

# The Corner May 2019 - Highlights



**117 new residents  
connected to services**



**702 residents accessed  
The Corner**



**4733 total visits to The  
Corner**



**23 Programs and other  
services**

The outreach team from The Corner meets and interacts with residents directly to talk to them about the programs and services available to them at The Corner. The team was able to reach out to approximately 1200 residents in the neighbourhood through 21 outreach activities. Two individuals were registered through outreach and we are looking at options to better our conversion rate.



Apart from the reaching out to residents in the neighbourhood, in the month of May the team also took part in Toronto Newcomers Day -2019 at Nathan Philips Square and at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Progress Place Health and Wellness Fair.

# Community Engagement

Information session on **Neighbourhood Association** conducted for residents. Extensive outreach conducted with this regard. Fifty residents from a single building expressed interest in the same.

Petition for designating St. James Town as **Neighbourhood Improvement Area (NIA)** is gaining ground. 65 petitions received so far.

A commemoration event held at New Common for victims of the Sri Lankan Attack on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May.



## Events



Arthur Biyarslanov, Canada's Olympian boxer and St. James Town resident along with The City and The Corner organized a Donation Drive for St. James Town residents on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May. The donated items mostly non-perishable food was distributed among residents who had registered with The Corner earlier. The event was supported by group of committed volunteers.

# New Programs

★ The Corner Provided space for prayers during the holy month of **Ramadan**

★ New **Sewing classes** will begin at The Corner from the 12<sup>th</sup> of June. The program run by resident volunteers will happen every Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 PM.

## Collaborative Initiatives

St. Stephen's  
Community House

Engaging and supporting the neighbourhood **youth** is of prime importance for The Corner. Efforts are on to make The Corner more youth friendly in partnership with St. Stephens's Community House. A team of youth have created a plan to amp up the creative lab.

Developing a sense of belongings and help build connections is one of our strategic priorities. Along with The New Common a weekly large community engagement with sports, bouncy castle and other recreational activities is being planned.



Neighbourhood Legal Services are planning community organizing and outreach by recruiting two residents. This is to encourage and ensure **economic justice** around housing and social assistance by supporting education and creating awareness.

## Volunteers and Placement Students

There are 20 volunteers at The Corner currently engaged in different activities and programs. 10 of these individuals run successful volunteer lead programs at The Corner.

Two placement students are currently engaged at The Corner, one at The front desk and one with the Safety project.