

Niagara



Safe Families Canada

2 Corinthians 5:17–18

[17] Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. [18] All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; (ESV)

Summer is upon us. It's a time many of us look forward to. We have vacation plans and have lots of opportunity for activities with family and friends. I'm fairly certain that many of our families do not share our enthusiasm. For a single parent summer often means added stress such as childcare issues they don't

face when their children are in school. Generally speaking, it is not a time when things get quieter for us at Safe Families Niagara.

Over the last year we began a monthly mom's group. We have found this group to be such a blessing to the families we serve. Many of you know the Safe Families tagline: surrounding families in crisis with caring compassionate community. We have seen that our mom's group truly provides a space where our mom's come to understand what this means.

At one of our more recent mom's groups, we watched a video about troubles in parenting. Following the video, I had the privilege of witnessing our mom's break into small groups and share their hearts in a space where they didn't need to pretend to have it all together. They were able to both empathize and offer support to one another. I had the unique privilege of witnessing what we dream of and pray for; that those we serve would experience the love of Christ in the context of caring compassionate community. I wondered how many of these ladies are experiencing this for the first time. We had a volunteer present who commented on how beautiful and interesting it was that she couldn't distinguish between the volunteers and the moms we serve.

"The heartfelt counsel of a friend is as sweet as perfume and incense". -Proverbs 27:9



Family Friend Training

Interested In becoming a Family Friend or want to find out more about becoming one, training is the best way. We are holding training **July 9 .**

2025, 7pm

Host Family Training

Interested in becoming a Host Family or want to find out more about becoming one, training is the best way. We are holding training **July 3 . 2025, 7pm**
We have plenty of need for both these roles, please consider coming out and see if this might be for you.

Text or call 289 690 7233 or email niagara@safefamilies.ca for further details/signup.

3 Quotes

"I come to moms group because it gives me a chance to meet new friends. Moms group gives me a chance to step out of my boundaries and try new things like knitting, talking about hard time in life. I look forward to coming to moms group once a month. Everyone there is so nice and so friendly, they welcome you with open arms! Thank you." One of our mom's

Parachurch ministries "have power to accomplish their purpose only as they are rooted in and lead back to a believing community," the community of the local church.

-Leslie Newbiggin

Empathy and orthodoxy both matter. Benevolence and truth are meant to nourish one another not to serve as two distinct options. When tenderheartedness and conviction are together they bring life, but separated they can be disastrous.

-Kelly Kopic

2 Joys

One of our moms that had a baby several months ago and was separated from her husband and father of this little one by thousands of miles were able to be reunited and dad was able to hold his son for the first time.

Recently I visited a grade five class at a local Christian School. They had collected items to donate to families in need. I took one of our moms with to collect the items. Having a question and answer time with Grade Five students is the best. They asked our mom great questions and have generous hearts. One of them shared : "my dad has lots of cars, maybe he could give you one." Another said: "my dad works in real estate, maybe he could find you a place to live." Yet another said: "my dad has his own

business maybe he could give you a job” I love the simple trust for solutions of the young. They certainly understood one thing even if they don’t understand the complexity of it all. They understand that we are called to be part of the solution.

1 Question

Could you be part of the solution to someone you know that is in a hard place right now?

Ways you can serve:

- Praying
- Host Family
- Friend/ Mentor to a parent
- Mentor to a child
- Coach a family
- Driver
- Babysitting
- Making Meals
- Connecting your church to this ministry
- Advocating for Safe Families in your circle of influence
- Home repair/Car repair, budgeting, legal or other services.
- Physical needs when they arise.
- Financial Support

Feel like you might like to serve, but not sure how, lets talk!

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