

TORONTO CITY MISSION

2015-2016 ANNUAL REPORT





OUTREACH

FLEMINGDON PARK:

Felicia Fischhoff, Esther Jang (ending Dec 2015),
Chiara Tari-Arnold (beginning Jan 2016)

KINGSTON-GALLOWAY:

Stephen Ahn (ending Aug 2015), Gala Castaños,
Lawrence Kim (beginning Sept 2015)

ST. JAMES TOWN:

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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.



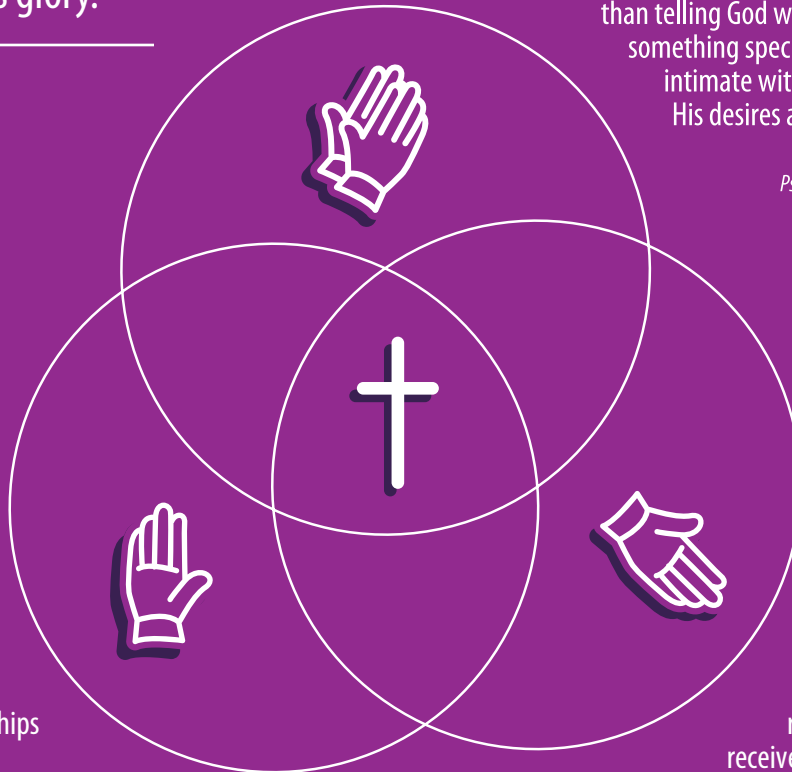
Purposeful Giving

Christian living is working towards giving our prayer, time, and gifts to God for His glory.

"Now devote your heart and souls to seeking the Lord your God." - 1 Chronicles 22:19

PRAYING is foundational to a believer's life; it sustains, protects, encourages, and leads us. It is relational rather than telling God what, when and how we want something specific. Prayer is becoming more intimate with God in order to understand His desires and passions for us and those we pray for.

Psalm 27:4, Matthew 6:6, Philippians 3:10



"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace" - 1 Peter 4:10

VOLUNTEERING is the action to our faith; we serve God through serving others. God has given us gifts and has called us to use these gifts to be active witnesses for His glory in service to others. Regular volunteering builds relationships that last.

Isaiah 58:10-11, James 2:14-24, 1 Peter 4:10

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow." - 1 Corinthians 3:6

GIVING is an act of obedience to God. God expects us to give, and give cheerfully to the Church so that the Church can be generous with giving to others who need it. In return, God is faithful and we receive His blessings in abundance.

Matthew 6:1-4, 1 Corinthians 16:1-2, 2 Corinthians 9:7

Spark | Purposeful Giving

Spark is a community of supporters who engage with Toronto City Mission on a regular basis. With reliance on God and through prayer, volunteering, and financial gifts, we can build a sustainable foundation to bring hope to children and families impacted by poverty.

