

### August Adventures: Wrapping up Summer with Creativity & Fun!

August was an action packed month, marking a lively way to end the summer for our kids at The Door. We kicked things off with an inspiring career day event featuring a visit from Police Officer Admir, who engaged conversations on his role in the

community, his career journey and experiences. The youth engaged remarkably in the Q&A session which sparked conversations where Officer Admir addressed questions about mental health resources available to police officers.

Youth also headed over to Plant Bath, where they dove right into the water. The pool was filled with laughter, splashes, and pure joy as everyone soaked in the fun, making it a field trip to remember!

Our "Bring Out Your Creativity" session with Jordan Danger offered a fantastic outlet for artistic expression. The kids dove into creative projects, exploring their imaginations and showcasing their talents. This month, our youths completed their face drawings, painted beautiful pieces from reference photos, and finished this workshop with designing custom keychains from their drawings. Special thanks to the Christina Mary Hendrie Trust Foundation for making this program possible.

Overall, August at The Door was filled with diverse activities and joyful moments, wrapping up the summer with a perfect blend of learning, fun, and community connection.





Christina Mary Hendrie

### Touchdown for a Cause: Join the Redblacks vs. Alouettes Fundraiser!



Please join us on <u>September 21st at 3pm</u> as the Ottawa Redblacks face off against the Montreal Alouettes. Email us at <u>fundraising@thedooryouthcentre.com</u> to secure your tickets and support the Door! All proceeds from the tickets go into ongoing programming at the Door.

## BBQ BLAST!: Indoor Fun & Flavor

Despite the rain, our Civic Day barbecue turned into a cozy indoor celebration that showcased the true spirit of community. Our Civic Day barbecue was a great way to bring the community together. The event featured delicious food, fun activities and engaging conversations. The weather may have kept us inside, but it couldn't dampen our enthusiasm or sense of fun! The space was abuzz with laughter and friendly competition as everyone jumped into games like musical cups and hangman. Winners were rewarded with chocolate bars and gift cards, adding a sweet touch to the festivities. The nice and cozy indoor setting created a warm, inviting atmosphere where everyone could enjoy delicious food and great company. It was a beautiful reminder of how we can come together and make the most of any situation, rain or shine. We are grateful for the City of Ottawa Civic Event Project Funding for making this event possible.





# Revved Up and Connected: A Night with the Chrome

#### Divas!"

We had a great Youth Night with the Chrome Divas of Ottawa. We started the evening taking pictures on the motorcycles and listening to those strong engines roar. Youth had so many great questions about their bikes and the biking lifestyle. Afterward, we indulged in some delicious sugary treats and had a meaningful discussion about the importance of building a strong community where you can bond and receive guidance.



The Divas shared how their passion for motorcycles has shaped who they are today and talked about the significance of giving back to the community. It was inspiring to see everyone connect over their shared interests and values. Many thanks to the Chrome Divas for their continuous support and for devoting time to interacting with The Door Youth Centre youths. The night was truly special for everyone because of their kindness and commitment.





### Farewell Nadira: Celebrating a Legacy of Kindness and Dedication

The month came to a close with a bittersweet farewell as we gathered on August 23rd to celebrate Nadira's incredible contributions to The Door. Surrounded by laughter, music, and the vibrant energy of the community she helped shape, we spent the evening creating new memories through fun games and lively karaoke. As we honored Nadira, it was clear just how much her presence has meant to everyone. Her warmth, kindness, and unwavering dedication have left an indelible mark on both the youth and staff, and she's been a shining example of what it means to lead with compassion and heart.



Nadira has been more than just a staff member — she's been a mentor, a friend, and a beacon of positivity for everyone who walked through our doors. Whether it was offering a listening ear, providing guidance, or simply sharing a smile, she always made people feel seen and valued. Her impact will continue to ripple through our community, and while we are sad to see her go, we are filled with hope and excitement for the next chapter in her journey. We send her off with deep gratitude, love, and our heartfelt wishes for success and happiness in all her future endeavors.



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