



Your neighbourhood centre

Quarterly Update

Fall - 2022

Our Mission

The Journey is committed to bringing hope and transformation to the Ardglan/Orenda communities, walking alongside children, youth and families as they take positive steps in their lives.



Big Changes and Lots Happening

This past year started with Omicron once again forcing us to shift our programming online instead of onsite, but once we were able to open up, it turned into a great year with a successful onsite after-school program, an excellent community BBQ, well attended online youth programs and a fun filled summer camp.

Many Changes

And now as we enter into the fall 2022 season we are excited by all the possibilities before us. But, before we talk about possibilities, we need to talk about all the staffing changes that have come our way.

This past year's placement students have moved on, with all but one having graduated. Our summer staff has completed their summer day camp assignment. Aminata Sow, our Community Engagement Lead

completed her contract in June and CarryAnn Campbell has finished her staff work doing community engagement.

But, with those losses come new additions. This fall we will have six Sheridan Child and Youth Care (CYC) students and two Sheridan Social Service Worker (SSW) students with us, a record number of placement students!

As well we need to introduce to you our two newest staff members – Onzhane Walker and Fantasia Meredith.

Onzhane Walker



Onzhane is The Journey's new Manager with responsibilities to oversee all the day-to-day operations at The Journey. Onzhane is a graduate of the Sheridan SSW program and has a BSW from York University. She is a former Toronto CAS worker and most importantly, she was a placements student at The Journey during the 2017/18 school year and she was a summer camp staff leader for the 2018 summer day camp.

Fantasia Meredith

Fantasia is The Journey's new Community Network Lead with responsibilities for community outreach, networking and engagement, with a goal of creating Community Action Groups. Fantasia is a graduate of the Humber College's Parks and Recreation program and previously worked in Toronto Housing and for Malton Neighbourhood Services.



Executive Director Change

On October 1st The Journey will have another significant staffing change. The Journey's long time, in fact only Executive Director, Steve Allin, will be stepping aside and Kevin



Birmingham, The Journey's Manager will be stepping into that role.

An Exciting Fall Ahead Of Us!

After two and a half years of on again/off again lockdowns, The Journey and our community is ready to swing into full action. We are excited to be finally opening up at Orenda Court after two and half year's of being closed.



Our eight placement students will be taking the lead in our programming. Our CYC student's will be offering after-school homework help at both our Ardglan and Orenda Court locations.

They will also be offering an after-school program on character building and our Super Star reading program at Sir Winston Churchill Public School. Since The Journey opened in 2013 we have had a partnership with SWC and we are pleased to be back in the building.

Our two SSW students will be working with Fantasia building connections with our neighbours, offering relevant workshops and programs and building a community network.



There is so much happening including the launch of a Women's Sewing and Mending program at Orenda Court, the relaunch of our 55+ Club at Ardglan, Early Years returning on Thursday mornings at Ardglan and Hammer Band



continuing to offer online lessons and onsite lessons in our community.

We are looking at other program possibilities as well as offering various seminars and programs both onsite and online this fall.

Ride For Refuge – Saturday, October 1st – 4pm



The Ride For Refuge is The Journey's annual fundraiser and an important source of

support for our programs and outreach. For the first time we will be starting and finishing the Ride/Walk at The Journey's Ardglen location. The event will start at 4pm and wrap up a couple of hours later. We are looking for participants, sponsors and volunteers on the day of the event. For more information visit the Ride for Refuge website:

<https://rideforrefuge.org/location/brampton>

- Captain A Team
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