



# Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre

Formerly Harbourfront Community Centre

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**Community**  
Centre

1991-2016

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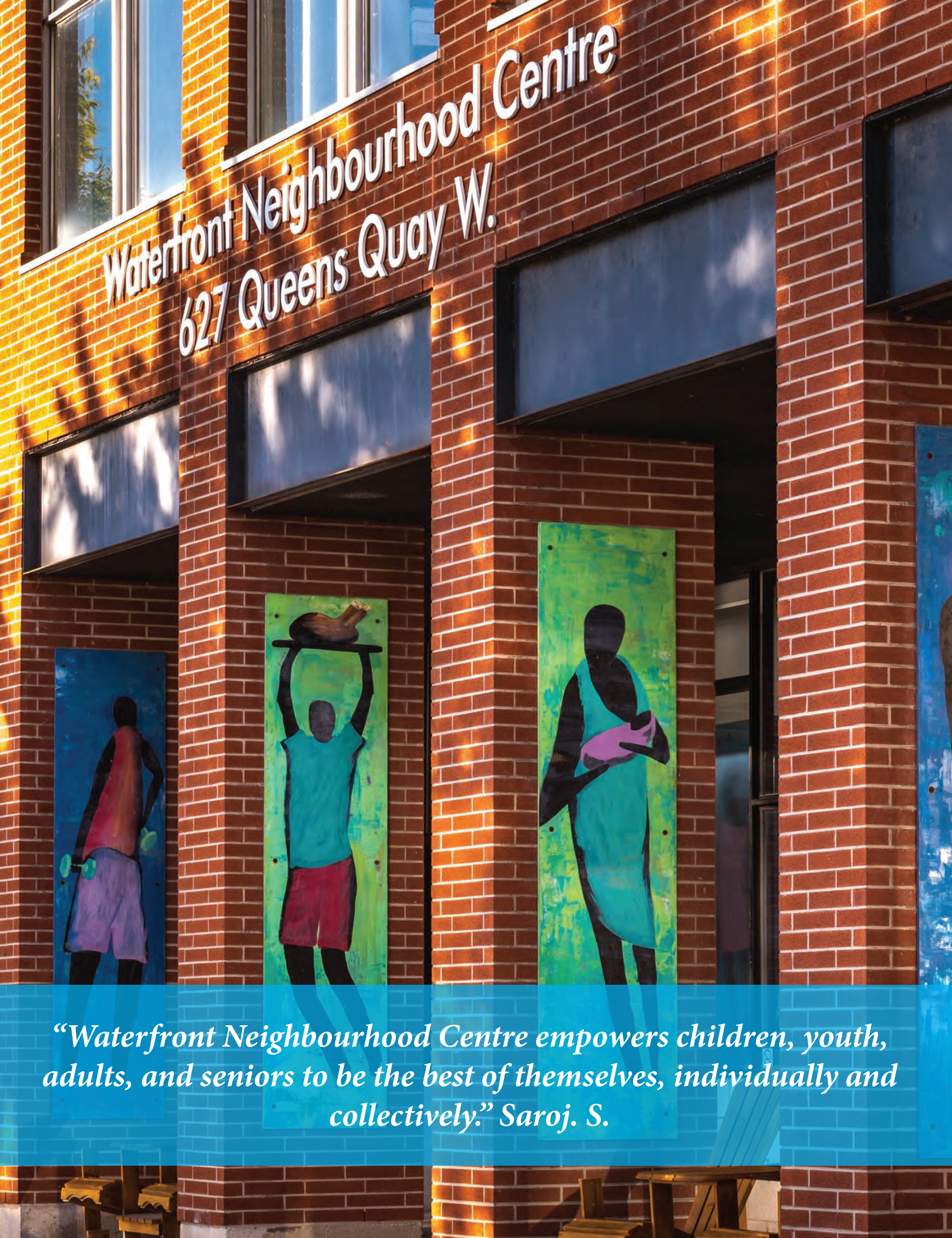
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Supporting the Waterfront  
Neighbourhood for 25 years



# 2016 ANNUAL REPORT





“Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre empowers children, youth, adults, and seniors to be the best of themselves, individually and collectively.” Saroj. S.

