

Annual Report 2021



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Messages from our Leadership



I am incredibly proud of the way that our community and organization have been able to navigate the immense challenges of the last year. Due to COVID-19, we have had to operate primarily as a remote organization like so many other organizations around the country. We had to adapt to a virtual world overnight. Throughout this monumental challenge, Cecil Centre has remained true to our mission of “enhancing the quality of life’ of some of our most vulnerable neighbours, and being “responsive to local needs”. This is something I have come to recognize may be the secret to Cecil’s success and resilience. One community. One shared commitment to our principle mission. A mission that is unwavering, and of greater importance in trying times.

Among our most important assets is the well qualified and passionate staff. They empower families and individuals to become engaged citizens of our community. From our Executive Director and leadership team to the front line staff, Cecil Centre is committed to delivering the highest quality programs and services. I want to extend my personal thanks to this dedicated team who have adapted so efficiently to the “new normal’ and continue to create a safe space where there is *Something for Everyone!*

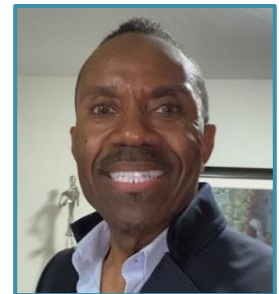
I would also like to thank our community. Your voices bring this building to life. Your dances fill the space with joy. Your greatest need is our most important work. Together with our dedicated staff, you are the experts! You know the value of our programs because you know what you need to keep community strong; to not just survive together but thrive together.

During my time here as Chair, I have seen this organization change and grow to include programs like ‘Breaking Barriers.’ I have seen warm smiles on the coldest days of winter, and cool heads in bustling vaccine clinics. I have considered it an immense honour to serve this community, that I live in and love so much; to serve it alongside a compassionate and intelligent board; and to serve it alongside dedicated staff. Thank you, to all of you, for making Cecil Community Centre the strong and beautiful neighbourhood space that it is.

Serena Purdy
Chair, Board of Management

One of my favourite quotes is from Mother Teresa, “None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful.”

Over the past year, the team at Cecil (*CecilPeople!*) have done many “small things”, with great love. Despite the many challenges that we faced, we always put our community first. I am honoured and so very proud to work with such a dedicated group of people who come together every day to make Kensington-Chinatown an equitable, just, and thriving community.



Our Board of Management have been incredibly supportive of every initiative and project, and kept us motivated during the stressful times. The Management TEAM (Alexander, Beryl, Tarah, and Natalia), always reaching for greater heights because we believed in the possibilities at Cecil. The entire staff team who always came to work with a smile, ready to take on any new challenge to ensure that Cecil Centre continues to be a place where there was “*Something for Everyone!*”.

But especially to you, our community, neighbours, partners, and friends. You kept coming back. You kept yourselves, our staff, and each other safe, and most of all, together, we did something wonderful!

Thank you...

Daniel (Danny) Anckle
Executive Director

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Aboriginal Land Acknowledgement

On September 30, 2021, In recognition of the inaugural **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**, the Cecil Board unanimously adopted a new Land Acknowledgement. This statement is part of the Centre's ongoing commitment to acknowledge and honour the First Peoples that have lived here for thousands of years, and the enduring presence of Indigenous Persons in the area for time immemorial.

Land Acknowledgement

Cecil Community Centre acknowledges that the sacred land on which this building stands has been a site of human activity for 15,000 years. This land is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nation, Inuit, and Métis Peoples.

We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit, and the Williams Treaties signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa Bands.

Today, the meeting place of Toronto is still home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island, and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work in the community, on this territory. We are also mindful of broken covenants and the need to strive to make right with all our relations. The original nations continue to cry out for justice. As treaty people, we commit to listen, learn, and work toward justice and reconciliation.

What is a land acknowledgement and why do we do it?

A territorial or land acknowledgement involves making a statement recognizing the traditional territory of the Indigenous people(s) who called the land home before the arrival of settlers, and in many cases still do call it home. Indigenous peoples have been acknowledging the land at the start of gatherings, ceremonies and events for time immemorial. With the release of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, more non-Indigenous people are becoming aware of the importance.