Be a Spark - Pray, Volunteer, Give

Find out more at www.torontocitymission.com/spark

STORIES FROM OUR SPARKS

PRAY



Shepherd Village, a Christian retirement home in Toronto, where residents support TCM through prayer and volunteering.

“ For anyone who feels that God cannot use them, they are wrong. He can. Prayer should be the first thing, not the last. ”

Many of us at Shepherd Village have been long-term overseas missionaries or were active in local ministry. When some of us arrive at Shepherd Village for our retirement years, we may feel like we are no longer able to do anything.

Praying regularly for Toronto City Mission while helping with the mailings allows us to contribute to Kingdom work. We don't see stuffing thousands of envelopes as a small job - if just one person is impacted after reading mail from TCM, it is worthwhile.

VOLUNTEER



Vanessa supports TCM on a weekly basis as a volunteer.

I began volunteering with TCM in January 2014 as an EPIC tutor in St. James Town. I was really excited to join as a volunteer because I've always had a passion to serve God through mentoring and teaching His little ones. I have had the privilege of seeing the kids I tutor learn and grow personally and academically right before my eyes. I've also had a number of opportunities to talk about personal and spiritual development depending on what was happening in their lives.

“ Although they thought I was there to teach them, little did they know that they were the ones teaching me about the value of sacrifice and the fulfilment of giving. ”

GIVE



Janey and Norman support TCM through regular financial gifts.

A couple of years ago, we learned of the work that TCM was doing in various parts of the city. We were really struck by TCM's root-cause approach to poverty: to start young, build leaders, and foster relationships with children, families, and communities. We knew that this was a vision we could get behind.

“ Because this was a long-term vision, we didn't want to just support on a one-off basis, but on an ongoing basis. ”

As a former small business owner, I really understand the need for consistent and predictable support that you can rely on, because it frees you to focus on realizing the mission of the organization.



Look for these icons throughout this publication for more stories from Sparks

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD



As we look back, we have so much to be thankful for. Our Lord has sustained this ministry for 137 years with supporters willing to walk alongside us and staff willing to dedicate their lives to serve God through Toronto City Mission (TCM). Our programs provide a means for volunteers and Outreach Workers to build long-term relationships with children and families allowing us to share the message of hope and faith.

The ministry of TCM depends on the many people who support the mission. This year we launched **Spark | Purposeful Giving**, an initiative that recognizes our need for partners who will pray, volunteer, and/or provide financial support on a regular basis. We rely almost entirely on the generosity of supporters to help with the preventative and transformational work that is done through TCM.

Many of us have become involved with TCM because we believe and see the impact and know that a difference can be made in our city. As Christians, we are called upon to shine the light and share the hope. Be a Spark - Pray, Volunteer, Give.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Feng". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Bill Feng
Chair of the Board of Directors

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



A 16 year old girl who has attended programs for 9 years, spent her summer as a junior intern in her own community. A graduate from the Role Model Moms (high school equivalency) program just received her college diploma in social services. A 12 year old boy in the Kids in Community (after school) program gave himself to the Lord.

There can be such joy as you watch God transform the lives of the children and families impacted by poverty. At 29%, Toronto has the highest percentage of children from low-income families living in large urban areas in Canada (2013, Statistics Canada). While financial poverty is easily defined, other issues, such as spiritual poverty, are generally overlooked. The only way it's possible for TCM to do His work is through a strong foundation of a community of supporters like you who engage with TCM on a regular basis. It is no coincidence that we are brought together to serve Toronto.

In the year ahead, you will see and hear the message of Spark | Purposeful Giving. With a reliance on God and through prayer, volunteering, and financial gifts, we can build a sustainable foundation to bring hope to children and families impacted by poverty.

Thank you for all that you do to support TCM and help us fulfill God's mission.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Addison".

