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CAN YOU SEE IT

When I first met Rushawn he was a child in our After School Program. He was overly confident and had a mouth that could run faster than a Ferrari. Rushawn was animated, energetic, and the type of child who could test the nerves of even the most seasoned leader.

I was shocked when I walked into the same program site this past month to see Rushawn, now 5 years older, leading the younger children. Rushawn is now employed as a Streetleader at UrbanPromise Toronto. At After School Program he assists the children from his community with their homework, and acts as a mentor for them.

What struck me was how much Rushawn had matured. He was still animated and spoke faster than a race car, but he displayed patience with the children and a maturity in how he conducted himself.

There are many other Streetleaders serving alongside Rushawn, and most of them grew up in our After School Programs! Our desire is to reach children with the love of Jesus,

and raise them into leaders who will restore their own communities. It's powerful to see it happening through examples like Rushawn.

Merry Christmas,

Brett



Brett McBride
Executive Director



REACH
A CHILD,

RAISE
A LEADER,

RESTORE
COMMUNITY.

MOVING ON AND MOVING IN



< Tracy Robinson

This fall we said goodbye to our dear friend Tracy Robinson, who left UPT to return “home” to Barrie, Ontario. Tracy served as Youth Supervisor at Camp Hope for three and a half years. During that time she faithfully poured her life into about 70 grade 6-8 students from the Warden Woods community in Scarborough.

“ I have truly loved working and serving with UrbanPromise Toronto and I am so very grateful for the purpose and joy the young adult leaders, children, youth and families have brought to my life. For a country girl, city life has been a stretch, but the people have helped to make it all okay!”



< Janelle Kiezebrink

Janelle is the new Youth Supervisor at Camp Hope. She became a UPT missionary after spending 2 years here as an intern.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Within neighbourhoods of Toronto Community Housing, school days between 3:00 to 6:00pm are the peak hours for children and youth to commit crimes, be victims of crime, smoke, drink, use drugs and be sexually active.

These are the hours after the safety of school, but before an adult is home. Many children from TCH can't afford extra-curricular activities that emphasize the arts, team sports, or academic excellence.

The lack of both supervision and meaningful activities can lead to boredom and boredom to vulnerability. The reality of this urban environment is that illegal substances are accessible, mischief is

prevalent and gangs begin recruiting young. Children and youth become vulnerable to the streets and the pressure to fit in.

That's why after school programs are at the heart of what we do.

For a few hours each day, kids and youth have a safe place to come. Older youth and adults who care about them provide help with homework, healthy snacks, games and crafts. Our goal is to help our children and youth grow in ways of spiritual awareness, educational achievement and respect for self and others.

Unique to our vision is a commitment to involving local teenagers (Streetleaders) in the tutoring, mentoring, and coaching of younger children through After School Program. By involving teens in the leadership process, we are creating a new generation of young, visionary leaders who embody a commitment to change their own community.



THIS GIFT LASTS ALL YEAR

Give them
a mentor.

STREETLEADER

PROGRAM: Giving high school students an opportunity to invest in the lives of children from their community.

UPT provides part-time employment, career training and leadership development, while Streetleaders learn to serve children in after-school programs and seasonal camps.

The leadership development initiative for high school students is focused on experiential learning. Throughout the course of a school year Streetleaders meet weekly for Bible study and mentoring, and participate in several retreats. They are challenged to grow in leadership at home, at school and in their communities.

1 Streetleader = \$2250/year | For just \$45 you can cover one week.

This Christmas consider giving something that lasts; give a child the gift of a mentor.

OUR MISSION >

UrbanPromise Toronto exists to proclaim the love of Jesus, and to express it through the spiritual, social, and educational development of children, youth, and families living in Toronto Community Housing.

RUN FOR PROMISE UPDATE



THANK YOU!

**80 Runners
450 Sponsors
\$42,000 Raised**

**80 Children
in Toronto Community
Housing blessed with
a full year of ministry**

(10 months of after school program + 1 week of March Break Camp + 6 weeks of Summer Camp.)



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