

TORONTO CITY MISSION 2022-2023

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

We are extremely grateful to God for the accomplishments of the past year. As our Executive Director notes in his report, this has been a banner year. And as we think about the successes of the past year it is good to take some moments to reflect on the source of these good outcomes.

Two passages of Scripture come to mind.

The first is Psalm 1:1 – 3 “Blessed is the one . . . whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on it day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither – whatever they do prospers.”

One source of success is up to us. It is the deliberate immersing of ourselves in the Word of God. When we do so, we open ourselves up to the spiritual water that results in fruitfulness. It rises through us from roots to trunk to branches and results in the regular bearing of the precise fruit that is in alignment with our DNA, that corresponds to both our characters and to our giftedness as Jesus' followers.

The second is from John 15 and follows a section of Jesus' advice to his disciples. That advice is that we 'abide in the vine'. This abiding is deeper and more personal than love of the law of the Lord; it is a deep and true connection, through the Holy Spirit, with Jesus, the source of the life that flows through us. And if we do 'remain' in Jesus, fruit results!

“This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourself to be my disciples.”



KEN LITTLE
CHAIR OF THE BOARD

It is not from our effort but from the gracious and quiet movement of God, the Holy Spirit, in our lives and context that produces the quality of fruit that brings glory to God.

We are thankful for our staff team who live faithful lives, and who give of themselves to children and families impacted by poverty. It is their faithfulness that brings the positive results that we yearn for: that children will learn to live with hope, youth will become positive influences in their communities, able to resist the negative pressures that swirl around them, and families will find wholeness and hope.

The teaching theme in our programs throughout the year has been the fruit of the Spirit. It is as these qualities of -- love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control -- are seen in the people, young and old, that they become positive influencers in their communities.

We are also deeply thankful for you who are reading this annual report. So many of you have given of your time, given of your prayers, given of your skills, given of your financial resources. Thank you as you, too, show the fruit of the Spirit in your faithfulness.

May the blessing of the God the Father be extraordinary in your lives this coming year, as He lifts up His face towards you and gives you the true peace found in Jesus.

**“This is to my Father's
glory, that you bear
much fruit, showing
yourself to be my
disciples.”**

John 15:8

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We are pleased to share our 2022-23 annual report. This past year we continued to implement many of the strategic planning findings from the SWOT Analysis we completed a year and a half ago. Further, this year's program theme was "Fruit of the Spirit." What a delight it was for our Outreach Workers to share with our program participants the wonderful understanding that if we are in Christ, God gifts us with love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control! (Galatians 5:22-23)

Since 1879 Toronto City Mission has had a long history of being a positive, loving presence in communities in our city impacted by poverty. Our desire is, through God's transformational power, to build loving relationships to bring hope to children and families impacted by poverty. We very much desire to present the Word and Deed competent of the Gospel.

It is with much pleasure that I write this update to the Toronto City Mission (TCM) community. This has been a banner year, where both in-person programs and staffing have stabilized and bloomed. Our Outreach Workers continued to build loving relationships through thoughtfully planned children and youth programs. Moreover, after some difficult years due to Covid, this past year we were able to host Sunshine day camps (summer and March break), after-school programs (KIC), as well as tutoring programs (EPIC) at full capacity without any restrictions!

ELLIOTT SHIN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We also said goodbye to our Liebenzell missionaries from Germany Lina Sophie and Carina, and welcomed Natalie and Tamara. We are truly grateful and blessed to have such an outstanding partnership with the Liebenzell Mission.

There were plenty of other highlights. For the first time since 2019, we hosted Christmas celebration dinners in each of our ministry communities and some staff enjoyed a trip to Quebec over Christmas break. There was also a staff overnight to Niagara Falls in November, as well as a staff retreat in March. We also hosted 2 successful fundraisers, "Spikeback Against Poverty" (volleyball) in March and "Strikeout Poverty" (softball) in May. Further, we added a new board member and were blessed to welcome several local college field placement students, as well as year-long interns.

This is also an ideal time for me to thank our "Sparks." These are the folks who have devotedly and lovingly prayed for us, generously supported us financially, and have offered their precious time to volunteer with us. Thank you for your good will and friendship. Our ministry would not be possible without your thoughtfulness and kindness!

