



SCADDING COURT *Community Centre*

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A Message from Scadding Court Community Centre

Community and city-building is an important part of our work and this year we continued to work with non-traditional and unique partners to develop a vibrant neighbourhood, city and society where everyone is included. Our approach to doing this includes understanding, prioritizing and addressing existing and emerging needs, developing strategic partnerships, thinking creatively and in new directions, and creating links between different communities experiencing shared issues and goals – both here in Toronto and around the globe.

Using this approach and in collaboration with dedicated program groups, residents and partner organizations from across different sectors, we accomplished a lot! Along with offering a wide variety of programs for people from all walks of life, we gave out \$82,000 in scholarships to 26 deserving young people from across the city, built mutually beneficial relationships with communities in Ghana, worked with Toronto's Chilean community to assist communities devastated by that country's earthquake, hosted a G20 Townhall to support community dialogue and healing, distributed 500 Eid food baskets with Toronto's Muslim community and much more.

Blending these approaches and accomplishments is key to SCCC's future and a key reason for prioritizing redevelopment in 2010. Planning the transformation of our physical site offers great opportunities to reframe the way public and private sector institutions communicate, collaborate and integrate. This will create an exciting new model of neighbourhood living and service delivery, and contribute to a more vibrant Toronto by making the intersection of Dundas and Bathurst Streets a destination for people from our community, across the city and beyond. It's about connecting communities in ways that make sense in today's urban and global world.

With our partners, we worked on a feasibility study to investigate redevelopment directions for the site occupied by Scadding Court Community Centre (SCCC), the Toronto Public Library- Sanderson Branch, Alexandra Park and Toronto District School Board- Ryerson Public School. Other partners involved include University Health Network- Toronto Western Hospital, OCAD University, Mount Sinai Hospital and the Alexandra Park Neighbourhood Learning Centre. This process continues into 2011 with resident and local stakeholder input through surveys and consultations. A vision for a redeveloped SCCC is now emerging. Themes include universally accessible design, urban agriculture, food security, a well-designed park and integrated programs and service delivery.

2011 will see us moving forward on redevelopment with a solid community engagement and business plan. At the same time we are sustaining, expanding and developing our great range of exciting local, city-wide and international programs and opportunities with residents and partners in our community.

SCCC Board and Staff

Mission Statement

To support and foster the well-being of individuals, families and community groups by providing and encouraging both local and international opportunities for recreation, education, community participation and social interaction.



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Our work is about...

Changing Lives through programs, support and opportunities

Building Communities by bringing people together to learn, play, plan and take action

Shaping Systems by linking local issues with broader social themes and supporting people working to make change happen

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Changing Lives

Since 2008, we have been adding local youth aged 16 – 25 to our staff team. This creates meaningful roles for them at SCCC (and by extension in their community) and lets us provide intensive mentorship and support for their personal and professional development. As a result, in 2010 12 local young people were supported in developing skills, attitudes and behaviours that support success.



Originally referred to as SLICE and funded by Ontario's Ministry of Training, Colleges & Universities, this is now known as our Catalyst program. In 2010 we received 3 year funding from Canada's National Crime Prevention Program to further develop the program, which includes employment, education and skills development. The employment component is critical - it provides the youth with real roles, responsibilities and a way to earn a living.

This approach of investing heavily in individuals (vs. in programs that serve many participants) is unconventional. We are however, confident that it works and aware that many programs for youth living in situations that include poverty and a lack of opportunity don't work. New ideas are needed and we are excited to be a part of this.

URBAN AGRICULTURE

Building Communities

Founded in 1997, our Urban Agriculture Program promotes community development, food security, a healthy environment, recreation, physical activity and social inclusion. Over time it has expanded and become a program known city-wide for its contribution to urban agriculture in Toronto. Today it includes:

- Over 100 individual garden plots (at SCCC and community sites) used by over 150 people to grow vegetables, fruit, herbs, flowers and ornamental plants.
- A 1500 square foot Diversity "farm" Garden where volunteers grow over 1,600 pounds of produce each year for food programs and food banks.
- Indoor and outdoor composting to transform organic waste into compost for the gardens.
- Growing produce for the Scadding Court Community Café, participant snacks and meals, and for the Community Kitchen Program whose participants are isolated and/or marginalized due to disability, age, income level, housing access and other factors.
- Special activities like participation in Seedy Saturday (Toronto's foremost grassroots seed exchange, gardening and eco-fair), workshops and hosting field trips by groups from schools, community groups and summer camps.
- A focus on urban agriculture, expansion of green and park space and food security as part of our redevelopment vision.



YOUTH CREATING SAFE COMMUNITIES

Changing Lives
Building Communities

In the summer of 2010, three organizations in neighbourhoods affected by gun violence worked with the Toronto Police Services to offer a summer program aimed at building more positive relations between youth and police in Alexandra Park and Regent Park. Scadding Court Community Centre, Dixon Hall and Alexandra Park Community Centre ran summer activities – some took place independently at each Centre and others were planned and delivered together.