Providing a land acknowledgement at the beginning of an event or meeting gives time for reflection and demonstrates recognition of Indigenous lands, treaties and peoples. It involves thinking about what happened in the past and what changes can be made going forward in order to further the reconciliation process. Land acknowledgements mark a small and important step in the process of reconciliation and building a positive relationship with Indigenous peoples. By making a land acknowledgement we are taking part in an act of reconciliation, honouring the land and Indigenous presence which dates back over 10,000 years.

Using and participating in a land acknowledgement is a way to recognize the enduring presence and resilience of Indigenous peoples in this area for time immemorial. It is also a reminder that we are all accountable to these relationships.

At Cecil Centre, we acknowledge that *Truth and Reconciliation* will take time and significant effort. We also know that community space can be difficult and expensive to access, and COVID-19 has made it even more challenging to find appropriate spaces to gather. Throughout 2021, we continued to make our spaces available to indigenous organizations - free of charge, with no public acknowledgement - as a small step to offering support, as we thoughtfully seek to move forward on a path to reconciliation.

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The Year in Review

Despite the ongoing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, including business closures, restrictions, and mandates, the Centre remained open, connected, and vital.

The EarlyON Family Resource Program spent much of the year operating virtually, including one-on-one Zoom and telephone check-ins, and virtual "Circle Time". We also offered virtual circle time in Russian, and had many new families from all across the City log in and join our Family Resource Coordinator, Katsiaryna. In-person (outdoors) programming returned in the summer, and we were so excited to see our families "FOR REAL!"

Although limited by school closures, we were still able to stay connected to CecilKids! and meet new families. Virtual check-ins and homework support were provided to our families during the winter months, and the CecilKids! staff (for the second year in a row) prepared a Summer Starter kit to send families into the summer months with treats, toys and a bag full of fun until we reconnected again in the Fall. In July, we were so excited to welcome back our CecilKids! Summer Day Campers for another fun camp experience. Our successful *Send-a-Kid-to-Camp* campaign allowed us to welcome more than 100 campers over the 8-weeks of camp. Even though trips were limited, the campers were still able to play at the pool, spend time at our local parks, and make lots of new friends and fun memories.

The Leaders-in-Training (LIT) Program was introduced to the Cecil summer lineup in 2021 to engage youth ages 13-15 during their summer vacation. The LIT program empowered youth to feel confident, learn how to prepare for their first

job, while making new friends and lots of memories. Two sessions of the LIT program were offered, one in July and one in August. We welcomed seven youth who over the course of both sessions went on trips, worked with our summer day campers and had a safe space to discuss their questions and concerns.

In September, we eagerly welcomed back our CecilKids! After School Program children in-person from three of our local elementary schools. The After School program picked up full STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) ahead! The CecilKids safely learned, played, and snacked until winter break came around. CecilKids! ended the year with a Winter Break Camp taking place over three days during the TDSB winter break.

Pandemic restrictions meant that the Cecil Youth Drop-in program did not re-open until September. We received a grant from Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment (MLSE), and were able to welcome Adam Andrews to our team as our Youth Program Coordinator. Adam worked diligently to outreach to our local high schools and reconnect with local youth to provide support for the start of the 2021 school year. Throughout the year, Adam worked to create exciting new partnerships and program opportunities for our local youth to re-engage and support them through their secondary school years.

In 2021, the Cecil seniors were quite a resilient bunch who were always ready and willing to adapt. Throughout the year, the volunteer line dancing and karaoke committee stayed fit by developing a hybrid programming model, and kept up with each other virtually.

Cecil Youth Spotlight | Armani

"I felt really alone for a long time. Going to school online wasn't a lot of fun, but the Youth Lounge reopened, and now we have a Youth Coordinator, to plan activities, meals, and workshops for us. He also encourages us to do things like join in Community Games Nights, and to volunteer with other Cecil programs, and services. I got to meet a lot of our senior neighbours. They play wicked Ping Pong, and we love playing together."

