

Richmond Family Place History

Richmond Family Place was established in 1979 with the purpose of offering support to families in the Richmond community. The society's earliest supporters included the City of Richmond, the Women's Resource Centre, Jewish Women International (B'nai Brith) and the Richmond Jaycees.

May 1979 received the first grant from the Provincial Ministry of Human Resources \$25K for 2 staff.

July 13, 1979 Council gave it approval for the new Richmond Family Place to be located on Minoru Park

August 1980, first Board of Directors meeting held within the walls of Richmond Family Place

1980 Family Place becomes a United Way member agency and begins to receive core and programming funding.



1980 RFP have a logo contest to develop the logo.

December 13, 1980 First Breakfast with Santa event held.



1978 RFP was accepted by the Richmond Jaycees as their International Year of the Child project



In preparation for the construction of Richmond Family Place, sod was turned in Minoru Park in March 28, 1980.



October 1, 1980 Novel ribbon cutting to open the long-awaited Family Place in Minoru Park

1985 Thrift Store established

70s and 80s

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Feb 28 1990 was declared Richmond Family Place day

1999 The City introduced Pay Parking at Gilbert Rd



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1994 RFP agrees to relocate to the soon-to-be-constructed Caring Place

1995 RFP decides not to relocate to Caring Place

1999 RFP was given a 3-year lease extension to continue operating at its Gilbert Road location.

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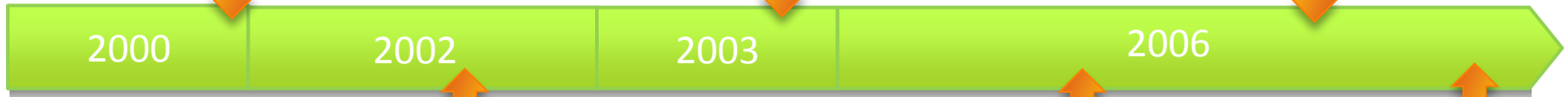
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2000 RFP receives a United Way grant to conduct a poverty report card for Richmond which finds 20,000 Richmond residents living below the poverty line.

2003 Richmond Family Place became the lead agency for Richmond Children First.

April 2006 After a period of transition at the leadership level, new Executive Director, Kim Winchell was hired.



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2002 Received a grant from the Vancouver Sun Children's fund to establish programming in East Richmond

2002 Grant received from Vancouver Coastal Health SMART Fund to provide a parenting peer support program 'Parent Connections'.
2002 Family Place begins discussions with the city about the need to expand.

June 2006 Discussions back on with the City of relocating Richmond Family Place.

June 2006 Received a one-time only grant from Ministry CFD to enhance our outreach efforts in East Richmond.

December 2006 Richmond Family Place concludes a deal with the City of Richmond to relocate to DeBeck House

2000-2006

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Move to Debeck Funding:

Fund development activities began to prepare for the imminent move in December 2007. Funding received from:

City of Richmond (\$52K)

BC Gaming (\$52K)

Vancouver Foundation (\$15K)

Ministry for Children and Family Development (\$15K)

Richmond Community Foundation (\$9K)

\$52K through fundraising activities, donors & retained earnings to enable the society to move to Debeck