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### Board of Management

#### 2016 Board Executive:

- Linda Ballantyne, Chair
- Saida Said, Vice-Chair
- Marilyn Roy, Treasurer \*
- Carole Therriault, Treasurer \*\*
- Cliff Ojala, Secretary

#### 2016 Board Members:

- Hassan Ahmad \*
- Virginia Martin
- Brenda McCabe
- Barbara McKenney \*\*
- Amani Yagob
- Joe Cressy (City Councillor, Ward 20)

\* Resigned 2016 | \*\* Appointed 2017

#### 1991 Founding Board Executive:

- Greg Yarrow, Chair
- Kathy Flint, Vice-Chair
- Bill Phillips, Treasurer
- Linda Ballantyne, Secretary

#### 1991 Founding Board Members:

- Rena Clamen
- Shirley Forde
- Brenda Hooey
- Sharon Murray
- Marilyn Roy
- Kathy Rudolfs
- Celeste Sansregret
- Donna Sears
- David Smiley
- Councillor Elizabeth Amer, Appointed Official

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# Welcome Statement



Leona Rodall  
Executive Director

Linda Ballantyne  
Board Chair

2016 was WNC's year to celebrate 25 years of service to the community. Our Community Fun Fest Open House on June 18th brought together over 300+ community residents to mark our quarter century of service. It was a joyful occasion, full of special festivities.

In 1991, when the community centre was established, we celebrated then too – a hard-won victory! We became the first community centre to open in a decade, where City of Toronto Council allowed neighbourhood residents to directly manage a City community centre. To this day WNC's model of service delivery remains very special. There are only 10 unique community centres like ours across this huge city who have the power vested by City of Toronto Council to determine how their community is best served and what programs are to be provided. The privilege of community governance was a gift. Rena Clamen, our then Board Chair in 1992 concluded, that it was actually the result of magic! Community magic.

In the first annual message to the community centre membership, the story of how the community wrangled their power from City of Toronto officials to actually form a Board of Management was recalled as a long and interesting one – somewhat like the children's story called "Stone Soup". In it, magic soup is made. All it takes is a magic stone in a pot, along with some onions, tomatoes, peppers, and other good things thrown in just to help the magic along. The residents who moved to the waterfront in 1985 or 1986 when the scattered developments began to form themselves into a neighbourhood, had to make their own community building magic. They worked so very hard and over the years magical things materialized!

What was once a total operating budget of \$134,655 is now a budget of \$3,518,936! From 84 volunteers, WNC now has 1,048 volunteers - their donated time worth an estimated \$871,543. WNC has employed 1,061 staff to December 31, 2016, regularly employing 80-90 staff each year – far from our original 4 full time staff in 1991. And our programs – we opened with 13 programs, in 3 small blue portable rooms, located on the site that eventually became our permanent home at 627 Queens' Quay West. After moving to a 2nd location at the foot of Bathurst St. to allow for the construction of our permanent building, WNC now hosts in the very same location as those 3 blue portables, 546 programs with 2,224 program sessions yearly, providing 95,439 hours of service. By the end of 1992 our programs outgrew the 3 blue portables, then we out grew our bigger space at #1 Bathurst St., and now our current location is stretched to its limit for space.

How exciting and satisfying for us to see so many individuals and families and the many, many babies of a new generation enjoying activities in our building, just as we planned all along. What we did not envision is how much growth this community would see over 25 years. But as always the community is organized! We have embarked on a new visioning exercise with the assistance of City of Toronto Planning. Thank you to all those who participated in the planning workshops this year. As we begin to develop a new strategic direction, we do so knowing that neighbourhood centres like ours are hubs for social participation and are key in fostering a supportive community, working neighbour beside neighbour – and of course our newest initiative to support our growing population of seniors is aptly called *N2N 2.0 – Neighbour to Neighbour!*

Thank you to all our supporters, funders, community and corporate volunteers for believing in a little community magic! Which is a good thing as we now have a fabulous community garden where we can find those vegetables to continue making our Stone Soup a.k.a. 2016 style.

# About WNC



Since its beginning in 1991, Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre (formerly Harbourfront Community Centre) has offered a safe and supportive environment for our diverse, multi-cultural neighbourhood. We respond to the particular needs of vulnerable children, youth-at-risk and isolated adults. We work closely with community members to improve the quality of life for everyone living in our downtown neighbourhood.

We are proud of our accomplishments! Over the past year, WNC welcomed 226,115 visitors, offering over 2,224 program sessions in a 44,950 sq. ft. multi-purpose building. As a non-profit organization, WNC is supported by a volunteer board and is partially funded by the City of Toronto for administrative staffing and building related costs.

We rely on donations from community-minded individuals, foundations and corporations to fund the many programs and services that we offer. We believe that communities remain strong when everyone works together.