At SCCC, the program included basketball games with police officers, barbeques, a municipal All-Candidates Debate focused on community policing, the creation of an “edible wall” of on the outside of the building, and a series of media messaging workshops on healthy communities. 32 youth and 10 police officers participated in our program.

“Youth are able to express their opinions about their community by attending all candidates’ debates. I never knew.” Male participant age 14



This program helped build more positive police-community interaction, develop a new Alexandra Park Coop community safety committee, increase youth awareness of local services and opportunities, improve youth leadership skills and raise awareness about political systems and how to get involved.

Everyone involved recognized that this was only a first step in addressing an important issue. After the summer, the project partners (51 Division, 14 Division, Scadding Court CC, Dixon Hall and Alexandra Park CC) continued to work on developing a larger project focused on relationships between youth and the local police as an important part of community health and well-being. This project will launch in 2011.



*“I used to think police officers were people who just do their jobs, but now I’ve learned they are active in their community and they love to play sports, just like us.”
- Female participant age 14*

Adult Programs

- Arthritis Screening Clinics
- Chinese Senior’s Social
- Citizenship Classes
- Community Kitchen Program
- Computer Training
- Eye & Ear Screening Clinics
- Recreational Sports
- Seniors Tai-Chi, Tai-Chi Sword
- Sewing
- Weight Training

Youth Programs

- Catalyst/SLICE Youth Employment Program
- Fusion - Young Women’s Program
- Leaders-in-Training
- Newcomer Leader-in-Training Program
- Newcomer Youth Recreation Program
- Outer Limits International Program
- SCCC Ballhawks (basketball)
- Sports Programs & Leagues
- University in the Community
- Young Muslimhaz Program
- Youth and Police Relations Summer Program

General Programs & Services

- Community Computer Access Program
- Community Gardens & Diversity Garden
- Cross-Cultural Health Services Clinic
- Settlement Services

WHERE CAN WE PLAY?

Building Communities Shaping Systems

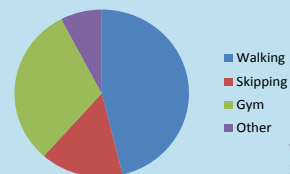
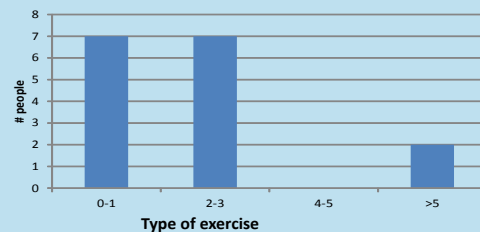
In 2010 the Young Muslimahz Program took action on the issue of access to recreation. With a Spark grant from the Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation they did an environmental scan of recreational facilities, a survey to identify barriers that they and their peers face to physical activity and presented the results to stakeholders including the City of Toronto, Heart and Stroke Foundation, and others.

This study highlighted the need for privacy in the facility and in change rooms along with female-only recreation times as a condition for participation for some users. In many facilities these needs could be fulfilled with minimal cost by covering windows, installing curtains and scheduling women-only recreation times. This study also shows the need for consulting diverse groups of non-users before planning and scheduling programs. Many of these recommendations hold potential for enhancing the accessibility of physical and recreational activity for other groups of underserved women.

Through this project and together with University Settlement House, the Lady Eagles basketball league was founded with 50 participants on 6 teams. Toronto is one of the world's most multicultural cities, Muslims are among its fastest growing groups, and immigrants and people with low incomes have lower rate of participation in physical activity than the general population. Identifying and taking action on these realities is an important part of building an inclusive and healthy city.



hours of exercise per week



Where can we play?
Survey of young Muslim women-2010

Special Events & Projects

- Black History Month
- Chilean Earthquake Relief Event
- Christmas Community Celebration
- Diwali Community Celebration
- Eid Community Celebrations
- Gone Fishin' Project

- Halloween Event
- Investing in our Diversity Scholarships
- Lunar New Year Celebration
- Municipal All-candidate Debates
- Sports Tournaments
- Urban Agriculture Workshops

Child and Family Programs

- After-Four Program
- Children's Saturday Club
- Emergency and Occasional Childcare
- Family Literacy
- Family Math
- Family Resource Program
- Extended Drop-in
- Indoor Park
- March Break & Summer Day Camps
- Parenting 1234
- School Readiness
- Science Clubs

Programs for People with Disabilities

- Barrier-Free Swim
- Drama Interact
- Drama Interact Summer Camp
- Swim and Social
- Yes We Can Theatre Group

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TORONTO NEWCOMER INITIATIVE – SETTLEMENT WORKERS IN CITY FACILITIES PILOT PROJECT (TNI-SW)

Shaping Systems

TNI-SW was launched in October 2011 with a vision to identify how city services can better serve newcomers to Toronto. Four city divisions participated and 18 settlement workers were hired to deliver settlement services out of city facilities. Parks, Forestry and Recreation hosted 10 settlement staff in community centres; Toronto Public Health hosted 4 settlement staff across the City; Shelters, Support and Housing Administration hosted 3 settlement staff in hostels and Municipal Child Care Services hosted 1 settlement staff at a child care centre.



