

## "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" —Isaiah 43:19

Imagine a small neighbourhood nestled by a busy street, surrounded by high rises and plazas. Driving by, you might not notice it. Walking through, you would meet lots of families who are new to Canada. When you ask them, you will learn they want what we all want: friendship, happy families, good jobs, another chance.

You will also learn that they feel isolated, concerned about violence and drugs, worried about their children's safety.

This is Glamorgan, a Toronto Community Housing neighborhood in Scarborough. It has many new immigrants but not as many of the services and supports other Toronto neighbourhoods have.

Now, imagine YOU can do something for Glamorgan. Imagine you can help the children and families turn their community around. I'm excited to tell you that this dream is finally coming true! Due to your generosity and the financial support of Stronger Philanthropy, this March Break we're expanding our ministry into Glamorgan. We're undertaking the approach that has been such a success in our other neighbourhoods: we'll hire, train,

Shawn James
Executive Director

and mentor high school students, empowering them to lead life-changing programs for younger children.

I can't thank you enough for being our partners to share the love of Jesus in a new community.

Grace & Peace,



REACH A CHILD.

RAISE A LEADER,

RESTORE COMMUNITY.



## Impact Report 2018/19



"I am so grateful for the privilege to give my children the choice of a community establishment that is founded on the word of God."



Leaders Raised

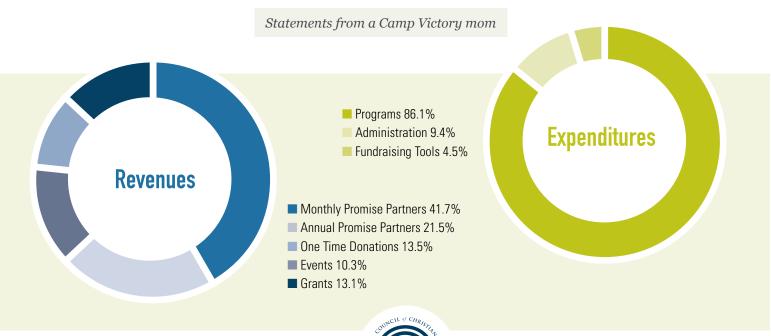
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"It is amazing to watch the children and youth leaders interact with each other. Thank you for not giving up on our future."



Families Supported <u>40</u>

"It has been a relief to know my children have a place that is physically and spiritually safe"



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## "And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." -John 8:32

I have had the opportunity to build relationships with two dynamic mothers that have been an anchor for their community when there seems to be no support.

As a response to the surge of violence that has erupted in their neighbourhood, they have taken upon themselves to start a youth drop-in program, paint nights and community events. When I started to get involved in the

community, they were hesitant to embrace me, remarking, "We'll see if you stick around." They were used to popup programs coming into the community and leaving. After two years of building trust, they have welcomed the support of UrbanPromise Toronto to provide consistent after school programs, March break, and summer camps.

Our plan is a 20-year journey with a child and their family, starting with such amazing kids as seen in this picture. Last summer while walking with one of them home, I was describing UPT to him and how each community is named for a positive quality to live up to, such as Camp Hope in Warden Woods, and Camp Victory in Mount Olive. Then I asked, "What do you think we should name our site?" He thought about it for a moment, and with a big smile, looked up at me and exclaimed, "CAMP TRUTH!"

I can't wait to share about the positive impact as this new dream unfolds of Reaching Children and Raising Leaders who Restore their Community of Glamorgan. To learn more about this new initiative, visit our partner's website: www.strongerphilanthropy.ca -by Kelly Stouffer, Community Director



Our goal is to raise \$20,000 to create opportunities for the next generation of young leaders to serve within their community & beyond! Please let us know you're coming by reserving your FREE ticket!



for our programs, allowing us to have yearround funding for these communities.

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To reach children in Toronto Community Housing with the love of Jesus, and raise them into leaders, who restore their community.



**REACH RAISE** A LEADER, RESTORE

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