Finally, thank you to the TCM team, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!" (Matthew 25:23). To our staff, thank you for responding so enthusiastically to God's call for your life!

Friends, as we look upon another year of ministry, we are excited and buoyed by your prayers and support! Do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have.

In His Service,



"Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

Matthew 25:23

ABOUT: TORONTO CITY MISSION

MISSION

Through God's transformational power, we build loving relationships to bring hope to children and families impacted by poverty.

VISION

Families impacted by poverty will lead transformed lives.



CORE VALUES

Compassion We seek to stand with those who are suffering from the effects of poverty

Relationships We value personal relationships with all our participants, partners and personnel

Dignity 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

Integrity We seek to be open and honest in all of our thoughts, words and actions



APPROACH

BUILDING
RELATIONSHIPS



BUILDING
LEADERS



BUILDING
PREVENTATIVE PROGRAMS



WHERE WE SERVE: MINISTRY COMMUNITIES

Flemingdon Park

Flemingdon Park is a diverse community that has been a landing pad for recent immigrants as Toronto Community Housing has provided many new Canadians with affordable housing. 35% of the population at Flemingdon Park is considered to be living below the poverty line (compared to 22% for Toronto). A high number of single-parent families living in Flemingdon Park also live in poverty with the unemployment rate reaching 11% (versus 8% for Toronto).



(Flemingdon Park Children and Youth)

Jesse-Ketchum

The borders of Jesse Ketchum are Dupont Avenue to the north, Yonge Street to the east, Avenue Road to the west, and Bloor Street to the south. It is within the University-Rosedale ward so a large portion of the population is affluent, as evidenced by the smaller community of Yorkville within Jesse Ketchum. However, there are pockets of the population that experience low income or are affected by poverty. According to the City of Toronto 2016 Census, 39% of the population still earns less than \$49,999. 20.2% of the population lives with low income, and in certain areas of the community, child poverty rates are as high as 44.7%.



(Jesse-Ketchum Children and Youth)

Kingston-Galloway

Kingston-Galloway is a diverse neighbourhood in Scarborough Village with a population of 35,274 people. The community has high percentage of residents impacted by poverty at 29%, compared to the Toronto average of 22%. Children and youth in Kingston-Galloway are disproportionately affected by poverty, with 41% living in low-income households, compared with 26% for Toronto. 32% of families with children in Kingston-Galloway are led by single parents, versus 21% in Toronto. Kingston-Galloway has the highest density of Toronto Community Housing units in Toronto.



(Kingston-Galloway Children and Youth)

YEAR 2022/2023

PROGRAM REVIEW

In Toronto, many families are living in poverty, not only physical but more importantly spiritual poverty. We have developed programs that through God's transformational power, enable us to build long-term relationships with children and families to share the hope we have in Christ.

KIC: KIDS IN COMMUNITY (GRADES 1 TO 6)

Kids in Community (KIC) is an after-school program designed for kids in grades 1 to 6 to spend their time in a safe environment engaged and in positive activities, including games, sports, snacks, stories, Bible teachings, and crafts. Children also receive homework help to encourage them in their academic studies. KIC is the first in a series of transformational programs that encourage children and families to find hope through Jesus Christ.

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KIDS

EPIC: EDUCATION PROVIDED IN COMMUNITY (TUTORING)

EPIC (Education Provided In Community) is an after-school tutoring program designed with the children's spiritual, relational, and academic lives in mind. Each child in this program is intentionally paired with a volunteer tutor who is screened to be a good match for the student. Through this pairing, each volunteer tutor has the opportunity to build a meaningful relationship with a child in need, and help provide enhanced learning, a Christ-centered academic mindset, and a way to rise above the challenges they face. The result is enhanced learning, identification of needs, and a step towards building a community of hope.

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KIDS



JX/YX: JUNIOR/YOUTH EXTREME (MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL)

Youth Extreme is geared for students in grades 9 through 12. This program provides high school students a safe environment (both physically and emotionally) where there are opportunities to have fun, strengthen positive friendships, and learn healthy conflict resolution when conflict inevitably presents itself. Adult leaders seek not only to be positive role models but also to develop healthy, trusting relationships with young people and speak “Good News” into every area of their lives. Through these open discussions, students are encouraged to grow in their faith and gifting. Youth are also encouraged to take responsibility and ownership of the group through leadership and service opportunities.

