



Centre for Community Learning & Development

Strong Communities Together

2013-14 Impact Report

Our Response to Community Needs

CCL&D has been an active member of Regent Park since 1979, and in 2010, cemented our commitment to the community with the opening of the Centre of Learning - a 2,200 square foot storefront hub - on Dundas Street east.

Since the doors opened in 2010, the Centre of Learning has seen approximately 10,000 residents come through the doors each year to meet, learn and connect with neighbours. Program participants face different challenges, but all come with a desire to feel a greater sense of belonging. CCL&D helps them grow, and gain the tools they need to fulfill their potential. Most are from Regent Park, Moss Park, and St. James Town. However, 35 - 45 % of trainees in our Immigrant Women's Integration Program come from neighbourhoods across Toronto.

"We're excited to support the learning centre helping those that place a high priority on programs focused on developing life skills such as financial literacy and social inclusion which helps participants enhance their social interaction, overall sense of belonging, and community spirit."

*Ron McInnis,
Senior Vice President, Greater Toronto Region, TD Bank Group*



"This place is helping everybody who walks through that door."

— Focus group participant

Activities and Community Impact

Partnerships Forged

Physical Activity Programs – Weekly yoga and Zumba classes delivered in partnership with Cabbagetown Youth Centre, RCMP, VerityLink, and local residents who volunteer their time.

Mix of workshops/courses delivered at the Learning Centre:

- Toronto Public Health – food handling training and other health workshops
- StoryTelling Toronto – weekly courses with seniors



Food Incubator

Since October 2013, we have created opportunities for 54 Regent Park residents to receive their Food Handlers Certification via a partnership with Toronto Public Health, and three community partners, Artscape – Daniels Spectrum, Paintbox Bistro, and Yonge Street Mission, who provided access to their commercial kitchens to carry out parts of the training.

After certification, we successfully encouraged many local events to employ Regent Park residents as their caterers. Some of the organizations doing the hiring include: Regent Park Film Festival, Storytelling Toronto – Regent Park, Parents for Better Beginnings, UforChange, Nelson Mandela Park Public School, the Liberal Party of Canada, and United Church, among others.

As well, residents have been hired at the Winchester Junior and Senior Public School cafeteria and the Lord Dufferin Public School cafeteria.



Community Arts Engagement

6 week Water Colour Painting Workshop with Amira Almary

15 residents participated

2 artist-speaker series involving live interviews; showcase of work; arts activities; and a Q&A with Amira Almary (Visual Artist) and Fumu Jahmez (Dancer).

8 New partnerships 8 Organizations hired food handlers

54 Residents received Food Handlers Certification

Activities and Community Impact

Academic Upgrading (AU)

AU students participated in a record number of workshops presented by The Dream Team; IWIP trainees; local community artists, University Professors and Toronto Public Health. In addition, to demonstrate leadership and community involvement, they organized our Annual Holiday Cultural Celebration and our local Jane's Walk.

Our students also demonstrated outstanding leadership at the 12th annual Metro Toronto Movement for Literacy (MTML) Learners Conference - three of them were presenters for the Golden Oaks Book Nominee's Award Presentation; as well, both our classes contributed poems for display at the conference.

This year also marked the 2nd year of our Radio Show OneVoice in partnership with RadioRegent.com. Our students participated in on air panels, one to one interviews and on air readings of their poetry and short stories.

9 students graduated and moved on to further education and training, as well as apprenticeship programs.

Youth – Seniors – Newcomer Women

Youth Empowering Parents

– continued growth in 2013-14

8,000 youth volunteer hours

300 participants engaged

Chinese Seniors Leadership Program

– successful first year

20 Chinese seniors completed leadership skills training, as a strategy for enhancing civic engagement and language learning

Youth Ambassadors

– successful first year of our newest youth leadership program

14 youth received training in conflict management and civic engagement. The youth also organized a leadership team and secured a Trillium grant to operate for a second year.

Immigrant Women Integration Program (IWIP)

– Continued praises from the field

10 trainees graduated successfully from the program

6 distinct neighbourhoods represented

8 months of classroom training in Community Leadership and Development; Information and Referral, Conflict Resolution, Workshop Design & Development, Anti-Oppressive Awareness, Proposal Writing, Clear Language & Design; Social Inclusion, Digital Technology

25 workshops delivered by IWIP trainees various neighbourhoods

3 months of work placement they completed

668 people participated in the annual neighbourhood survey

4 were hired by the agencies immediately after completing their internship

Statement of Operations: Year ending March 31, 2014

Revenue	2014	2013
Government & Foundation Grants	493,891	446,691
Corporate donations	55,290	25,730
Individual donations	7,356	11,038
Clear Language and Design	87,534	89,489
Other Income	31,351	6,074
Total Revenue	675,422	579,022
Expenses		
Salaries and benefits	469,231	462,352
Program and project expenses	51,176	81,887
Administrative expenses	71,898	85,578
Occupancy costs	57,535	41,824
Total expenses	\$649,840	\$671,641
Net Income	\$25,582	(\$92,619)

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Thank you everyone who contributed to CCL&D during 2013-14! Your generosity makes our work possible.



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