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Registered to donate his organs

At age 13, Everad Tilokee was diagnosed with heart failure. While waiting for a life-saving transplant, he had a heart attack, an mini-stroke and needed a defibrillator to keep his heart beating.

At any given moment, approximately 5,000 Canadians are waiting for organ transplants. A single organ donor can save up to eight lives, but each year, hundreds will die waiting for the right match.

Whether it’s a financial gift, or a donation of blood, plasma, stem cells, organs or tissue – the impact that donors like you can have on people like me is immeasurable,” says Mr. Tilokee.

The Centre’s wide range of services around parenting, the health clinic, parenting classes, high school completion, employment and entrepreneurship programs.

We have really improved our ability to keep the hospital system in Canada functioning, says Pat Green, 45-year-old nurse who had dedicated his career to the care of Mr. Tilokee’s life and the lives of others.

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The connection that keeps Canadians living.
CONGRATULATIONS
JIM LEECH

on being this year’s AFP Outstanding Volunteer Award recipient!

You have been at the helm of Toronto General & Western Hospital Foundation through many milestones and achievements, and we cannot think of anyone more deserving of this commendation.

We’re honoured to have such a great Canadian in our midst – your dedication and support is making lives better.

Thank you.
IMPROVING THE CARE EXPERIENCE
West Park Healthcare’s new hospital will match the quality of its people with its infrastructure

WEST PARK HEALTHCARE CENTRE’S 27-ACRE CAMPGround in the Hogger River in Toronto is one of the facility’s most precious and precious assets. But the park-like setting isn’t what Tim Casarin would recall.He was first rolled into the hospital on a stretcher:“I remember looking at the ceiling and although I had no idea what was ahead of me, it felt secure and safe.” says Mississauga firefighter who was torecover in a warehouse explosion. Although he knows his recovery would be long and hard—four years later—he had 27 surgeries. - The belief of those three wasn’t doubted and was determined to return to the job. Today, speaking from the bench, he isn’t the West Park building and the facilities he recalls, rather he is a transformed patient. “They were very good at giving you the right amount of care and those who were in pain, I’m not going to say they put them on a bed that it was control and,’ he says. The response was the same at the hospital, but in a different way. The hospital may be a little worn, but I never paid much attention to it; it’s the people I remember. They’re the ones I want to see. It was normal to me just the right amount of work and that was traumatic. If it felt like they wanted me to feel more, they were at their best, ‘I remember looking at the ceiling where you can find your voices,” he says. Together, we can create a future where everyone belongs.}

TOMIM SERVES HUNDREDS, BUT CAN’T FEED HIS TWO KIDS

Poverty isn’t always easy to see.

Western University, Mississauga, is one of the communities that has been facing this challenge. Firefighter Tim Casarin was able to grab a moment to shut out the busy world and reflect with gratitude on the people who made a difference. Donors are informed.

CANADIAN CULTURE: DONORS ARE INFORMED

While AFP chapters across North America have inherited more than $900 million this year involving approximately 700,000 donors, Mr. Haslé believes recognition of the need is also great, and it keeps growing. “As a younger person or a new Canadian, they want to be informed. They want to know when to pull in the reins. I’m not going to say they put them on a bed that it was control, and that was traumatic. If it felt like they wanted me to feel more, they were at their best,” he says. Albano, adding world-class donors have a very interesting way to work in a world-class facility. The new hospital will be 20 years and more beds than the current facilities and a significantly expanded outpatient area.

The new facility will be able to care for the growing number of people who need specialized services and will incorporate evidence-based design features that will make the experience better for patients like Tim Casarin and their families. “It’s not just pulling the services to the patient, it’s making sure quality care is delivered together in one area, enhancing the overall experience and improving research outcomes,” she says. Shelley Ditty, West Park’s VP, campus and volunteer, can make decisions because

EQUITY: BE VISIBLE AND VOCAL

woman business leader, immigrant and alumna who donated $15 million to the Montreal university, that she funded many headlines and was featured in TV programs appearing across the country. “We all wish for the day that you will never hear because we hear a woman and an immigrant,” says Ms. Bernard, president and CEO of the West Park Healthcare Foundation and owner named as one of the Top 25 Most Influential Women for 2016. She expects to see more women make transformational gifts.

