

## Inter-generational Friendship Program

### Beckley Farm Lodge

Beckley Farm Lodge has recently partnered with Little Wild Early Learning, a daycare for 3 to 5 year old children, to provide an inter-generational friendship program. Through the years grandparents and their grandchildren often developed special connections and studies have shown this connection



enhances the lives of our seniors. Children are very impressionable at an early age. The opportunity to meet with their Beckley Farm Lodge “grand-buddies” will help to develop their life skills, self-esteem, and confidence as well as open their minds to new cultures, wisdom and develop empathy and compassion. Our grand-buddies can share their stories and knowledge with the grand-kiddies bringing both joy and happiness to everyone involved.

The grand-kiddies will be coming weekly and join in programs developed by the facility activity staff. Their first visit, a meet and greet, involved balloon-volleyball and ended with ice cream cones for all before lunch! The pool party for their second visit was postponed due to the weather so the grand-buddies and grand-kiddies teamed up to create fingerprinted tree art with amazing results.

Little Wild Early Learning operates in the James Bay Square so you may see them walking up to Beckley Farm Lodge. They will be coming four times a month to participate in music, art, gardening and much more.

Their scheduled visits will be highlighted on our activity calendar, so feel free to join us.