

I would like to support the Parent-Child Mother Goose Program with a gift of:

\$ 25 _____ \$ 50 _____

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TAKE A FAMILY UNDER YOUR WING:

\$500 _____ allows one family to attend for one year.

Donations are eligible for a tax receipt.

Please make your cheque payable to the Parent-Child Mother Goose Program, cut along the fold and mail to:

720 Bathurst St., Suite 500A
Toronto, ON M5S 2R4

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Where are the stars?

There ... there (*pointing to the sky*)

Where are the stars?

There ... there (*pointing to the sky*)

Where are the stars?

There ... there (*pointing to the child's eyes*)

Where is my star?

Right here! (*parent cuddles the child*)

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Requests Your Support

The Parent-Child Mother Goose Program is a group experience for parents, their babies and young children. It focuses on the pleasure and power of sharing rhymes, songs and stories. Parents are helped to gain skills and confidence that enable them to create healthy family patterns during their children's crucial early years.

"It has helped me face the world during a period of post-partum depression ... It has made a huge difference to me in the first few months of my baby's life." Program participant



The Program embraces newcomers and the rhymes and stories they bring. It reaches out to low-income, isolated families and is committed to running programs in neighbourhoods with limited resources. The Program is supported by current research on infant development and fosters the conditions for lifelong learning. The Program is free of charge.

What child-care experts and parents say about the **Parent-Child Mother Goose Program:**

"Best I've found- for all cultures and socio-economic groups...Addresses parenting infant/child development, nutrition, socialization and is the most economical of all parenting programs. My moms with post-partum depression, and living in poverty flourish in Mother Goose!!!!" From results of National Survey, Making Choices: Parenting and Parent-Child Programs that Fit, published by FRP Canada, July 2006

"Every mother and every father of an infant or young child in Canada should have the opportunity to join a Parent-Child Mother Goose Program...These very simple oral experiences are the building blocks of language, cognitive and emotional development for young children. ... and they create a warm and caring community for infants and their families and help families get a great start in life together." Dana Brynelsen, Provincial Advisor, Infant Development Program of British Columbia

"Since I am new in Canada it helped me learn a new culture and I didn't feel alone." Program participant

"We have learnt so many rhymes which we use all the time and it brings us closer together." Program participant

"The stories are rich with imagery and symbols - it's nice for both of us to have our imaginations fed on a regular basis." Program participant



"This program has really been a lifesaver." Program participant

Rising operating costs are threatening the survival of the Parent-Child Mother Goose Program. Your donation will help secure the future of this program in which:

- Mothers at risk bond with their babies
- Parents absorb child-rearing skills
- Recent immigrant families make friends and learn about community resources
- Children build the foundations of literacy and learning
- A community is provided for families who would otherwise be isolated

The Parent-Child Mother Goose Program® was founded in 1984 as an intervention for families at risk. Today it offers:

1. Six core programs in five communities in Toronto
2. Training workshops to agencies across Canada that wish to provide the program in their communities
3. Print resources for program providers and families
4. Partnership Programs in seventy-five locations throughout the GTA.

Your donation allows Parent-Child Mother Goose to continue to offer this Program free of charge.