

THE DALE MINISTRIES

ANNUAL

REPORT

2022

THE STORY SO FAR

*A community
without walls*

OUR MISSION

The Dale seeks to create spaces of belonging for all people. We make intentional room for people who have been marginalized. We are all encouraged to participate fully, to the best of each of our abilities. We desire to journey together toward a deeper and more whole experience of the life God has given us.

100%

OF PEOPLE ARE VALUABLE AND DESERVING
OF DIGNITY, LOVE, RESPECT AND
COMMUNITY



THE ISSUES

99%

SHELTER OCCUPANCY EACH NIGHT

80,532

HOUSEHOLDS ON THE AFFORDABLE
HOUSING WAITLIST

18%

PEOPLE EXPERIENCING FOOD INSECURITY

18,000+

PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS

OUR 2022 GOALS

CREATE AWARENESS
BREAK DOWN BARRIERS
FOSTER FRIENDSHIPS
PRACTICE PRESENCE
OFFER MUTUAL SUPPORT
NURTURE FAITH

1

MAKE OUR MEALS-TO-GO A COMMUNAL EXPERIENCE

We believe community is built when people gather around a table. Faced with the ongoing reality that our meals need to be distributed outdoors and to-go, how do we nurture this core value of The Dale? It begins with inviting a community member to be the one who hands out the meals whenever possible, having staff stand in the line-up to greet people, and encouraging people to linger, connect and converse.

2

RE-LAUNCH INDOOR PROGRAMMING

In 2020 all of our partner buildings shut down to us due to the pandemic, with the exception of one. In 2022 we began the slow work of finding partners ready to host indoor programming. In September St. Francis Table re-opened their doors to us, enabling us to re-launch our evening Bible Study. This group is open to anyone. We collectively agree to actively listen to one another and welcome questions of all kinds.

3

ENGAGE IN MEANINGFUL ADVOCACY

The issues surrounding poverty can be overwhelming. In an effort to support and defend people who do not have access to affordable housing, The Dale promoted and attended a National Day of Housing rally, occasionally prayed silently outside City Hall, attended a Silent Prayer Vigil, signed petitions, wrote letters, and stood alongside community members facing eviction.

4

TELL THE STORY OF THE DALE

2022 was a year full of opportunity to share about The Dale. We maintained a strong social media presence, took multiple speaking engagements, and hosted visiting groups in Parkdale.

OUR 2022 SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY	LOCATION	DETAILS
Monday Lunch 1 PM	201 Cowan Avenue Church of the Epiphany & St. Mark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warm and Frozen meals. Vegetarian available. • Supplies available upon request.
Tuesday Bible Study 6 - 7 PM	1322 Queen Street W St. Francis Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eat for \$1 at 5:30 pm. • Bible Study in the room adjoining the dining room.
Wednesday Outreach 1- 2 PM	1229 Queen Street W Parkdale Queen West Community Health Centre Parkette	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplies and Snacks (including sleeping bags). • Hang out time.
Thursday Breakfast 10 AM	201 Cowan Avenue Church of the Epiphany & St. Mark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bagged breakfast: fruit, juice box, breakfast sandwich, muffin.
Sunday Service 2 PM	201 Cowan Avenue Church of the Epiphany & St. Mark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come as you are. • 1st Sunday of month: Community Potluck.
Community Care Anytime	Anywhere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home and hospital visits. • Appointment accompaniment. • Errand and grocery support. • Pet care.
Outreach and Housing Support Anytime	Anywhere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encampment support. • Eviction prevention. • Errand and grocery support.

COMMUNITY CARE



HOME AND HOSPITAL VISITS

We will come to you, whether it be because you are housebound, in hospital, or simply need a friendly visit.

APPOINTMENT ACCOMPANIMENT

We offer support in getting to important appointments, including help with transportation.

ERRAND AND GROCERY SUPPORT

We will pick up prescriptions, run general errands and do grocery shopping.

