

## ?Silent gratitude? is of no use

On Saturday, August 17, my family and I attended the second annual ?End of Summer Block Party? hosted by the Campus Church.

We attended last year as well, and remembered it as a wonderfully satisfying simple and light-hearted party. This year was no exception. With playful games for the little ones, balloons, music, a barbecue, and a fantastic sense of community, the event was the highlight of the weekend for our two young boys.

I remain impressed by the thought and effort put forth by the church and its volunteers to host this event. Being Roman Catholic, we are not members of this church, but we never for a moment felt unwelcome or unworthy.

Instead, we observed families of all backgrounds from the community smiling, laughing and enjoying. There was no pretence, no ulterior motive, just a group of smiling people giving back, making the world a better place. With the exception of the barbecue, the event is free, making it fully accessible to households of any income.

After seeing their generosity, I was compelled to make a donation, albeit a small one, which was received with genuine surprise and gratitude. Many thanks to the Campus Church and their sponsors for a memorable event.

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