# Celebrating Our History

## 25 Years – 3 Buildings & 2 Names

In 1989 residents of the Harbourfront community began exploring ways to encourage community participation, provide space for adult and children’s activities and provide a focal point for community involvement. The Harbourfront Community Centre, now named Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre, was founded in July 1991, and moved into a small blue portable located on the corner of Bathurst and Queen’s Quay, in September of that year. In the spring of 1995 our second move was to #1 Bathurst Street in the old Executive Building on the Canada Malting Silo site to allow for the construction of our permanent building.

Residents, volunteers, local, provincial and federal politicians and governments, consultants and staff worked diligently and tirelessly to lobby for and then to develop, design, and finally build a permanent new home to house needed programs for the community. After 8 long years of planning work, anticipation and dreaming, and thanks in part to the Canada/Ontario Infrastructure Works program, the permanent centre became a reality, opening in September 1997.

Over the last 25 years the community centre continued to provide a variety of programs and services for children, youth and adults, increasingly expanding capabilities for recreational activities, community development initiatives, training opportunities, space for self-help groups, community functions, office space for tenants associations and new exciting program initiatives for the community.

The next big move of significance, was to prepare our growing agency for the next 25 years. In Spring 2015, Harbourfront Community Centre’s Board of Management adopted a motion to carry out a rebranding of the agency to coincide with its 25th anniversary in 2016. In November 2016, the agency’s general membership endorsed the Board’s request for the agency to be re-named to “Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre”, along with adopting a new logo.

“This name change marked an important step forward in our agency’s strategic direction and it better reflected the new identity of Toronto’s diverse waterfront while reinforcing that we live in a city of neighbourhoods,” noted Linda Ballantyne, Board Chair. “Neighbourhood Centres are hubs for social participation. Our neighbourhood centre will continue to play a central role in fostering a supportive waterfront community by reaching out as neighbours working with neighbours.”

Toronto City Council on March 31st and April 1st, 2016 approved the request to change our name to “Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre”.

- Community Fun Fest – June 18, 2016. In celebration of WNC’s 25th anniversary, WNC hosted a free community celebration on June 18th. The 4 hour event was attended by 300+ community members of all ages and included an aboriginal opening ceremony, fun activities for children provided by 50 local Starbucks volunteers, a showcase of WNC programs, 6 community information booths, BBQ and live entertainment.
- Party on the Waterfront - June 24, 2017 – WNC capped off the year-long 25th anniversary celebrations with a fundraiser party on the waterfront! 250 guests enjoyed an evening of live entertainment, delicious food and drink, silent auction, a 25 year retrospective and fun activities like our custom-made photo boat! Event proceeds supported WNC free community programs.



Community Fun Fest – June 18, 2016

## 25th Anniversary Celebrations



Party on the Waterfront – June 24, 2017

Welcome to the Party on the Waterfront! Please sign in! Thank you!



# Our 1st Building - 627 Queens Quay West, 1991 - 1995



**Harbourfront Community Centre**  
Our first home-3 blue portables arriving fall 1992 located at our current site of 627 Queens Quay West.  
January 27, 1992- Inaugural Ceremonies  
Liz Amer, City Councillor & Greg Yarrow, 1<sup>st</sup> HCC Board Chair

# Our 2nd Building - 5 Bathurst Street, 1995 - 1997







## "GROUND BREAKING" CEREMONY

HARBOURFRONT COMMUNITY CENTRE  
#1 Bathurst Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5V 2N8 392-1509

Harbourfront Community Centre cordially invites you to a Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Permanent Harbourfront Community Centre/Waterfront Public School to be held on:

Thursday, February 29, 1996  
at 1:30 p.m.  
627 Queen's Quay West  
(Corner of Queen's Quay and Bathurst St.)

Light Refreshments will be served after at the  
Harbourfront Community Centre #1 Bathurst Street

  
Chair, Board of Management



**Our Permanent Facility – 627 Queens Quay West, September 1997 – current**





## Family & Children Programs 2016 Highlights



### Family Programs

Launched a new 16 weeks program, “Together We Fit” with the support of Ministry of Tourism, Culture Grant which increased opportunities for 18 single mothers (18 – 45 years) and their 36 children (0-12 years) to participate in physical activities by providing free access to a wide range of sports, fitness, recreation and health/wellness physical activity components which included: Personal Fitness Training, Health, Nutrition, Self-care and Well-being Workshop, Sports, Dance and Recreation, Mother and Child Fitness Training and Children’s Active Play.