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YOUTH

Junior Extreme serves youth in grades 7 and 8. Junior Extreme provides a positive environment for youth to socialize, build healthy relationships, and enjoy activities such as games, movies, Bible studies, and overall fun. Junior Extreme also focuses on smaller groups of youth to develop stronger and deeper levels of trust and relationship.

TLC: TEENS LEADING COMMUNITIES (YOUTH)

The TLC program seeks to train young people to be leaders who give back to their communities. Youth are trained throughout the year as they volunteer in KIC. During March Break and the summer, they are an essential support to Sonshine Day Camp. Our hope is that these TLCs will learn responsibility, develop their leadership skills, and grow in their journey of faith. TLCs are encouraged to return in the following years for additional training and guidance as they grow into adulthood.

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YOUTH

SONSHINE DAY CAMPS (MARCH BREAK & SUMMER)

For the past 20 years, Sonshine Day Camp has been offered to children between grades 1 and 6 during March Break and the Summer. These camps provide supervised, daily programs that include activities such as crafts, sports, singing, Bible-based stories, and day trips. Children are kept engaged and off the streets or away from anti-social behaviours while parents are working.

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KIDS

Through God’s grace, we have served 68 families in the year 2022/2023.

2022/23 YEAR AT A GLANCE

“Through God’s Transformational Power”

JULY & AUGUST

As COVID restrictions were lifted significantly, we enjoyed a wonderful summer with our campers at Sunshine Day Camps. Over the course of seven weeks of camp, children learned about God's providence through the story of King David. They also praised God and enjoyed various activities. Witnessing our campers growing in God's love, we are grateful for His goodness.



SEPTEMBER

New Curriculum: God’s Promises

In September 2022, the children and youths began a new school year learning about God's promises. Although the concept of a Covenant might have been difficult to grasp, they learned through various Old Testament stories, small groups, and different activities. They were able to discover God's character and the reasons for Jesus' coming, growing in understanding of His love and grace.



Natalie & Tamara from The Liebenzell Mission of Canada

We Welcomed Natalie and Tamara, Liebenzell missionaries from Germany! They participated in leading Bible lessons, small groups and activities for KIC, Junior/Youth Extreme and Sonshine Day Camps in Jesse-Ketchum and Kingston-Galloway. We are thankful for our time serving with them and seeing how each child loves engaging with them during programs.



"Through reflecting upon my own experience as a child, I am reminded how life-changing and hope-giving TCM After-School programs can be for our children."

- Natalie in her Blog "God will Strengthen You"

OCTOBER: RUN FOR TCM

On October 16, 2022, TCM staff, board members and friends participated in "Run for TCM" through the Toronto Waterfront Marathon! We were able to raise over \$19,183 to help provide children the opportunity to be a part of TCM's after-school programs KIC and EPIC at no cost! It is a privilege to see how God brings such supporters who eagerly desire to help the children and youths impacted by poverty.



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WATERFRONT MARATHON



2021/22 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We had a wonderful time praising and honouring God at TCM's 2021-2022 Annual General Meeting. Through sharing program reviews, testimonies from volunteers, youths and families, impacts of Sparks and financial highlights, we witnessed and reflected upon God's goodness and faithfulness shown throughout the year. We were grateful for a chance to reconnect with some of our Sparks and to introduce our board members to those who attended the meeting.



GIFT OF CHRISTMAS

After 2 years of waiting, TCM finally held in-person Christmas Celebrations for our three ministry communities! Families from each community joined us to enjoy delicious meals, watch our children's worship performance and hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. We also had an opportunity to visit some of our youths to give out Christmas gifts. Our staff felt truly blessed to celebrate Christmas together with many families we hadn't seen for a while due to COVID-19.

The Gift of Christmas provided the children, youths and their families with the opportunity to experience love and a sense of belonging in each community they are in. We continue to pray that they come to realize that Jesus is the best gift of Christmas and become a part of building God's kingdom in their community as witnesses of His grace.



