



Newsletter – April



Happy Birthday Social Mamas

As of April 1st, Social Mamas is officially 1 year old! I can't believe it's already been one year. I feel the same as I did when Avery turned one in January – very reflective on the year and all the amazing things we've done as a group.

In one year we've made some incredible friendships, a ton of great memories, and helped a lot of people along the way. We had a clothing drive for Grace Haven (home for teen moms in Hamilton), a food drive for the Good Shepard Centre, collected milk bags to be made into sleeping mats for children in 3rd world countries, we did lots of baking for the Ronald McDonald House, we raised over \$1000 on our first annual walk-a-thon for the Ronald McDonald House (beating our goal of \$500!) and participated in the Home For Dinner Program every month. Not to mention all the efforts of the moms who volunteered their time for the Hamilton Baby Expo, where we raised over \$5000 for the Ronald McDonald House.

At this point, I can't imagine my life without you all! You're the people I go to when I have questions about being a mom, or even just being a woman. You're the ones who are there when I need to vent. You are the ones who are my village, helping me to raise my child. ...soon to be children. You are the ones who make up Social Mamas.

And with that, I would like to invite you all to celebrate the 1st birthday of Social Mamas at Chatters on Sunday April 18th! The event is free and for Social Mamas members only! Check out the calendar to register and for more information. And thank you to every single one of you for making my world a better place through Social Mamas.

Funny things kids say!

This is sure to bring you a laugh! *Taken from www.davesdaily.com*

1. Jack was watching his Mom breast feeding his new baby sister. After a while he asked: "Mom why have you got two? Is one for hot and one for cold milk?"
2. Melanie asked her Granny how old she was. Granny replied she was so old she didn't remember any more. Said Melanie, "If you don't remember you must look in the back of your panties. Mine say five to six."
3. Steven hugged and kissed his Mom goodnight. "I love you so much, that when you die I'm going to bury you outside my bedroom window."
4. Brittany had an earache and wanted a painkiller. She tried in vain to take the lid off the bottle. Seeing her frustration, her Mom explained it was a childproof cap and she'd have to open it for her. Eyes wide with wonder, the little girl asked: "How does it know it's me?"
5. Susan was drinking juice when she got the hiccups. "Please don't give me this juice again," she said, "It makes my teeth cough."
6. Danni stepped onto the bathroom scale and asked: "How much do I cost?"
7. Tammy was with her mother when they met an elderly, rather wrinkled woman her Mom knew. Tammy looked at her for a while and then asked, "Why doesn't your skin fit your face?"

Calling New Mom Members!

We have a monthly playdate for all the NEW MOM MEMBERS! We want to meet you and your children! This will be your chance to meet other new members and get a sample of what Social Mamas is all about! This month our playdate will take place on Monday April 19th, 2010

We are a friendly and supportive group of mamas and look forward to meeting you! ☺

More Privacy on Social Mamas

New privacy settings have been added to SocialMamas.com. For non-members or guests, they can no longer access our members page – where everyone's photos and screen names can be viewed. This is now private and can only be seen by other Social Mamas members. We have also changed the Forums to be viewed by members only.

If you have feedback on what you would or would not like to see on Social Mamas, please let me know!

Featured Business: Chatters Indoor Playground & Party Place

It's Always A Snow Day At Chatters, boasts Hamilton's largest indoor play park located at 240 Nebo Road on Hamilton Mountain. This 7,000 sq. ft. facility encourages kids 0-10 years old to crawl, bounce, slide and explore our clean and secure "socks only" environment. Chatters provides the ideal location for endless play in their multi-level soft structure which features, slides, tunnels, mazes, obstacle courses and more. With plenty of padding to absorb all their energy, no sharp corners, a separate toddler area, and a small selection of games and rides, this environment is ideal for active kids and will entertain children of all ages for hours. In addition, all care providers can relax in our wireless internet café to meet with family and friends while enjoying hours of close interaction with their children.

Looking for a fun and unique spot for your children's birthday party? For as low as \$95.00* (*Basic Room Rental for 8 children; Mon thru Thurs only), a child can enjoy a fun-filled, 2 hour birthday party with a private party room and other inclusions depending on the package selected. **Note:** There is an additional cost per child for each child over 8 guests. Chatters also offers weekday and all-inclusive packages (See inclusions online), that cater to any number of guests. Chatters is also the host to many large groups, school and corporate events.

Need Summer Day Care? – *Camp Chatters is there for you!* With flexible days and hours, we are sure to meet your day care needs all summer long!

Regular admission prices range from \$3 to \$8 (plus tax) depending on age and number of related children entering together (babies under 1 yrs entering with a paying sibling and adults are always FREE). Frequent Player Cards are also available making an excellent gift idea as well as significantly reducing the cost of admission each time it is used.

Hours Of Operation:

Mon thru Sat from 9:30 am to 8 pm

Sun & Holidays 10 am to 5 pm

For more information in day camps and birthday party packages, visit www.chatterspartyplace.com, or call 905-574-PLAY (7529).



APRIL CONTEST

Everyone LOVES a contest! To the winner of our April contest we will be giving away a pass to Chatters Indoor Playground - our featured of the month!

Everyone who writes a blog this month will be entered into our draw. The draw will take place through www.random.org to choose a random winner.

Congratulations to Michelle who won our March contest – a Teach My Toddler learning system from Teach My™

Monthly Quote

A three year old child is a being who gets almost as much fun out of a fifty-six dollar set of swings as it does out of finding a small green worm.

~Bill Vaughan



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Remember Moms: All Social Mama members can use their VIP Card to receive \$3.00 off a haircut at Sharkey's