### Children’s Activities

Increased capacity in the PEEP (ages 3-6 years) and PEEP for Tots (ages 2 years) Program by providing 15 additional spaces reaching up to 20-24 children per program with a ratio of 1 qualified Early Childhood Educator for every 5 children. This program focused on the importance that the early years plays in a child’s development.

The curriculum implemented a school readiness learning experience based on the foundation of early developmental stages including fine and gross motor skills, social emotional well-being, cognitive skills, language and speech development in an inclusive, friendly and stimulating environment.



### Children’s Recreation

With the increase of more families residing in in the Waterfront neighbourhood, community families want a variety of engaging programs for their children. In 2016, WNC added children’s floor hockey, basketball and 3 additional weekend classes of Tumble Tots. Active kids are happy kids!



## Family & Children Programs 2016 Highlights

### Children’s Partnerships

Expanded access for local children and families to attend free sports, recreation and cultural events thanks to our partnership with Kids Up Front Foundation and its donors who gave 364 tickets valued at \$21,056.

34 community children received a VIP invite to attend the 2016 Toronto Blue Jays season opening game (April 10th) in the Jays Care Community Clubhouse as guests of the Jays Care Foundation and Kids Up Front Foundation.

Thanks to support by Tim Horton Children’s Foundation, 6 local children enjoyed a 10 day overnight Summer Camp experience. All camp fees covered by the Tim Horton’s Children’s Foundation Camp valued at \$6,000 (\$1,000 per child).

Our partnership continues to grow strong with Canadian Jumpstart as they supported 23 children/youth by donating \$8,760 to ensure access to sports and recreation programs.

We welcomed a new community partner, Level 5 Strategy employees hosted a fun, Water Play Day for 50 Summer Daze Camp children ages (6-12 years) valued at \$900.



### ROOM 13 Arts Studios – Children & Youth

Thanks to the continued financial support of PortsToronto, 75 children and 60 youth expressed themselves creatively in ROOM 13 Multi-media Arts and Music Production Studios that are offered free of charge.

Under the mentorship of visual artists, ROOM 13 children explored their creativity with a variety of art materials and techniques while being inspired by the work of art masters, and major art styles. Children provide input and assist with lesson development, lead art sessions and mentor peers.

In the ROOM 13 Multimedia Studio Program, youth learn deejay, MC and recording engineering. Youth have access to state-of-the-art equipment so they can record their own music, learn photography and create videos. Youth in the program have participated in listening parties, art expos, and sample challenges.



## Youth Program 2016 Highlights

### Future Leaders

In 2016, WNC's youth programs focused on Youth Employment and Youth Leadership. Youth workers provided teens with opportunities to increase their leadership skills, connect with employers in the community and acquire employable skills. WNC partnered with volunteer George Webber, whose hard-working, positive energy assisted WNC in organizing 2 youth job fairs with Aramark for Rogers Centre and Legends for Molson Amphitheatre. Youth received on-the-spot interviews. Approximately 70 people attended both job fairs and 7 youth were hired. The "Get Jobs for Youth" event assisted 20 youth in securing employment and WNC offered free Smart Serve Training for older youth.



WNC is committed to providing youth with many opportunities to volunteer and assist them in acquiring skills to further their postsecondary and employment goals. With support from Toronto Foundation - Vital Youth/Playing for Keeps grant, 30 youth created and led 8 community events and 12 workshops. Events included coordinating Family and Seniors' Fun Days, Community Events including Jane's Walk and Community Food Gardening activities. Building on the success of this program, WNC implemented its Youth Leaders in Training (YLIT) during the summer. 13 youth received 8 weeks of training in anti-oppression; community development; teambuilding; and conflict resolutions, completed placements in the summer camp assisting camp counsellors and 4 community youth received paid summer positions at WNC.

### PowerGirls/PowerLeaders – Female Youth Recreation & Sports

Thanks to the financial support of City of Toronto - Community Recreation grant, 30 girls (12-16 years) participated in the PowerGIRLS recreation/sports program and 20 girls (14-19 years) participated in PowerLEADERS sports leadership program; became certified in babysitting, received basketball community coaching, sports taping, First Aid & CPR; Partnered with Ontario Basketball Association, Elite Wellness, and Canadian Red Cross to deliver workshops and trainings.