JANUARY: THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

In the 2023 Winter term, we taught the children and the youths about the Fruit of the Spirit. As they began to build a foundational understanding of who God is, this curriculum continued to encourage them to reflect His character in their action. By looking at each attribute, they learned how they connect with the Gospel and the character of Jesus. Outreach Workers witnessed the kids and the youths reflecting upon their behaviours and attempting to be more loving and gracious towards one another!



FEBRUARY



Joint Meeting with Urban Promise

On February 28, Toronto City Mission and Urban Promise Toronto had a joint meeting to reconnect with one another and share different perspectives and experiences we have built through working in Christ-centered organizations. We look forward to seeing how God continues to build His Kingdom in our city through the children and youth we encounter at both organizations.

MARCH BREAK

SONSHINE DAY CAMPS

From March 13-17 of 2023, we held Sonshine March Break Day Camps. The week was filled with Bible stories, fun games, crafts and field trips! Through the story of Ruth and Boaz, we learned about sacrificial love, faithfulness and a transformed identity in God. On the last day of March Break, we invited our youths from each community to the TCM office and enjoyed a fun day of learning about Zacchaeus and playing team-building games together!



SPIKEBACK AGAINST POVERTY

On March 25, 2023, we hosted SpikeBack Against Poverty Volleyball Fundraiser and raised a total \$15,311.49 for our 2023 Summer Sonshine Day Camps! Youths from Kingston-Galloway also came out to fundraise for a special field trip. It was a wonderful experience for them to see how many people are involved in supporting TCM and the afterschool programs they are a part of. Thanks to everyone who came out to play, volunteer and help raise funds to help send children to our summer camps where they learn to find their true identity in Christ!



EASTER: LEARNING JESUS' LOVE

To celebrate Easter, our children and youth spent time learning about Jesus' life, the reason for His death on the cross and His Resurrection during After School programs. Through His story, they came to understand that our brokenness no longer defines our identity, and that we are proclaimed to be a child of God through the power of Jesus' sacrificial love.

APRIL & MAY

STRIKE OUT POVERTY

TCM's 2023 Strike Out Poverty Softball Fundraiser was held on May 13, 2023. \$15,126.00 was raised to send 64 kids to TCM programs for one week! Praise the Lord for granting us such amazing supporters who trust in God's transforming power in the lives of our ministry communities! We hope to continue building loving relationships with our participants in our after-school programs throughout the year! Thank you!



MACHoke: Division A Tournament Winner



Youngin's: Division B Tournament Winner



One Way: Top Fundraising Team



Year End Community BBQ

TCM's 2023 End-of-the-Year BBQs for each community were a success! Thanks to Chinese Gospel Church, Scarborough, Stone Church and Heron Park Baptist Church for their loving and thoughtful partnership! Further, we are grateful to those who came out for the day to volunteer and lend a helping hand. This was a fitting way to end our school year programs.



Summer Internship 2023

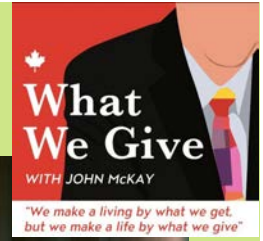
On June 12th, we welcomed 15 interns for our summer Sunshine Day Camp! Praise God for their dedicated hearts as they felt a call to be a part of God's work to serve children, youths and families impacted by poverty. The interns participated in three weeks of training covering topics like curriculum/lesson planning, risk and behaviour management, and much more. As interns and Outreach Workers spent time together, they had many opportunities to learn about one another, through sharing testimonies, life struggles, and together planning for the start of day camps. The summer interns in each of our communities did an outstanding job in working with our Outreach Workers to provide 7 weeks of loving, caring, valuing and God-centered day camps!



Toronto City Mission on Podcast: What We Give with John McKay

Mila and Carmen, Outreach Workers in our Kingston-Galloway Community, participated in John McKay's (Member of Parliament for Scarborough - Guildwood) Podcast series: What We Give. They shared their stories of how they joined TCM, their roles, and how TCM is making an impact on the lives of children and youth impacted by poverty.

You can find the episode, What We Give: Carmen Tan and Mila Abellera from the Toronto City Mission, on Youtube Chanel: Hon. John McKay, P.C., M.P.