Dave Addison
Executive Director

2015-2016 YEAR IN REVIEW - EVENTS

February 19, 2016



This year, we held our 16th annual SpikeBack Against Poverty beach volleyball tournament. We had a few extra special players, a team of Teens Leading Communities (TLC) from St. James Town took part in this friendly volleyball tournament as Team Re:Charge Youth. Having participated in TCM programs, some since the age of 5, they now have the opportunity to 'give back' by raising money for their community. These teens are encouraged to be active community members by being good role models for the younger kids in the programs.

16 TEAMS

\$17,650 raised

sending 176 kids to Sunshine Day Camp for one week!!



"I am participating in SpikeBack to give back to my community what I have been given for the past 10 years!" - Cassie

"I want to show gratitude to everyone who has helped me and my family. I want to give others the opportunity to experience the great things that TCM has done to transform my life." - Kate

*Right: Team Re:Charge Youth
Below: SpikeBack 2016 players*



April 19, 2016



With over 400 friends in attendance, IGNITE 2016 was an evening of celebrating that relationships are built and lives are transformed within our five communities. It was a night to remember with fellowship, worship and inspiring testimonies all led by TCM kids, families, volunteers, and Outreach Workers.

We also launched **Spark | Purposeful Giving** and invited everyone to get involved with TCM on a regular basis through prayer, volunteering, and giving financially.

Spark | Purposeful Giving

Photos from IGNITE 2016



Role Model Moms

May 19, 2016

FIELDTRIP! to University of Toronto

"I would like to thank U of T for the chance to attend 'Role Model Moms Post-Secondary Academy'. We live in a world with knowledge at our fingertips, but that is not helpful if we don't know how to access it and that is a really big reason why many of us don't end up going. The information day at U of T gave us the opportunity to ask questions and get real answers from other moms who went through the same thing. We heard "yes, it was hard" from a student mom instead of reading "there is an 80% success rate" in a pamphlet. It encouraged me that anyone can do this and it doesn't matter who you are or where you come from.

I would love to go to university one day, but for now I am more focused on getting my kids there. I learned about the many different ways U of T, Humber, Ryerson, and the City of Toronto can support me if I decide to pursue university. I say this to all people old, young, families, or even (especially) if you are a single parent: **Don't ever give up**, and if you really don't know where to look or what questions to ask, take a trip to any university. Students and staff are full of information to help you in your journey."

-**Amberly Thompson**, RMM Graduate 2015



Role Model Moms and their families at Hart House, U of T



Chara (RMM - VV), Roxanne (U of T), Shelby (RMM - JF)
Photo source: Twitter @UofTMDprogram

"I work with medical students at the University of Toronto, connecting every future physician in our faculty with a community service-learning placement. Seeking out new partnerships for our students last year, I connected with Shelby Hall and Role Model Moms. I grew up in Jane-Finch with a single mother on social assistance, and I know the difference education has made in my life. When Shelby asked whether we could offer her students a campus tour, I saw an opportunity to offer support and practical encouragement for women like me.



I started reaching out to colleagues across campus to see what we could come up with, and every single person supported the idea of welcoming the Moms to campus with complete enthusiasm and connecting me with more people who would also want to be involved. In the end, 12 U of T departments and faculties, three student groups, Ryerson, Humber College, and the City of Toronto were involved in hosting 42 mothers and their children at Hart House, who donated space and food, for the first 'Role Model Moms Post-Secondary Academy'. A beautiful hymn played in my head all day, and plays in my head now as I remember the wonderful women and children who joined us that day: *"Great is thy faithfulness / Great is thy faithfulness / Morning by morning, new mercies I see / All I have needed thy hand hath provided / Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!"*

-**Roxanne Wright**, Community Health Placement Officer, U of T

COMMUNITY PARTNER BBQS

various



BBQ at Willowtree hosted by The Peoples Church



“Over the past two years, Chinese Gospel Church Scarborough has provided support to Flemingdon Park. Our goal is to not only provide financial support to an Outreach Worker, but also to look for opportunities to engage with the community as a whole. To help meet this objective, we have hosted BBQs in Fall 2015 and in Spring 2016. Local residents of Flemingdon Park enjoyed food, desserts, games for the children, and draws for gift baskets. The idea was to share Christian love and fellowship in a tangible way to the community, and to provide an opportunity to introduce them to TCM programs. We were extremely pleased that at the Spring BBQ, 17 kids registered for Sunshine Day Camp.



