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YOUTH CENTRE JEUNESSE

July Jams:
Summer Fun
at The
Door!



July at The Door was buzzing with energy and creativity! The Door's community spirit shone brightly throughout July. We started the month off with our beloved summer sports—volleyball and soccer activities —keeping everyone active. Thank you to Catherine-Maxwell for sponsoring our recreational supplies. Jordan Danger's "Bring Out Your Creativity" sessions added an artistic flair, where youth explored sketching and watercolor painting. Though participation started small, it steadily grew as the youth became more engaged with the different mediums.

Rain couldn't dampen our spirits as we seamlessly transitioned from outdoor sports to indoor fun. From ping pong and indoor basketball to music lessons with Armaan and a lively FIFA tournament led by Emmanuel, the youth had plenty to keep them entertained. The Group Games session was a standout, with fierce but friendly competition leading to a big victory for the red team. Volunteer Nhi's crochet program introduced some of our members to new crafting skills, while Taha's word search challenge had everyone in deep concentration.



The Catherine and Maxwell
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SPECIAL DINNER & BACKPACKS

BACK TO SCHOOL

Party



HALAL SHAWARMA



Get ready to kick off the school year in style at our Back to School Party! □ Join us on Tuesday, September 3rd at 6 PM for an evening full of fun, food, and freebies! We're serving up a special dinner featuring delicious Halal Shawarma—perfect for fueling up before the school year begins. But that's not all! □ We're also giving away free backpacks filled with school supplies, so you'll be set to start the year on the right foot. Don't miss out on this awesome event at The Door—where friends, food, and school supplies come together for one epic night! See you there! ☞ □

Thank you OSEG Foundation for the backpacks and supplies!

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Thrift, Treats & Pizza Feast: A Glam Girls' Night Out!

Girls' Night was an absolute blast as the girls hit the town with a fabulous field trip to Thrive Select Thrift Store! The excitement was through the roof as they scoured the racks for the perfect finds, filling their bags with stylish treasures and unique pieces. To keep the energy high after all that shopping, the staff treated the girls to refreshing snacks, making sure everyone was ready for the next adventure—a fun stop at Pizza Pizza! With four enthusiastic staff members and 19 girls, this trip was a smashing success, almost as big as our very first one back in 2022. Shopping, snacks, and slices—what more could a girl ask for?

A warm thank you to [Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada](#) and [Thrive Select Thrift](#) for their pleasant welcome and wonderful overall experience! Also thank you to [RBC](#), the [City of Ottawa](#), and our independent donor, for funding our monthly Girls' Night!





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you!*



**Cookies and Lemonade
Made by Young Chefs &
Sold by Future CEOs!**



The Young Chefs program whipped up some serious fun with a cookie-making extravaganza, all in the name of a great cause! With flour flying and dough rolling, the kitchen was buzzing with excitement as the youth mixed, baked, and decorated delicious cookies. Najwa and Manal were right there in the mix, guiding the young bakers through every step and adding her own sprinkle of magic to the sweet treats. But the fun didn't stop in the kitchen! The youth then took their freshly baked cookies to the streets for their very first youth-led fundraiser. Paired with refreshing lemonade, the tasty treats were an instant hit, drawing a crowd of eager customers. The youth beamed with pride as they sold out their goodies, turning their culinary skills into a successful fundraiser that left everyone with a smile (and maybe a few crumbs) on their faces!

End of a Delicious Era

July 26 marked the end of an era as The Door said a heart-wrenching goodbye to Najwa, our fellow kitchen supervisor and chef. Her relentless passion and extraordinary talent for crafting incredible meals were more than just a culinary delight; they were a source of warmth and comfort. We expressed our deepest gratitude for her unwavering dedication, support and love through her culinary magic. While saying goodbye is difficult, we take comfort in knowing that her influence will continue to inspire us. Though her presence will be deeply missed, Najwa will always hold a special place in The Door's story. We are hopeful that the spirit of her dedication will live on in the way we carry forward

the warmth and care she exemplified, reminding us of the incredible legacy she leaves behind. We will miss Najwa dearly and wish her nothing but the very best future.

We recognize and thank the Ottawa Food Bank for its years of assistance and for providing us with the food to make many of Najwa's delicious meals!



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□ The Door Youth Centre is turning 30! □ Join us on **Friday September 13th** as we celebrate three decades of empowering and supporting our amazing youth community. From fun-filled activities to nostalgic throwbacks, this is an event you won't want to miss! Whether you've been with us since day one or are new to the family, come be part of this special milestone. **Spaces are limited!** If you're interested in attending, please send an email to info@thedooryouthcentre.com. Let's make this anniversary unforgettable together! □

THE DOOR'S Summer wishlist

EDUCATIONAL

- Homework:
 - Notebook
 - Pens
 - Pencils
 - Calculators

RECREATIONAL

- Media/Tech
 - Video Games (WII, Ps3, Ps4, Ps5)
 - Ps4, Ps5 controllers
 - Phone Chargers
- Pool (Billard) Sticks

SOCIAL

- Hygienic Products
 - Liquid Soap/ Body Wash
 - Toothpaste/ Toothbrushes
 - Deodorant
 - Sunscreen

Clothes:

- Rain boots
- Short
- Jackets
- Sneakers



Thank You

The Door always accepts donations from our supporters. All donations received help benefit the youth in the centre everyday! We also accept money donations. Information on how to donate money can be found on [CanadaHelps](#)

Thank you to all of our supporters who have donated to The Door!



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