



Providing support to families with children who have barriers to learning.

North Durham Region



*Abundance is... growth in the garden of learning*



## Providing Support

### Summer Camp Opportunities

NEW FOR SUMMER 2005! ALL-DAY SUMMER CAMPS! 6 different weeks to choose from, 6 different themes to choose from, 3 different locations to choose from. Our summer camps are appropriate for both children who would benefit by continuing on the 'learning road' over the summer and those needful of extra help in the language and math strands. Small groups, teacher-developed curriculum and theme-based activities will enable your child to exercise their mind, body and creative talents. As well, there will be offered an Individualized Programming group set up for those children with developmental/physical disabilities. Maxine Norris will be organizing and running this unique group with plans to integrate all of the children during our afternoon activities. Our ALL DAY CAMPS will run from 9-3 p.m. Cost: \$130.00; subsidies available. For registration forms, please see insert provided or go to our website, download the form and mail it to us. We are looking forward to some great camps this year, so don't delay! SEE YOU THERE!

DATES	LOCATION	THEMES
July 11-15	Resource & Learning Centre (21980 Hwy.#12)	Western Round-Up
July 18 - 22	Uxbridge Baptist Church 231 Brock St. W.	You Oughta Be in Pictures!
July 25 - 29	Resource & Learning Centre	Pirate Island
Aug. 8 - 12	Cannington Baptist Church 60 Cameron St. W.	Arctic Adventure
Aug. 15 -19	Resource & Learning Centre	Jungle Fever
Aug. 22-26	Port Perry Baptist Church 2210 Hwy. 7A	Olympics Precious Minds Style

### Ongoing gratitude

To the Ontario Trillium Foundation for their interest and support of the endeavours of Precious Minds. They receive annually \$100 million of government funding generated through Ontario's charity casino initiative. The Foundation provides grants to eligible charitable and not-for-profit organizations in the arts, culture, sports, recreation, environment and social service sectors.

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### Volunteers Make A Difference!

Volunteer n. Doer, maker, giver; serving of their own free will! These folks and their efforts for Precious Minds are priceless!

Why? These efforts are most appreciated when you consider the concept of "**TEAM**". On a daily basis, the part-time Centre staff is fielding calls for advice, encouragement, camp registrations and information. Efforts are ongoing to manage resources in such a manner that furthers our aim, to support families...so **Together Everyone Accomplishes More!**

At this time, we acknowledge our growing family of Volunteers who have graciously shared their time, talents and resources to accomplish projects we couldn't do without them!

- Bert Geer (carpentry) •Ron & Sandy Wagner (assistive supports for washroom accessibility)
- Josh & Barry Grisdale (networking computers)
- Martin Wiles (telephones) •Heather Heaman (office furniture)
- Brenda Moore (dishes) •John Barton & Doug Raymer (assembling cupboards)
- Leigh Morris (co-op student) •countless families (toys & school supplies)

**Current Need:** 1 apt. size fridge and stove to equip our kitchen upstairs at the Centre. Please call Sandy (905) 982-0882



### McHappy Day May 18/05!

We encourage you and your families to dine out at McDonalds (Uxbridge or Port Perry) in support of this year's McHappy Day fundraising initiative. We are grateful to Ginger & Sandy Jackson for their decision to make Precious Minds and the

Jennifer Ashleigh Foundation co-recipients of this project. \$1 from every McMuffin®, Big Mac® and Happy Meal® sold on this day will be donated to these two charities to further their efforts to support families. Watch for other McHappy Day events coming where you can join in!

## Spring Programs & Program Highlights

We are currently accepting registrations

Cost: \$90 (subsidies available) Registration on website or call (905) 982-0882, ext. 1

Apr. 2 – May 7 (Saturdays) 9-11:45 a.m.	Academic Boost Cannington Baptist Church 60 Cameron St. W.
Apr. 2- May 7 (Saturdays) 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.	“Break Away” Precious Minds Resource & Learning Centre

### Break-Away Program Highlight M. Norris Program Director

“What an exciting opportunity to see the expressions on the children's faces as they held an Orange Crush Snake and other animals as provided by Jenn Deith of “Zoo To You”! A drumming experience and visit from Bellybutton the Clown were also part of this successful 6-week program specifically for children with developmental and/or physical disabilities.

