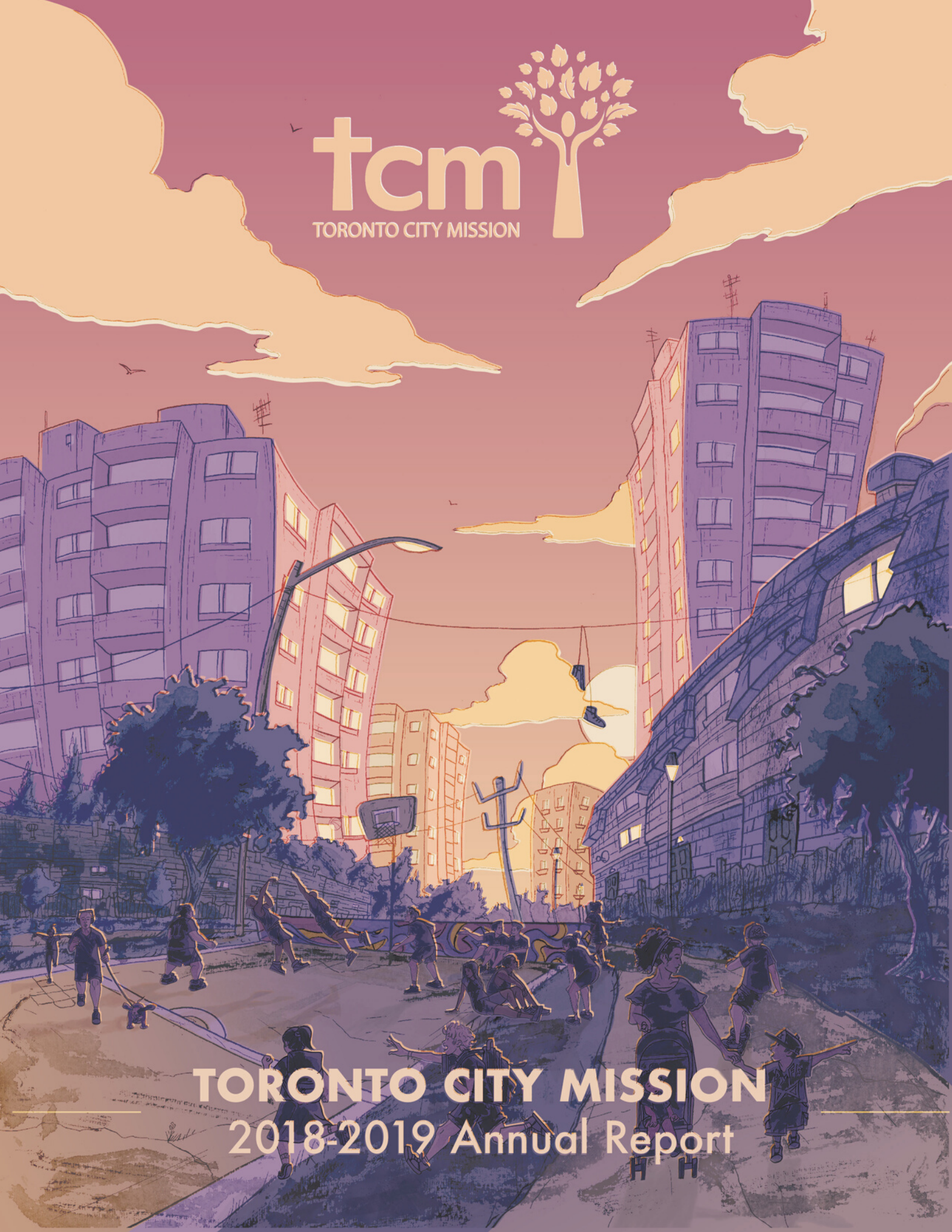


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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

It has been six years since I joined the board. Over those years, I could see that there were opportunities to improve the ministry. But what I saw as the need to improve, God saw as opportunity for much more.

I thought we needed to renovate, whereas He wanted a new foundation. The Lord knew better. A house that looks well above, but with a cracked foundation, only exists on borrowed time. While there doesn't seem to be any urgency to fix it, the longer we wait, the worse it gets. He wanted a fix and has used changes in the last year to keep TCM spiritually healthy.

In 2019, Toronto City Mission has undertaken a complete renovation of our foundation and culture. We have drawn closer to God. We are reviewing the way we do things and are much more open to change. We are taking the time to ensure all new staff have a true calling to the ministry rather than us prioritizing filling positions. We are building new leadership, including new board members with decades of experience in sharing the Gospel in full time urban ministry.

We have built a new foundation, one that stops to pray and listen to Him. Our priority has to be on Kingdom building rather than just running programs.

We are now rebuilding from the foundation up: new leadership, a relatively new board, and a new culture that listens to our Lord. As I reach the end of my 6 year maximum term on the board, I'm optimistic of God's plan for TCM.

Like the house undergoing a change in the foundation, at the beginning it can seem messy, but that change is fundamental to a stronger house.

We have come back to our roots: sharing the Gospel and glorifying Him.



BILL FENG
CHAIRMAN



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A boy came home from school holding a styrofoam cup, into which he had put a single seed. The next morning he jumped out of bed, took the cup down from his windowsill and instantly burst into tears!

Startled, his mother asked him what the problem was. "There's no flower," the boy wept. "My teacher said there would be a flower." The mom explained to her son that it would take time for the seed to sprout and the flower to grow. Further, he would need to water it regularly and keep the cup on the windowsill so that it would get enough sunlight.

The boy did as he was told and sure enough, after a few days, a small sprout had pushed its way through in search of more sunlight. Soon a small plant was flourishing in the cup. It eventually grew so large that it had to be transplanted to a flower bed. Like the boy with his seed, we tend to think of growth as something that should happen automatically.