Sunshine
DAY CAMP





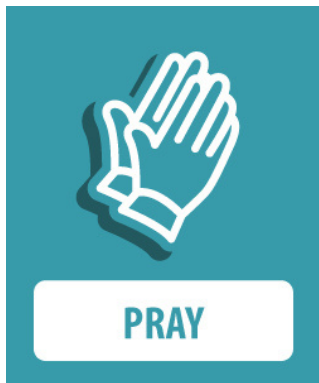
Spark | Purposeful Giving



Spark is a community of supporters who engage with Toronto City Mission on a regular basis. With reliance on God and through prayer, volunteering, and financial gifts, we can build a sustainable foundation to bring hope to children and families impacted by poverty.



What will you do as a Spark?



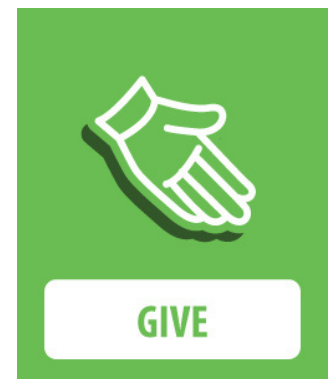
Prayer sustains, protects, leads and encourage us. Having you as a Prayer Spark enables us continue building relationships with families impacted by poverty to bring hope to their lives through Christ.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

- 1 Peter 4:10



Volunteering is the action to our faith. God has given us gifts and has called us to use these gifts to be active witnesses for His glory in service to others. By regularly volunteering in our ministry communities, you will be able to build relationships that last with children and youth who need Christ-centred leaders.



Giving is an act of obedience to God who provide His blessings in abundance. As witnesses who received His grace, God expects us to be generous with giving to others who need it. Your giving helps send the families in our ministry communities to TCM's preventative programs at no cost.

Testimonials

Spark: Esteban Family
Volunteer: Chantal & Kyra
Family: Cynthia & Isaiah



Spark Testimonial | Esteban Family

Our family became connected to Toronto City Mission (TCM) through our church, Hope Bible Church Markham. In the summer of 2022, Hope Bible Church Markham assembled a mission team to serve with the TCM organization for a week. Among the ministry communities, our family chose to serve at the Kingston-Galloway (KG) location in Scarborough.

Since our initial service with the Hope Markham Bible Church Mission team in the summer of 2022, our family has continued to serve with TCM in KG throughout the school year. We served in a few areas of need, including volunteering on Thursdays with the Junior Extreme after-school program (grades 7 to 8) and participating in monthly Family Dinner nights. This past summer (2023), Deya, my daughter, was hired by TCM as a summer intern, working as one of the camp leaders at the KG Camp, while Malachi, my son, faithfully served alongside TCM KG leaders for most of the summer camp's duration.

What motivated our family to continue serving with Toronto City Mission is, first, obedience. The Lord instilled in me a deep compassion to love and serve the children in this community. It was an honour and a blessing to serve as one of the leaders and one of the first male figures in the Junior Extreme program during the 2022-2023 school year. Trina, my wife, finds her motivation in love—for the kids, the hearts of the staff, the organization's intent to love and serve these communities for God's glory, and our Lord and Saviour's sacrifice that inspires us to obey His Word, loving others and sharing the Gospel. My son, Malachi, felt a calling from God to serve the children in KG with all his heart. Lastly, here's what Deya says about her motivation to be part of God's good work at Toronto City Mission:

"I was drawn in by the heart of TCM and their passion to show God's love to each of the communities they serve. I was particularly inspired to work at Kingston-Galloway because of the kind of community Mila and Carmen have created for the kids who attend TCM's programs."

Our faith has grown through our involvement with TCM as each of us has relied on the Lord to shape our hearts, fill us with His love, teach us compassion, provide wisdom, and sustain us with His strength throughout the 2022-2023 school year. Our obedience as followers of Christ Jesus has allowed us to reach the hearts of the children in the KG Community.

