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Rising UP

Summer camp is my favourite season of ministry, and I am especially excited about this summer. We will be providing meaningful employment for over 30 StreetLeaders, and over 100 children will be attending our 6 weeks of summer camp. We are looking forward to kicking off our summer camp with our StreetLeader retreat, a highly anticipated time for all our leaders that they missed out on for the past 2 years.

Our summer StreetLeader retreat is significant in many ways. For one, it is an opportunity to bring together young leaders from Mount Olive, Glamorgan and Warden Woods. Many of our StreetLeaders are from communities that could have some

rivalry, so this time together helps us establish relationships and trust.

It is also an opportunity to see God work through our times of worship, devotions, and small group discussions. In past retreats, StreetLeaders made commitments to follow Jesus or showed the desire to learn more about God.

Ultimately, the retreat is about having fun, learning, and training to get ready to lead an impactful summer camp. We are giving our StreetLeaders the opportunity to Rise UP and make a difference in the lives of children in Toronto Community Housing. They will be the ones to take on the responsibility to plan, lead and be positive role models so that children will be inspired to follow

in their footsteps to be the next StreetLeader.

This summer, I imagine a generation of young leaders rising up and dispelling the stigmas of their communities and spreading the joy, care, and love of Jesus.

I invite you to contact us to set up a time to visit our camps and pray for a safe, healthy and impactful summer.

Grace & peace



Shawn James
Executive Director

CAMP REPORTS

CAMP VICTORY

—Chris Jong, Community Director

Our team of StreetLeaders have been growing in their confidence to not only lead the kids but to make a difference in their lives. Whether it is coaching basketball, walking kids to the park, or sitting with them when they are having a bad day, our StreetLeaders see the value and power of their presence at camp. In the last couple of weeks, we've poured into our StreetLeaders through intentional discipleship, good meals, and new experiences like building basketball nets, going to the theatre to see a stage play, and treetop trekking.



CAMP TRUTH

—Jeffrey Ng, Ministry Supervisor

This past season, our team of StreetLeaders has shown great flexibility while adapting to the ever-changing environment of how programs were conducted. They were able to help with leading crafts, games and participating in Bible studies online. Recently we regained access to a Toronto Community Housing rec room, and they quickly got back into the swing of in-person camp. We're always looking for opportunities to teach the value of serving and giving back to their own community. This past season they've been able to help out at food banks. We're thankful for everyone, our leaders, kids, and parents, and their willingness to build community this past season.

CAMP HOPE

—Julius Naredo, Community Director

We are so thankful to receive any consistent space to run our camp. TDSB provided us access to a local elementary gymnasium twice a week. Our times in the gym have brought back the essence of camp. We have about 35+ boys being coached by some of our male StreetLeaders and volunteers. We're grateful to have access to a space to gather together for physical, spiritual and leadership development as we practice what we learn in our "Skills and Drills" as we "Pray and Play." Our girls recently participated in a mini cultural food trip where they try new experiences and visit locations they otherwise might not have opportunities to visit.



RISE2022

As you can tell from our camp stories, whenever and wherever we hold our programs, you'll be sure to find StreetLeaders working alongside our ministry team.

These young leaders plan, prepare for and execute many of the activities at camp. The responsibility and growth that we continue to see among our StreetLeaders are exciting!

Last month we held our RISE fundraiser, specifically to support the leadership development of our StreetLeaders. We brought our donors and supporters into a conversation with a few of them as they shared their experiences living in Toronto Community Housing, being a part of our UrbanPromise Toronto team and their dreams for the future. **If you missed it, visit urbanpromise.com/RISE**

MEET KAREN ONE OF OUR STREETLEADERS AT CAMP VICTORY

We first heard about Karen through her friend (a volunteer) and her younger brother (one of our campers). Last year, our Camp Victory leaders reached out to her about the idea of being a StreetLeader at summer camp. When Karen first started, she kept to herself and wasn't very outgoing or open to new opportunities or people. Within a few weeks of being a StreetLeader, she really started to blossom in her role, opening up a lot to our team and campers. Karen has also taken on many new challenges and experiences, such as camping, going to a theatre play, trying Wendy's and even having a McFlurry for the first time.

How long have you been a StreetLeader:

Almost a year now

What do you enjoy about being a StreetLeader:

Being around the kids and watching them have fun and smile.

What is one thing that's challenging:

Definitely getting them to listen and discipline.

What are some ways you've grown since becoming a StreetLeader:

In my patience and courage to speak up.

What are your future aspirations:

I plan to go to university for nursing.

