

2012 IN REVIEW

Reflecting on 2012

Building Community



The year 2012 was busy and exciting. Did you know that over 4500 people visit the Family Centre in a year? Of those individuals, roughly 2500 are children and the rest are adults.

(And that figure does not include research students, faculty or practicum supervisors). In addition, each year Family Centre Staff and Volunteers welcome approximately 90 new families from all over the world to the University of Victoria community.

We hope you enjoy our special edition newsletter this month where we highlight some great moments from 2012. The Family Centre offers Programs for student families to connect and access community resources and for children to learn and play, as well as learning opportunities for research and practicum students. We look forward to continuing to build this important part of the UVic community.



Family Centre Events

Throughout the year the Family Centre hosts a series of community events. These events provide an opportunity to meet with members of the community, eat delicious food, enjoy crafts, and have some fun.



(Photos Left) Each April the Family Centre hosts the No Foolin' event. It is a free community event that celebrates the energy and diversity that families bring to campus life.



(Above) The End of Summer Potluck welcomes new families and marks the start of the school year.

(Below) In partnership with Campus Security the Family Centre has a Halloween hotdog roast.



UVic Celebrates: 2012 marked the 50th anniversary of the University of Victoria. As part of the celebrations taking place across campus, the Faculty of Human and Social Development and the Family Centre did a community parade. For the remainder of the day the Family Centre hosted an activity booth with crafts and face painting in the Island Savings Kid Zone.

Family Centre Programs

(Right) Pedagogical Narrations: The Family Centre partnered with the School of Child and Youth Care. One result of this research was the pilot playgroup “Studio Time” in which children explored various art mediums.



The Family Centre is for adults as much as it is for kids. In addition to providing opportunities for parents to connect, there are a host of adult programs including Make and Take, a book club, a choir led by Lina Guo and ongoing parenting courses.



(Left) Nature Appreciation: The Family Centre is working with the School of Child and Youth Care to bring ‘Nature’ into the Family Centre. We will be exploring how families and children connect with nature and we will further incorporate the natural world into programs and events.



Kids at play during the Family Centre After School Program.



Grateful Recipient of the GIFT Program

In 2012, the UVic Family Centre was a recipient of the Island Savings Growing Island Families Together (GIFT) Program. The funding will be distributed over three years and will enhance the Early Childhood Programming at the Family Centre.

Practicum and Work Study Students



Each year the Family Centre partners with the Schools of Child and Youth Care, Social Work and Nursing to offer students work experience. Many thanks to our

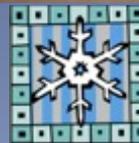
practicum students of 2012: Nadeema, Laura, Sasha, Linda and Ciara.

Many Thanks!!

Our programs and special events are not possible without the help and donations of many. Thank you to all who supported and partnered with us in 2012 including:

- The Department of Human and Social Development
- Family Centre Advisory Committee
- Our wonderful volunteers and practicum students - especially Kathleen Woods, Lina Guo and Angela Wood
- UVic Housing Office and Campus Security
- UVic Corporate Relations
- Garth Homer Society
- Peppers Food, Thrifty Foods, Ali Baba Pizza, Pepsi, Old Dutch and Starbucks
- Saanich Fire and Police Departments

Family Centre Staff and Advisory Committee



Staff and Family Centre Advisory Committee Members at the Winter Celebration.

Family Centre Volunteers



A **special thank you** to our volunteers. Each year volunteers contribute over **500 hours** to support Family Centre services.

Family Centre Weekly Programs

Monday – Make and Take	7:00-9:00pm
Tuesday – Music and Movement Playgroup	10:00am-12noon
Wednesday – Under 5 Playgroup	10:00am-12noon
Wednesday – Afterschool Program	3:30-5:00pm
Friday – Under 5 Playgroup	10:00am-12noon

In addition to weekly programs, the Family Centre is open from 9:30-3:00pm every Tuesday and Wednesday. For more information contact the Family Centre through Facebook or by email at familyc@uvic.ca.

