

Glenwood Community Centre's 2024 Year In Review

In 2024, Glenwood Community Centre hosted several events with the goal of bringing our community together, creating opportunities for fun, connection, and shared experiences. None of this would have been possible without the incredible support of our generous volunteers, dedicated staff, and the thoughtful donations from individuals within our community. We are truly grateful for each of you. We'd also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out to join us at these events - you are the reason we love putting them on! With that said, let's take a quick look back at our 2024 in review, highlighting all the memorable moments and achievements we've shared.

January – Fundraising Social

On Saturday, January 27th, we held our fundraising social event to support much-needed improvements to our arena. While ticket sales and attendance were lower than we had hoped, we are deeply grateful to those who joined us and contributed to this important cause. Your support, whether through your presence or donations, means a great deal to us as we continue working toward enhancing our facilities and providing a better experience for everyone.

March – Bunny Bash

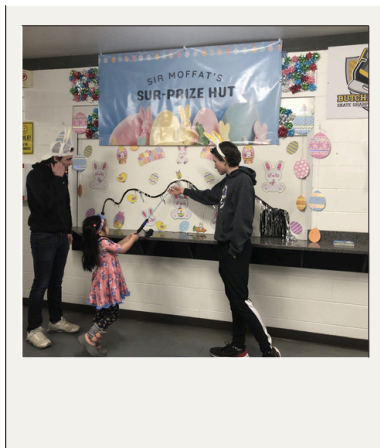
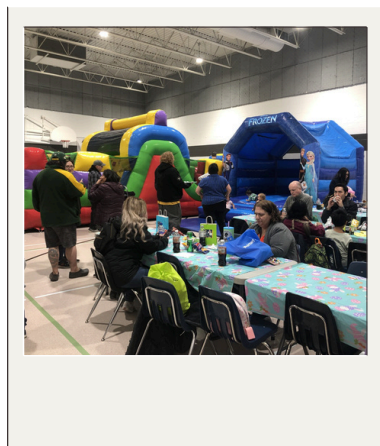
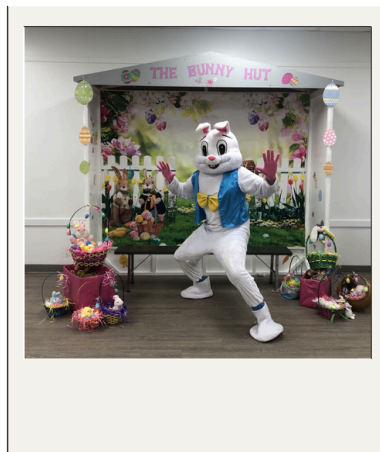
Our annual Bunny Bash, held on March 29th, was a huge hit this year! We made several exciting changes to the event, including the addition of a fun obstacle course that had everyone hopping with excitement. To top it off, participants could "fish" for a prize at the end of the course. In addition to the obstacle fun, we had face painters creating colorful masterpieces, a "Guess How Many" game, children's crafts, an opportunity to visit and have pictures taken with Sir Moffat, and a bouncy castle that kept the little ones entertained. We also served a delicious lunch to keep everyone energized throughout the festivities. With something for everyone, the Bunny Bash was a memorable event, and we're thrilled with the positive response from all who joined us!

April – Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our AGM took place on the afternoon of Sunday, April 7th, and was a great opportunity to connect with our community. To make the event even more enjoyable, we hosted a free community BBQ for all attendees, providing delicious food and a chance to socialize. For parents who wanted to attend but needed childcare, we offered babysitting services for those who pre-registered in advance. It was a wonderful afternoon of engagement, and we appreciate everyone who took the time to participate and support the continued growth of our organization. Thank you to all who came out and made this year's AGM a success!

June - Rookie Jamboree / Garage Sale

Glenwood Community Centre was proud to be one of the hosts of the 2024 Bonivital Baseball Rookie Jamboree on June 15th, where several teams came together for a day full of exciting baseball action. It was a fantastic event, bringing the community together to celebrate the spirit of sport and teamwork. In addition to the games, we also offered a unique opportunity for attendees to participate in a garage sale held in the arena. This was a great way for locals to declutter, shop for hidden treasures, and support the event all in one go. We're grateful to everyone who joined us for this fun and successful day!



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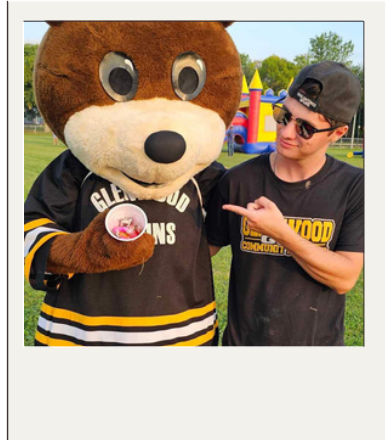
July – Taylor Swift Era's Par-TAY

Taylor Swift Era's Par-TAY on the afternoon of July 9th was undoubtedly one of the highlights of the year! It was an unforgettable day filled with excitement and fun. We kicked off the event by hunting for treasure, following Taylor Swift-themed clues that had everyone eagerly searching for the hidden treasure. Afterward, we enjoyed a delicious hot dog lunch, got creative with bracelet-making, and had a blast decorating cupcakes. The fun didn't stop there—we also had coloring activities, photo ops, and plenty of games. Most importantly, we came together to make new friendships and shook it off to all our favorite Taylor Swift hits. It was an afternoon full of joy and memories, and for many, it was the highlight of the year!



