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2016-2017 ANNUAL REPORT



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SERVING IN TORONTO

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



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD



I've had the privilege of serving on the TCM board for over 4 years. I got involved with TCM because I could see the impact of how, through God, TCM is bringing hope to children and families impacted by poverty through transformative Christ-centred programs.

There are moments in every life where getting involved and helping would provide the biggest impact. For a mom, it may mean the support needed to finish a high school degree

to help break the cycle of poverty for her family. For many children living in poverty, it's having a stable place after school, help with homework, teaching life skills, knowing there is a caring place, but more importantly there is a God who loves them. Investing at the right time in a life can provide the greatest impact. TCM programs are targeted for those critical points in a life

I'm reminded by James 2:15-16, *If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them 'Go in peace, be warmed and be filled.' And yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that?* The fruit of our faith is expressed through action.

If you want to get involved with TCM and haven't yet, we are looking for prayer support, volunteers, and financial partners through Spark | Purposeful Giving. For those already involved, on behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank the volunteers, partners, donors and staff for your contribution and the glory it brings to our Lord.

In Him,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Feng". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Bill Feng
Chair of the Board of Directors

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



TCM had another blessed year of ministry across Toronto. Our staff continues to rejoice as we witness the lives of children and families being transformed through God's grace.

We are only able to fulfill God's mission for TCM because of the support of our regular prayer, volunteer, and financial partners. It is these supporters that we call Sparks. Like Jesus' Apostles who were called to seek new

disciples, we are committed to equipping Spark Ambassadors who will invite others to come along side our ministry. Please pray and ask God if you are called to do more in your partnership with TCM and become a Spark Ambassador.

As stewards of the precious resources with which you entrust us, we are continuously looking to partner with churches and other parachurch organizations. Through discussions with their leaders, we seek out opportunities to serve together while eliminating duplication of resources.

Looking to the year ahead, we will be discerning God's will for TCM. We know He wants us to share the Good News with His children, but how do we best do it? Please pray for wisdom and God's provision for TCM.

Blessings

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Addison". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dave Addison
Executive Director

WELCOME TO FLEMINGDON PARK

THIS YEAR IN FLEMINGDON PARK HAS BEEN A YEAR OF GROWTH.

During Sunshine Day Camp, there were several Muslim campers who did not participate in the Bible time. This was a great opportunity for staff, interns, and Mission Team members to engage in meaningful conversations, build relationships with them, and learn about each other on a deeper level as these children were able to share about their beliefs. It was a time for learning and growth for both the children and staff alike.

Although this year at Flemington Park saw changes in staffing, it is evident that God is building a strong community through TCM's presence there. Some of the young pre-teens who have been with the program from the beginning are growing into strong leaders. Even though they are still young, they are deeply rooted and have an understanding of who they are in Christ. The community is also being strengthened through a new group of amazing volunteers who are dedicated and have established strong relationships with the kids through tutoring. We have also seen an increase in church partnerships, specifically, Chinese Gospel Church Scarborough. Not only have they been supporting us through prayer and monthly financial gifts, they have been ensuring we have healthy snacks to give the kids and have been hosting BBQs twice a year that the community has begun to recognize and look forward to. God's presence is clear in the work being done through TCM in Flemington Park.

Chiara Tari-Arnold, Outreach Worker in Flemington Park (past)

We like to eat "family style" at program. The children have begun looking out for each other at school and around the community



Our TLCs (Teen Leading Communities) have been part of our programs since 2014. TLCs take part in leadership training throughout the school year.





We had great Summer Interns and Mission Teams at Sunshine Day Camp



IT HAS BEEN A JOY SERVING IN FLEMINGDON PARK.

It has always been a blessing to witness the kids of this community play together or simply greet each other when they bump into one another in and around the community.

Although I may have taught many lessons to these kids, the biggest reward from my time at Flemington Park was learning from their innocence and purity. Despite all the brokenness that may surround them, **there is hope for the present and confidence for the future** as some of God's characteristics are being mirrored in the lives of the next generation of this community.

