

OUR VISION

To educate and empower our youth in becoming engaged and caring citizens of the community.

OUR MISSION

To provide children and youth with opportunities that enhance well-being through social, emotional and physical development by providing affordable and safe programs.

OUR VALUES

Accountability
Dedication
Leadership
Integrity
Respect

BRIEF OVERVIEW

Jericho Youth Services has been providing recreational programming for the children and youth in the Town of Georgina since 1982, currently serving over 2,000 individual participants in a variety of locations throughout the municipality. Although it started as a church group, Jericho has no religious affiliation. Jericho is a registered not-for-profit charitable organization.

Jericho is a member of Parks & Rec. Ontario, Georgina Chamber of Commerce and Linking Georgina. Jericho partners with YRDSB, YMCA, Town of Georgina, Georgina/East Gwillimbury Momstown, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and more.

Jericho currently receives funding from United Way of York Region, Region of York, Ministry of Tourism, Sports & Culture, RBC and Ontario Trillium Foundation.

In November 2013, Jericho entered into a social enterprising venture with the Gem Theatre in Keswick, purchasing 51% of the movie theatre. The idea is to be able to finance future programming with profits from the business and to create a much needed community centre in Keswick. Currently we provide an After School Program and special events at the Gem Theatre.

Over the years, Jericho's target audience and programs have changed and evolved. Our largest target audience is children aged 6-12 followed by youth aged 13-18. We offer 6 After School Programs whereof 5 are 5 days a week; 3 Gym programs; Martial Arts classes at 3 different locations (Pefferlaw, Sutton and Keswick); Family Adventures (crafts and games for the whole family), a thriving Youth and Leadership Training Program starting with Leaders In Training at age 12+ and a recurring cooking program at the schools called Mix It Up!

Most of Jericho's programs are free of charge as there is a great need for affordable and accessible programs in Georgina, but we do run Day Camps and Summer Camps at very low rates as well as hold pre-teen dances approximately once a month during the school year as a fundraiser.

Jericho Youth Services is overseen by a Board of Directors consisting of a Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and Members at Large. As of September 2009 Jericho operates without an Executive Director, but has instead a Managing Director. An Executive Committee has been formed from Board Members to meet with the office staff every other week. Other office staff includes a Finance Manager/Human Resources and a Community Development Coordinator in charge of programs and program staff, who also reports to and are accountable to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

Jericho Youth Services is accountable to its stake-holders (program participants and their families), agency partners and funders.

Although Jericho is not a membership-based organization, we consider our participants, staff and volunteers as members of the Jericho family.

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