### New Youth Programs

In response to feedback from WNC's Youth Advisory Council, 2 new free-of-charge programs were offered: Female Youth Sports and Eat Up to Meet Up – a new Community Kitchen program for Older Youth.

### Under the Gardiner – Youth Focus Group

20 youth participated in a focus group to name the exciting Under the Gardiner development taking place in the area. The focus group was conducted by the City of Toronto and Groundswell Project. Toronto Mayor John Tory participated in the focus group along with youth who were thrilled to meet the Mayor in person!

## Neighbourhood Seniors 2016 Highlights

### Neighbour to Neighbour

WNC's valuable Neighbour to Neighbour (N2N) program received additional funds to expand the program from the WNC Board of Management and the Government of Ontario – Ontario Seniors' Secretariat, Seniors Community Grant. N2N was a staff-led volunteer program that supported isolated homebound community seniors through friendly visiting, wellness phone calls, assistance with day-to-day activities (grocery shopping, attending appointments), as well as connecting seniors with WNC programs and community social activities.

Project partners/agencies included: Parkdale Community Activity Centre (PARC) – Community Access Program, West Neighbourhood House and Community Care Access Centres (CCAC).

### Seniors Intergenerational Legacy Project

WNC offered a new seniors intergenerational legacy program thanks to the financial support of Government of Canada, New Horizons for Seniors program. "Grandparents Nest" engaged seniors and young participants in WNC's Family, After School and the Youth Leadership Camp/ Programs in workshops and activities where seniors led workshops and activities that shared their wisdom and experiences with younger generations on a variety of topics. The project also worked with high school students from The City School and Ryerson Radio CJRU 1280AM which aired 10 personal legacy stories of seniors in March 2017.



### Mood Walks

Funded by a Special Grant from the Government of Ontario, Ontario Seniors' Secretariat – Elderly Persons Centre, Mood Walks supported local seniors by providing free workshops on mindfulness, provided visits to homebound seniors, and included group trips to local tourist attractions.

### Seniors Active Aging Fair – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual

Supported by Ontario Seniors Secretariat and OACAO (Older Adults Centres Association of Ontario), WNC hosted the free of charge Fair which welcomed 150 active seniors and visitors who accessed seniors' resources, information booths, and workshops on topics such as Fall Prevention and Well-being Gardening, and enjoyed a healthy lunch that included vegetables grown in WNC's community food garden.

### Senior Murals – Mural Routes

Local Seniors participated in a 6 weeks introduction to mural painting course thanks to our community arts partner, Mural Routes. Taught by a professional artist, each senior created a draft of a personalized mural which was displayed in a group collage at Mural Routes' AGM



# Adult/Senior Fitness & Recreation 2016 Highlights

## Staying Active

Drop-in sports which includes our popular volleyball and basketball continue to grow and new in 2016 was the addition of Adult co-ed Ping Pong. Seniors fitness saw the addition of 2 new programs - Zumba Gold and Fusion Gold. These high energy classes provided seniors with a fun option to keep healthy and fit. New prenatal yoga was offered for local moms-to-be and a new Adult Hip Hop class was offered for funky community members.

In partnership with Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, WNC offers the TIME™ program. TIME™ is a modified exercise program for adults with mobility issues, experienced a stroke or a brain injury. WNC is one of a few organizations in the City to offer this program and participants come from all over the GTA to attend TIME. In 2016, WNC had over 60 participants attend TIME with the addition of one additional class. Not only does the TIME™ program utilize exercises to help participants regain strength and balance, but it is also provides opportunities to create and build friendships with the other participants.



## Community Connect Food Gardens

With the financial support of the 1% Seeds for Change grant presented by Evergreen and the hard work of 670 neighbours/corporate volunteers, the community food gardens reached a record high producing 113kg/250+lbs of organic produce! Vegetables and herbs were shared with community members and used for healthy snacks in WNC programs. WNC's Community Kitchen program also offered 25 free gardening workshops with support from the knowledgeable Evergreen team. People of all ages learned how to garden in an urban setting and 65 community members celebrated together at the Garden Harvest Party as part of WNC's AGM.

# Health & Wellbeing 2016 High-

## Community Research

WNC staff assisted a York University Sociology student on a Research Paper "Tale of Two Cities" which focused on Toronto's Central Waterfront. Staff also participated in the University of Toronto – Social Work Department Consultation and Paper Precarious Employment study.

## Food Accessibility

Everyone deserves access to affordable, healthy food and WNC supports a number of local food security initiatives including the Good Food Box Program (150 Dan Leckie Way), the Waterfront Good Food Market (25 Bishop Tutu), FoodShare Toronto and WNC's own free-of-charge Community Kitchen program and Community Connect Food Garden.