Our hope and prayer for the KG community is that, amid life's trials and difficulties, each person will truly experience and accept the love of Christ, embracing Him as their Lord and Saviour. We pray for more followers of Christ to join Toronto City Mission in serving KG families. We pray that the children who experience the love of Christ receive something far greater than anything this world can offer in terms of temporary fulfillment, comfort, and sustenance. We offer these prayers in the name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Matthew 9:36-38 says, "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest'."

In closing, I'd like to encourage those who wish to serve in ministry as a family: Do not hesitate but act in faith and obedience to what our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, has commanded us—to love our neighbour. "For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself'." Galatians 5:13-14 ESV



Volunteer Testimonial | Chantal Pasadilla & Kyra Mane

One of the earliest memories of TCM that Chantal and Kyra share is being some of the last children to be picked up from KIC at the St. James Town site (a former TCM ministry community). Oftentimes, these moments are riddled with anxiety or fear for children, but the two friends simply remember having fun with their leaders. “The best thing was that the leaders would still play with you no matter how late it got,” Kyra says. “TCM was a space for my mom to feel that her child was safe and enjoying herself while she was working.”

Chantal (24) was 6 years old when she first attended KIC, and grew up through the Sunshine Day Camp, Junior Extreme, EPIC Tutoring, Youth Extreme, TLC, Junior Intern and Summer Intern programs. Kyra (21) likewise began when she was 6 years old at KIC and grew up through the Sunshine Day Camp, EPIC Tutoring, Junior Extreme, Youth Extreme, and TLC programs. For anyone who knows them, to witness their friendship and service is to witness the wondrous ways God continuously works in their lives.

As Chantal immersed herself into programs it was clear that she was drawn to give back to St. James Town. Despite initial doubt and moments of directionlessness, God provided the pathways for Chantal to use her gifts as a Junior Intern and Summer Intern. She has seen how her faith has grown over the years through learning how to build long lasting relationships reflective of her relationship with God. Today, she continues to build connections as a volunteer at the Jesse Ketchum site. Chantal hopes that the families in Jesse Ketchum continue to develop their relationship with TCM, and that more newcomer families in the community are reached out to and welcomed in.



For Kyra, TCM provided a connection within her community. When reflecting on a childhood with turbulent emotions, Kyra pinpoints how TCM was a space to cultivate friendship. In the transition of becoming a TLC, she developed a deeper perspective in serving the children. When the St. James Town site closed, Kyra had the heart to continue her work with the children at TCM and continued as a TLC at the Flemington Park site.



Due to in-person volunteering being interrupted by the pandemic and other commitments, Kyra had stepped away from engaging with programs. After reminiscing about her younger days with past TLCs years later, she was drawn to reconnect with the children at Flemington Park and returned to TCM as a volunteer. There, she wants to encourage TLCs to foster long-term relationships and families to keep their hearts open to God.

Chantal and Kyra have grown to know God through the impact of relationships. In our conversation on their TCM journeys, they meandered through memories of working at Sunshine Day Camp, dialogue about children who have been transformed, and jokes about the OWs calling them “lifers”.

“You will meet some of the coolest people, discover more about yourself, and encounter God in ways you would not think of,” Chantal says to those who are considering connecting with TCM. Relationships are bountiful — perhaps you’ll even be remembered for providing joy by playing with the last children at programs!



Family Testimonial | Isaiah Anenih & Cynthia

"For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, 'Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.' For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him."

- Romans 10:10-12

In the winter of 2009/10, Isaiah and his family arrived at Toronto Pearson Airport. Toronto welcomed them with a massive snowstorm, and Isaiah's very first memory of that time involves sipping hot chocolate and enjoying donuts from Tim Horton's.

Leaving Nigeria wasn't an easy decision, but Cynthia, Isaiah's mom, left her homeland in faith, trusting that God wanted her to rely on Him when no other options remained. Settling in a new country proved challenging, and young Isaiah and his siblings resorted to watching Treehouse, hoping to learn "proper" Canadian English faster. However, this was just a glimpse of the difficulties they faced in their new life.

Cynthia encountered some difficult situations at home and was connected to a local shelter in Scarborough. During her time there with her four children, she learned about Toronto City Mission (TCM) because she expressed her desire to go to school for further education. This is how she became a part of TCM's Role Model Moms (RMM) program, which provides General Education Diploma (GED) tutoring for moms. TCM also offered free childcare for her youngest daughter in the mornings while she attended classes. Isaiah still recalls the moments when he had fun at TCM's Sunshine Day Camps and Community BBQ events on days when his mom was in the RMM program for longer hours than expected.