"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." - 1 Corinthians 13:13

Devorah Kim, Outreach Worker in Flemington Park



"I started volunteering with EPIC in 2016, the same year I came to faith. Volunteering with EPIC allowed me to bond with fellow believers and build awesome mentoring relationships with the children at Flemington Park. All children have the incredible potential to be the leaders of the future, but they need to see what leadership and faith in Jesus Christ looks like. I encourage you to volunteer with EPIC, you won't regret it!"

Dahron Martin, EPIC volunteer tutor.



WELCOME TO KINGSTON - GALLOWAY

OUR YEAR IN KINGSTON-GALLOWAY WAS A HECTIC YET INCREDIBLE

JOURNEY. Our year had a great start with Sunshine Day Camp, where four excellent Summer Interns built meaningful and lasting bonds with 28 kids and 3 Teens Leading Communities (TLCs) through games, swimming, day trips, Bible time, and many other activities. As we headed into our after school programs, we were excited to strengthen relationships with the high school students in the community who made the commitment to help out with the Kids in Community (KIC) after school program. Things became difficult with the departure of our long-time Outreach Worker, Gala, and challenging moments arose from the impact of her absence. Nevertheless, God continued to show His faithfulness by providing help as it was needed and allowing us to continue to provide loving and Christ-centred after school programs for the children. As we look to the new year ahead of us, we want to pursue further stability so kids know they have a place where they are unconditionally welcomed and loved. One way we hope to demonstrate this is our Kingston-Galloway Family Dinner where kids, TLCs, volunteers, and staff all sit down to eat a homemade meal together.

Lawrence Kim, Outreach Worker, Kingston-Galloway

Kids, TLCs, volunteers, and staff sit down for homemade Family Dinners



EXPECTING THE UNEXPECTED

We took the kids to a nearby playground to play during Kids in Community (KIC). There was a boy at the park who was not part of our programs and he wanted to play with some of his friends who were in our program. I invited him to join our after school programs, and the next day he brought his signed form and was instantly part of the group. Throughout his year with us, I've seen him grow and develop in his faith. He has become one of the kids that encourages others to listen to instructions, he loves to answer questions during Bible time and tries to help leaders. It's just been great to see him plunge into our programs and become a big part of our community.



Brandon was a placement student at Kingston-Galloway for most of the school year. Brandon spent his time intentionally building meaningful relationships with the kids. He even cooked a BBQ for all of us one day!



Kingston-Galloway group photo

The theme for Sunshine Day Camp across all of the TCM communities was 'Mastercraft: Jesus is the Master Builder'



Young kids are growing up and learning what it means to be a leader in their own community



We celebrate seeing familiar faces at the Gift of Christmas celebration

A group of kids with Michelle, Summer Intern, at the Ontario Science Centre



WELCOME TO ST. JAMES TOWN

THIS HAS BEEN A YEAR OF CHANGE FOR US IN ST. JAMES TOWN.

Michelle went on maternity leave for a year in March 2017, and Rebecca has been filling in for her during this time. Francis moved on from our community in June 2017, but continues to volunteer weekly at Basketball for Dads. We welcomed PJ Trinidad, a long time volunteer and past intern, to the team. We have had a lot of new kids join our programs as well, as many have moved up into the higher grades, altering the dynamic quite a bit.

In addition to our regular after school programs, we hosted community potlucks every three months, and had a handful of dinners with the families of different kids in our programs to help strengthen the sense of community in St. James Town. To close off our year, we had a reunion of past program participants from the last 10 years. It was a fun-filled evening of sharing a meal together, reconnecting with friends, and taking a trip down TCM memory lane. We are continually encouraged by the number of volunteers and church partners who support us in many different ways, enabling us to serve in St. James Town.

Elita Fung, Rebecca Steinecke, and PJ Trinidad
Outreach Workers, St. James Town



TLCs leading games during Sonshine Day Camp



Elita with a few of the high school graduates who have been part of TCM starting from KIC all the way up to Youth Extreme





2007

2016

I've known Kim for 9 years, and she is still one of the sweetest people I know. She started off as a young camper, and later became a TLC (Teens Leading Communities). This year she is on staff as a Junior Intern and I had the opportunity to watch her step outside her comfort zone, try new things, and excel at them.

Kim is just one of the kids that I have had the privilege of watching grow up. So many of our teen leaders started off as young kids in the after school or summer programs! **It's really rewarding to watch our students discover their gifts and talents, and want to use those gifts for God's glory.** May God grant us many more years of witnessing the work He is doing in the lives of young people!

