



Peel Children's
Charter of Rights



For immediate release

MEDIA ADVISORY: Success By 6 Peel celebrates Family Day at the Teen Prenatal Supper Club

Brampton – In honour of Family Day, Success By 6 Peel will be making a special gift presentation of a toy and a copy of the Peel Children's Charter of Rights to the young mothers and pregnant teens at the Teen Prenatal Supper Club.

Media Event (photo-op-video-op)

What: In honour of Family Day and Children's Right to Basic Needs, Success By 6 Peel will make a special delivery to young moms at a Teen Prenatal Supper Club in Brampton. The program is offered through the Best Start Health Coalition in Peel in partnership with Peel Public Health and the Ontario Early Years Centre - Brampton.

Who: Shelagh Karstoff, Chair, Peel Children's Charter of Rights Committee, Success By 6 Peel
Barb Wallace, Executive Director, Best Start Health Coalition in Peel
Joan Davison, Family Health Manager, Region of Peel Public Health
Councillor Elaine Moore, City of Brampton, Wards 1 & 5

When: Wednesday, February 16, 2011, 5:00 p.m.

Where: Ontario Early Years' Centre – Brampton
57 Mill Street North, Suite 105
(north of Queen St. W., West of Main Street N.)

The Peel Children's Charter of Rights was created in 2007 by more than 4,000 children in Peel, in collaboration with education, government, child care, mental health agencies, social service agencies, parents and caregivers, to give children a voice and raise awareness about the importance of children and their fundamental rights. The first of those is the **Right to Basic Needs**: each child has the right to have clean water, good food, proper clothes, a home and be happy.

"The education, support, and free, healthy meals that the Supper Club provides is a wonderful way to ensure that babies receive this basic right before they are born," says **Shelagh Karstoff, Success By 6 Peel Children's Charter Committee Chair**. "Proper nutrition for moms during the pre-and-post-natal periods give babies the vitamins and minerals they need to be healthy and strong – a basic and fundamental right of all children!"

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“We’re delighted that Success By 6 is coming to the Supper Club where a large number of young, pregnant young women in Peel come to learn about pregnancy and form special friendships while sharing snacks and a warm, homemade meal,” says **Joan Davison, Family Health Manager at the Region of Peel**. “The social aspect combined with the education, healthy meals and the grocery vouchers are important contributors to a healthy pregnancy.”

There is evidence that the care and support provided by the Supper Club makes a tangible difference in the health young women and their babies. A study of 156 young women who attended the Supper Club found on average that women gave birth to fewer underweight babies.

“Putting the needs of children first on Family Day is the right thing to do,” says **Councillor Elaine Moore**. “We know there are many challenges facing young children and families in Peel, and so it’s gratifying to see Success By 6 and the Region of Peel working together to improve services that meet our children’s basic need for adequate food, shelter and clothing.”

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About the Peel Children’s Charter of Rights

Using the *UN Convention on the Rights of the Child* and *A Canada Fit for Children* as road maps, Success By 6 Peel embarked on a journey in 2006: to give all children in Peel a voice in matters that affect them. The process of developing this credo meant engaging children and adults in creating a Charter that truly reflects the diverse population of children in Peel Region *and* shines a light on their needs. The resulting [Peel Children’s Charter of Rights](#) is recognized as a model for community engagement and children’s advocacy.

About Success By 6 Peel

Success By 6 Peel is a regional collaborative with more than forty partners drawn from business, labour, education, recreation, health, human services and government. The United Way of Peel Region holds the Success By 6 Peel license and has empowered the collaborative to lead the way in closing gaps in services and supports so our youngest children have the opportunity to develop to their full potential. www.successby6peel.ca

About The Region of Peel

The Regional Municipality of Peel was incorporated in 1974 on the principle that certain community and infrastructure services are most cost-effectively administered over a larger geographic area. The Region of Peel serves more than one million residents in the Cities of Mississauga and Brampton and the Town of Caledon.