APPLEGROVE COMMUNITY COMPLEX

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

COMMUNITY AT ITS CORE

MISSION AND GOVERNANCE

About Applegrove

Applegrove Community Complex was incorporated as a nonprofit corporation under the Ontario Corporations Act in 1979, is registered as charitable organization with Revenue Canada, and has operated as a City of Toronto funded community centre since 1983. The agency is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors as well as a Board of Management appointed by City Council, and serves a catchment area that spans from Jones Avenue to the west to Woodbine Avenue to the east, and from Lake Ontario to the railway tracks north of Gerrard Street. Applegrove's main location is inside the Duke of Connaught School, with a satellite location at the Formosan Presbyterian Church. Programming is also provided at other community locations.

MISSION: Applegrove is a neighbourhood partnership fostering community through social and informative programs for individuals and families.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Like the community in which we are located, Applegrove continues to change. After our longtime Executive Director retired in 2018 we adjusted to the new thinking and ways of doing things that come with new leadership. 2019 started with a refresh of our 5-year strategic plan, which identified that our current strategic priorities are to have facilities that are stable and appropriate for our work, adequate staffing, and to improve, strengthen and grow our programming. We also identified our involvement in the Neighbourhood Food Hub as a priority, and introduced it to the community with a launch at our AGM in March 2019.

Over the year we nurtured our roots by delivering the tried and true Applegrove programs that people rely on and enjoy, like the EarlyON Family Resource Program, Afterschool and Summer Camp Programs and Seniors Program. At the same time we branched out to explore new opportunities and ways to be involved in the community. We started to support tenant engagement related to the revitalization of the Toronto Community Housing Don Summerville site, took on a leadership role with the Neighbourhood Food Hub, and delivered programming at more neighbourhood locations. These activities have expanded our reach into the community, inspired new partnerships and projects, and helped to ensure that along with meeting the needs of individuals and families, we are contributing to the positive development of this community and to advancing broader social issues like food security and housing.

Last but not least, in 2019 Applegrove celebrated its 40th anniversary. Along with hosting a great party, we used this year to celebrate our past and to lay groundwork for a great future for us, and for this community. In this report we share stories and details on this work. Thank you to the many people, groups, businesses, partners and funders who worked with us and generously supported our efforts.

Jean Lim-O'Brien, Board Chair Susanne Burkhardt, Executive Director

STRATEGIC PLAN

We updated our strategic plan in early 2019 to reconfirm our strategic directions and identify five priority action areas for 2019 and 2020 – 1) facility, 2) administrative staffing levels, 3) program development and expansion, 4) program monitoring and evaluation, and 5) community food hub.

2019 achievements in these areas include:

- Launched the Neighbourhood Food Hub
- Initiated process to secure City funds for more core staff time and facility space
- Secured grant funding to deliver 2 new programs for seniors
- Reviewed program evaluation and introduced online surveys



FINANCIALS

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT FOR APPLEGROVE COMMUNITY COMPLEX

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2019

	2019	2018			
ASSETS					
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash	\$ 274,106	\$ 162,038			
Short-term investments (note 5)	140,408	51,764			
Due from City of Toronto	14,116	22,601			
Due from City of Toronto - vacation payable	17,479	15,744			
Due from City of Toronto - sick pay gratuity Accounts receivable	-	31,694			
Accounts receivable Prepaid expenses	20,147 6,889	32,667 12,583			
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	470,140	020,001			
LONG-TERM RECEIVABLE FROM CITY OF TORONTO (note 7)	231,602	245,791			
INVESTMENTS		85,428			
	<u>\$ 704,747</u>	<u>\$ 660,310</u>			
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS					
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 84,259	\$ 74.887			
Deferred contributions (note 6)	59,719	51,003			
City of Toronto working capital advance payable	10,871	10,871			
	154,849	136,761			
POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS PAYABLE (note 7)	231,602	245,791			
	386,451	382,552			
NET ASSETS					
Restricted program funds	275,569	247,209			
Unrestricted	42,727	30,549			
	318,296	277,758			

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT FOR APPLEGROVE COMMUNITY COMPLEX STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

Revenue	Program (Schedule A)	Administration (note 8)	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Grants				
City of Toronto	\$ 176,472	\$ 383,879	\$ 560,351	\$ 611,966
Government of Canada	65,053	_	65,053	63,104
Province of Ontario	48,319	-	48,319	32,437
Other grants	45,539		45,539	10,000
	335,383	383,879	719,262	717,507
Program and membership fees	398,591	-	398,591	386,127
Donations and fundraising	16,213	-	16,213	15,696
Interest revenue	4,323	43	4,366	4,405
	754,510	383,922	1,138,432	1,123,735
Expenses				
Salaries and wages	458,534	292,033	750,567	769,784
Employee benefits	90,561	66,341	156,902	166,285
Materials and supplies	109,129	5,707	114,836	85,683
Purchase of services	52,525	19,841	72,366	74,066
	710,749	383,922	1,094,671	1,095,818
Net revenue over expenses	<u>\$ 43,761</u>	<u>\$</u> -	<u>\$ 43,761</u>	<u>\$ 27,917</u>

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PROGRAMS

FAMILIES & EARLY YEARS



Over the summer the Parent/Child EarlyON program relocated to a room upstairs due to school construction. Everyone adapted well to the new space, which had lots of natural light that allowed for a great container garden! The EarlyON Family Resource Program operates in two locations and provides a place for parents, caregivers and children aged 0 to 6 years to play, learn, connect with, and support one another in a safe and welcoming environment.

Helping our Babies Grow offers weekly information and support sessions for women during pregnancy and after birth, and connects them to other available services and resources.

