The Right to people who care about me

September

Explaining the Right

Children frequently expressed the importance of caring adults in their lives, whether it was family members, teachers, or community members.

Children are vulnerable members in our society, which means they have a set of special rights afforded to them under the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Children require caring adults to help them grow up happy and healthy.

A few quotes gathered from children during the Charter creation process:

"I love my mom, dad and brother. They take care of me"

"I ask the police if I don't know how to go home"

Families can:

- Read a book, go for a walk, or bake together
- Hug, listen to, and play with children so they feel loved and cared for
- Plan one-on-one time together



Book

Recommendations for children and families:

The Wooden Treasure, by Fredric Marais

Grandpa Across the Ocean, by Hyewon Yum

My papi has a motorcycle, by Isabel Quintero

Eyes that kiss in the corners, by Joanna Ho

I really want to see you, Grandma, by Taro Gomi

Hair Twins, by Raakhee Mirchandani

Mommy's Khimar by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow

The **Burnaby Children's Charter** was developed in 2019 and included the voices of 250 children across Burnaby. The Charter was developed by the Burnaby Children's Community table in partnership with Equitas and is now in the Action Planning Stage, with <u>multiple agencies</u> having endorsed the Charter. This newsletter is part of a year-long series where we highlight the rights of the Charter each month to support community to action the Charter with us.