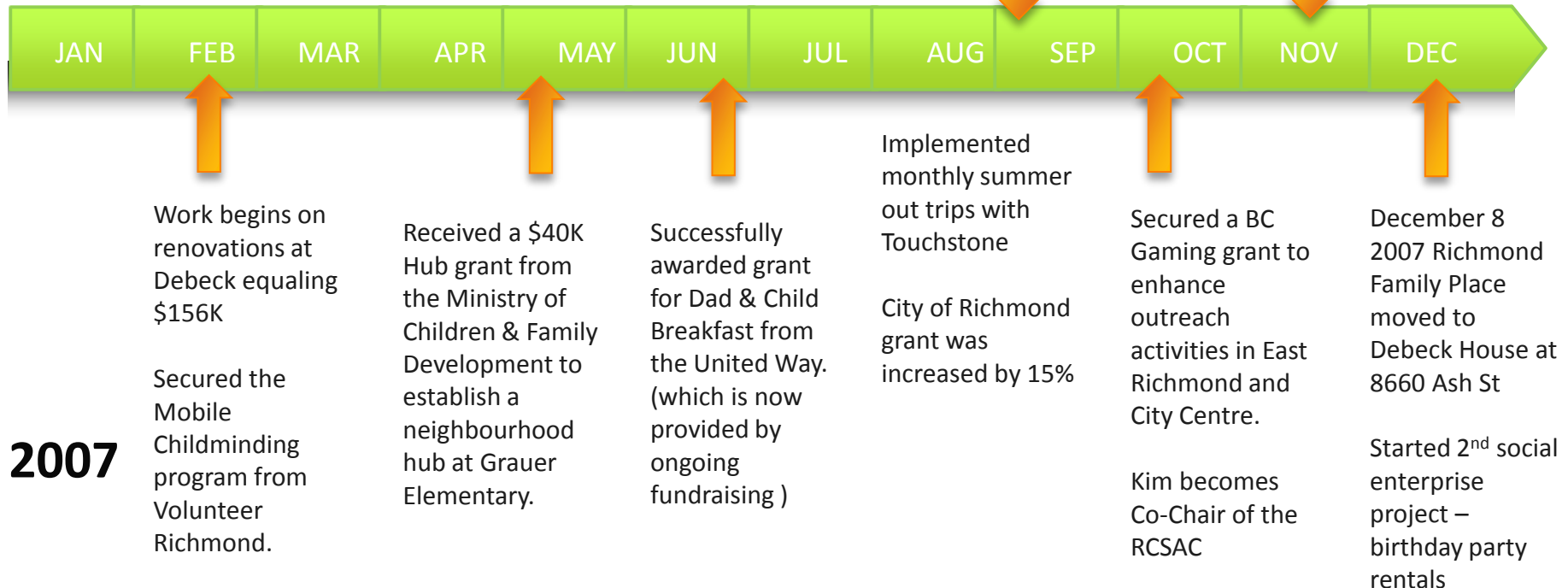
Strong Start Centers open in Richmond at Mitchell & Grauer – Family Place agrees to provide in-kind support with sub & Family Support staffing.



1st pub night fundraiser makes \$3,000.

Partnership with RMCS to deliver an immigrant grandparenting support group

The Saturday Dad & Child Breakfast program was selected as one of the 5 finalists for the United Way Community Spirit Awards



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Established a Baby and Parent program at Ironwood Library.



Hired Bridging program staff and first Thrift Store Coordinator

Began the Richmond Early Years Bridging Project

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2008



Funding:

Successfully awarded grants for School Readiness program from Pacific Society for Children and for Make the Connection/Grauer hub from the Richmond School District.

Gaming revenue grant increased by 2%.

Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour Market awarded funding to implement a 3-year pilot project for government assisted refugees.

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Implemented a weekly play and learn dinner program for families.



Kim becomes Co-President of the BCFRP



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Funding:

Successfully awarded grants for Refugee Bridging Project and Outreach/Make the Connection Projects from the United Way.

Established summer programs at Grauer and Anderson elementary schools

RFP won the Distinguished Service Award Commitment to Quality from the BC association of Family Resource Programs

Participated in the Early Years evaluation pilot and implemented parent surveys at the main site and Grauer

2009

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Funding:

Received grant from the Richmond Literacy committee for community gardens
 FSGV confirmed it will no longer be providing funding for Nobody's perfect parenting program which represents about \$5,000 per year
 MCFD funding cut by 4.2% equaling \$6,100 resulting in the closure of the Saturday Hamilton program and a reduction in staff hours

Implemented our first golf tournament fundraiser that raised just over \$4,500

Bridging project funded for another year. Funding increased to \$40K

Began working with boys and girls club to implement a dinner program for families with children birth-12



2010-2011



The Richmond Early Years Bridging program enhanced its mandate to include refugee families with children 0-12

Implemented a summer program in partnership with Boy's and Girl's Club for refugee children 6-12 years of age and their families

Established outreach Family Place locations at Brighthouse Library and Steveston Community Centre thanks to a grant from the Vancouver Foundation.