## Health Promotion Workshops and Activities

Throughout the year, WNC hosts a variety of health related workshops provided by Toronto Public Health, Alzheimer Society, Arthritis Society, Heart and Stroke Foundation, Diabetes Canada, Eat Right Ontario, and FoodShare Toronto.

24 individuals and their families benefited from the 'Chronic Self Pain Management' 6 workshops offered by Choose Health Toronto - Central Self-Management Program Ontario, hosted by South Riverdale Community Health Centre.

16 individuals and their families participated in the 'Living Life to the Full' 8 workshop series which was supported by the Canadian Mental Health Association, Ontario division.

Relational Coaching was given to 12 individuals and their families through 10 group and individual sessions, provided by a community volunteer who is a PhD Psychologist.

## Health Related Networks

WNC actively participates in the Housing Homelessness Services Network – sharing resources regarding disabilities, equity, diversity, safe injections sites, and inner city health.

WNC works with a number of agency partners to provide support links to hospitals, community health centres, and social agencies working on patient care planning, primary and community care for complex patients and other neighbours in need.

Health Link Mid-West Toronto Central LHIN partnerships include:

- Primary Care Project
- Seniors Working Group
- Midwest Toronto Health Council







## Community Building & Outreach 2016 Highlights

### *Bishop Tutu Murals – August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016*

In response to a 2015 shooting which occurred in the community, funds were obtained through the City of Toronto and TCHC to facilitate a mural arts project for local youth. 2 murals were created by 6 youth with mentorship by visual artists Greg Watson and Magic “Finnga’ Wong. The murals signify community togetherness and helped initiate healing in the community.

In August 2016, in collaboration with TCHC, City of Toronto - Crisis Intervention Unit, Toronto Police Services, Community Leaders and local Youth, the murals were unveiled in the TCHC communities of Bishop Tutu and 679 Queens Quay. Mayor John Tory and TCHC CEO Greg Spearn were speakers at the event and Ripley Aquarium provided fun giveaways to the approximately 125 people who participated in the community celebration and BBQ.

## Community Building & Outreach 2016 Highlights



### *International Womens Day – We Are Wonder Women! March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016*

150 community members attended our annual celebration of women which included remarkable speakers representing numerous cultures, indigenous women, a women and sports presentation, children and youth performances, and delicious food.



### *Jane Jacobs Community Walk – May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016*

Led by community leader, WNC founding Board member and outstanding volunteer - Marilyn Roy who walked us through the vision of Jane Jacobs and featured many historic places found in the Waterfront area including a visit to Puente de Luz in the vicinity of Dan Leckie Way, Lincoln Alexander House, Fort York, June Callwood Peace Gardens, Little Norway Park, Ireland Park and shared the history of building our own neighbourhood centre!

### *WNC & Toronto Neighbourhood Centres At Pride – July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016*

WNC in partnership with TNC was proud to support PRIDE, activating a community information booth that engaged 1000 people!

### *Community Safety Walks And Audit– July 11<sup>th</sup> & December 6<sup>th</sup>*

WNC staff who formed a safety committee along with 60 community members including: local leaders, Toronto Police 14th division, City Councillor Joe Cressy's team, TCHC staff and tenant reps, resident associations, local schools, Parks Forestry & Recreation, Toronto Hydro, Community Crisis Response, Waterfront Secretariat conducted two safety walks and audits in our community to help ensure a safer community for all.



*"WNC has been the foundation of our community and families for over 25 years and I am proud to continue the ongoing work from the previous boards and know that we represent everyone who uses the Centre." Linda B.*



## Corporate Volunteer Days 2016 Highlights

Corporate volunteerism has a significant, positive impact for communities. WNC is very fortunate to work with a number of amazing corporate partners who roll up their sleeves and pitch in to help us with tasks and projects that make our neighbourhood centre more inviting, provide additional value to our programs and support our neighbourhood as a whole! We are proud to have partnered with employees from: Aramark, Corby Spirit and Wine, Hilton Hotels, LEVEL5 Strategy Group, Porter Airlines, Starbucks, and TELUS.