To strengthen relationships between the settlement sector and city programs/services, SCCC seconded 10 of these workers from community agencies that work with newcomers. We also created a Project Advisory Committee with representatives from 24 settlement, community-based and faith-based organizations to promote sustainability after the project ended and to ensure that relationships could continue to support collaboration between community and City partners.

Over 22 weeks, the project served 927 clients representing 541 families from across Toronto. The top three countries of origin of clients were China, Bangladesh and India, and the most requested topics of information included library and recreation services, employment, family-related services, immigration and housing. Through the project, 27 existing partnerships were improved and 24 new partnerships created. Details about the project, its successes and its challenges are in the final project report, available at www.scaddingcourt.org.

Recommendations developed from this pilot project will help inform the City of Toronto’s Newcomer Strategy, to be presented to City Council in the fall of 2011.

COMMUNITY EVENTS/CELEBRATIONS

To reflect and acknowledge the diversity in our community, Scadding Court hosted many community celebrations in 2010. These included a Lunar New Year celebration, a Black History Month event, two Eid celebrations, a Diwali celebration, and a Christmas display and party.



Along with celebrations, we also hosted a variety of events to engage people in learning, helping, decision-making and making their voices heard. In April we held a dinner to raise funds to support earthquake victims in Chile together with the Chile Can Rise coalition and Ontario MPP Rosario Marchese. In July we hosted an all-candidates meeting for youth focused on policing and a post-G20 Townhall to provide a venue for community dialogue. In response to Toronto’s municipal election, we worked with the Equity Toronto Coalition to host a successful Mayoral Debate on “Building a Fair Toronto” and then with partners from the disability sector to coordinate a Mayoral debate on disability issues that was attended by over 300 people.

Financial Highlights

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE SCADDING COURT COMMUNITY CENTRE AUDITED STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	2010 \$
Salaries and wages	644,255
Employee benefits	187,514
Materials and supplies	17,943
Purchase of services	47,616
Amortization of capital assets	5,372
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	-5,372
	897,328
FUNDS PROVIDED BY CITY OF TORONTO	897,328
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	0

Auditors : Grant Thornton LLP, Chartered Accountants

SCADDING COURT COMMUNITY CENTRE - INC. AUDITED STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

PROGRAM REVENUE	2010 \$
Grants	
Government of Canada	374,573
City of Toronto	566,051
Province of Ontario	30,798
Foundations	79,726
Sub-total	1,051,148
Fundraising and donations	401,359
Program fees	497,048
Rentals	38,429
Interest income	17,213
Memberships	1,716
Sub-total	955,765
Total	2,006,913
ADD: DEFERRED REVENUE - BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	326,793
LESS: DEFERRED REVENUE - END OF THE YEAR	-334,686
Total Revenue	1,999,020
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Salaries and wages	1,008,585
Employee benefits	211,165
Program expenses	737,432
Amortization of capital assets	16,000
Total Expenses	1,973,182
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	25,838

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Centre for Addiction & Mental Health
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C Costi Reception Centre
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CultureLink
Foodshare

F For Youth Initiative
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Giraffe Management
Harbourfront Community Centre
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King Edward Public School
Masjid Toronto

M Metro Toronto Chinese & Southeast Asian Community Legal Clinic
Mount Sinai Hospital
Muslim Association of Canada
Muslim Student Association at U of T – St. George
North York Community House
Ogden Public School
OCAD University
Ontario Early Years Centre
Queen West Community Health Centre
Ryerson Community School
Ryerson University
St. Mary's Catholic School
St. Michael's Hospital
St. Stephen's Community House
The Institute of Child Study -U of T
Tobias House

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Toronto Community Housing Corporation
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Toronto Police Service
Toronto Public Health
Toronto Public Library
Toronto Western Hospital
Toronto Women's City Alliance
University of Toronto - Adventures in Science
University of Toronto – Centre for Community Partnerships
University of Toronto – Woodsworth College
University Settlement House
Urban Alliance on Race Relations
Volunteer Centre of Toronto
Working Women Community Centre
York University

Networks/Committees

14 Division Community Police Liaison Committee
Equity Toronto
Mount Sinai Hospital Community Integration Committee
Toronto Community Gardeners Network
Toronto Food Policy Council
Toronto Neighbourhood Centres
Toronto Neighbourhood Partnership Advisory Committee
Toronto Western Hospital Community Advisory Committee
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