## Providing Parent Support

Complimentary childcare provided. Time: 9:30 - 11 a.m.

Thursday, April 21	Precious Minds Resource & Learning Centre TOPIC: <u>Education Issues</u> Representatives from both the public and separate school boards will update us on Reviews and EA allocations.
Thursday, May 19	Uxbridge – St. Paul's Anglican Church, 65 Toronto St. TOPIC: <u>Nutrition &amp; Diet</u> – Two parents will share how modifications in these areas have impacted their children.
Thursday, June 16	Precious Minds Resource & Learning Centre TOPIC: <u>Summer Survival</u> – come & share your ideas and challenges for the season ahead!

### NEW! Evening Presentation by Tammy Yardy, Autism Partnership — Apr. 26 at 7 p.m.

Topic: “Innovative Strategies for Managing Disruptive Behaviour” including self-monitoring and the token economy system among others. The session is free and open to parents and professionals. Refreshments will be served. Location: Resource & Learning Centre.

**Family Resource Day** - at Windreach Farms! Saturday September, 24 details to follow.

## Resource Support

The Resource Library (upstairs at the Centre) has added many new books thanks to the **Uxbridge Rotary Club** and **Greenbank Lions Club**. Come in and check out a book or two! An inspirational book that is new to our shelves is *Changed By A Child* by Barbara Gill. This small book will take you from the shock of diagnosis through the stages to acceptance. It uses stories and quotes from many sources to encourage you along that road. You are not alone — others have journeyed there before you!

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## Resource & Learning Centre Update

**Centre Get's a Facelift!** Graham Wilson

In February, work began on the exterior of the Centre to compliment the changes that have taken place on the interior. We are very happy to announce that the vinyl siding is completely installed. Our thanks to **Allen's Siding & Windows** for an awesome job! We will continue with our capital improvements as finances become available.



### Garage Sale!

June 18 (Raindate: June 25) 8- 2 p.m. at the Centre

It's only a few weeks until spring cleaning will be on us and we'd like to give you the opportunity to unload any gently-used items (toys, furniture, knick-knacks, dishes, sports equipment, etc.) that we could sell to purchase needed resources for the Centre. Arrangements can be made to pick up your donations or they may be dropped off at the Centre the first week of June. Or, if you'd prefer to set-up and supervise your own table — great! Perhaps you'd consider making a small donation from your proceeds for the Centre. If you'd like to volunteer your help for the day, please contact our office thanks!

**Take Note Golfers!** 2nd Annual Precious Minds Golf Tournament – September 20, 2005 at Mill Run. For registration/sponsorship, please call the Centre at, ext. 3

### Other Summer Opportunities at the Precious Minds Resource & Learning Centre

**Grandview - Creative Kids Camp** (ages 6-13)

July 18-22 from 9-12 noon

Come and have fun! Get your creative juices flowing with our trained counselors. Campers will experience music, art, drama, theme days and cooperative games.



For more info/registration, contact Cheri at 1-800-304-6180 ext. 265 or visit [www.grtc.ca](http://www.grtc.ca)

**Confident Girls & Guys IMPACT** (ages 12-16)

Aug. 8-12 from 1-4 p.m. \$130.00

Fuel your ego and define the incredible person you are while connecting with other teens. Discover ways to click with everyone, tap into your best qualities and get tips on how to make more of the high school experience!

**Confident Guys HIGH5** (ages 8-11)

Aug. 22-27 from 1-4 p.m. \$130.00

Learn how to “flex muscles on the inside” like determination and perseverance while doing loads of interactive guy stuff. Have fun while learning the course emphasis on two simple but valuable messages: Positive action leads to positive reaction and, do more to be more!

Info/registration, call (905) 982-0882 ext. 1

**Kinark Outdoor Centre Summer camp; Respite weekends**

For information call 1-800-805-8252 or visit [www.koc.on.ca](http://www.koc.on.ca)

**2005 Recreational Choices Funding Program – Easter Seals Initiative** Available to children with **physical** disabilities.

For info call 1-800-668-6252 ext. 325 or email [camp@easterseals.org](mailto:camp@easterseals.org)