Over the Rainbow is a therapeutic play group where young children experiencing life challenges use music, art, drama and story-telling to explore feelings, experiences and behaviours.

HIGHLIGHTS

- 11,767 program visits
- 1,692 individuals served
- 548 parents and caregivers received 1-on-1 information/counselling
- 199 people used the toy library & clothing exchange
- 27 workshops delivered
- 16 special events held

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The After-School Program is offered at two locations and engages children aged 6 to 12 in learning, physical and creative activities. Students aged 11 to 13 can join the Junior Leaders program, designed to build confidence, life and team building skills.

The Youth Drop-In Program is all about keeping things exciting and fresh. It offers different activity options through which youth can make new friends, build leadership and practise teamwork.

Children's Camps run in summer, March Break and extended winter holidays. They feature fun-filled and educational activities such as crafts, active games, trips, cooking, and special projects and events.

Summer Leadership Program for youth aged 12 to 15 combines learning, experiencing new things, and having fun to create a program that builds confidence, self-esteem and life skills.

HIGHLIGHTS

- 17,396 program visits
- families supported through high quality summer camp programming
- 75 youth developed life and leadership skills
- 6 bake sales to fundraise for Applegrove programs and the Neighbourhood Food Hub



This year camp had rooms with a view (moved to the 3rd floor due to school renovations), partnered with Building Roots to garden at the Ashbridge Estate, and did some great field trips including live plays, a Blue Jays game, and sailing on a pirate ship!

OLDER ADULTS

The Older Adults Program features daily activities to keep people aged 55+ active and engaged in their community. Games, cooking, art, outings and workshops on health and wellness are among the many activities on offer.

The Seniors Active Living Fair is a free annual information event with exhibitors, workshops, information sessions and a great lunch.

Free Income Tax Clinics are held for low income seniors and community members. This year we partnered with Toronto Community Housing to develop a new clinic location for tenants at the Don Summerville site.

HIGHLIGHTS

1522 program visits

- 81 program volunteers
- 90+ seniors engaged at Active Living Fair
- 50+ income tax returns submitted for low-income seniors

Our intergenerational cooking program with the Neighbourhood Food Hub at Glen Rhodes Church was a great way for seniors and youth to hang out, learn from each other, and cook some amazing meals!



EVENTS

Family Dance

Every February we invite families to fight the winter blahs and have fun at our annual dance and social. 105 people came, many dressed up as their favourite superhero or villain and enjoyed dancing, crafts, treats and more.

Pasta Fest

This annual event raises funds for our programs and celebrates community. Over 150 hungry guests of all ages came to enjoy delicious food, outbid one another for great prizes, and dance the night away. This event is a community success story made possible by amazing local partners who donate the space (Baron Byng Legion), food (Casa di Giorgio), prizes (local businesses) and music (DJ Brenda).

40th Anniversary

2019 was a milestone year and together with the community we celebrated 40 years of providing vital services to the neighbourhood with an afternoon in the park at the Ashbridge Estate. The party was filled with friendly neighbours, live music, a tree planting, and treats which, in the spirit of community, were all locally sourced. Thanks to the Ashbridge Estate for hosting, to Farm Boy for the apples, and to all other event supporters!





Along with planting an apple tree at the Ashbridge Estate in honour of our 40th anniversary, people shared their thoughts on an Applegrove memory tree! Here's an example of what we heard: "Thank you for being a place where the whole community can gather!"

COMMUNITY INTIATIVES

Neighbourhood Food Hub

The Food Hub launched at Applegrove's Annual Meeting. It operates out of Glen Rhodes Church and aims to improve access to fresh and affordable food, foster sustainable local food systems, and support broader community initiatives. By taking a collaborative approach to addressing food and related issues, it makes the most of local skills, resources and relationships to offer programming that is shaped by the community and delivered through partnerships.

This year was focused on relationship-building, upgrading program spaces, and developing food programs and supports. With guidance and supported from a 17 member Partners Table (which includes community and food-based organizations, and multiple City of Toronto divisions), achievements in 2019 include:

- Piloted a volunteer-led Good Food Market in partnership with FoodShare
- Created 2 community food gardens with the Leslieville Farmers Market
- Provided cooking, canning and more programs to families living at the Red Door Shelter, with support from South Riverdale Community Health Centre
- Created database of local growing sites with Fontbonne Ministries/Mustard Seed
- Distributed over 1500lbs of fresh vegetables to the community

Don Summerville Revitalization

Applegrove, in partnership with Toronto Community Housing Corp. (TCHC), has taken on a leadership role in engaging Don Summerville tenants on issues related to the revitalization of the TCHC Don Summerville site. This redevelopment initiative aims to transform this aging social housing complex into a vibrant integrated, mixed use and mixed income community.

Working closely with tenants, TCHC and Context Development Inc., we cofacilitated tenant meetings and consultations, supported community events, helped connect tenants to community partners for relocation support, participated in the Tenant Advisory Group, and helped shape a community benefits plan that offers immediate benefits to tenants disrupted by the revitalization (e.g. scholarships, employment, social programming) and long-term action in the areas of community integration, well-being and economic development.

We look forward to continued involvement over the long-term in order to improve the quality of life and well-being of Don Summerville tenants and contribute to a more vibrant and cohesive community for all.

STAFF AND BOARD

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Thank you!

Volunteers

In 2019 our work was supported by over 211 amazing volunteers. The time they provided was worth \$40,500 (based on sector standards), and the energy, compassion and talent they bring to our programs, activities, committees and board is invaluable! We are so very appreciative of their commitment and support.

Facility/Site Partners

Duke of Connaught Public School S.H. Armstrong Recreation Centre WoodGreen Woodfield Child Care Toronto Formosan Presbyterian Church East End United Regional Ministry

THANK YOU

Contributors

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