We seek instant satisfaction. However, the farmer plants seeds and with hard work, waits patiently for the harvest. The same is true in the spiritual realm. In John chapter 15, Jesus compares Himself to the vine and His people to the branches. In these verses, there is an emphasis on the importance of producing good fruit, but Jesus also reveals the conditions that must be met before spiritual growth can take place. He teaches us that the most important prerequisite for growth is that the branch must be connected to the vine (v.2).

A wonderfully important reminder for us that Christ alone is the source of our spiritual life and growth.

This is an exciting time here at TCM. We have much to be thankful for. God in His wisdom and love has reminded us that although difficult, there are periods when it is necessary for pruning to take place, and through this, a branch can once again bear fruit. We believe that we are entering into an exciting season of hope and bearing fruit.

We ask that you would kindly keep us in your prayers as we discern God's call for Toronto City Mission. Pray that like the little boy with his cup and seed, we too will maintain patience as we strive for growth and transformation for both our staff and those we serve. Pray that we would be constantly connected to the vine, and through this Christ would always be the source of our strength.



ELLIOTT SHIN
ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



core values

- 1 We seek to stand with those who are suffering from the effects of poverty.
- 2 We value personal relationships with all our participants, partners, and personnel.
- 3 We value the unique purpose and worth of every individual and seek to help them use their God-given abilities to give back to their communities.
- 4 We seek to be open and honest in all of our thoughts, words, and actions.

approach

- 1 **Transforming lives by building preventative programs**
We help children, youth, and adults rise above poverty by providing preventative programs designed to equip them in making wise choices about school, friends, relationships, work, and the future.
- 2 **Transforming lives by building loving relationships**
We build relationships with the community and strive to be a positive presence.
Partnerships: We rely on relationships with our partners in order to multiply the effectiveness and breadth of impact.
- 3 **Transforming lives by building leaders**
We invest in our volunteers and interns so they can give back to their community and serve as positive, godly role models.

Only through loving relationships will children and families experience the love of God.

We use various programs and ministries to build and maintain relationships with the families in communities we serve.

YEAR IN REVIEW





KIDS IN COMMUNITY

"What does it mean to repent?" This is the kind of question asked at Kids in Community (KIC).

It is so encouraging to see how innocent and sincere their curiosity is about the Bible.

One child, Michael, shared that his family were Buddhist and he only learned about Jesus when he started coming to the program a few years ago. It is inspiring to see how Michael enjoys hearing stories from the Bible. His sincerity reminds us of Jesus' words in Matthew: "Unless you be changed, and become like little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven" (18:3).





EDUCATION PROVIDED IN COMMUNITY

This year, a student with a number of behavioural issues, demonstrated incredible growth and servanthood. While the kids were preparing to eat, he went to get some juice from the container and proceeded to serve the leaders, volunteers, and other children.

As simple as it was, this gesture shows God actively working in his life. It was an incredible encouragement to see someone who had been combative in the past, now serving others. We are challenged to be patient and prayerful with the kids who are sometimes difficult.

During homework help and tutoring, staff and volunteers practice love and patience while identifying areas of growth where prayer can be made.





TEENS LEADING COMMUNITY

One of our teens got into trouble and it was interesting to witness the different responses.

Many times, the other kids reacted by saying, “They’re crazy” or “They need to be disciplined” or “He has issues”. But one of the Grade 9 girls responded very differently and maturely.

She explained how before passing judgment, it would be better to ask what happened that caused the individual to get into trouble in the first place. It was a really cool, compassionate, relationship focused response that showed a lot of maturity, care, and desire to understand and help someone else.

That's the hope of the Teens Leading Communities (TLCs): for teenagers to develop godly Christ-like character and love.





ROLE MODEL MOMS

For many moms, life before Role Model Moms (RRM) was challenging. They sought out RRM because they wanted to obtain their high school diploma, to attend college, and find employment so that they can not only provide for their children, but be positive role models for them.

Signing up to be a part of RMM was a big step in itself as moms felt nervous they might not fit in and scared because they might fail after being out of school for so long. However, they quickly learned that they were in a safe place where they were welcomed and supported. This led to excitement because they had another chance to make a better life for their family.



gift of christmas

In all our communities,
churches and community
partners come together for
an annual Christmas
dinner.

469 people attended the Christmas celebrations.



SPIKEBACK AGAINST POVERTY 2019



Each year, we come together as a TCM family for our annual indoor beach volleyball tournament-SpikeBack Against Poverty. It's a night of fun competition as teams square up for prizes while contributing towards the mission of TCM.

We are grateful for all who supported this year's competition and made summer 2019 a memorable one for children impacted by poverty.

IN 2019, PARTNERS AND SPONSORS RAISED

\$10,770!

IN SUPPORT OF SONSHINE DAY CAMP

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



ASSETS

Cash	55,040
Marketable securities	1,067,915
Accounts receivable	21,805
Prepaid expenses	9,111
Restricted cash	25,000
Capital assets	2,251
Total Assets	1,181,122

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	33,643
Deferred revenue	30,408

NET ASSETS

General fund	1,092,071
Endowment fund	25,000
Total Liabilities and Equity	1,181,122

REVENUE

Individuals	231,573
Foundations and Associations	213,802
Churches and ministries	178,826
Government Grants	43,138
Bequests	31,162
Investment Income	22,959
Corporations	16,048
Special events	13,504
Other	10,866
Total Revenue	761,878

EXPENSES

Community Programs	692,636
Resource Development	172,415
Operations and Administration	114,830
Total Expenses	979,881
Deficiency of Revenue over Expense	(\$218,003)



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