**60 Projects • 9789 Hours • 663 Volunteers**

**Total In-kind Contribution: \$258,430**

## Volunteers & Members 2016 High–

In 2016 we recruited, interviewed and maintained 1048 community and corporate volunteers, an increase of 38%. These dedicated individuals volunteered 33,013 hours with a total in-kind value of \$871,543 based on TD Economic study of 2012 – “An Economist Case for Volunteering” which indicated that the average hourly rate for volunteer work is \$26.40/hr (adjusted for cost of living).

WNC Membership increased in 2016 with 3,422 Members. Membership supports our waterfront community! In addition to providing access to a wide range of programs, membership fees contribute to program costs and support social service needs in our waterfront community.



*"It means home to me. It has all programs in a convenient time & place with the help of helpful associates." Rakhi G.*





## Facilities Operations 2016 High-

The Facilities Operations department had a tremendously busy year. WNC generated \$140,106 in rental revenue which was a 8% increase over budget. Rentals also brought in additional celebrity autographed memorabilia donated by such luminaries as Kim Cattrall, Kyle Lowry, Michelle Romanow, Andrew Wiggins and Donovan Bailey. Over \$3,000 in rental space was donated to Community Agencies and Groups. Showers, clothing and 25 Winter Survival kits were given to more than 150 displaced community members.

City of Toronto approved and installed windows in Assembly C which opened up the meeting room to a beautiful lakeside view. This has greatly enhanced the rental potential of this room and thus increased revenue generation. City Council has approved Security upgrades to the CCTV System and quotes have been tendered for replacement cameras and the Card Access System with installation scheduled for 2017.

Thanks to everyone, staff and community members who all welcomed and assisted Nicholas, our Paternity Leave Staff while team member Israel assisted his wife Michelle in caring for their triplets!

## Community Fundraising 2016 Highlights

### Be A Bud

Every child deserves a fun summer camp experience! Each year with the support of generous donations community members, corporate donors, and special events (car washes, volleyball tournament), WNC raises money to support camp fee subsidies for local families. This year Be A Bud results reached a new high as it raised \$6,330. Thank you to everyone!

### Redpath Waterfront Festival

WNC was proud to once again be selected as the Charity of Choice for this annual summer festival on the Canada Day long weekend that featured music, food, family fun activities and showcased 3 international Tall Ships: (El Galleon, Pride of Baltimore and El Draken – a Viking ship from Norway making the Festival a popular tourist destination which reached an audience of 500,000+. WNC youth staff sold tour passes for the Tall Ships - the key Festival attraction and in return, the Festival generously donated \$8,000 in support of WNC 2016 – 2017 youth programs.

### Holiday Grocery Card Drive

Food security is growing concern for our waterfront community. In 2016 WNC distributed grocery cards to local families and individuals in need. As this community service is not supported by a grant, each holiday season WNC runs a grocery card drive. \$4,907 was raised thanks to generous donations by corporate partners and community members.

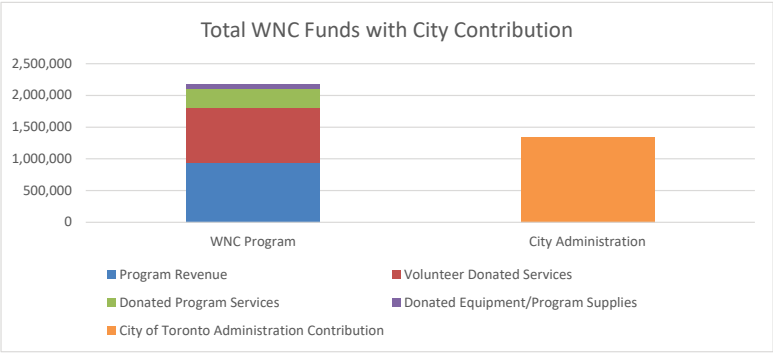
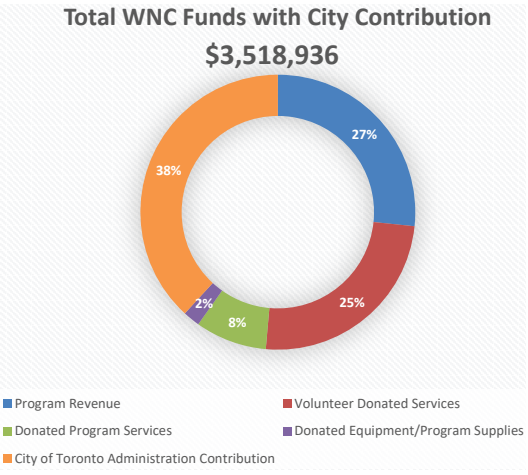
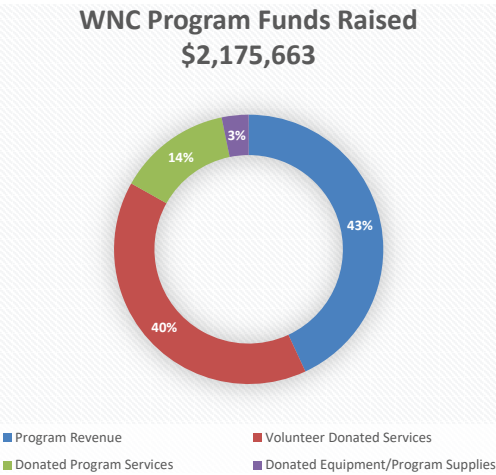


