



Luke and his grandmother, Joyce, enjoying their garden, which won an Honorable Mention prize this year.

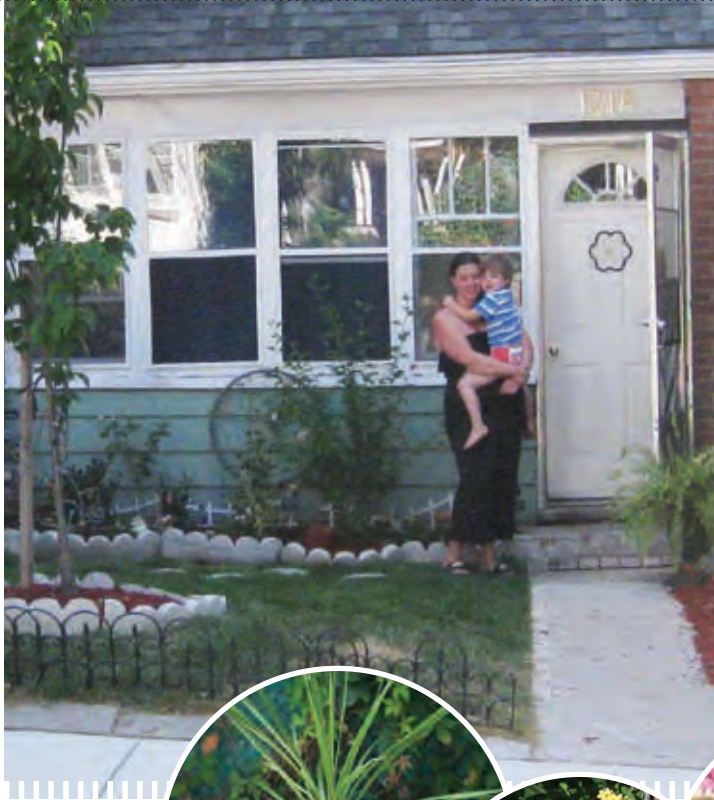
Flower Power: Award-Winning Gardens

Wigwamen's Family Housing tenants created some beautiful gardens this year. The judges for the Flower Power Awards were very impressed. Several of the contestants were new tenants and novice gardeners. The ones who grew vegetables say that they were pleasantly surprised by the savings on their grocery bills.

The Flower Power Awards are presented by Wigwamen in August. This year was the 13th time the competition was held. The names of the winners and photos of some of the gardens appear on page 2. ❖



Kids love gardening! Noah and his mom, Dorothy, in front of their home; Angela and Junior in their vegetable garden. Both families won Flower Power Awards this year.



WINNERS OF THIS YEAR'S FLOWER POWER AWARDS:

1st prize – J. & N. Borkowski
2nd prize – D. Wear
3rd prize – C. Hashie

HONOURABLE MENTIONS

◆ K. Baise	◆ J. Carpenter
◆ A. Baylosis	◆ M. Delangis
◆ G. Canto	◆ O. Lessard



Back to School: Wigwamen Backpacks



Each year at the end of the summer, tenants' children are given backpacks full of school supplies. This year, 128 packs were distributed to children living at 20 Sewells Road, 228 Galloway Road, and in Family Housing. For information on this program for children from pre-school to grade 8, contact Karen Watts at kwatts@wigwamen.com or 1-877-803-0222. ❖

Aiyanna posing with her backpack. Aiyanna's mom writes: "Thank you for your generosity and for making our children feel proud on their first day of school".



New Aboriginal Legal Training Program in Toronto

Feeling inspired by all this talk of Back-to-School and Scholarships? Then you might be interested to know that the First Nations Technical Institute plans to start an Aboriginal Law Clerk Training Program in Toronto in January 2013. The class will meet for one week per month over two full years. Graduates will receive a certificate from FNTI and a diploma from St. Lawrence College that will qualify them to do a wide variety of legal work in the Aboriginal community. The application deadline will be in November. For information visit www.fnti.net or call 1-800-267-0637. ❖

Wigwamen Scholarships: Help With Tuition Costs



This year, Wigwamen awarded scholarships to ten tenants studying for careers in the health sciences, social work, business, engineering, music, and Angus' favourite – pastry arts! Bill is shown posing here with the winners at the Terrace and Housing Tenants' Picnic. For more photos of the picnic, see page 5. ❖

Innovative Brock University Program: Degrees in Aboriginal Adult Education

This part-time program is for people who work or want to work with Aboriginal adults in education, training, health services or community development. Small groups of learners meet for classes in communities across Ontario. For details visit <http://nativeadult.ed.brocku.ca> or call 905-688-5550, x 4574. ❖



Grants for Children’s Education: Canada Learning Bonds & Education Savings Grants



A Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) is a special bank account that you can open for any child in your family, free of charge, at any of the major banks. For every child born in 2004 or after, the Government of Canada will deposit a \$500 Canada Learning Bond grant into the ac-

count as soon as it is opened – even if you do not make any deposit into the account yourself.