“Women catch up in pop culture equity and earn the same salaries as men, they are commanding the entrepreneurial space where they can make decisions because they have acquired the wealth to do so,” she adds. Women and men give differently, she says, Men. “Often support education and health care, but not that women’s giving tends to be more locally focused in the sense that they give to some of the most vulnerable in society. They may give to the causes they care about, but I think the social services sector or poverty focused causes,” she says. To break down the barriers, Ms. Bernard says women senior position need to be visible and vocal. Yet, we have to name it before we can actually do something about it if we are going to address it and make sure that it is not one of those quiet, hidden secrets,” she says.

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Casey House congratulates Mark S. Bonham on being named AFP Greater Toronto Chapter’s 2018 outstanding philanthropist.

Your transformational support continues to help Casey House, Canada’s only stand-alone specialty HIV/AIDS hospital provide innovative care that saves lives.

If you’ve ever wondered whether getting a chance to see different ways of engaging youth has informed your approach back at home,” says Ms. Dziedzic, who was awarded the inaugural George Coward YMCA Young Leader Award.

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AN AMBITIOUS VISION

Hunger: hardly seen, rarely spoken of and on the rise

Both in Toronto and the GTA, food insecurity endures. And demography makes it tough to pinpoint where hunger will linger next.

“Daily Bread Food Bank—with the help of committed donors—is taking on an ambitious goal. To boost access to food by 20 per cent to 20 priority neighbourhoods across the city,” Neil Hetherington, CEO of Daily Bread Food Bank, said at an event in Etobicoke in November. “It’s no secret that housing costs continue to rise in the city core. To keep up, many have moved to the outer suburbs where community programs are scarce and grocery stores are often not within walking distance. In these communities—primarily Etobicoke and Scarborough—hunger has begun to flourish. “With the network of local food agencies and food banks across the city, Daily Bread was uniquely positioned to support those 20 neighbourhoods to address the immediate needs of their most vulnerable residents,” Hetherington said. “But it’s an ambitious goal, and it’s not an impossible one. With the help of our partners, I have no doubt that we can make a tangible impact.”

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Daily Bread Food Bank CEO

To those looking to give back: now is the perfect time to get involved. The demand is high, the need is there, and our doors are open.

“Fighting hunger is a communal service. The promise of a good fortune by donating vegetables that are not perfect looking, but perfectly nutritious,” says Daisy Tomas, general manager of Dominion Farms Produce. “It’s a win-win situation. We are making a difference and helping hungry people, and at the same time, keeping the seconds out of the landfill.”

Dominion Farms Produce, a farm located in Bradford, Ontario, began donating their “perfectly imperfect” produce more than 10 years ago, and last year alone supplied more than 360,000 pounds of vegetables to Daily Bread Food Bank program participants.

“With the support of Daily Bread’s Farm to Food Bank program, we are excited to support the work of Daily Bread Food Bank to help prevent food waste and strengthen charitable programs to get food to those who need it most,” says Kathleen McLaughlin, president of the Walmart Foundation and chief sustainability officer for Walmart.

“It’s over 10 years, Walmart has been working to reduce food waste and strengthen charitable programs to get food to those who need it most. We hope this grant will catalyze collective action to reduce food waste all along the food chain,” Hetherington said.

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Daily Bread Food Bank relies on committed volunteers and generous donors to keep food banks and meal programs across Toronto year-round.

“The combination of social and environmental good is something that the Walmart Foundation is also proud to support,” Hetherington said. “As part of its $50 million commitment to prevent food waste and support food banks, the Walmart Foundation announced in January its support of Daily Bread’s Farm to Food Bank program.

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Philanthropy Comes to Life

The royal Ontario Museum (ROM) is grateful to Jeff Willner for his generous gift of $5 million to establish the future Willner Madge Gallery, Dawn of Life—a new permanent paleontology gallery at the Museum that will tell the fascinating story of how life began on Earth.

Jeff joins a dedicated group of community supporters that is enabling the ROM to share one of the world’s greatest collections of early life fossils with the public.

