

# Helen Brown Memorial Library



Helen's commitment to AFCS began in 1980 when she joined the Board of Directors. Trained as a child psychologist, Helen appreciated the importance of the early years in the overall development of children. Her keen intelligence and strong analytical skills were essential to the diversification and expansion of AFCS. In addition to serving a term as President of the Board, she was a member of the Finance Committee and often served as committee chair for new initiatives. Her focus on good governance contributed to insuring that board business was conducted in a proper manner with accurate records of decision. She served as a supportive confidante to successive Executive Directors who frequently sought her honest advice and expertise. Always a strong advocate for children, she never lost sight of the AFCS commitment to disadvantaged and less privileged families. She devoted her considerable talents to insuring that all AFCS programs were of the highest quality. As a community ambassador, she recruited many highly qualified board members and represented AFCS in joint initiatives with other agencies.

In 2009, in recognition of Helen's significant contributions and years of service, she was appointed a life member of the Board of Directors. Despite health issues that interfered with her active participation in governance matters, Helen remained interested in and passionate about AFCS. Understanding the important relationship between early language skills and school success, Helen donated funds to establish a lending library for children attending the George Street child care centre. This gift is reflective of Helen's appreciation of AFCS's historical beginnings as a Settlement House established to provide supports to impoverished women and their children in Ottawa's Lowertown neighborhood.

*The Helen Brown Memorial Library  
will serve as a lasting tribute to Helen and her many years of devoted service.*



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