



Children living in Toronto community housing neighbourhoods want what any kid wants...

- > To be known, accepted and valued.
- > To become just like their role models.
- > To dream.

March Break Camp provides these opportunities in a fun filled week of experiential activities in a safe and nurturing environment.

Your monthly gift provides us with the freedom to spend less time on fundraising, and more time on reaching children with the love of Jesus.

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# MARCH BREAK CAMP

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



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## CALLED TO BE FAITHFUL

With excitement, she took full advantage of the freedom of having the place (and the leaders) to herself. Hazel loves being at camp! She can depend on us being there each day, waiting just for her.

**Little moments of joy like this one stand as reminders that we aren't called to big success, but ordinary faithfulness—which He will multiply through the generations.**

Thank you for your faithful prayers and continued generosity.

Grace & Peace,

Faithfulness can look very ordinary at times; preparing snacks for after school program, helping a child learn to read, or patiently walking alongside StreetLeaders as they grow into leaders.

I was reminded about the importance of faithfulness recently by Hazel. Hazel is 5 years old and a second generation camper- her own mom grew up attending our programs. As she bounded into after school program one day, hung up her coat and backpack, she asked excitedly, "Am I the first one here today?" Hazel's face lit up when she heard that, yes, she was.

*"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering for he who promised is faithful."*  
—Hebrews 10:23

Mother Teresa is known for the quote, "God did not call me to be successful; he called me to be faithful." Jesus is the ultimate example of faithfulness. He always does what he says and fulfills what He promises. He gives us a hope we can hold on to. Our hope is that Jesus will redeem and restore the brokenness in our lives and in those we serve. And as God is faithful to us, we are called to be faithful missionaries in our communities.



**Shawn James**  
Executive Director



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## Impact Report | 2017-2018



**220** Children Reached



**50** Leaders Raised



**30** Families Supported



**300** Total Impacted

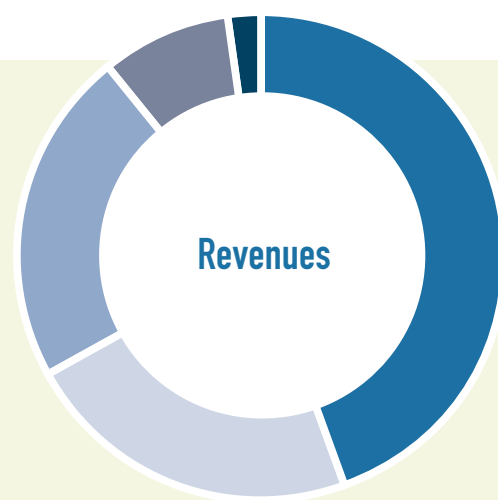
### 20 YEAR IMPACT

**2,300+** Children Reached

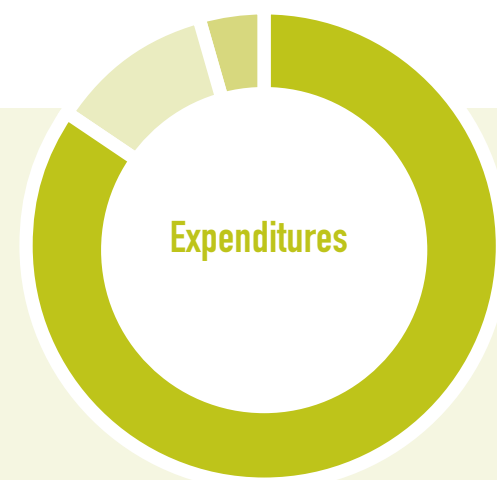
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### 20TH ANNIVERSARY RESULTS

**92** New Promise Partners



Programs 84.5%  
Administration 11.3%  
Fundraising Tools 4.2%



Expenditures

UrbanPromise Toronto proudly accepts the Seal of Organizational Integrity and Accountability.



Complete audited financial statements available upon request

Last year **6 Mission Teams** with a total of **51 volunteers** served for a week long experience of service through March Break & Summer.

Sign your team up to serve this summer at [urbanpromise.com/mission-teams/](http://urbanpromise.com/mission-teams/)

## WHAT'S IN A NAME

When youth are hired to become StreetLeaders in our programs, they are given a “camp name.” It is an easy name for the kids to remember and is often silly and fun. But this camp name also represents something different; something unique that separates them from their peers. This camp name gives the leader a new identity, and with it, a renewed understanding of the role they play in their community.



At UrbanPromise Toronto, we are always reaching children with the hope that some of them will step up and one day take on that very name that makes them a leader. Divine and Tiandre, two twelve-year old boys from our Camp Victory site in Rexdale, are shining examples of what we believe God is already forming in our midst. They know that they have a responsibility to make a difference in their community.

Camp Victory is more than just a program, it is like a home to them. Divine comes every day because for him, it's “not just a place to do your homework and play games, but a place to actually learn more about God.” The community can have a lot of negative role models, however, Tiandre claims that “Camp Victory is a place where you can learn new and good things that can one day keep you out of trouble.”

In two years, they hope to become StreetLeaders, but more importantly, role models in the community with a “cool camp name”. This name is a title that gives confidence and a renewed way of thinking of the role they play in influencing the next generation. Just as God changed Abram's name to Abraham, Simon's name to Peter, and Saul's name to Paul, we hope to one day see Divine and Tiandre adopt the new name God has prepared for them. One that gives them the courage to stand in the gaps and defend the oppressed.

## RISE COFFEEHOUSE & AUCTION

The Peoples Church Toronto  
**April 27, 2019**  
7 pm—Free Tickets  
(Limited Seating)

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