

Helen Brown Memorial Library



Andrew Fleck Child Care Services (AFCCS) is one of the oldest and most diversified non-profit, multi-service organizations in Ontario. Since its inception in 1911, it has expanded and developed innovative programs that provide a comprehensive range of services that meet the diverse early learning and child care needs of Ottawa families. AFCCS currently operates 11 programs in 6 locations, providing a continuum of child care, information, support and early years services to over 4,300 children and 27,000 families each year. The key to its continued success is an unwavering commitment to excellence, innovation and inclusion.

Helen's commitment to AFCCS began in 1980 when she joined the Board of Directors. Trained as a child psychologist, Helen appreciated the importance of the early years in the overall development of children. Her keen intelligence and strong analytical skills were essential to the diversification and expansion of AFCCS. In addition to serving a term as President of the Board, she was a member of the Finance Committee and often served as committee chair for new initiatives. Her focus on good governance contributed to insuring that board business was conducted in a proper manner with accurate records of decision. She served as a supportive confidante to successive Executive Directors who frequently sought her honest advice and expertise. Always a strong advocate for children, she never lost sight of the AFCCS commitment to disadvantaged and less privileged families. She devoted her considerable talents to insuring that all AFCCS programs were of the highest quality. As a community ambassador, she recruited many highly qualified board members and represented AFCCS in joint initiatives with other agencies.

In 2009, in recognition of Helen's significant contributions and years of service, she was appointed a life member of the Board of Directors. In recent years, despite health issues that interfered with her active participation in governance matters, Helen remained interested in and passionate about AFCCS. Understanding the important relationship between early language skills and school success, Helen donated funds to establish a lending library for children attending the George Street child care centre. This gift is reflective of Helen's appreciation of AFCCS's historical beginnings as a Settlement House established to provide supports to impoverished women and their children in Ottawa's Lowertown neighborhood.

*The Helen Brown Memorial Library
will serve as a lasting tribute to Helen and her many years of devoted service.*



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