

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Extend-A-Family welcomes anyone who is birth to 18 years of age, is a resident of the City of Toronto and who has a developmental disability.

We invite you to contact Extend-A-Family directly for more information, and an application package will be mailed to you.

A Coordinator will arrange a visit with the family to get acquainted with the child or youth, discovering the person's gifts and interests. We encourage an active partnership between families and Coordinators in exploring community opportunities.

MEMBERSHIP IS FREE

I am so grateful for the friendship I have built with Shermineh. It is a very special friendship that I will always cherish and thank Extend-A-Family for. Being a host for Extend-A-Family is one of the most rewarding things I have ever done".

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EVERYONE BELONGS TOGETHER

We believe that all people belong, and our communities are stronger when everyone is included.



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VISION

Engaged and inclusive community where everybody belongs.

MISSION

In partnership with families and community, we foster a life of belonging for children and youth with developmental disabilities, building meaningful relationships and valued roles. We share and promote the value of inclusion and belonging.

VALUES

- Diverse, caring relationships
- Individual gifts and strengths
- Participation in everyday community life
- Respecting and honoring choice
- Valued member in society

“As a mother, connecting with other parents on similar life journeys to build a good life for our children gives me so much hope for the future. We have been with Extend-A-Family now for more than five years and it has changed our family, our values and given us strength”.

NAIOMY

WHAT IS EXTEND-A-FAMILY?

Extend-A-Family works in community to facilitate in building of relationships between individuals who have developmental disabilities and other members of the community.

We work in partnership with families to strengthen their child and youth's community connections.

We bring people together by facilitating and deepening friendships and relationships.

We foster an awareness of the gifts and contributions of children and youth with disabilities.

WHO WE ARE

We are a non-profit, charitable organization governed by a volunteer board of directors, comprised of parents of children with disabilities, self-advocates and interested community members.



WHAT WE DO

The core work of Extend-A-Family is about relationships.

Relationships keep us safe and bring meaning and a sense of belonging into our lives.

We explore relationships through:

- Local community connections
- Friendship Circles
- Host/Volunteer connections
- Summer Student Partnership – Camp or Community opportunities

Other support opportunities:

- Parent Groups
- Dad's Group
- Adult Sibling Group
- Education Support
- Safe and Secure Future Networks
- Support Circles

For more information, visit our website at:
www.extendafamily.ca