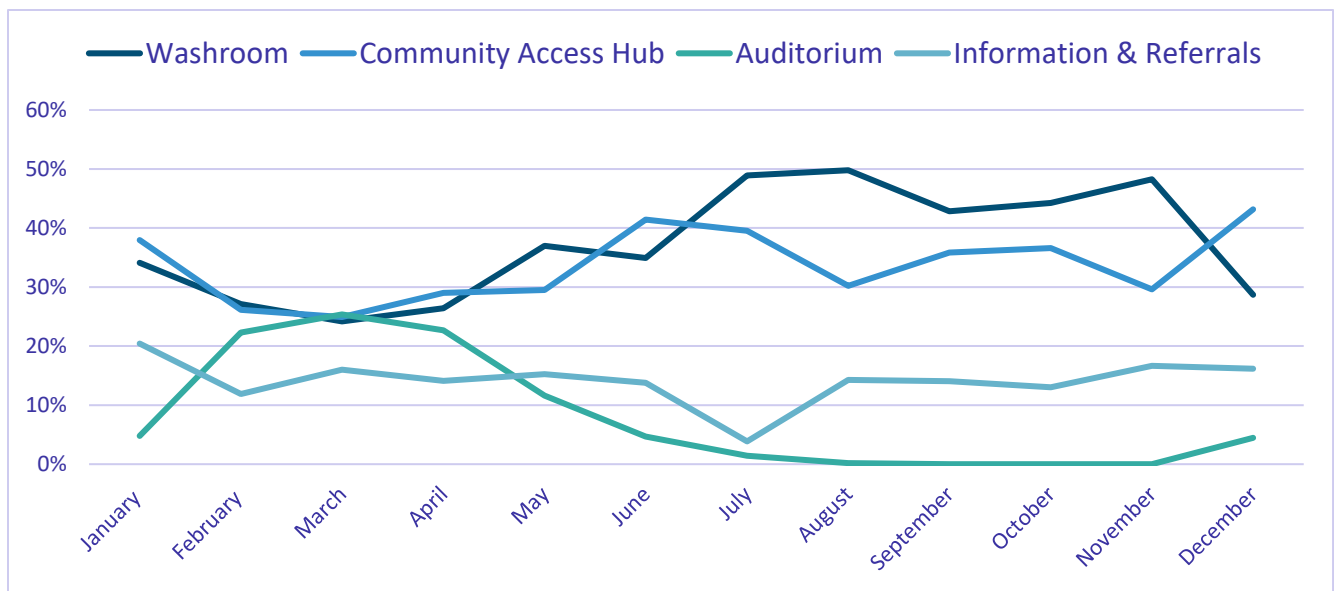
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The Cecil Impact!

Our Community Access Hub, Warming/Cooling Centre, Washrooms, and Family Resources Centre hosted more than **7,000** people. Throughout 2021, we provided access to washrooms for approximately **2,987** people, and **2,068** community members enjoyed free computer access and spaces to sit, share and connect with others at our Community Access Hub. **547** people used our auditorium space for various activities and events, and we were able to successfully address **886** inquiries received from various members of the community, including services, community resources, and program specific questions.



Months Category	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Washroom	34%	27%	24%	26%	37%	35%	49%	50%	43%	44%	48%	29%
Community Access Hub	38%	26%	25%	29%	30%	41%	40%	30%	36%	37%	30%	43%
Auditorium	5%	22%	25%	23%	12%	5%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%
Information & Referrals	20%	12%	16%	14%	15%	14%	4%	14%	14%	13%	17%	16%
Meeting with staff	1%	11%	8%	7%	5%	4%	5%	2%	5%	3%	4%	3%

