting Committee Postponed | 5:30 - 7PM | 615 Ellice Contact: Community Connector at 204-783-5000 ext. 106 or safety@spenceneighbourhood.org **CED Committee** 

Postponed | 5:30 - 7:30PM | 365 McGee Contact: Youth Employment Hub Coordinator at 204-783-5000 ext.115 or firstjobs@spenceneighbourhood.org

Youth & Families Committee Postponed | 7 - 8:30PM | 430 Langside Contact: Youth Programs Manager at 204-783-5000 ext. 111 or mungala@spenceneighbourhood.org Environment and Open Spaces Committee Postponed | 6 - 7PM | 615 Ellice Contact: EOS Coordinator at 204-783-5000 ext. 102 or greenimage@spenceneighbourhood.org





Julie Hiebert & Mungala Donation of outdoor supplies from Wii Chiiwakanak Centre



Jennifer Chan donated Bikes and cleats to give away!



Some of the crew from WE24 and, of course, Bean!



Wrench donates bikes for community



Parisa letting everyone know when Door Service is at the MERC



Leslie delivering masks!



55+ Packages ready to go!!



Ana and donation from Telus



Community Clean Up



Carolina with a bunch of Anti-boredom Packages