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6

- **Michelle Lau**, Outreach Worker, St. James Town

REUNION!

We held a St James Town Reunion and invited program participants from the past 10 years



A special thank you to the partners who came alongside us this year. Pictured: Forward Baptist Church cooked and served our Gift of Christmas meal



A family enjoys the Gift of Christmas celebration



WELCOME TO WILLOWTREE

IT IS ENCOURAGING WHEN PEOPLE CONTINUE TO SERVE THE KIDS LONG TERM. We started the year off with Sunshine Day Camp and a team of awesome interns, all of whom were previous interns or had volunteered during the school year. Also, our Mission Teams have come back year-after-year to continue building long-term relationships with our staff and the children. We are blessed to walk alongside those who have a heart to further God's kingdom by serving these communities.

Some of the highlights during our school year program are having a full team of volunteers to work on homework and build relationships at our EPIC tutoring program, having our Teens Leading Communities (TLCs) plan and lead our March Break Camp, community BBQs from our church partner, People's Church, youth Bible studies, and being able to connect further and build relationships with children, youth, and families. God's kingdom is a welcoming place for everyone and it is exciting to see children and youth recognizing that and celebrating it. Whether that means new children are able to join in and make new friends in the community, youth connecting with God's characteristics of mercy, grace and faithfulness, parents coming to cook for Sunshine Day Camp, or children caring for one another when they see their friends looking upset or feeling sick. God's presence is evident in so many of the actions and the care that is shown for one another. We are thankful for all the relationships that were built and deepened, the things that went wrong and led to learning opportunities, and for all the joy and laughter at our programs this past year!

Jeff Barker and Eliot Kim, Outreach Workers, Willowtree

One of the favourite activities at Willowtree is basketball!



Willowtree Summer Intern Team 2016



There is something about the kids at Willowtree where my love for them seems to grow every day. Perhaps it's their joyful attitude despite being at risk to negative influences in their community. Or perhaps it's because of their life experiences, which have matured them far beyond their age. Whatever the reason may be, the children's zest for life is truly contagious and they are an example from which all adults can learn.

During the first week of Sunshine Day Camp, Willowtree had the privilege of welcoming a Mission Team from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. It was so encouraging to see how the team was ready to jump in to help the staff and connect with the children. Through this team, I've learned the importance of partnering with other Christians – **mission work is not to be done alone, rather, it is a collection of many people contributing to do the work God has given us.** Moreover, Wellspring Worship Centre, the host for our camp, continues to provide an open and safe environment for the campers. The relationship between the church and Willowtree has really been incredible to witness.

Yoon Choi, Summer Intern, Willowtree

Junior and Michelle are regular hosts of BBQs for the kids during Sunshine Day Camp. All four of their children are involved with TCM programs.



A family at the Gift of Christmas celebration



WELCOME TO ROLE MODEL MOMS



THESE MOMS COMMIT TO ACHIEVE THEIR GED, BUT FIND THEMSELVES GETTING MUCH MORE THAN JUST ACADEMIC SUPPORT. This past year at Role Model Moms (RMM) Jane and Finch has been a challenging, exciting, and overall hopeful one. In the first semester, we had 14 students registered. Many of the women in this group experience challenges such as abuse, health issues, unplanned pregnancies, and more. At RMM, they find a community where they can be open and share with one another.

Similarly, in the second semester, we had 12 students registered and they each had their own stories to tell beyond their academics. This group of women grew into a strong community and have been supporting each other both inside and outside the classroom.

One mother, who had little support with her pregnancy, found hope through meeting new women who became friends at RMM. Another mother found herself celebrating with the whole class as she was reconnected with her son from Jamaica. It is wonderful to announce that we had 21 graduates at this year's graduation. It is equally wonderful to share in the community of women who support one another, grow together, and can come to know they are loved by God.

Chiara Tari-Arnold, Outreach Worker/Teacher, Jane-Finch



Moms at the second annual "Role Model Moms Post-Secondary Academy"

ROLE MODEL MOMS POST-SECONDARY ACADEMY

Almost half of Canadian-born students living in lower-income neighbourhoods don't pursue higher education due to lack of information, money, child care, and support.