In the process of developing this partnership, we have found that our congregation has received such a blessing in return. In preparing for the events, families donated items for the gift baskets, and people of all ages came together to prepare hand-made baskets. We had over 30 volunteers at each event, BBQing and serving food, face painting, running games, and engaging with the local residents. It was also a delight to work alongside the staff at TCM and see the smiles on the children’s faces as they lined up for face painting, cotton candy, and desserts. We were also pleased to see the adults, some who initially may have approached hesitantly, drop their guard and enjoy the event.

These experiences with TCM brings to mind Proverbs 11:25, “*Whoever brings blessing will be enriched.*” We have certainly been enriched by our partnership with TCM, and look forward to future events and opportunities to engage with TCM in the Flemingdon Park community.”

-Henry Lee, Chinese Gospel Church Scarborough



BBQ at Flemingdon Park hosted by Chinese Gospel Church Scarborough

EILEEN'S STORY: THE EARLY YEARS AS A TCM MISSIONARY

By Grace Bonechansker, guest writer



Ethel Eileen Browne was born near Cambridge, New Brunswick on January 8th, 1926. Her parents, Earle and Ethel, Browne raised Eileen in a Christian home which gave her a solid foundation and greatly influenced her to give her life to Christ at the age of 15. After graduating from high school, Eileen decided to take a year off scholastics and work to earn money to attend college. She worked in the office of the New Brunswick power company and babysat for a Mr. Sutherland. Her young charge was Donald Sutherland. Yes, that Donald Sutherland, Canada's own iconic actor. Determined to become a missionary, Eileen, after her one year stint with the power company, went on to study at Prairie Bible Institute in Three Hills, Alberta, where she graduated in 1949.

Eileen eventually served as an inner city missionary for Toronto City Mission from 1962 to 1982 under the tutelage of Ivy Bunt, the superintendent at the time. I had the privilege of interviewing Eileen about her years of ministry at TCM and how it impacted and transformed the lives

of the people she worked with. Here is her story:

What made you decide to become a missionary?

I had known it, even in my teens. Our church had missionary conferences every year. I definitely felt called to be a missionary somewhere.

How did God lead you to start at TCM?

I was living at my pastor's home in Pefferlaw, Ontario; I was a part of the family. When they moved to Blind River, I went with them and worked at a local store. As I began to know that God had bigger plans for me, the pastor, who had previously worked at Yonge Street Mission, took me to a place where they needed a matron to look after girls in trouble. I was told not to talk about anything religious. I said afterwards, "You take back that application. If I can't witness, what am I going there for?" The pastor responded, "Tomorrow, we're going to Toronto City Mission to see Miss Ivy Bunt."

The next day, snow piled high, he dropped me off at 608 Spadina Avenue. I was quite

nervous standing on the veranda and didn't want to ring the bell. Ivy welcomed me with her very warm smile. In the middle of my job interview, the phone rang. It was a lady on the phone that was telling Ivy that her mother had died. It was the way Ivy stayed on the phone and listened intently that I saw the passion that she had for people.

On March 14, 1962, at one o'clock in the afternoon, Eileen officially began her ministry at Toronto City Mission.

During my time at the mission, Ivy taught me "to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves."

When you're dealing with people, you use wisdom to discern and at the same time, never say anything to hurt them. Compassion goes a very long way.

On one of my home visitations, I knocked on a door and a lady answered, she let me in and went straight back to the kitchen. During a visitation, you look for one point of interest to start a conversation, and I saw this sewing machine with a treadle.



