

The Corner

June 2019 - Highlights

The Corner is the main community hub connecting the residents of St. James Town and providing access to the several programs and services in the neighbourhood.



Through [Health Access St. James Town](#), 123 new clients were registered for services. The team were able to cater to the needs of 18 high need clients and were involved in 6 home visits.

The outreach team interacts with residents directly keeping them updated on what's new at The Corner and connecting residents with services. In the month of June the team reached out to 928 residents through 24 outreach events while successfully registering 23 residents for various programs.



With more concentrated and focussed approach, the team was able to better their performance compared to last month. This can be attributed to new ideas and more interactive and engaging activities during the outreach events.

Community Engagement

The Corner and [The New Common](#) have been conducting weekly large community engagement programs. This is a great way to build awareness and form new connections. Events include fun and interactive activities for residents.



Residents during a documentary screening as part of the Indigenous History Month Celebrations at The Corner.

New Initiatives

[Woodgreen Community Services](#) will be working more closely with The Corner to support newcomers to Canada. In September, three new programs will be made available at The Corner: English Classes for Internationally Trained Professionals, English Classes for Moms, and finally, English classes for jobs.

[TrustD Space](#) is developing a new web platform where community members, service providers and other stakeholders can meaningfully engage with one another around events, programs and community services.

St. James Town Festival

St. James Town Festival is an annual event organized by a collaboration of residents, Service Providers' Network and other stakeholders in the neighbourhood. This year's festival is scheduled for the 7th of September, Saturday, 2019.

The Planning committee comprising of residents and service providers started the preparations and are currently scouting for volunteers, performers, vendors for the event. Performers and vendors will be selected through audition/demo.



Festival Committee at
The Corner

Partnerships

[City of Toronto](#) through its Community Crisis Response program has a new Community Development Officer for St. James Town and surrounding neighbourhoods. Opportunities to forge a partnership and streamline collaboration around local community crisis response is underway.

The Corner and [Repair Café](#) will be partnering to offer a fix-it day in front of the new 240 Hub. This will be an awareness raising event, and will help people get their small household items fixed.

Volunteers and Placement Students

17 volunteers are currently involved at The Corner. Most of these volunteers run successful residents led programs at The Corner.

Short term summer staff, two of them recent pass outs from University of Toronto and one from York University are currently engaged at The Corner. They are working alongside other staff on outreach and community engagement, events, social media and communications, data management and administration. They will continue their engagement up until the end of August.