Thank you to all supporters, including leadership donors Howard M. and Karen R. Ivany, John & Louise Horvath, and Susan Horvath, for making Philanthropy Comes to Life possible.

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Casey House's reputation and skills are recognized worldwide, so it made sense to support the experts in this area.

Mark S. Bonham, a retired Senior Professional, Outcomes Management, of the Year to 2016.

When Casey House, Canada's only hospital dedicated to providing compassionate care to individuals with HIV/AIDS, opened its doors in 1988, its first patient was brought in by the Toronto General Hospital's ER. He was the first patient to receive care at the hospital for people living with HIV/AIDS. “I thought it would be a challenge to make a difference,” says Mr. Bonham. “I wanted to have a positive impact on the lives of people living with HIV/AIDS, and make the world a better place.”

Mr. Bonham says he wanted his donation to go directly to the care of individuals with HIV/AIDS. “We need investments and skills to help us reach our goals,” he says. “If we don’t fund research and development, we may never find a cure.”

Mr. Bonham’s donation enabled Casey House to open the hospital’s new facility, which includes a state-of-the-art oncology department, an inpatient unit, and a research lab.

The size of Casey House and the needs of the community have changed since 1988, but its compassionate approach to care has not changed.
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While Power of Her is positioned specifically as a women in philanthropy initiative, men and boys are a big part of the picture, and it's important to ensure all voices are heard on gender equality, she says.

This was the approach in developing the program, which included facilitated discussions with groups of both men and women in four major cities across Canada. “We believe that if we are truly committed to gender equality, we have to talk to women and men as equals,” says Ms. Moro. “For these reasons, we calculated the impact of factors working against women and girls, and then apply an integrated approach to gender equality and mainstream women’s and girls’ perspectives across our projects.”

To highlight the need for action and the decision to focus the first major campaign on the Democratic Republic of Congo, World Vision points out that out of the top 10 most difficult countries for girls to be educated in, six are in sub-Saharan Africa.

But it’s not just an African problem. UNESCO estimates that 130 million girls between the ages of six and 17 are out of school and 15 million primary school-aged girls will likely never enter a classroom in their lifetime.

“Girls believe girls are born with the same inherent rights as boys, and that needs to matter everywhere in the world,” says Ms. Moro. “Societies with gender equality enjoy more sustainable development, faster economic growth and better prospects for their children. Yet in many places, discrimination and violence against girls and women is still rampant.”

While Power of Her is nothing new for World Vision — they’ve been doing it for about six decades — this new initiative will bring it into focus within Canada because it’s really important and timely.”

Toronto businesswoman and philanthropist Joan Kelley Walker is a longtime supporter of World Vision Canada and is enthusiastic about Power of Her. She believes the initiative will help engage Canadians, particularly women and girls, more actively in World Vision’s gender equality work.

“I know a lot of people aren’t able to do that, but we wanted to see how the funding was supporting the programs,” Ms. Walker says. “And the more involved we got, the more information we had, the more we realized that not only is World Vision strategic, but it’s also effective and making a huge, positive impact on so many people around the world.”

Recent projects that support girls’ education have seen significant impact. For example, in India, toilets have been constructed in 20 schools impacting over 1,000 girls and motivating them to stay in school, and in Jordan, 28 classrooms have been constructed and furnished reaching 690 Syrian and Jordanian students with 14 of these classrooms directly benefiting girls.

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What’s that one of the organization’s key roles globally, other than helping to aid victims of disasters and conflict around the world? It’s to bring hope to communities and individuals in need by providing support and resources. The Red Cross operates in over 80 countries and has a unique capacity to respond quickly to crises and provide long-term support.

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**CENTENNIAL INFANT AND CHILD CENTRE**

**PLAY, LEARN, LAUGH**

Centennial needs a larger building to respond to the need for services.

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Three of Laura Dottori-Attanasio’s children attended Centennial. Her introduction to the organization was through her husband, a long-time supporter of the Centre’s Early Intervention program about six months after she brought the twins to preschool. The centre provided a place for her children to learn and grow, and the centre helped her find resources for her son who has Down syndrome.