A request for a campus tour from the teacher at Role Model Moms grew into "Role Model Moms Post-Secondary Academy". On May 9th, RMM participants connected with university staff and faculties and other student moms who have successfully navigated the opaque process of becoming a first-generation post-secondary student. This event is an example of what can happen between institutions and communities when we work both responsively and collaboratively, and when staff are encouraged to let their talents and passions drive their work.

Roxanne Wright, Community Health Placement Officer, MD Program, Faculty of Medicine, U of T





A SINGLE MOTHER OF FIVE CHILDREN SITS AND WAITS FOR CLASS TO BEGIN.

Her story includes significant hardships in her life, including one child struggling with a mental health diagnosis, and another child with a developmental disorder. Her story is chaotic, but today, she is ready to write the pages of determination and hope in her story.

This past year at Role Model Moms (RMM) Victoria Village has had the privilege of walking alongside many stories of moms from all different ages, cultures, religious backgrounds, and struggles. There were many difficult situations that opened up opportunities to pray and talk about what role God has in their life. During our time together, I have noticed the moms opening up and sharing their stories and encouraging each other. One mother began the semester while taking care of her father who was in the midst of intense cancer treatments. She diligently continued to attend class at the encouragement of her father.

Sadly he passed away the day before the final exam. Through her tears, she wrote the exam knowing that it was something he really wanted for her. The whole class of women came together to encourage her and we had the opportunity to pray for her. That day, she passed her exam, but most importantly she gained a community of supporters.

I praise God for all of these women whose stories and lives are in the process of being transformed and called to His love. I pray and hope that RMM will always be a place where women can sense this love and be encouraged to go deeper into the knowledge and peace that comes with knowing Christ.

Chara Benson, Outreach Worker/Teacher, Victoria Village

MY DECISION TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL INFLUENCED MANY OTHERS. *Before I started at RMM, my youngest daughter never listened to anything I would say about school. But when she saw me doing my homework and getting good marks, she started to let me help her more with her school work and her grades began improving. I have also noticed that my actions influenced my two older children, as I encouraged them to carry on with their education. Finally, it has also inspired many of my friends to go back to school. After I got my diploma, I was blessed to work as a teaching assistant at RMM to help encourage and support some of these other moms working on getting their diploma.*

Many of you are sitting here today as proof that you pushed through. With that being said, you too have gained the tools to bring you wherever you want in life. Today marks a celebration and a milestone. It isn't the end of a journey, but the beginning of new possibilities.

Excerpt from MJ Cormier's speech to the graduates of 2015-2016. MJ was Teaching Assistant through the Investing in Neighbourhood Initiative.



VICTORIA VILLAGE





This year was our 17th annual SpikeBack Against Poverty beach volleyball tournament. Thank you to all who came to play and supported the teams in raising money to help send kids to Sunshine Day Camp.

12 TEAMS
\$13,218 raised

sending over 130 kids to
Sunshine Day Camp for one week!!



Top to bottom:
Top fundraiser sponsored
by VIA Rail, group photo,
winning team - Attack the
Block, top fundraising
team - Team Turkstra



Third party events are a creative and fun way for an individual or group to take initiative and raise funds and awareness for TCM. Peter Shearer, a former summer intern, organized Strike Out Poverty, a softball tournament with over 50 participants raising almost \$2500.

"I have a passion for Christian ministry and softball; so I combined both passions, leveraged my connections in the softball community, and organized a tournament to support the great work that TCM does!"



Peter (fourth from the left)
with past TCM interns at
Strike Out Poverty



Gift of Christmas



Thank you to those who came alongside TCM to help make the Gift of Christmas celebrations a blessing in all six of our communities:

1000 Cupcakes Project

C3 Church Toronto

Chinese Gospel Church Scarborough

Create A Treat

Members of Grace Bible Church Int'l

Forward Baptist Church

Hasbro Canada

North York Christian Community Church

Rotary Club of Scarborough

Rotary Club of Willowdale

Scarborough Chinese Baptist Church

Wellspring Worship Centre

Wilmar Heights Baptist Church

... and all the volunteers and financial supporters



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current

Cash	282,106	91,747
Marketable securities	1,201,358	1,337,101
Accounts receivable	36,749	49,505
Prepaid expenses	15,248	14,975
Restricted cash	25,000	25,000
Capital assets	-	2,821

