



# Communities 4 Families

## Grant Report

**Date: September 2015**

**Organization: Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba and Dufferin School**

***What is the name of activity for which the grant was used?***

Wiggle, Giggle & Munch

***Describe your program and its success***

This thirty week program has allowed parents to have meaningful play time with their children. It has also reduced the barrier of isolation for newcomer parents, who are often inhibited by low English levels, lack of social networks and childcare. We have seen the program provide a safe, fun environment for diverse families to build relationships and learn more about each other's cultures. Aboriginal and Newcomer families are living side by side in the West Alexander and Centennial communities, and we have enjoyed seeing them spend time together and build friendships.

***What do you think was the biggest impact of this program?***

We have been pleased to host newly arrived refugee families. They have attended diligently while waiting for access to other programming, such as English school. This program has been a place for newly arrived families to feel comfortable to play, start to learn English and start participating in their community and build relationships with their new neighbours.