If you do decide to make deposits into the RESP however, the Government of Canada will contribute something as well. These are called Canada Education Savings Grants and, depending on your income and the amounts you deposit, this grant can reach \$7,200 per child.

The child must have his or her own Social Insurance Number, but other than that there are almost no requirements - and no costs! To get your child a SIN, visit a Service Canada office. For more information, visit www.smartsaver.org or ask at your bank. ❖

For information about the following Wigwamen tenant programs and contests, call Head Office or e-mail Karen: kwatts@wigwamen.com

- ◆ Gift Baskets for New Mothers
- ◆ Kids’ Book-of-the-Month
- ◆ Back-to-School Packs
- ◆ Wigwamen Post-Secondary Scholarships
- ◆ Monthly Zero-Balance Raffle



Recent winners of the Zero-Balance Raffle: Patricia; Sheila.

WHEEL-CHAIR ACCESSIBLE UNITS

◆ Are you 59 years of age or older and of Aboriginal descent? Are you in a wheel chair, but able to live safely on your own? Are you looking for safe and affordable housing in downtown Toronto? Wigwamen may be able to help.

Contact the Property Manager at The Terrace for more information: Lisa Kristensen, 416-925-9165.



WIGWAMEN MAINTENANCE

- ◆ If you have a maintenance issue, please contact your building management. If you don't have a building manager on site, please call Head Office – 416-481-4451.
- ◆ In event of an after-hours maintenance emergency – a flood, power-outage, or heating failure – call 416-481-4451 and Wigwamen’s Emergency Service will send help.



Wigwamen Family Housing & Seniors Picnic.....

THIS YEAR THE PICNIC CELEBRATED **WIGWAMEN'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY** WITH...

...CAKE AND BURGERS



IN THE SHADY PAVILLION..



YUM...



...SIZZLING BINGO CALLERS,



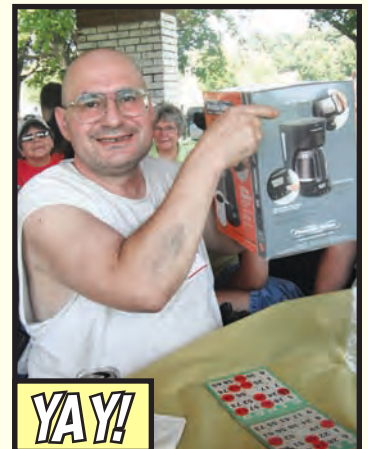
FOCUSED PLAYERS...



...AND HAPPY



WINNERS!



YAY!



Incorporated provides safe and affordable housing to hundreds of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal families, singles and seniors throughout the GTA.

TO APPLY FOR WIGWAMEN HOUSING

Families & individuals of Aboriginal descent should fill out Wigwamen applications that are available:



In person: at Head Office, at Wigwamen Terrace (14 Spadina), or 20 Sewells Road;
By mail: call 416-481-4451 to request; or
Online: at www.wigwamen.com

You must submit proof of legal status in Canada and a copy of either your Status Card or an Affidavit of Aboriginal Descent for Housing Purposes with your application. Affidavits can be obtained from Aboriginal Legal Services.

Non-Aboriginal Families & Individuals should fill out a Toronto Social Housing Connections application that is available:



In person: at Housing Connections, 176 Elm St., near Dundas & University;
By mail: call 416-981-6111 to request; or
Online: at www.housingconnections.ca

You must submit proof of legal status in Canada and your income with your application.

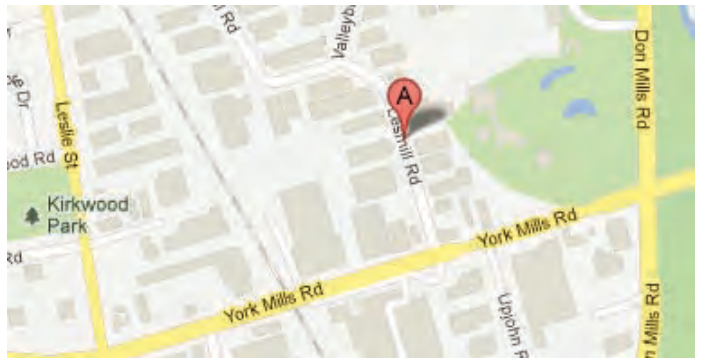
WIGWAMEN HOUSING

- ◆ **The Terrace (104 units for Aboriginal seniors)**
14 Spadina Road, Toronto, ON, M5R 3M4
- ◆ **20 Sewells Road (92 units for Aboriginal & non-Aboriginal individuals & families)** Toronto, ON, M1B 3G5
- ◆ **228 Galloway Road (60 units for individuals & families)** Scarborough, ON, M1E 5G6
- ◆ **Scattered Housing (for Aboriginal families)**
230 homes located throughout the GTA



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From York Mills Station take the 122 bus, which stops directly in front of the building; or any 95 bus, which all stop at Upjohn, just 200 metres south of Head Office. Alternately, from Pape Station, take the 25 Bus, get off at York Mills and transfer to a westbound bus, or walk west for about 5 minutes.

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