PET CARE

Many people have pets who function as family. We will feed and walk pets when needed. We also help get sick animals to the veterinarian. In some cases we help with end of life care.

ENCAMPMENT SUPPORT

We visit and support people who live outdoors. We provide tents, sleeping bags, blankets, fire extinguishers, socks, and food.

EVICTION PREVENTION

We liaise with landlords and legal counsel to ensure evictions are legitimate. We help people address the concerns cited on an eviction notice. //////////////

HOUSING SUPPORT

We help with decluttering, cleaning and some pest control. We facilitate communication between tenants and landlords.



STORY NIGHT WAS DESIGNED TO BE A NIGHT OF CONNECTION AND SPACE TO CHAT, INCLUDING A PROGRAM OF LIVE MUSIC AND STORIES FROM PEERS ABOUT OUR SHARED ACCUMULATION OF GRIEF AND EXPERIENCES OF HOPE. IT WAS HELD AT ENOCH TURNER SCHOOL HOUSE ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27TH.

STREETLEVEL
T.H.E. StreetLevel Network is a movement of people who believe in cooperatively addressing the issues that contribute to poverty. This event was inspired by it, and led by The Dale.

WHY NOW?

After months of conversation with a variety of people and organizations working close to or supporting the front-line, the following issues emerged as priorities:

BURNOUT

AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

GRIEF

THE ACCUMULATION OF LOSS

MUTUAL CARE

WE CAN'T DO THIS ALONE

PHILOSOPHY

WHAT INFORMS OUR WORK

T.H.E. StreetLevel Network
Trinity Centres Foundation
The County Cider Company
Great Lake Brewery
Gateway Linens
Redtail Vineyards
Christ Church St. James
Little Trinity Anglican Church

SPONSORS

FINANCIAL STRUCTURE FUNDRAISING MODEL

INDIVIDUALS FOUNDATIONS CHURCHES ORGANIZATIONS

The Dale thanks:

Bethel Church
Blythwood Road Baptist Church
CanadaHelps
Capital Espresso
Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec
Christ Church St. James, Anglican
Christian Stewardship Services
Church of the Epiphany & St. Mark, Anglican
Church of the Resurrection
Ferndale Bible Church
Greenwood United Church
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Maranatha Foundation
Markham Chinese Baptist Church
Oromo Digital Group Inc.
Parkway Bible Church
Paypal Giving Fund Canada
Scarborough Community Alliance Church
Spring Garden Baptist Church
Talk About Speakers Inc.
The Meeting House Local Compassion Fund
The Neighbourhood Group Community Services
United Church of Canada
United Way of Greater Toronto
Woodbine Heights Baptist Church