So I began a conversation with 'I see you have a treadle sewing machine.' We talked about sewing as she dragged me up to the bedroom to see the drapes. She explained that she was trying to make a blouse, but was having trouble putting the collar on. I spent the better part of the day showing her how to correctly pin and finish the blouse. As I was leaving she said, 'When you came to my door today, you were a stranger to me and I was a stranger to you. The next time you come, we will be friends.' **That day, I learned that my role was to make her feel comfortable to develop a relationship of trust.**

In addition to home visitation, you led after school Bible programs, summer camps at Bronte, and looked after the basic needs of the people by operating a food and clothing ministry. You were also part of a ministry involved in meeting with female inmates and leading gospel services at the Don Jail.

The women's attitude in the Don Jail was that, 'you don't need to tell us that we are



Eileen early on in her ministry at Toronto City Mission. She vividly recalls this day with the boy and that 'huge cat'.

sinner, we wouldn't be here otherwise.' I recall one woman who grew up in a Christian home in London, Ontario, got in with the wrong crowd, and ended up in prison. Upon her release she announced, 'You won't be seeing me anymore. I'm going home and I'm going back to my church because I've dedicated my life to the Lord. From now on, I'm serving Him.'



Today, Eileen continues to be involved in fulfilling the mandate of the mission to reach people with the gospel of Jesus Christ through prayer, financial gifts, and sharing her stories. You may have met her at one of our recent events.



Eileen Browne (left) served at TCM from 1962 to 1982. Grace Boneschansker (right) currently volunteers at TCM as a researcher and writer. Read some of her other articles about the history of Toronto City Mission on our website blog.

2015 - 2016 PROGRAM REVIEW

"Despite the many challenges, camp has brought me great joy. The children are so loving and silly, and at the same time, so open to learning more about God. The volunteers, staff and mission teams are great too; I'm definitely building some awesome relationships and meeting lots of people. Throughout camp, I'm starting to learn a lot about myself and what I'm good at and not so good at. I'm slowly learning about some qualities that God has given me and how I can use them to bless the camp, and everyone around me."

- Kristie, 2015 Summer Intern



"During small group time at Junior Extreme (JX), the girls have been sharing about bullying issues. I was amazed at how open and honest they were about their feelings, insecurities, and struggles. In the midst of all this, they were not judging one another. Instead, we saw the girls support one another and lift each other up. One of the girls also mentioned how prayer helps her. They each are powerful testaments to one another. I look forward to seeing how God will continue to work in their lives."

-Jeff, Outreach Worker, Willowtree



"I was stuck in this mundane life of welfare and staying at home with my oldest daughter. It wasn't until I joined Model Moms that I realized how intelligent I can be. Now I'm able to keep going with school and my daughter with her home."

- Heather, RMM grad



"Jace, a first grader, is new to Kids in Community (KIC). He was anxious the first day, so his mother tagged along to help with the transition. Jace was teary-eyed after his mother left, but his friend, Kyle, arrived and cheered him up. At the end of the Bible lesson, Jace came up to me and surprised me by saying "Kyle said this would be boring, but it was so fun!" At the end of the day, both boys left exclaiming: "This is the most awesome after school program!" It is encouraging to see a new generation of kids get excited about our program and about the Bible."

