

A Message from the Executive Director

If one was to try and define that past year with one word, it would have to be “TRANSITIONS.” The single largest transition was our staff team. After eight years of dedicated service, Steve Allin stepped aside as the Executive Director in order to concentrate on his work at North Bramalea United Church and at Journey Thrift. This led to the next transition, Kevin Birmingham moving from his role as Manager into the role of Executive Director and Onzhane Walker taking on the management of our two Journey Centres. This all took place at the beginning of this past fiscal year and just after Fantasia Meredith took on the role of Community Engagement.



Our Staff and Placement Student team celebrating Onzhane's birthday at Orenda Court!

This past year felt like we had finally found the new post-pandemic normal. Programming expanded back into Sir Winston Churchill Public School, we were allowed to once again offer programming at our Orenda Court location and we were able to expand our program, service and event offerings for our community.

I want to personally thank Steve Allin, not only for his service to The Journey and our community, but for providing the guidance and support that I needed as The Journey's Manager. I can only hope and trust that I have been able to do the same for the team that I am now responsible for.

We are looking forward to continuing to expand and develop the service and outreach that we provide to the Ardglen/Orenda community.

Sincerely,



Kevin Birmingham, Executive Director

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Report from the Manager



As first year of being the Manager of the Journey, I've had the pleasure of being a part of a community that has ALWAYS bounced back from the things that life has to offer. This community has always strived to be better for themselves, their children and the future. This year has met its challenges with recovering from COVID and with all the major transitions that have happened within The Journey. This year we were focussed on rebuilding, community outreach, community engagement and bringing a new light to The Journey.

We've had to work to show the community that The Journey is back to running in person. We've acknowledged the needs in this community and we have built a permanent relationship to get feminine products for our community cupboard and brought back the *Food Haven* monthly. We've strived to make sure both Ardglen and Orenda communities are being attended, represented and have programming. It was great to get back to offering both our September and June community BBQs, which are always a hit. We had participation by a number of organizations including: YMCAGT, ECLYPSE, TRCA, The Learning Centre, Brampton Multicultural Centre, etc.

During this year we had our first Black History Month including an event at Sir Winston Churchill P.S., International Women's Day and Orange T-Shirt day celebrations and we had a memorial night to continue honouring the lives of Kesean Williams and Nicolas Gabriel.

Fantasia, our Community Network Lead, continues to focus on building relationships within the community, with the goal of creating Community Action Groups. Our SSW students have been a great source of help in doing community outreach. Fantasia has been able to put a strong focus on Orenda and she has rebuilt relationships with the community, after our absence during the pandemic.



As Manager of the Journey I strive to make sure that the Journey stays a safe space for all and that everyone feels welcomed, represented and loved. I want to thank the community for growing with me in this role and trusting me with your needs. I also want to thank and acknowledge, Kevin, Steve, Jamie and Fantasia with being my strongest supporters and encouragers for my first year as manager.

Sincerely,

Onzahane Walker, Manager

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Statement of Financial Income and Expenses

September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023

Income	
Grants	
United Church of Canada	\$ 65,333
Region of Peel	\$ 73,571
United Way Greater Toronto	\$ 57,328
Federal Summer Grant	\$ 10,297
City of Brampton	\$ 11,409
Other Grants and Foundations	\$ 10,841
Total Grants	\$ 228,780
Donations	
Journey Thrift	\$ 14,000
Blue Sea Philanthropy	\$ 10,946
Service Clubs	\$ 23,617
Gifts and Donations	\$ 44,510
Donations	\$ 93,073
Other Income	
Program Fees	\$ 00.00
Other	\$ 10,128
Total Other	\$ 10,128
Total Income	\$ 331,981
Expenses	
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 172,260
Programming	\$ 53,278
Facilities	\$ 58,740
Administration & Supplies	\$ 14,123
Audit & Legal	\$ 7,171
Other	\$ 28,666
Total Expenses	\$ 335,230
Net	\$ (3,248)

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The Journey Staff

- Kevin Birmingham – Executive Director • kevin.b@thejourneymail.ca
- Onzhane Walker – Centre Manager • onzhane.w@thejourneymail.ca
- Fantasia Meredith – Community Network Lead • fantasia.m@thejourneymail.ca
- Jinisha Patel – Community Recovery Administrator • jinish.p@thejourneymail.ca

Collaborative and Programming Partners

The Journey has a number of partners including; North Bramalea United Church, Rapport Youth & Family Services, ECLYPSE, Regeneration Outreach Community, The Hammer Band, Sir Winston Churchill PS, Bridgeway, and YMCA-GTA.







Funding Partners

The Journey Neighbourhood Centre relies on a large number of organizations, community groups, corporations and individuals as well as fundraising to provide the financial resources needed to deliver the programming and events offered by The Journey. The following are many of our funders, past and present.



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