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GIFT OF Presence

As I reflect on the Christmas story about the promise God made to Joseph, in the midst of adversity, it reminds me of how *God is continuously with us in our adversity and brokenness.* He told Joseph not to be afraid, for he will have a son who will save his people from their sins and they will call him Immanuel (God with us).

After School program is a place where the gift of presence is truly displayed through the interactions between StreetLeaders and children. The StreetLeaders are the ones consoling the children when they feel alone, discouraged and hopeless. They immerse themselves into their lives from the beginning of camp until they walk them home, displaying truly authentic moments of presence.



Shawn James
Executive Director

Your support enables us to be present in children's lives providing us the opportunity to help them learn that 'Jesus Saves' and that 'God is with us'. It is the greatest gift you can give this Christmas!

Grace and Peace



UrbanPromise
TORONTO

REACH
A CHILD,

RAISE
A LEADER,

RESTORE
COMMUNITY.



Why I 'Run for Promise'

*UrbanPromise Toronto advocate
Andrew Au – 3rd year participating
in the Run for Promise*

I like participating in Run for Promise because it gives me a really good reason to exercise and provides an opportunity for me to raise support for an amazing ministry!

My favourite part of Run for Promise is how I can share my testimony as well as the experiences I've had serving at Camp Victory with those who supported our Mission

Team. I hope to inspire other people to run and support UrbanPromise Toronto!

What I enjoyed most at this year's Run for Promise was running my first full marathon and witnessing how God continues to work through the UrbanPromise Toronto team investing in StreetLeaders in the community!

I would encourage others to sign up to experience Run for Promise—intentionally mark your calendars now—**October 18, 2020**

RUN FOR PROMISE
GO FURTHER TOGETHER



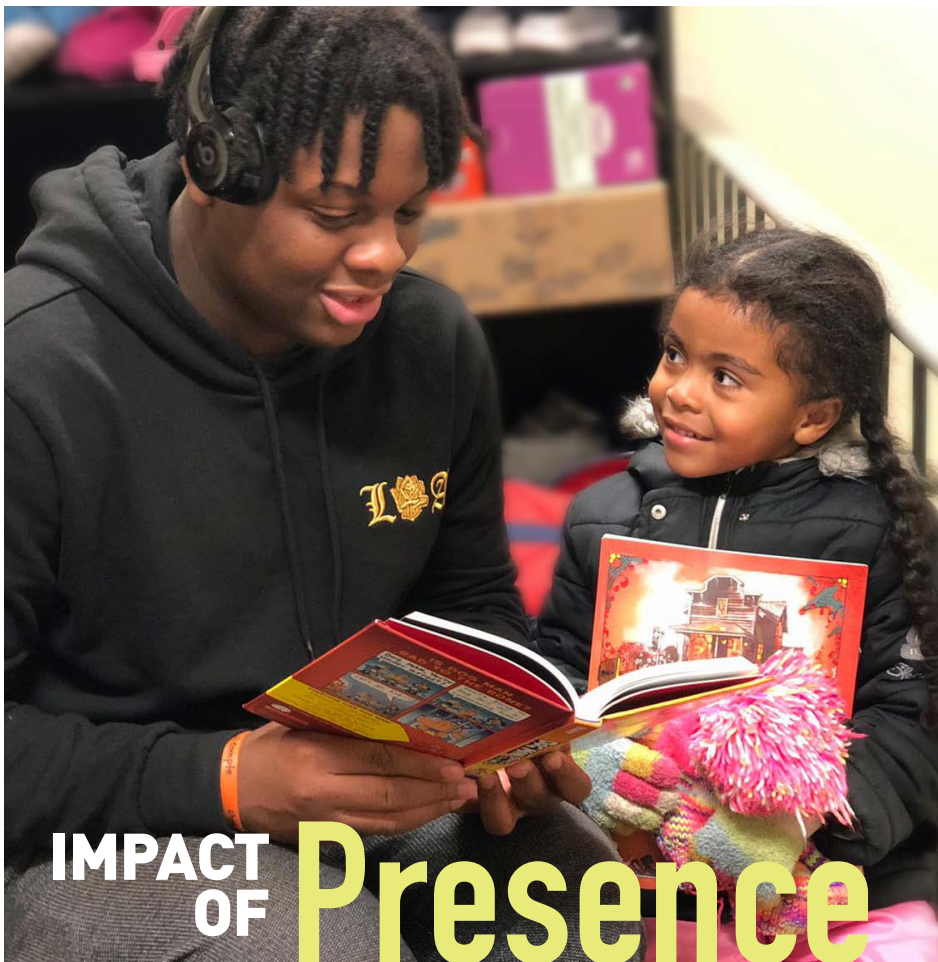
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Ran



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\$86,398 Raised!