Cynthia's dream was to become a nurse, wearing white scrubs and caring for those in need. She obtained her Ontario GED certificate through the RMM program, enrolled in an RPN program at a local college and later pursued a full RN program at a university. Since last year, she has been working as a nurse.



This story isn't just about success; it's about God's faithfulness and grace in Cynthia's life. There were times when she felt helpless and hopeless as a single mom, dealing with difficult home situations, finding safe homes, and taking care of her young children while studying and working. However, in the midst of despair, she found ultimate hope in the Word of God. Her unwavering trust in Him and her belief in her nursing calling helped her persevere. She started witnessing how God kept her moving forward.

"I will improve myself to get on my feet and give back to the community. God is giving me the privilege to study, a job that I love and the opportunity to share His love and care."

in the summer of 2022, Isaiah joined Sonshine Day Camp as a Summer Intern. It was his mother, Cynthia, who encouraged him to consider this position because she knew the profound impact TCM had on her life and believed it could do the same for other children and families.

During his two summers of service in the Flemington Park community, Isaiah saw a younger version of himself in those kids, as they opened up to him and shared their real-life stories. The reason he returned for a second year and aimed to be a positive influence was that he still remembered a leader he met during his time at Sonshine Day Camp. While he couldn't recall the leader's name or any specific conversations, the kindness, patience, and genuine connection that the leader had made with Isaiah remained etched in his heart.



Through Cynthia and Isaiah's story, we are reminded of how gracious and loving our God is – the Father who never leaves His children alone but walks alongside them every step of the way. We praise Him for His unwavering love and for shaping Cynthia and Isaiah as living proof of God's presence and sovereignty. We invite you to continue praying for this family in their faith journey in Jesus Christ and their overall well-being, and for the people who may come to know Him through them.

"My life is not about me but Jesus, my family and others - community." - Cynthia

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at June 30,

ASSETS		2022-2023
Current		
Cash		291,676
Marketable securities		1,394,054
Accounts receivable		21,720
Prepaid expenses		19,203
Restricted cash		25,000
TOTAL ASSETS		1,751,653
LIABILITIES		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		10,579
Deferred revenue		103,663
NET ASSETS		
General fund		1,612,411
Endowment fund		25,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		1,751,653

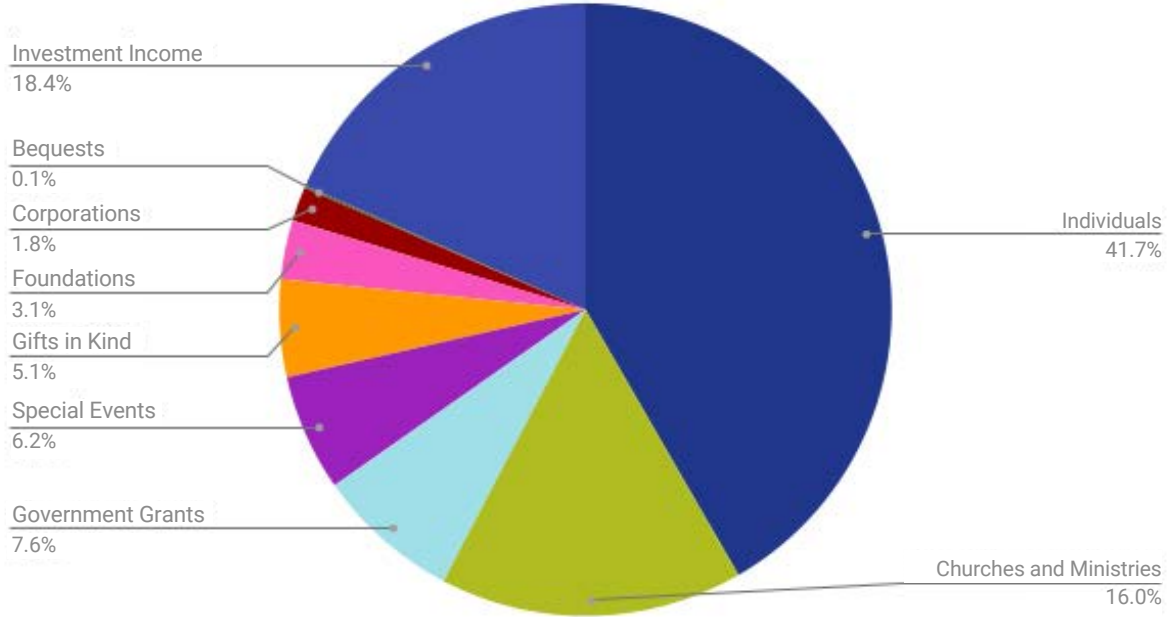
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended June 30,

