

# The Corner

## Aug 2019 - Highlights



Here is what happened at The Corner during the month of August 2019.

Residents had access to 25 programs and services provided by service partners and community members.

104

New residents registered

614 residents accessed The Corner 3616 times

[Health Access St. James Town](#), was able to cater to the needs of 14 high need clients and the team made 3 home visits for residents who cannot leave their homes for different reasons.

## Outreach

In the month of August the outreach team reached out to 705 residents through 16 outreach events. 6 residents registered for services through outreach. Outreach team is able to reach out to more people with each outing owing to more creative activities.

The Corner's social media accounts have also shown improved performance compared to last month with 24 new followers on FB and Twitter. This might be due to increased activity due to the festival. New social media accounts for the catering collective have also shown improved performance.

# Community Engagement



The City's first Share and Reuse Hub, the **240 Hub** was opened to the St. James Town residents on the 9th of August with a soft launch. Residents came in large numbers for the launch party. Residents volunteers and The Corner staff had come up with several exciting activities for the event.



Residents participated in the community mural, junk yard competition, DIY t-shirt making among others. It was the kids who had a great time letting their creativity flow showing us a glimpse of what this share and reuse space will bring to the community.

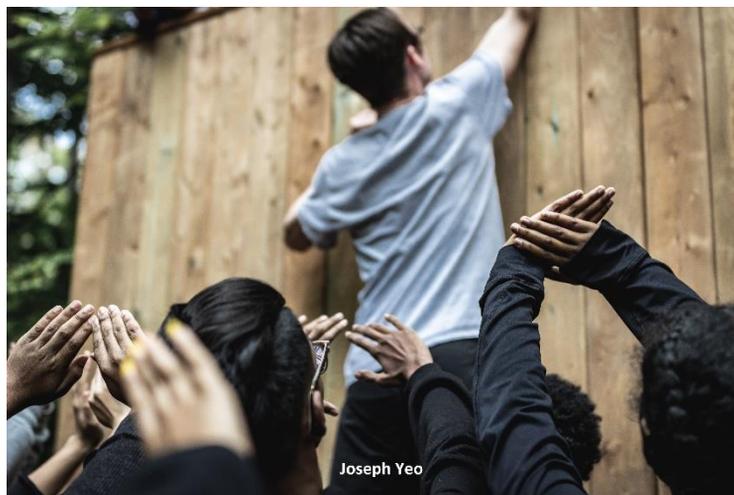


A **Repair Café** was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of August by 240 HUB in partnership with Repair Café and Toronto Tool Library.

The event saw several resident volunteers coming ahead to help fellow residents fix broken items. Events like this would be now be a regular feature at the hub with Fix-it Days being planned every 2 weeks.



A **Photography Competition** was also being conducted as part of the festival with the underlying theme 'Stronger Together and Resilient'. Resident led panel of judges decided the winners and prizes given away at the festival.



## New Initiatives

Partnering with **Stella's Place** for a weekly youth program. Aims to support youth resilience, building community connections. Two SJT youth have been trained to facilitate the group, and The Corner's new Youth engagement worker will be engaged in the activity.



Story telling workshop with **Olivia Chow** on how to market and tell our stories more effectively. This will help with City deputations, media connections, etc. 15 residents have registered for the session and it is happening on, Thursday Sep 12.

Charlie's Freewheels will now do bike repair and safety checks twice a month in the neighbourhood. The plan is to engage residents to learn the skills of bike safety and repair so this can be resident-led. Will be working on training local youth over the next few months.

