



early childhood community development centre

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**Thorold, ON: 2024 Niagara Early Learning and Child Care Awards of Excellence Celebration:
*Celebrating the Joy in the Journey: Honouring the Achievements of Early Learning Professionals in
Niagara***

The Early Childhood Community Development Centre (ECCDC), a local charitable organization, is proud to host the 27th Annual Early Learning and Child Care Awards of Excellence on Thursday November 28 at Club Roma, St. Catharines. The annual event, emceed by Move 105.7's Aiko Iwasita, celebrates the ongoing commitment, achievements, and dedication of dozens of early learning professionals, students, and volunteers in Niagara. More than 400 guests are expected to attend this year's event.

The ECCDC is grateful for the many local businesses who are sponsoring this year's celebration including long-standing event sponsor Louise Kool and Galt. Other businesses supporting the gala are: Little Ones Lunches, Mountainview Building Group, A Child's World Family Child Care Services, CIBC, The YMCA of Niagara, The District School Board of Niagara, The Niagara Catholic District School Board, Westland Greenhouse Solutions, Danima Creative Group, and Skycomp Solutions.

Lorrey Arial Bonilla, Executive Director of the ECCDC, expressed her gratitude to the early learning community for their ongoing dedication to children and families in Niagara. "It is an honour for the ECCDC to coordinate this valuable event each year to recognize the important work that Niagara's early learning professionals do each and every day to ensure exceptional early learning opportunities are available for Niagara's youngest children. Our Team always takes a lot of pride in coordinating such a special thank you to recognize the sector's ongoing commitment".

The ECCDC is pleased to have many community partners sponsoring and presenting awards, including: Bienenstock Natural Playgrounds, Niagara College, Brock University, Niagara Region Children's Services, Niagara Children's Centre, Niagara Child Care Sector Executive Committee, Special Needs Resourcing Leadership Team, District School Board of Niagara, Niagara Catholic District School Board, and Niagara's EarlyON Programs.

The ECCDC is an independent charitable organization dedicated to providing Niagara's early learning and care programs and providers with affordable access to the specialized learning resources, training and supports they need to deliver high quality care. The ECCDC's services are available to all educators and others involved in the care and education of children. We extend our deepest gratitude to Niagara Region Children's Services for funding many of ECCDC's services and supports for Niagara's early learning sector.

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