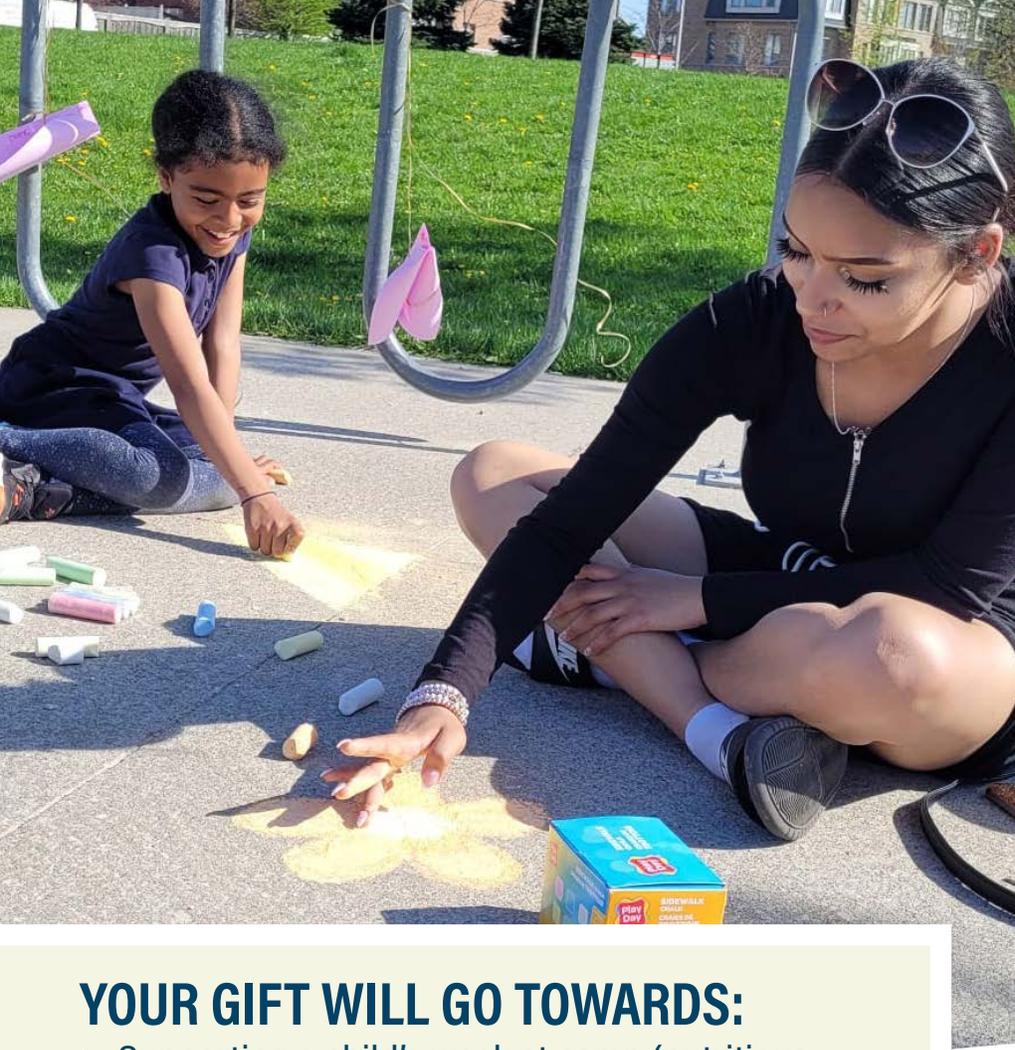


At RISE, we surpassed our goal of \$25,000. Thanks to our generous supporters we raised \$30,000 for the leadership development of our StreetLeaders.

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Special thanks to Kinnex Health for sponsoring this year's RISE. Learn more about Kinnex Health by visiting: kinnexhealth.com

SUMMER CAMP 2022



Eat. Sleep. Camp. Repeat.

Our teams are in full prep mode for our summer camps!

Summer childcare can be a challenge for many families in our communities. As a trusted organization in Mount Olive, Glamorgan and Warden Woods, families know that our camps will be safe, fun and engaging.

Kids will participate in activities, crafts, and games and go on day trips to local destinations. We always have a few surprises for the kids. An acting class here, learning about a firefighters' uniform there... UrbanPromise Toronto's summer camp never disappoints.

YOUR GIFT WILL GO TOWARDS:

- > Supporting a child's week at camp (nutritious snacks, supplies for camp activities)
- > Our camp T-shirts for staff and StreetLeaders (approx \$3,000)
- > Costs associated with day trips (approx \$10,000)

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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.



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