TOTAL ASSETS

1,560,461

1,521,149

LIABILITIES

Current

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	12,627	14,238
Deferred revenue	132,060	101,326

NET ASSETS

General fund	1,390,774	1,380,585
Endowment fund	25,000	25,000

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

1,560,461

1,521,149

REVENUE AND EXPENSES

REVENUE

Individuals	275,552	256,683
Churches and ministries	169,277	163,274
Foundations and associations	168,750	208,166
Government grants	141,562	131,293
Bequests	54,406	16,735
Gifts in kind	52,384	8,278
Special events	33,979	66,243
Corporations	30,534	22,747
Cost recoveries	8,460	-
Gain on sale of capital assets	-	9,021
Camp fees	6,500	8,532
TOTAL REVENUE	941,404	890,971

EXPENSES

Community programs	812,862	782,488
Resource development	144,634	172,402
Operations and administration	104,175	113,099
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,061,671	1,067,989

DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES

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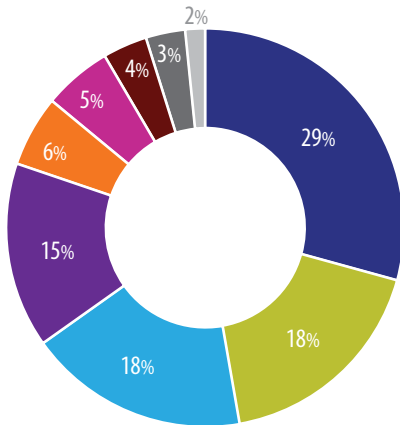
Investment income (loss)	130,456	(27,096)
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EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES

10,189

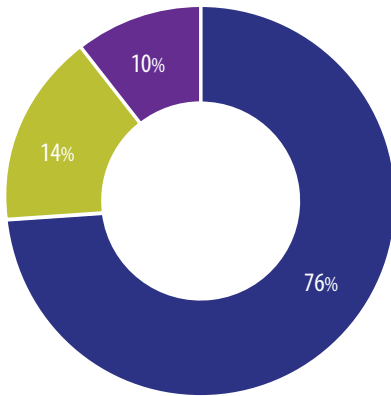
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REVENUE BREAKDOWN



- Individuals
- Churches and Ministries
- Foundations and Associations
- Government Grants
- Bequests
- Gifts in Kind
- Special Events
- Corporations
- Other

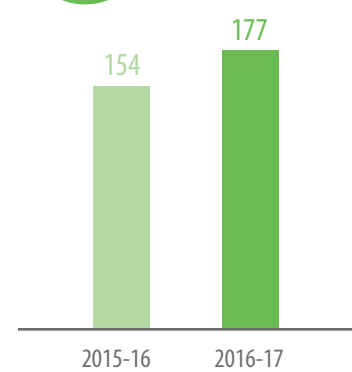
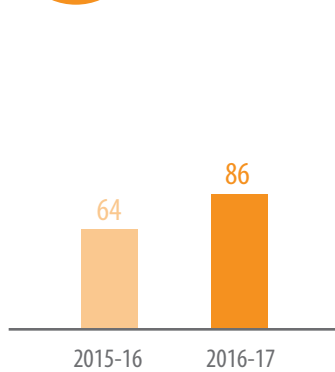
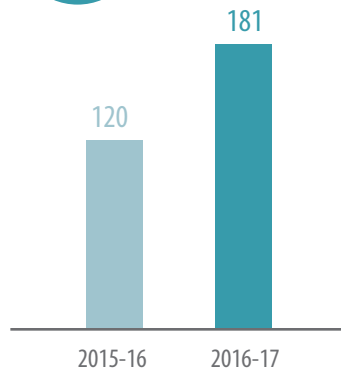
EXPENSE BREAKDOWN



- Community Programs
- Resource Development
- Operations and Administration

SPARK | PURPOSEFUL GIVING IMPACT

Sparks that give on a regular basis provide consistent and predictable support that we can rely on so that we can focus on the mission of our organization. **Our Spark community is growing. Thank you!**





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