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The program is wonderful, and it is only my son but also her daughters geared a tremendous amount of support from the experience there. It is an amazing environment with so many children of various abilities and everyone welcomes the children. They accepted them, we see the possibility of people’s differences and they were there for them. So they left the centre but now they have more support from here. She says, adding that the Centre’s goal is to move to a larger, more convenient location with services to meet the need from the community.

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AS LONG-TIME SUPPORTERS OF THEIR LOCAL UNITED WAY, BILL AND SHARON SIEBENS HAVE FORGOTTEN IMPACTED THOUSANDS OF CALGARIANS’ LIVES. Their generosity recently earned them a seat at United Way’s Ten Million Dollar Roundtable, a group of international philanthropists who have made investments of $10 million or more over their lifetimes. The Siebens’ move is significant, as it is only the second time in the history of the organization for Calgarians to join the roundtable. They have positively impacted thousands of Calgarians’ lives.

“It’s a great honor,” says Ms. Siebens. “But the truth is, we can’t ever completely understand what’s happening in our city unless we look to our organization for United Way to show us the way.”

The Siebens have contributed closely with United Way to identify philanthropic opportunities in the multi-sector collaborations, such as the Financial Empowerment and Children and Youth Mental Health initiatives, both sponsored by the Siebens. Financial Empowerment helps individuals and families out of poverty by supporting them to reduce debt, grow savings and build assets. Initially established as the Financial Empowerment Project by the Siebens and five other families, it is now considered a major city-level collaboration.

“Lions Gate Hospital Foundation has put millions of dollars and countless hours on low income by helping them access financial support like tax refunds and benefits. This passion for multi-sector movement in The Social Impact Lab, an experimental innovation space where United Way agency partners, donors, government and community members come together to develop new solutions in Calgary’s most pressing social issues. The Siebens’ investments are helping build the first project going through the lab – The Children and Youth Mental Health Innovation Initiative – which is addressing gaps in the systems that make it difficult for children and youth to receive vital mental health support. “That day is going to be when we’re not reminded of the mental health crisis we are dealing with. More and more children suffering from depression and the loss of young lives through suicide,” says Mr. Siebens. “Though grateful for United Way’s support, I don’t think we can have more than anything that their future will bring us when it comes to giving back to their community.”

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When Audrey Brown sold her home, she realized she could leave a substantial legacy gift to Lions Gate Hospital Foundation. It became an extraordinary step a few years ago in the trajectory of the Siebens’ giving, to make a difference, and for me personally, it’s something I’ve done with my life and the best of care and treatment at Lions Gate Hospital (LGH),” says Ms. Brown, but sadly, Mr. Brown passed away at the end of May 2007. After his death, Mr. Brown honored his memory by making her donations to Lions Gate Hospital Foundation, which support the Medical and Surgical Care Centre, The HOPE Centre and the new Children’s and Youth Mental Health initiatives also led to their investment in The Social Impact Lab, an experimental innovation space where United Way agency partners, donors, government and community members come together to develop new solutions in Calgary’s most pressing social issues. The Siebens’ investments are helping build the first project going through the lab – The Children and Youth Mental Health Innovation Initiative – which is addressing gaps in the systems that make it difficult for children and youth to receive vital mental health support. “That day is going to be when we’re not reminded of the mental health crisis we are dealing with. More and more children suffering from depression and the loss of young lives through suicide,” says Mr. Siebens. “Though grateful for United Way’s support, I don’t think we can have more than anything that their future will bring us when it comes to giving back to their community.”

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The opportunity of a lifetime