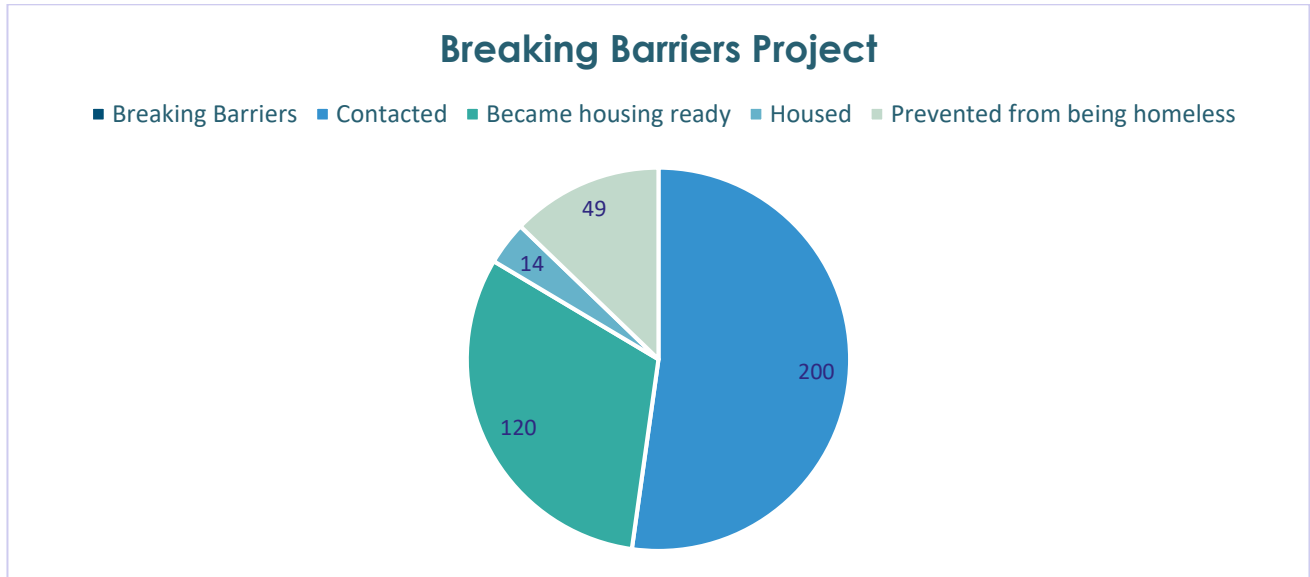
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The Cecil Impact!

In addition, we engaged: **280** volunteers, hosted **2** COVID-19 testing sites, and **12** barrier-free COVID-19 vaccine clinics which vaccinated more than **3,200** people in the M5T and adjoining postal codes.

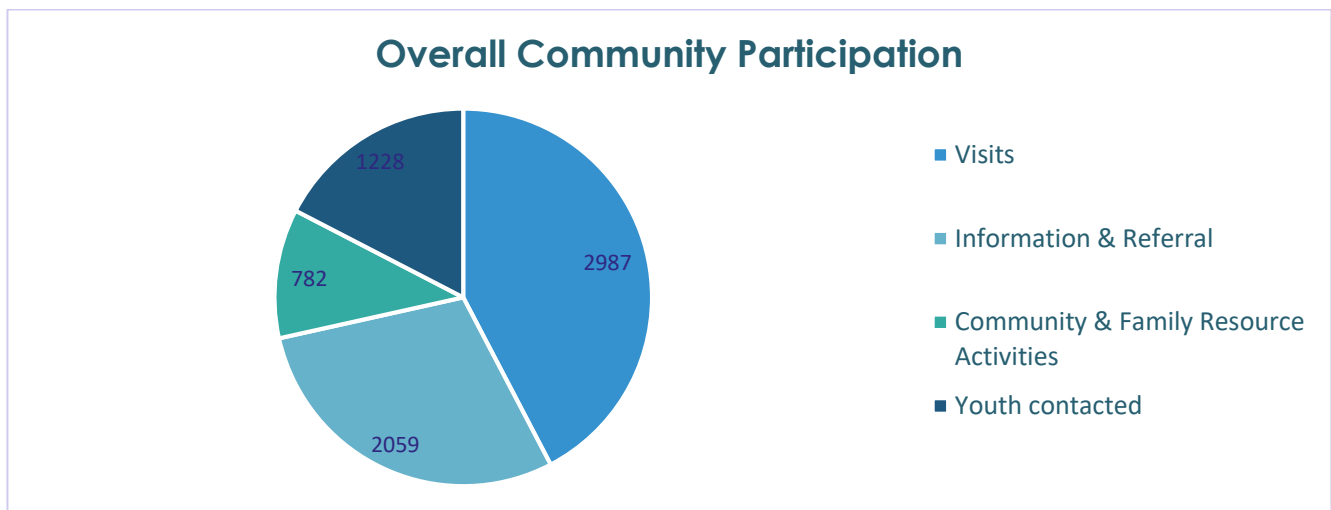
The Breaking Barriers Project reached out to **434** unique users who were unhoused, or precariously housed. **120** individuals became housing ready, **14** people were housed, and **49** were prevented from being homeless.



Our Free Income Tax Clinic completed **199** Tax Returns for low income community members, and our staff provided information, referral, and telephone support to **2,059** in **four** languages.

782 Community members participated in our community, family and seniors activities.

Our new CecilYouth! Program reached out to **1,228** young people, and our CecilKids! Program, which includes the Afterschool Club, PA Day, Winter and Summer Day Camps, reached more than **300** children.