Devin struggled with a great deal of anger when he started to come to Camp Hope at the age of 7.

He would often take out his anger on family, friends and classmates. As Devin matured, he started to realize that anger was an issue in his life and became concerned how his behaviour was affecting his relationships with

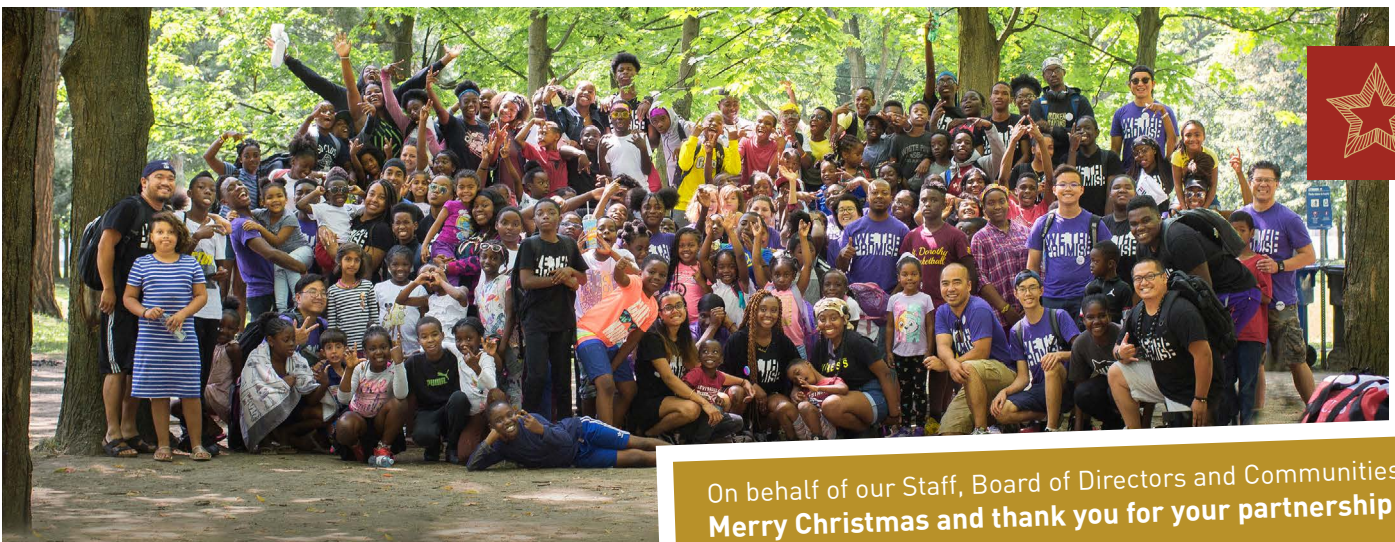
friends and family. He often felt alone, discouraged and hopeless. As Community Director in Warden Woods, Julius began a friendship with Devin, and he began to open up to Julius as they would get to know

each other by sharing meals together & just hanging out after camp.

“As we journeyed together, I began to learn that Devin’s childhood traumas & fears of people disappointing him, would be displayed outwardly through anger. ***It was evident that Devin needed someone present in his life, who would demonstrate Christ’s love and continuously tell him how much Jesus loves him, even in the midst of struggles.***”

As Julius recalls, “having struggled in the past with aggression myself, I could empathize with him & his frustrations. As I have been able to draw from the strong supporters in my life who showed me the love of Jesus, to show the same kind of love to Devin.”

“Devin asked me to be his mentor, and with the help of other UrbanPromise Toronto staff, we have walked alongside him and helped him to cope with his anger. We continue to help by keeping him accountable and show that we’re present, like how Jesus was present in my life through my struggles.” Devin is currently 17 and is a StreetLeader in the After-School Program, impacting other kids’ lives positively by being present in their lives.



On behalf of our Staff, Board of Directors and Communities
Merry Christmas and thank you for your partnership!



GIVE A GIFT OF Presence

Providing meaningful employment and leadership development to youth ages 15-19 is an essential part of our vision **to see a generation of young leaders from Toronto Community Housing who love Jesus and serve their community.**

These youth, also known as StreetLeaders, are given the opportunities to grow spiritually through serving in the After-School Program.

Give a one-time donation to support one StreetLeader:
\$2880 → for the full school year (9 months)
\$320 → for 1 month of the school year
\$80 → for 1 week of the school year

Sign up to be a Promise Partner:

\$36 a month provides sustainable funding for After School programs during the most vulnerable hours between 3-6 pm.

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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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