

Macaulay Today!

Together, we're growing a stronger community: A message from our CEO

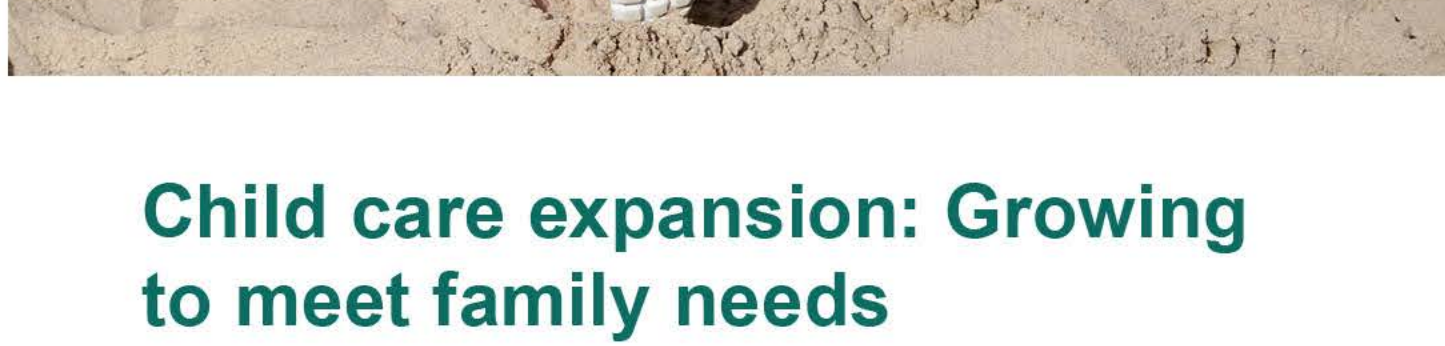
Spring is a season of renewal and growth—and at Macaulay, that spirit is alive and thriving. As our community continues to navigate challenging times, Macaulay remains firmly rooted in our mission: to build a brighter future for children and families across Toronto.

From affordable, high-quality licensed child care to vital family programs, we are here to meet the evolving needs of the communities we serve. We're proud to grow alongside you—our partners, supporters and neighbours—who make this work possible.

This season, we're not only expanding services and deepening our impact, but also reaffirming our commitment to equity, access and community care. Thank you for being part of our village.



Charles Abayomi
CEO, Macaulay Centres for Children



Child care expansion: Growing to meet family needs

Macaulay is proud to continue expanding access to affordable, licensed child care as part of the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) plan.

This spring, we're thrilled to announce that George Syme Child Care Centre is now open to infants, toddlers and preschoolers (ages 0 to 4)—alongside our existing before- and after-school care. This is part of our long-term commitment to make high-quality early learning accessible across Toronto.



More Than a Haircut returns to Little Jamaica

A partnership between Macaulay and leaders in the African-Caribbean community, **More Than a Haircut** supports fathers and father figures becoming more involved in their children's lives. Held in local barbershops across western Toronto, these conversations create trusted, culturally relevant spaces to talk about parenting, education and community.

On March 1, 2025, the program returned to Elegance Barber and Salon (1850 Eglinton Avenue West) for a lively and engaging session titled "Bridging the Gap: Finding Supports in the Community for Your Child and Yourself."

About 20 men—fathers, father figures, youths and barbers—shared insights and experiences about what support looks like, what's missing and how the community can continue to show up for one another.

The message was clear: when fathers are supported, families thrive.



Girls Code: Building futures in STEM

Girls Code is Macaulay's STEM and coding program that empowers girls ages 6 to 12 from marginalized communities to explore technology, build programming skills and connect with women role models in the field.

Earlier this year, Girls Code hosted a Family Engagement Day, bringing girls and their families together to explore tech and engineering.

Three female engineers—representing mechanical, biomedical and software fields—shared their career journeys and inspired young girls to dream big. Parents also got hands-on with their kids, building robotic hands using simple materials while learning about biomechanics and engineering.

This program is powered by CIBC Children's Foundation, the Toronto Foundation and private donors like you. Your support helps close the tech gap for girls in marginalized communities. Let's keep it going.



Emergency Family Support Program: Making a difference when it matters most

When families face an unexpected crisis, Macaulay's Emergency Family Support Program steps in.

Since we first launched it in 2022, this program has provided direct financial relief—up to \$200 per family—to help cover urgent essentials like groceries, medication, transportation and school supplies.

A recent evaluation confirmed what we've seen firsthand: this support makes a meaningful difference. Families used the funds to purchase food, diapers, medication and warm clothing—or to access transportation for medical appointments and therapy, especially for children with extra support needs.

"I used it to buy milk, vegetables and snacks for my son. It really helped my family when I couldn't work," shared one parent.

Another said, "As a single mother, this helped me get diapers, fruits and vegetables when I had no income coming in."

In addition to financial support, families were connected to vital community resources such as food banks, settlement services, clothing programs and mental health supports. Front-line staff played a key role, working closely with families to identify needs and ensure they weren't navigating these challenges alone.

Thanks to your support, we're able to be there for families when it matters most—offering relief, connection and a path to greater stability.



2025 Annual General Meeting and George Syme ribbon- cutting ceremony

Save the date! On June 11, 2025, we'll be hosting our Annual General Meeting and the official ribbon-cutting ceremony at our newly expanded George Syme Child Care Centre.

Join us in celebrating this milestone, hearing our latest updates and sharing a meal with our community. The full invitation is coming soon—we'd love to see you there.



Support Macaulay

Macaulay's work is powered by generosity. Your support helps us provide essential programs and services to families facing the greatest barriers.

Please consider making a donation today to help us keep these vital supports running and growing. Together, we can continue building a more caring, more equitable future for all families.

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