REVENUE	2022-2023
Individuals	334,892
Churches and ministries	128,636
Government grants	61,056
Special events	49,620
Gifts in kind	41,273
Foundations and associations	25,000
Corporations	14,520
Bequests	1,000
TOTAL REVENUE	655,997
EXPENSES	
Community programs	393,970
Operations and administration	112,183
Resource development	83,238
TOTAL EXPENSES	589,391
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES BEFORE THE FOLLOWING:	66,606
Investment income	147,617
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	214,223

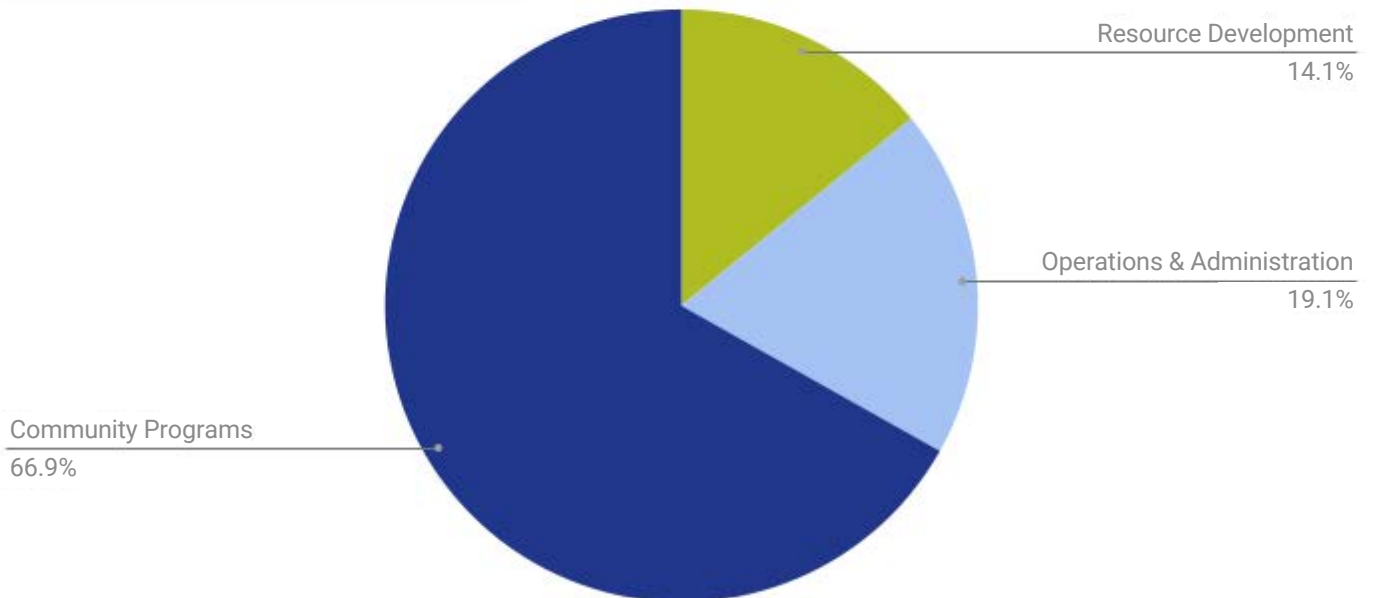
REVENUE BREAKDOWN

Total Revenue - \$803,614



EXPENSES BREAKDOWN

Total Expenses - \$589,391





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