Like a lot of North Vancouver, Bill and Sharon Siebens discovered it in the 1980s, when they bought their homes. Decades ago it wasn’t uncommon for Mr. and Mrs. Brown to discover just how much had appreciated it over the years. Surprisingly, he was able to leave a substantial legacy gift to Lions Gate Hospital Foundation and to their community. “This is an extraordinary step,” says Mr. Brown, “I want abig part of my estate, which is extraordinary step a few years ago, I’ve done with my life and the best of care and treatment at Lions Gate Hospital (LGH),” says Ms. Brown, but sadly, Mr. Brown passed away at the end of May 2007. After his death, Mr. Brown honored his memory by making her donations to Lions Gate Hospital Foundation, which support the Medical and Surgical Care Centre, The HOPE Centre and the new Children’s and Youth Mental Health initiatives also led to their investment in The Social Impact Lab, an experimental innovation space where United Way agency partners, donors, government and community members come together to develop new solutions in Calgary’s most pressing social issues. The Siebens’ investments are helping build the first project going through the lab – The Children and Youth Mental Health Innovation Initiative – which is addressing gaps in the systems that make it difficult for children and youth to receive vital mental health support. “That day is going to be when we’re not reminded of the mental health crisis we are dealing with. More and more children suffering from depression and the loss of young lives through suicide,” says Mr. Siebens. “Though grateful for United Way’s support, I don’t think we can have more than anything that their future will bring us when it comes to giving back to their community.”

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PHILANTHROPY AWARDS 2018
Celebrating Our Champions

Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Greater Toronto Chapter will congratulate its 2018 PHILANTHROPY AWARD RECIPIENTS on Wednesday, November 21, 2018.

Mark S. Bonham
Outstanding Philanthropist

Cathy Mann
Outstanding Fundraising Professional

Rivian Frankle
Lifetime Achievement Award

Jim Leech
Outstanding Volunteer

Max Armstrong & James Cleghorn
Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy

Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons
Outstanding Foundation

Dying With Dignity Canada
Outstanding Corporation

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It’s your life. It’s your choice.

Royal LePage Shelter Foundation
Outstanding Organization

The Vancouver Foundation celebrates its 75th anniversary.

ON SEPTEMBER 14, A SOCIAL EVENT OF UNPRECEDENTED MAGNITUDE BEGAN IN COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT BRITISH COLUMBIA. Over three days, around 4,500 people came together around 361 tables to break bread, make new social connections and talk about what was on their minds.

The catalyst was the Vancouver Foundation’s On the Table project, which invited British Columbians to host events, small and large, to bring others together. The foundation provided tools and tips, but the food served, locations chosen and people invited were entirely up to the hosts. Afterwards, participants were asked to fill out short surveys, giving the foundation insight into fallas around the province.

“We know that we need to create opportunities to forge across sector and society,” says Craig Hikida, vice president, donor services. “When people are connected and have a greater sense of belonging, there is greater involvement in you life.”

Celebrating its 75th anniversary this year, the Vancouver Foundation was launched in 1943 because Alice Mackay, a secretary, had managed to save $1,000 and wanted to make a difference in the lives of homeless women. She convinced Whitford Van Dusen to join her; he added $10,000 to the fund and convinced nine of his friends to do the same.

Since then, the foundation has awarded more than $1-billion in grants, in amounts large and small, to strengthen communities in their corner and across the province. Vancouver was selected to estimate the magnitude of the foundation’s impact and that of similar organizations across Canada. A 2014 report by Imagine Canada and Philanthropic Foundations Canada found that the largest 150 grant-making foundations give over $1-billion each year to Canadian charities.

But fast forward 75 years from now, he adds, and donors can be confident that the foundation will be well positioned to address whatever issues of the time might be. “We also know that those original gifts, and those from everyone who has given since, will still be at work.”

While the word “foundation” is often associated with the uber-wealthy, community foundations like the Vancouver Foundation harness the collective energy of the communities they serve, Mr. Hikida stresses. “Small bits of money add up to have a real impact.”

AFP is an international association of more than 33,000 members working together to advance philanthropy and ethical fundraising through education, advocacy and research.
A June from Broadway lights, one of the recent shows presented by the Canadian College of Performing Arts.

INSPIRING NEXT-GEN ARTISTS
Performing arts college equips creators, performers and communities

FOR ABOUT 7,500 TALENTED STUDENTS EACH YEAR, THE CANADIAN COLLEGE OF PERFORMING ARTS (CCPA) in Victoria, British Columbia, provides an equal exposure to acting, voice and dance through individual and collective curricula. Along with rigorous studies, students perform in public events with professionals who have included the likes of Emmy Award-winning actress Alice Krige, music legend Bob Hope, and many more.

