

# UPDATE

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## We Are Relational

Normally, around this time I'm writing with excitement about summer, however there is uncertainty in these present times including what programs we will be able to provide. One thing we are observing is that our children, youth, and their families are craving relationships. Single mothers are facing increased anxiety and stress. Children are bored at home dealing with limited social interactions, resources and fun activities.

**One of UrbanPromise Toronto's core values is: We are relational—we value people over property, structure, and systems.**

This core value is proven by the depth of relationships we have with families in Toronto Community Housing. Our relational equity is taking place in remarkable ways as our missionaries are connecting

daily with children, having virtual meetings with StreetLeaders and reaching mothers with online Bible studies. One mother was quoted saying, "I am overwhelmed by the support I have been receiving." God is at work!!!

I have full confidence in what the Apostle Paul says in Ephesians 3:20, ***"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us."***

We are not known for fancy programs, but we have valued relationships with

the families we serve. I believe God is doing abundantly more than we could ask or imagine, through these relationships, supported by your prayers and donations.

Thank you for your partnership with us.

Grace & Peace,



**Shawn James**  
Executive Director



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**RESTORE  
COMMUNITY.**

# WE'RE MOVING

We are excited to share that the Lord has answered our prayers to move our head office to be more centrally located, partner with a local church, and decrease our office expenses. We are grateful to North York Chinese Baptist Church for the lease of office space in their building. This enables us to continue to be good stewards of our financial resources and put more of your investment into our communities.



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## SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES

- Helping children and their families navigate through Google classroom and eLearning
- Connecting virtually with 70 families through dance, workouts, games and bible studies
- Partnering with Scarborough Food Security Initiative and Second Harvest to provide food and supplies to 4000+ individuals
- Networking to deliver masks to families
- Supporting single mothers with grocery shopping

### *Do you feel called to pray more intentionally for our ministry?*

Do you want to be informed of immediate & urgent prayer requests? Please join our Prayer Network for more regular updates on how to pray for our staff & communities.



## Join Our Prayer Network

Email: [prayer@urbanpromise.com](mailto:prayer@urbanpromise.com)

to be added to our list





# Relational Equity

Meet Wynter Macfarlane, our newest Missionary serving at Camp Victory (Rexdale). She came to us in January 2019 as a placement student while attending Humber College. She fell in love with the children and the community and felt God was calling her to full-time ministry with UrbanPromise Toronto.

Wynter, aka 'SNOWFLAKE' to our kids, joined our full-time staff team just before the COVID-19 outbreak and shares the following about her first few months as a Ministry Supervisor.

This pandemic has given our team the honour of getting to know and support moms in our community even more. Many moms are home with multiple children and

have limited support. Some are also working or finishing school while providing for their family. I am blessed to be on this journey with them. I've been able to call parents and their children, as well as send resources to families, such as workouts, family activities, stress management techniques, and recipes. One family shared how these activities have been helpful and fun to do together. Building relationships with moms is such a joy. I love their openness and honesty, and raw conversations we have together.

*It is important that we empower and encourage all of the parents and grandparents in their roles.*

Although I miss being with the children, I have been pleasantly surprised with the opportunity God has given us to connect with moms. Getting to share the Word of God through prayer, scripture and stress management techniques is a blessing. ***This time is a beautiful way to form new relationships with the pillars of our community, our moms.***

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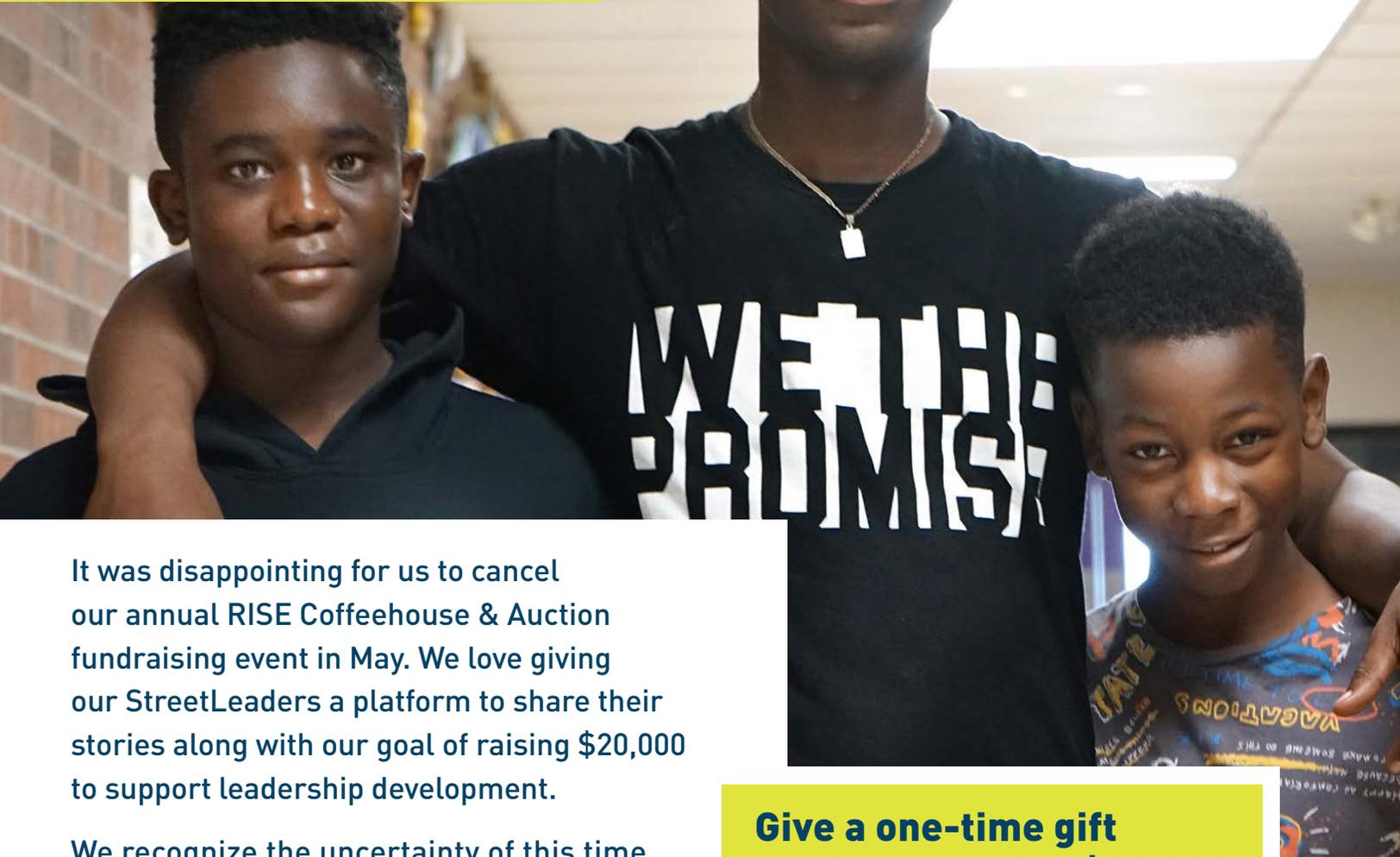
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**Sunday, October 18, 2020**

More details to come.



# SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY



It was disappointing for us to cancel our annual RISE Coffeehouse & Auction fundraising event in May. We love giving our StreetLeaders a platform to share their stories along with our goal of raising \$20,000 to support leadership development.

We recognize the uncertainty of this time and the financial impact it is having on everyone. If you are able, we invite you to give a gift towards the revenue lost from our cancelled event.

**Give a one-time gift  
and help us raise \$20,000**

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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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