100%

Budget is fundraised

93%

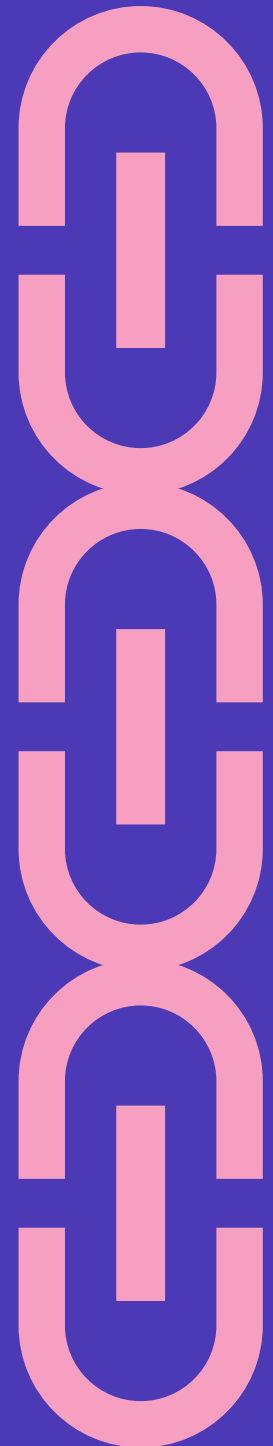
Budget = Operations

7%

Budget = Administration

AT THE DALE EVERYONE IS INVITED INTO FULL PARTICIPATION, AN ATTEMPT TO HAVE PEOPLE EXPERIENCE WHAT IT MEANS TO BOTH GIVE AND RECEIVE, A VALUE THAT IS TOO OFTEN LOST WHEN ONE IS CONSISTENTLY THE RECIPIENT OF CHARITY. THE CORE COMMUNITY GIVES GENEROUSLY IN A VARIETY OF WAYS. THEIR GIFTS INCLUDE ANYTHING FROM A PIECE OF ORIGINAL ARTWORK TO A COUPON TO A FOUND OBJECT TO A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION.

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Bonar Parkdale Presbyterian Church
Capital Espresso
Christ Church St. James, Anglican
Church of the Epiphany & St. Mark, Anglican
Flick the Switch
Greenest City/West Neighbourhood House
Just Socks
Liebenzell Mission of Canada
LOFT Community Services
Not Far From the Tree
Parkdale BIA
Parkdale Queen West Community Health Centre/Harm Reduction Programs
Parkdale Activity Recreation Centre
Parkdale Community Legal Services
Parkdale Food Network
Parkdale Musicians Collective
Parkdale Neighbourhood Land Trust
Parkdale People's Economy
Project Foodchain
Rob Taylor
Sanctuary
Second Harvest
Silver Haven Retreat
South Riverdale Health Centre
St. Francis Table and St. Clare Centre
The Bread Fairy
The Meeting House, Home Churches: Annex and Liberty Village
The Rustic Cosmo
The Salvation Army Gateway
Toronto Drop-In Network
Toronto Public Health
Vibrant Content
Youth Unlimited (Project Serve, Remix)



OF NOTE



For the first time since the onset of the pandemic, The Dale was able to hold indoor Memorial Services for our community members who died in 2022.

Together with The Parkdale Musicians Collective, The Dale held the second Annual "Spirits in the Sky" event, a gathering to honour and remember the comrades we have lost over the years.

Erinn attended and spoke at Inhabit, the flagship conference of the Parish Collective in Seattle.

We held art activities in the Milky Way Garden and at Church of the Epiphany and St. Mark, a move toward more post-Covid programming.

Blythwood Road Baptist Church funded our Christmas meal, which was cooked by a team of volunteer chefs, and then organized by Christ Church St. James- a wonderful group effort.

The Dale and Silver Haven Retreat began a new partnership, one that enables us to send people to a beautiful cottage for respite out of the city.

We had a wedding at The Dale! Congratulations to Eddie and Tasha!

A large group from Scarborough Community Alliance Church came to The Dale with hot meals and drinks, and very substantial care packages. Our community was thrilled.

The Dale hosted Overdose Prevention and Naloxone Training twice, facilitated by Aaron Woznica from Parkdale Queen West Community Health Centre.

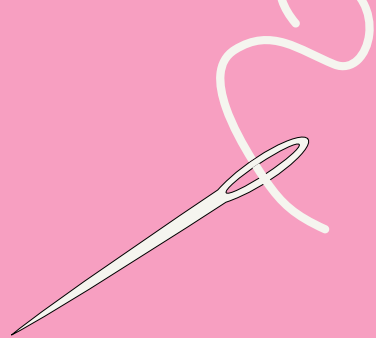
The Meeting House funded and participated in a Winter Boot Clinic for the community.

For the the first time since 2019, The Dale was able to go Christmas Carolling through the neighbourhood.

The staff team attended a rally for the National Day of Housing on November 22nd.



COMMUNITY INTERCONNECTED



ORG INFO

STAFF



Erinn Oxford

Executive Director &
Pastor



Joanna Moon

Lead Community Worker



Meagan Knight

Community Worker



Olivia Scott

Community Worker

BOOKKEEPING



Marion Cameron

Retired
March 2022



Alan Beattie

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