-Michelle, Outreach Worker, St. James Town

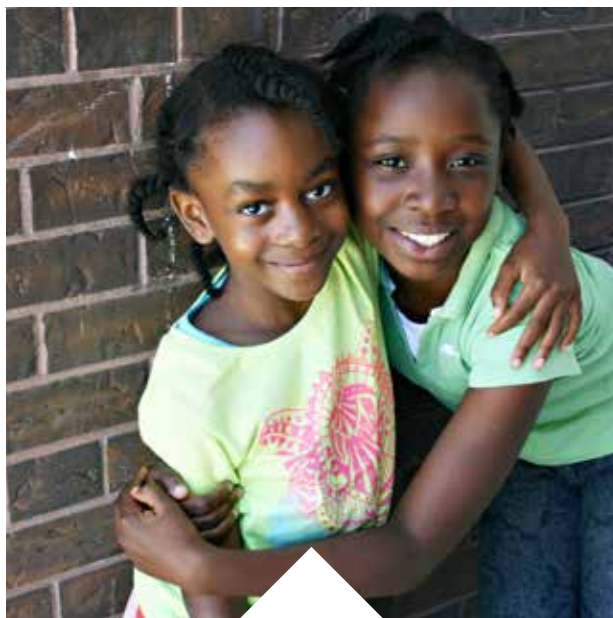




“Volunteering as an Education Provided in Community (EPIC) tutor is so much more than just books and grades, it is the opportunity to bond and build relationships with the kids and share about Jesus. The improved grades are a bonus!”

- James, Volunteer, Flemington Park

James dedicated his time to tutor Trey and to build a trusting relationship with him. Within a few weeks, Trey’s self confidence grew, and his grades improved. By the end of the year, Trey’s mark in math went from a 60 to an 80!



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“We are learning about prayer in Teens Leading Communities (TLC). As we headed out for a prayer walk in the neighbourhood, we bumped into some kids from programs and they asked what we were doing. We invited them to pray with us with a one sentence prayer to God. They praised God for being a healer and for being a good Father. They also asked God to stop the violence in the community and help others who make bad decisions that hurt others. God is building a culture of prayer amongst the kids and teens. I believe that one day, He will restore this community.”

- Gala, Outreach Worker, Kingston-Galloway



“The mission trip to Kingston-Galloway showed me love and joy from God that is beyond the socioeconomics of all our lives. Together we look past these worldly things that separate us and look to Christ who builds our relationships and brings us together.”

“Since it was only 2 weeks, it was more to discover whether working with inner city kids is what I’m called to do. I always knew I had a heart for these communities and it was great to exercise that for the first time.”

-Mission Team from Ambassadors for Christ



2015 - 2016 PROGRAM NUMBERS

KIC - Kids in Community

KIC is an after school program that brings together kids from the community to sing worship songs, learn about the Bible, and meet other kids. Outreach Workers and volunteers invest in long term relationship with the kids.

93 PARTICIPANTS

40 VOLUNTEERS



Volunteer Program Model

Volunteers are core to enabling TCM to serve so many children and families. We average about one volunteer/staff per three program participants. Thank you to all who volunteered this year!



YX/JX - Youth/Junior

Youth and Junior Extreme... between grades 7-12. You... opportunity to have fun, strengthen positive friend... healthy conflict resolution

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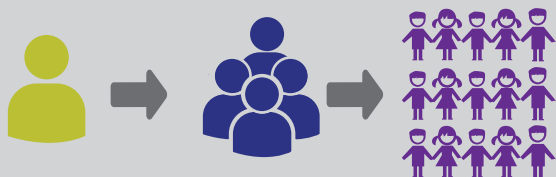


Sonshine Day Camp

Sonshine Day Camp is offered to children between grades 1 and 6 during March Break and the summer. Camp provides supervised, daily programs that include activities such as crafts, sports, singing, drama, Bible stories, and day trips.

945 CAMPERS **17** INTERNS

17 MISSION TEAMS **31** TLCs



1 Outreach Worker

4 volunteers

15 program participants



14,000+ volunteer hours equivalent to **6.5+** full-time Outreach Workers



EPIC - Education Provided in Community

EPIC provides tutoring, homework support, and educational games. Kids gain confidence when they begin to understand educational concepts and improve their marks at school.

90 PARTICIPANTS

40 VOLUNTEERS



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TLC - Teens Leading Communities

The TLC program trains youths to be leaders in their communities. Youths are trained throughout the year and during March Break and summer, they are an essential support to Sunshine Day Camp. TLCs learn about responsibility, develop their leadership skills, and grow in their journey of faith.