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Strategic Initiatives and Resource Development

Cecil Community Centre, not only provides great programs and services, but as a multiservice community agency, we are able to respond to emerging community needs: whether it is working with our neighbours to advocate for affordable housing, creating more food security initiatives, or making our local economies more inclusive. We also build partnerships, mobilize resources, and participate in local and city wide planning tables to enhance equity, justice, and quality of life for our neighbours. Some of these initiatives included:



- * In 2021, we started working with Toronto Metropolitan University's (formerly Ryerson University) School of Design on the "**Planting Imagination**" project. Using virtual reality, the project engaged more than 40 residents of all ages, with different lived experiences, to create a shared vision, and values for the Centre's garden on the north side of the building. The results of this work will be shared with the community at our Annual General Meeting in June 2022, along with the plans of the re-imagined garden, which will be completed by the end of 2022.
- * Our partnership with the **Toronto Symphony Orchestra** successfully secured a grant from the Ontario Arts Council to develop the "Seeing Ourselves in Symphony" project. Youth from Cecil Centre will work with a TSO Composer to create a dub poetry piece which will be performed at Roy Thompson Hall.
- * In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to address the health inequities in Kensington-Chinatown, we collaborated with Friends of Chinatown, Friends of Kensington Market, St. Stephen in the Field Church, the Mid-West Toronto Ontario Health Team, Toronto Public Health, Women's College Hospital, and the University Health Network to host twelve barrier-free COVID-19 vaccination clinics between May and December.
- * While **CecilVenues** remained closed until the fall of 2021, the space was still in demand and Cecil Centre was featured in the CBC television series *Coroner*, as well as numerous student productions from the Toronto Metropolitan University's Film School. According to student film-maker Daniel Karan, who spent many weekends filming in our community room, and kitchen, "*Cecil is really, really famous now!*" (Who knew?)
- * 2021 was also a very successful year for resource development. In addition to our usual individual and corporate donors, we received funding from the highly competitive **MLSE Foundation** to help relaunch the CecilYouth! Program. We also received new funding from the **United Way of Greater Toronto** for a 6-month pilot of the award winning 'Breaking Barriers' Housing Initiative in the downtown West. This initiative which uses a peer counselling and case management model, successfully housed eight individuals, prevented an additional fourteen individuals from being evicted, and supported 72 individuals to become housing ready. We also "dipped our toes" into the world of crowdfunding, successfully raising \$6,000 for our "**Send-A-Kid-to-Camp**" campaign.



"We held our daughter's Bat Mitzvah at Cecil, it was awesome" **Lee & Robert**

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You Sent Kids to Camp - THANK YOU!

A huge shout out to our donors, and supporters. Your gifts made it possible for 40 children to attend the CecilKids! Summer Day Camp in July and August. It was a full and busy summer for our campers with treasure hunts, STEAM activities, pizza lunches, nature walks, movies, field trips to the Museum of Illusion, cookie baking, and cooperative games.

The campers really liked that they could ride and park their bikes, scooters and rollerblades in their own designated parking spaces at Cecil Centre.

More importantly, it looks like they had an amazing camp experience:

- * "I love Cecil! Change nothing, nothing at all!"
- * "I like to play with the building sticks!"
- * "Thanos Infinity Stone and Glove (a STEAM activity) is the best."
- * "You put up my handprint? That makes me happy"
- * "I love you Kiran!" (one of our counsellors)

Your support also made it possible for Cecil to pilot a "School is Cool Week" to help children transition from online to in-person learning.

CecilKids! Spotlight | Audrey

"Trust me I don't have enough words to thank you for this excellent program, it helps my son a lot, Now he is more confident, he made a lot of new friends whilst enjoying every day. So definitely I'd recommend it to more people and happy to be part of the community."



Sunday October 17th bloomed bright, and sunny for the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon, and despite failing to rendezvous with our stalwart Treasurer Ben Rabinovitch (who being the super trooper that he is, walked without us) Cecil Community Centre's intrepid team led by Chair Serena Purdy, and Vice Chair Deanne Fisher, with Board Member Diana Yoon, staff member Beryl Tsang, and Cecil Super Fan, Wendy Freeman, still managed to cheerfully walk 5km (with stops for coffee and, ice cream along the way) to raise a total of \$950.00 for Cecil's programs and services.

A Fond Farewell!