August – Summer Sizzler

The Summer Sizzler on August 21st was an absolute blast, bringing the community together for a day of fun and excitement! We had something for everyone, including bouncy castles, a petting zoo, glitter tattoos, and a candy scramble that had kids grinning from ear to ear. Delicious treats were served at our cotton candy and donut concession stands, while a craft and activity station kept the creative minds busy. For our littlest visitors, we had a dedicated baby area, and outdoor games brought out friendly competition. The event also featured a special visit from local community police and cadets, who interacted with everyone and shared valuable safety tips. The day was made even more lively by a professional DJ, setting the mood with great music. We also celebrated the dedication of our community garden, and of course, Glenwood's mascot, Butchie, made a fun appearance to bring smiles to all ages. It was a fantastic day, full of laughter, community spirit, and unforgettable memories!



September – Movie Night

Our Movie Night on September 20th, featuring Inside Out 2, was a huge success with an overwhelming and unexpected turnout! It was fantastic to see so many people come out to enjoy the film together, but we recognize that the large crowd created some challenges in ensuring everyone had the best experience. Moving forward, we will be making adjustments to improve the event, so that everyone can fully enjoy the movie in comfort. We truly appreciate everyone's enthusiasm and patience, and we're excited to continue offering these community events with even more thoughtful planning in the future!



November – Remembrance Day

On November 11th, we held a meaningful Remembrance Day Ceremony to honor those who served and sacrificed for our freedom. The day began with a solemn parade to Guay Park, where we paid tribute to our veterans and reflected on their bravery and dedication. After the ceremony, we gathered at Glenwood Community Centre for refreshments and dainties, providing a moment to connect and share in remembrance. It was a heartfelt event, and we are grateful to all who attended to show their respect and support for our veterans.



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December – Our Centre was bustling with four different events:

Rafflebox, Draw Held December 1st

Our arena is the heart of everything we do, from summer events like floor hockey and camps to winter activities such as hockey, ringette, and public skating. However, it's in need of some repairs, and while we can access grants to help with the costs, we still need to raise additional funds to ensure these repairs are made. To help support this effort, we held a raffle and were thrilled to raise \$1,065.00 in ticket sales. A special congratulations goes out to the winner, Katelyn Krawchuk, who took home \$532.50 of the pot! We are incredibly grateful to everyone who participated and helped us raise much-needed funds for our beloved arena.

Christmas Craft & Vendors Market, Sunday, December 1st

This year's scheduled vendor and crafter event originally featured 35 participants, but unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, a few had to cancel at the last minute. Despite these changes, the day turned out to be a wonderful success! It was the perfect opportunity for attendees to get a head start on their holiday shopping, and we were thrilled to see so many people come out to support local businesses and crafters. Thank you to everyone who joined us—your support made the event a great experience for all!

Breakfast with Santa, Sunday, December 8th

As always, our event was a fantastic time for everyone! We served up our regular breakfast of pancakes, sausages, bacon, and juice/ coffee, and this year we added a sweet dessert to the menu for an extra treat. Our Silent Auction was a huge hit, with so many great prizes up for grabs. Face painting and balloon art were as popular as ever, keeping the kids entertained throughout the day. We also made a few changes this year - moving the craft area to a different space, which allowed everyone a chance to take a relaxing break while getting creative. Our Christmas Shopping Area was relocated to a spot that worked even better, giving parents a place to sit and relax while the little ones shopped. And to top it all off, we had The Bubbleman join us for an amazing show full of mesmerizing bubble magic. It was a wonderful day, filled with fun, laughter, and holiday spirit!

Christmas Hampers

This year, we reached out to our local community foodbank, who shared that they serve 300 families each month. In response, we decided to switch things up and create the Holiday Helper Household Christmas Baskets to support those in need. These baskets were filled with essential household items such as laundry soap, dish soap, tea towels, dish cloths, paper towels, toilet paper, and household cleaner - items that make a real difference for families during the holiday season. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed, sponsored, or donated to these baskets - we were able to deliver 304 hampers! Your generosity made this initiative possible, and we couldn't have done it without you!

As we wrap up an incredible year, we want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who supported us throughout 2024. Your participation, enthusiasm, and generosity have made all the difference, and we couldn't have done it without you! We're already excited about what's to come in 2025 and can't wait to release our schedule of events. We're committed to improving on the events that matter most to our community and making sure each one is even better than the last. Here's to another year of fun, growth, and shared experiences—we look forward to seeing you all again soon!

