

FRIENDS

AFTER 50 YEARS

THE STORY OF THE BROWN & LOVE FAMILIES

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In the late 1950s Joan and Roy Brown moved to a small community in the West Toronto Township, called Lorne Park. Eventually, it became part of the City of Mississauga in 1974. In the early 1960s, Beth and Jerry Love moved to the same community a short distance away.

[In 1966, two young boys were wandering through the backyard fields, because at that time there were no fences and little concern about children playing and running free. One of those little boys was Timmy Brown and the other David Love and we literally bumped into each other. We were three years old and managed to get back to each of our houses, with the other in tow, and introduce our new friend to our parents.](#)

“TO THIS DAY, 50 YEARS LATER, I AM STILL DEAR FRIENDS WITH DAVID LOVE.”

[David's father, Jerry, worked for the City of Mississauga when it was a very small organization. He commented on that fact recently when we were fortunate to meet with the Mayor of Mississauga, Bonnie Crombie, and our Ward 2 Councillor, Karen Ras. We were at a fund raiser to donate to the Jerry Love Children's Fund.](#)



[Jerry, Timothy, Bonnie, Beth & Karen.](#)

[Jerry Love worked tirelessly with the City of Mississauga to build its Recreation and Parks Department. Upon his retirement, he had formed a charity to aid children and the outgoing mayor at the time, Hazel McCallion, decided to name the charity after Jerry himself and the Jerry Love Children's Fund was formed. In his retirement, Jerry continues to work tirelessly to expand the program. This charity supports the need for lower-income families to be able to send their children to day camps in the City of Mississauga. Those who qualify are part of the city's program under the care of qualified instructors. One hundred per cent of the private donations are allocated to subsidize the cost of children of attending these day camps.](#)



One of the reasons I am passionate about this charity, which my company has supported for many years, is that all the proceeds go to the intended destination. With some charities, this is not the case.

"I AM CONFIDENT THAT THIS PROGRAM IS FULLY FUNDED TO THE BENEFIT OF THE CHILDREN AND PROVIDES A WELL NEEDED SUMMER BREAK FOR THEIR PARENTS."

To this day, The Browns and the Loves remain friends, meet and communicate regularly. My friendship with David, that started so many years ago, will last for the rest of our lives.

Presently, David and I are planning to ask Jerry if he will allow us to ensure that the legacy of the Jerry Love Children's Fund continues in perpetuity - long beyond anybody's ability to continue to serve. I encourage all private citizens, small businesses or corporations to support this wonderful charity that supports the families of Mississauga. There are children who need the opportunity to play and bump into each other and form life-long, meaningful friendships.