# Thank you for considering N’sheemaehn for your child.

Beyond the windows of N’sheemaehn, a deer stands at the edge of the woods. Four squirrels have just raided our bird feeder. Finding sharing a bit tedious, the squirrels race to four trees, sitting and scolding each other. From the window, little children watch in amusement at this delightful portrait of nature. Right here in Scarborough, in our own backyard.

N’sheemaehn, at the University of Toronto Scarborough, provides early education and care for 54 children. Every day learning through play in a professional, nurturing, stimulating and safe environment helps children develop skills and strategies to thrive today and self-potentate through their lifetime.

Our Name: N’sheemaehn (Pronounced n-shee-meh) is an Ojibwa word that means “my little brothers or sisters”. It is also a word for the sound of the chickadee.

N’sheemaehn Governance: We are not-for-profit Corporation that operates for the benefit of students, staff, faculty at UTSC and the community at large. A volunteer Board of Directors composed of parents and UTSC appointees governs us. The Board and its Committees are continually looking for parent involvement to contribute to the life of the Centre and the care and education of our children and families.

Relationship with the University: Our building, its maintenance, the utilities and care of the grounds are maintained free of charge. We are invited guests to various functions i.e. Remembrance Day Ceremony and go on parades for various seasonal events (i.e. Halloween, Chinese New Year).

Days and Hours of Operation: Care is offered between 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. The Centre is closed on all statutory holidays and between Christmas and New Year’s Day.

Waiting List Priority: Existing families first; University staff, students, faculty; community.

Parking: An area has been provided for drop off and pick up only. Overflow parking is permitted in the residence lot beside us; however, please do not park in designated spaces i.e. accessibility or reserved.

Nutrition: Lunch and snacks are catered by Wholesome Kids Catering. Allergies and food restrictions will be accommodated and posted in each room.

CWELCC: N’sheemaehn has opted into the Canada Wide Early Learning Child Care System in order to support quality, accessibility, affordability and inclusivity in early learning. Key objectives of this program include lowering child care fees for eligible children, improving wages, and increasing access to quality child care programs.

CWELCC is a five-year plan that is based on equity and inclusion. All families, including those with a fee subsidy, will have access to CWELCC programs by 2025.

Fees: Fees as indicated below are due on the first day of each month. We request 6 months of post-dated cheques. We do not offer part time care.

## Age Group As of 2025 Daily Rate

Infants $22.00

Toddler $22.00

Preschool $22.00

At N’sheemaehn, we believe in providing experiences which invite children’s interest, stimulate creativity, satisfy the desire to explore and discover, and help children develop at their individual stage and pace. We believe that each child is not only developmentally unique, but engages in learning experiences that happen at individually optimum times.

Ages of Children: N’sheemaehn is licensed to accommodate children in the following age categories:

Infants (under 18 months) 10

Toddlers (18months to 30 months) 10

Preschoolers (2 ½ to 4 years) 32

Enrolment: Once a family has accepted a space for their child at N’sheemaehn we request that you spend time in the program with your child prior to enrolment. These enables you to have questions about our program answered, get to know the teachers in your child’s room and overall makes the transition into child care smoother for your child and you. Your child will be much more comfortable in their new setting if this is done. All families must fully utilize their spot within one month of enrollment. All Registration forms must be filled out and the immunization section completed before care can begin. Upon registration you will be given a Parent Policy Manual that explains our policies and practices.

## Inclusion: Our Programs seek to eliminate systemic barriers by encouraging full participation by promoting positive relations and attitudinal change in relationship to race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, creed, ethnic origin, citizenship, marital status, family status, religion, gender, sex or sexual orientation, age, disability or physical attributes.

All families are welcome and encouraged to participate in all aspects of our child care centre.

# FAMILY INFORMATION

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| APPLICATION DATE |       |  |
| CHILD #1 NAME |       |  |
| DATE OF BIRTH |       | (day/month/year) |
| CHILD #2 NAME |       |  |
| DATE OF BIRTH |       | (day/month/year) |
| FULL ADDRESS |       | (Include Postal Code) |
| PARENT #1 NAME |       |  |
| PHONE # |       | [ ] Home [ ] Cell |
| PARENT #1 NAME |       |  |
| PHONE # |       | [ ] Home [ ] Cell |
| PRIMARY EMAIL: |       |  |

## CARE REQUESTED

[ ]  FULL FEE FAMILY [ ]  SUBSIDY FAMILY (Children’s Services-City of Toronto)

## ARE YOU:

[ ]  U of T. Family [ ]  Community Family

ANTICIPATED DATE OF ENROLMENT (WHEN WOULD YOU LIKE CARE TO START?):

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_PRINT LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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