13 PARTICIPANTS



RMM - Role Model Moms

TCM partners with World Vision Canada and Sprott Foundation to equip moms, who are at least 18 years old and have not completed their high school education, with the academic knowledge, confidence, and life skills necessary to achieve their diploma. RMM has been transformational in the lives of many women.

14 RMM GRADUATES



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016

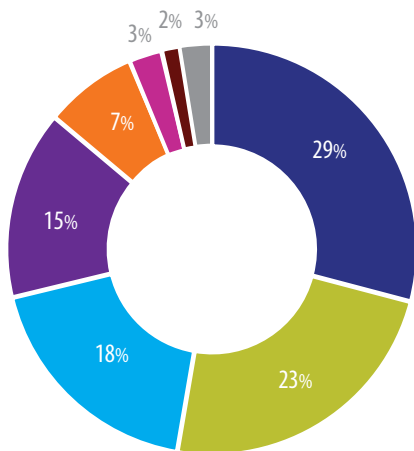
BALANCE SHEET

	2016/17	2015/16
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash	91,747	21,368
Marketable securities	1,337,101	1,501,934
Accounts receivable	49,505	59,067
Prepaid expenses	14,975	10,073
Restricted cash	25,000	25,000
Capital assets	2,821	9,323
TOTAL ASSETS	1,521,149	1,626,765
LIABILITIES		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	14,238	12,633
Deferred revenue	101,326	4,433
NET ASSETS		
General fund	1,380,585	1,584,699
Endowment fund	25,000	25,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,521,149	1,626,765

REVENUE AND EXPENSES

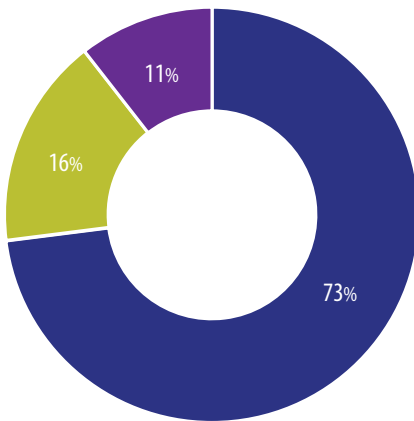
REVENUE		
Individuals	256,683	207,627
Foundations and associations	208,166	204,410
Churches and ministries	163,274	122,176
Government grants	131,293	145,554
Special events	66,243	95,867
Corporations	22,747	28,417
Bequests	16,735	22,433
Gain on sale of capital assets	9,021	-
Camp fees	8,532	23,394
Gifts in kind	8,278	9,290
TOTAL REVENUE	890,971	859,169
EXPENSES		
Community programs	782,488	813,971
Resource development	176,402	171,905
Operations and administration	113,099	121,566
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,067,989	1,107,442
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES BEFORE THE FOLLOWING:	(177,018)	(248,273)
Investment income	(27,096)	120,266
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	(204,114)	(128,007)

REVENUE BREAKDOWN



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

EXPENSE BREAKDOWN



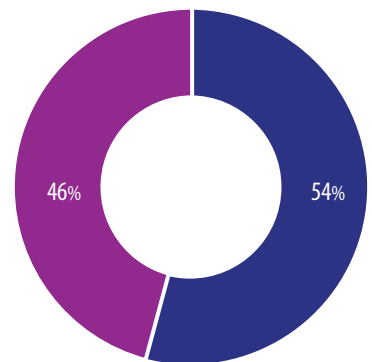
- Community Programs
- Resource Development
- Operations and Administration

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.



Did you know that 154 Sparks give to TCM on a regular basis? Sparks make up 46% of all individuals gifts. **Thank you, Sparks!**



Certain of the comparative figures have been restated in order to conform with the presentation adopted in the current year.



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