*"I think that the WNC is a very nice place! Every day my son says, "I want to go to the (WNC)!" He is very happy here. The most important things for the parents is the happiness of our kids!" Alessio P.*



# Financials for the year ended December 31, 2016

	2016	2015
	Actual	Actual
<b>Administration Operating Expenditure</b>		
Salaries and Wages	890,048	848,839
Employee Benefits	317,779	269,430
Materials and Supplies	84,242	73,197
Purchase of Services	113,288	109,972
Amortization of Capital Assets	1,180	1,180
Amortization of deferred Capital Cont.	(1,180)	(1,180)
	<b>1,405,357</b>	<b>1,301,438</b>
<b>City of Toronto funds</b>		
Core Administration	<b>1,405,295</b>	<b>1,301,419</b>
Funding payable by City of Toronto	<b>(62)</b>	<b>(19)</b>
Funding provided by City of Toronto	<b>1,343,273</b>	<b>1,297,052</b>



# Financials for the year ended December 31, 2016

	2016	2015
	Actual	Actual
<b>Program Revenue</b>		
Grants		
Government of Canada	\$ 124,166	\$ 140,483
Provincial	75,101	72,422
City of Toronto	85,811	127,802
Other Foundations	151,058	40,451
	<b>436,136</b>	<b>381,158</b>
Donations/Fundraising/Other	98,271	68,192
Program and Membership Fees	252,582	195,674
Rental Fees	140,106	128,628
Interest	10,108	10,172
	<b>501,067</b>	<b>402,666</b>
<b>Total Program Revenue</b>	<b>937,203</b>	<b>783,824</b>
Volunteer Donated Services	871,543	748,546
Donated Program Services	296,803	311,466
Donated Equipment/Supplies	70,114	49,805
<b>Total Program Funds</b>	<b>2,175,663</b>	<b>1,893,641</b>



	2016	2015
	Actual	Actual
<b>Program Operating Expenditure</b>		
Salaries and Wages	486,287	440,981
Employee Benefits	15,750	44,291
Materials and Supplies	166,997	141,195
Purchase of Services	194,783	92,596
Asset Amortization	5,211	4,478
	<b>869,028</b>	<b>723,541</b>
<b>Excess of (expenditures over revenue)</b>		
Revenue over expenditures - Program	<b>68,175</b>	<b>60,283</b>





*"Meeting people, making new friends, taking part in activities and being given the opportunity to enjoy life better."*  
**Felecita D.**



*"Our Waterfront center makes me happy because how nice everyone is and the programs are awesome."*  
**Daniel K.**



"I started bringing my daughter to the Community Centre Baby Drop-in program on Wednesdays and Fridays when she was 7 months old, in January 2016. She attended for the whole year. The lovely Radhika was the program facilitator at first and later the equally amazing Sarah became the program facilitator...They were both so kind and lovely and the assistants were also truly special and wonderful, nurturing influences for my daughter.

We have now relocated to Manitoba so we will not be returning to the program unfortunately but I had to send you guys an email to express my gratitude and appreciation for the program. It was a lifeline for us as we were new in Toronto and I had no friends or family there and knew no one. The community centre was a warm, supportive community for my daughter. She absolutely loved the Drop-in program and thrived in the nurturing, encouraging atmosphere. She learned social skills, communication and literacy skills which she would not otherwise have done.

I want to thank you as without you guys and the Centre we would have had none of that vital support and sense of community. I will forever be grateful to you all and was very sorry to have to leave Toronto. I know my daughter will miss everybody too. In particular I will miss the facilitators especially Radhika and Sarah who were so welcoming and kind to me as well as to my daughter...you made a huge difference in our lives and thank you for doing what you do!" **Amy**



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