



NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

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Supporter of West Neighbourhood House

Dear Supporter,

I ask you to join me in donating to the community work of West Neighbourhood House.

As the volunteer President of the Board of Directors of the House, I can assure you that donations made by you and me are used efficiently for effective results -- in both personal change for low-income individuals as well as social change for our whole community.

Impacts to date:

Last year, West Neighbourhood House supported over 14,000 people in their times of transition (such as unemployment) or crises (such as violent relationships). We also supported personal change with multiple opportunities for diverse individuals to learn and practice new skills (such as brain health exercises).

In addition, West Neighbourhood House participated in local community-building through initiatives such as:

- Youth Committee democracy pop-ups
- Build a Better Bloor Dufferin Residents' group
- Neighbours Helping Neighbours seniors project
- the Parkdale People's Economy

In these social change initiatives, we assist people to use their existing strengths as contributions to the broader community.

For more detailed results of the past, please check out www.westnh.org/about-us/annual-reports-and-audited-financial-statements.

Looking ahead:

West Neighbourhood House has been thinking about what we have learned from the past to prepare for the future. Our new Strategic Plan builds on our experience to test new solutions for lasting social change.

Strategic Priority #1: Innovate and design our programs to achieve the best possible outcomes for people we serve.

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The Meeting Place
Newcomer Outreach Program

248 Ossington Avenue
Toronto, ON Canada M6J 3A2
Adult Literacy and Learning Programs
Family and Newcomer Programs
Music School
Older Adult Centre

1033 King Street West
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Employment Services
Financial Empowerment and Problem Solving
Adult Learning Programs

1497 Queen Street West
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Family and Newcomer Programs
Parkdale Meeting Place



Community social services need research and development, just as much as any other sector, to solve stubbornly hard problems. We have seen the potential of investing in innovation. Everyone has an interest in achieving this success. Your financial support is an investment with us to navigate the uncertain futures of our communities and society.

Strategic Priority #2: Pursue new uses of West Neighbourhood House properties for community benefit.

West Neighbourhood House believes strongly in the need for community control over assets such as property owned by non-profits. At the same time, we need to maximize the value of our properties for community benefit. Specifically, we are examining the feasibility of redeveloping our large property at Dundas and Ossington for both our continued community programming and affordable housing.

Strategic Priority #3 Transform the role of the “neighbourhood house”

We all feel the changes underway in our communities and society. We see how technology has “disrupted” the labour market in many ways from small businesses to large automotive companies. We see increased concentration of wealth, a polarized public, and unsettling effects from other economic or environmental changes.

West Neighbourhood House is exploring how we can continue to be relevant and supportive of people who are most vulnerable to harm from these changes. At the same time, we want to be ready to take advantage of new opportunities, especially with technology.

In closing, I ask for your support as West Neighbourhood House prepares to meet the emerging challenges of the future. Please send your financial contribution to support the community of diverse people served by West Neighbourhood House.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Earl Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "M".

Earl Miller
President

p.s. You can contribute to a better community with a donation to West Neighbourhood House today! You can use the prepaid postage envelope provided or donate online through www.westnh.org/donate.