On June 24, 2021 we said goodbye to two cherished Board Members, **Ralph Daley**, and **Lynn Daly**.



Dr. Ralph Daley is the inaugural President of the Grange Community Association of Toronto, formed in 2008. Ralph joined the Cecil Board in 2017, and served as the Secretary of the Board from 2019 to 2021.

Lynn Daly has been the Executive Director of the Christie Ossington Neighbourhood Centre (CONC), a multi-service, non-profit charitable organization, for more than 30 years. Lynn Joined the Cecil Board in 2020.



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Cecil Centre and COVID-19

From the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Cecil Community Centre was actively engaged in addressing the impacts and concerns of our community. During the Provincial Stay-at-Home Order, we became aware that several community members had limited access to food. Most would spend the day around the Centre, often without a meal. To address this, Cecil Centre staff provided 'snack bags' with water, fruit, and crackers/cookies/granola bars in the mornings and afternoons, and we worked with the Yonge Street Mission – Evergreen Centre to distribute lunches and dinners to these community members.

When the weather became too hot, we provided a physically-distanced cooling centre, and when it became too cold, we opened a physically-distanced warming centre. We also found that many homeless/under-housed community members using our spaces were either “newly homeless” or “about to become homeless” because of job losses, and delays in their government assistance.

Despite the many challenges brought on by COVID-19, Cecil Community Centre continued to engage vulnerable neighbours through our outreach to homeless/under-housed individuals by providing a safe space, respite, and food and water. We partnered with Christie Ossington Neighbourhood Centre and the United Way to deliver the “Breaking Barriers” pilot project, which successfully housed 14 individuals, and made 434 contacts with 120 people supported to become housing ready.



In March, we partnered with the Parkdale Queen West Community Health Centre to host two COVID-19 pop-up testing sites, and in May and August we partnered with the Mid-West Toronto Ontario Health Team to be the site host for five COVID-19 vaccination clinics. This resulted in the first and second vaccinations of more than 2,400 individuals from our community. As part of our involvement with the Toronto Downtown West Vaccine Engagement Team (VET), we also supported four mobile vaccination clinics at major intersections and meeting places across the community, vaccinating more than 3,000 people. As of mid-September 2021, the VET was vaccinating 1400 people every 4 to 5 days.

Mobilizing 200+ volunteers we were able to vaccinate over 3200. As a result of our efforts, 95% of young people aged 12 to 29 have received one dose, 87% of 30 to 64 year olds have received two doses of the vaccine, and 85% of those over 85 have received a third dose.



* (c.f. <https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-pandemic-data/covid-19-vaccine-data/>)

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The Cecil Centre Mission

To foster a sense of community and enhance the quality of life through the development, encouragement and support of programs and activities responsive to local needs.

This mission fulfils past City of Toronto Council priorities concerning improved public services, strengthening at-risk neighbourhoods, and increasing public involvement in civic affairs.

Who We Are



Cecil Community Centre is a not-for-profit, multi-service neighbourhood centre that offers a broad range of recreational, educational, social, cultural and capacity-building programs to local area residents. For more than 40 years, the Centre has played a vital role in the lives of community members of all ages. Our centre provides programs and services for children, youth, adults and seniors. Programs include EarlyON Child and Family Centre, Community Drop-in, Children's After School Program, Summer Camp and PA Day Camps, Yoga, Pilates, Senior's Nutritional Program, and Youth Programs.



The Centre partners with a variety of community organizations to provide services to the community, (e.g., seniors' health and fitness classes, English language instruction for newcomers, and tax clinics for people with low-income). The Centre is an accessible, multi-functional facility that provides program and activity spaces to the community at large.

Cecil Community Centre is an agency of the City of Toronto and one of the Association of Community Centres (AoCC). The AOCCs is comprised of 10 volunteer board-run, multi-purpose facilities providing a broad range of community, recreation and social service programs to residents in the local community.

Our Core Values



Equity, Diversity and Human Rights – We are committed to ensuring that the programs, services and policies of Cecil Community Centre are responsive to the needs of our diverse community.

Integrity – We are committed to operating this Centre with integrity and transparency in all our partnerships, relationships and operations.

Accountability – We are committed to full accountability to the community and our partners in our financial, operational, and governing responsibilities for this Centre.

Sustainability – We are committed to ensuring fiscal and social sustainability of this Centre.