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OPINION

THE FUTURE OF PHILOSOPHY
IN A HYPER-CONNECTED WORLD

By DAN CLEMENT-EDWARDS

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Today, on National Philosophy Day, we are feeling more than ever the desire to connect with the ideas that have shaped our world. In an increasingly complex and fast-changing world, philosophy offers a unique perspective to help us understand the challenges we face.

The future of philosophy is not just about the traditional debates that have shaped the discipline, but also about how we engage with the world around us. With the rise of digital technologies, philosophy is becoming more accessible and relevant than ever before.

In recent years, there has been a growing interest in digital philosophy, where philosophers use digital tools and platforms to engage with new audiences and explore new questions. Social media, blogs, podcasts, and online forums are just some of the ways in which philosophy is being reimagined for the 21st century.

While this transformation is exciting, it also raises important questions about the role of philosophy in a hyper-connected world. How can we ensure that philosophy remains relevant and engaging for a new generation of learners?

Ultimately, the future of philosophy is about connection and collaboration. As we continue to explore new ways of thinking and engaging with the world, we must remember that philosophy is a conversation that has been ongoing for centuries. Let us continue to participate in this conversation, and let us do so with open minds and open hearts.

Jeff Miller

Toronto philanthropist and ROM governor

This is a story for all people, told from a uniquely Canadian perspective. It’s going to be an amazing journey, and I’m so glad to be a part of it.”

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Before too long, Dr. Jean-Bernard Caron, Richard Evans Page Professor of Invertebrate Palaeontology at the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM), is on the hunt for fossils in the Burgess Shale in British Columbia. He is looking for the remains of ancient marine organisms that lived about 508 million years ago. These fossils are some of the most important in the world, and they have helped researchers understand how life on Earth evolved.

Dr. Caron, who studies the origins of animals, particularly the evolution of early animals, is excited about this project. He is currently working on a new gallery that will showcase his and his team’s research. The gallery will be called the Dawn of Life Gallery and will open in 2023.

The gallery will feature a large display of fossils from the Burgess Shale, including the famous Burgess Shale fossil assemblage. These fossils include some of the earliest and most complete records of life on Earth, and they have helped researchers understand the diversity of life that existed during the Cambrian period.

The Dawn of Life Gallery will be the world’s largest and most extensive collection of Burgess Shale fossils (over 200,000 specimens) on display in a single gallery. The gallery will be a dynamic and interactive experience for visitors, allowing them to explore the diversity of life in the Burgess Shale and learn about the scientific methods used to study these fossils.

In addition to the Burgess Shale, the Dawn of Life Gallery will also feature fossils from other Canadian and international sites. These include fossils from the Ediacaran period, which is known for its unique fossil assemblages.

The gallery will also feature interactive exhibits that allow visitors to explore the diversity of life that existed during the Cambrian period. These exhibits will include computer simulations and animations that bring these ancient organisms to life.

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By the end of 2018, Peacebuilders will have diverted over 1,000 young people out of the justice system in Toronto through Peacebuilding initiatives.

Peacebuilders Canada is a Toronto-based program offering community-based interventions for young people in conflict with the law. The program operates through a network of schools, communities and the justice system to communicate and manage conflict through Peacebuilding initiatives.

In support of United Nations Sustainable Development Goal #16, Peacebuilders’ programs promote social cohesion, respect, empathy, love and responsibility.

“Peacebuilders relies on the community to increase the capacities of young people and the justice system to communicate and manage conflict through Peacebuilding initiatives,” said Ms. Thompson.

“Although Peacebuilders is a small organisation, it has a big impact on the lives of young people. In our experience, young people are often disconnected from the justice system and the community. That makes it possible to be better at conflict resolution and helping young people become engaged in their community,” she explained.

“I believe the program is designed to help young people become the best versions of themselves,” said Ms. Thompson. “It is building something new. We all have the opportunity to participate.”
We are confident that government is very interested in charity and philanthropy and wants to determine the best ways to encourage Canadians to help other Canadians, and need support from more than just one source. They require a collaborative approach with support, solutions, and innovation coming from government, the charitable sector, and the public.

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