Creativity – We are committed to the encouragement of creative expressions of community, culture, arts, leisure, and sporting programs within this Centre.

Service – we are committed to serving the community in all the operations, programs and events that take place within this Centre.

Program Objectives



The Objectives of the programming at Cecil Community Centre are to build community and individual capacity, support social change and democratic growth, and to increase the quality of life and feelings of safety and wellbeing of individuals and families. Activities to support these objectives include programming for children, youth, adults, seniors and families, and providing opportunities for civic and community engagement.

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Thank you to our Donors

Your gift to Cecil Community Centre has helped us do great work this year. Thank you for continuing to support our mission, and for helping us change the lives of the individuals and families we serve together. Kensington-Chinatown is a much safer, healthier, and vibrant neighbourhood because of your generosity.

Allison Martell
 Andrew Anderson
 Andrew Dodds
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 Beryl Tsang
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 Steven Purificati
 Vinitha Gengatharan
 Wendy Freeman



Our Funders

Without the continued support of our funders, we would not be able to do the important work of serving our community. Together we are making a difference! Your continued support of our mission is deeply gratifying to us, and we hope it is the same for you. For this we are especially grateful.



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Our Partners and Collaborators

In 2021 we worked with so many organizations on various projects and initiatives. We truly appreciate your partnership and we would like to share our immense gratitude with you for your support and collaboration. Your cooperative spirit is contagious! Thank you for working so hard to ensure our community's success.

Apathy is Boring	Fort York Food Bank	Steps Public Art
Artworx TO	Parkdale People's Economy	Tea Base
Christie Ossington Neighbourhood Centre	Rotman School of Management NeXus Consulting Group	St. Stephen in the Field Anglican Church
CultureLink Settlement Services	Scott Mission	Toronto Symphony Orchestra
Scadding Court Community Centre	Toronto Police Services 52 Division Community Liaison Team	Waterfront Community and Neighbourhood Services
Friends of Chinatown	Fort York Food Bank	West Neighbourhood Hose
Friends of Kensington Market	St. Stephen Community House	Second Harvest
Hong Luk Kung Fu Club	University of Toronto	White Ribbon Campaign
Toronto Metropolitan University (Formerly Ryerson University)	Yonge Street Mission Evergreen Youth Centre	Chinatown Business Improvement Area (BIA)

Thank You to our Income Tax Clinic Volunteer

Marco Cevallos



We extend our deepest, heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers for their generous gift of time and expertise in the Canada Revenue Agency Community Volunteer Income Tax Program.

Now that the 2021 Tax filing season has ended, we reflect on the wonderful dedication you showed in helping your fellow Canadians. Your desire to support others in need, even as you faced your own challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic, truly shows the strength of communities across Canada. THANK YOU!

Our Health Partners

During an unprecedented year marked by the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, Cecil Centre partnered with the following public and community health organizations to provide public health education, support, and barrier-free testing and vaccination clinics to our neighbours. Together we worked hard to keep the community informed, protected, and safe. Thank you!

Access Alliance Multicultural Health and Community Services	University Health Network
Downtown Wests Vaccine Engagement Team	Toronto Public Health
Kensington Clinic	Toronto Western Hospital
Ontario Health Teams	Parkdale Queen West Community Health Centre
Women's College Hospital	

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Our Local Businesses

These local businesses stepped up and stepped in to support Cecil Centre in many ways. Thank you for being part of what gives our neighbourhood the flavor it has, and for giving people a reason to come visit. Thank you for providing your delicious items, professional services, and unique gift ideas.

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Anh Dao Vietnamese Cuisine

Black Bird Bakery

Boho Gelato

Ding Dong Bakery

Golden Patty

Grossman's Tavern

Gwartzman's Art Supplies

Jimmy's Coffee

Kensington Market BIA

Mother's Dumplings

Penguin Books

Rexall Pharmacy College-Spadina

Starbucks CF Toronto Eaton Centre

Sanagans Meat Locker

Thirsty & Miserable

X Wireless and Computer Repairs

Yarns Untangled

Partner Spotlight | **Angela Koh, Community Development Coordinator, West Neighbourhood House**

"Cecil Community Centre is a stellar in its work with Toronto's Downtown West Agencies. They model inclusion and collaboration in all of their social justice work."

Association of Community Centres

The City of Toronto has 10 community centres that are managed, operated and maintained by volunteer Boards of Management, which are collectively referred to as the Association of Community Centres (AOCCs).

Community Centre Boards are established or continued under the City of Toronto Act, 2006 Opens in new window, which permits the City to appoint a city board to manage a community centre facility and provide for its administration.

The Community Centre Boards are composed of public members appointed by Community Councils through the City's Public Appointments process. The City Councillor of the ward in which the community centre is located is a member of the board by-right-of-office. Each board elects a Chair and may elect a Vice-Chair from among its members.

Cecil Community Centre Board of Management - 2021

As Board Members, you provided valuable support, advice and assistance, allowing Cecil Centre to thrive, even during the most challenging times. Thank you for bringing your passion, intellect, insight, experience and resources to the table. It is because of your commitment and dedication that we have continued to grow and experienced success.

Serena Purdy Chair
Deanne Fisher Vice Chair
Ben Rabinovitch Treasurer
Diana Yoon Secretary

Richard Kang-Choo Member-at-Large
Laura Mandelbaum Member-at-Large
Rabia Munir Member-at-Large
Don Young Member-at-Large

Mike Layton - Toronto City Councillor - Ward 11

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2021 Financial Summary

REVENUE

City of Toronto: Core Grant	766,851	Core administration funding from the City of Toronto
City of Toronto Program Grants	60,270	Community Services Program & Vaccine Engagement
Provincial Grants	24,285	Early Years (EarlyON Family Resource Centre)
Federal Government Grants	32,680	Canada Summer Jobs grant
Other Gants	48,717	MLSE Foundation & United Way of Greater Toronto
Interest	1,396	
Rentals	14,356	
Program Fees	29,845	
Charitable Donations	6,639	
Other Income	1,747	
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	6,350	
Total	993,136	

EXPENDITURES

Salaries and Wages	667,331
Benefits	149,595
Materials and Supplies	42,360
Purchase of Services	111,578
Amortization of capital assets	6,350
Total	977,214
Net Revenue over Expenses	15,922

In 2021, the Centre's total income increased by more than \$200,000 with two new grants being major contributors.

Donor Spotlight | **Gemma's Story**

"I am six. My sister Lucy, and I live in Kensington Market, and we love Cecil. They are like family to our neighbours who don't have homes. Our family went holiday shopping for the Cecil family. We got lots of snacks, and apples, because apples are healthy."

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Partner Spotlight | Linda Zhang, Assistant Professor, The Creative School, Toronto Metropolitan University (Formerly Ryerson University)

"I have been working with Cecil Community Centre since 2019. The impact that Cecil Centre has had on the Kensington-Chinatown community over the last three years alone is phenomenal. Most notably, their continued commitment to low barrier access and equitable inclusion of all community members, including those who have been historically silenced or lesser heard in this neighbourhood. I believe that transformative change towards social justice requires being both practically grounded while radically imaginative and unrealistic at the same time. Cecil Centre does exactly that."

Cecil Centre Open House

On September 25th, we invited our community to come out and meet the Board and staff of their local community centre, and safely enjoy the Annual Cecil Centre open House. The theme was "**Get to Know Your Neighbours**" and there was *Something for Everyone*. Neighbours enjoyed interactive demos, table tennis, arts & crafts, contests, prize draws, and a community barbecue.

There were special guests, and Information booths from local shops and community agencies. Toronto Public Health provided a mobile pop-up COVID-19 vaccination clinic, and there was entertainment by the Cecil Seniors Line Dancing group, and Lion dancing from the Hong Luk Kung Fu Club.



Thank you



To our OPEN HOUSE Sponsors

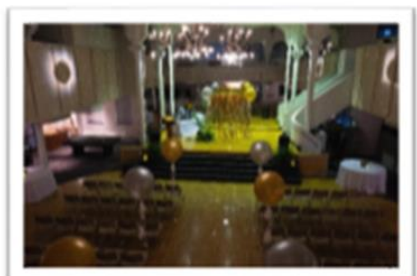
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✧ Introducing CecilVenues



Large Licenced Hall Perfect for Weddings, Parties, and Meetings

**Includes tables, chairs, stage and kitchen
Classroom Spaces and Meeting Rooms also Available**



Contact Beryl Tsang: beryl@CecilCentre.ca or call 416-392-1090 ext. 233 for more information or to book

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