



# 2017 Annual Report

## People Come First



### Our Mission

Our mission is to provide a response to the people within our community who are coping with economic or social barriers, and to help lessen those barriers and the burden of poverty for the communities of Weston and Mount Dennis.

### Our Vision

We envision a community where diversity is respected and supported to enhance individual and community capacity.

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This is a Centre where we believe “People Come First” and “It’s a Home Away From Home.” These are mottos that align strongly with our Mission and Vision statements (front cover) and our values: “WKNC seeks to fulfill its mission by establishing and operating programs and services through using a participant-centred philosophy with a focus on harm reduction, food security and housing. We are dedicated to ensuring an inclusive, barrier-free environment using best practices and sector standards.”

## Weston King Neighbourhood Centre provides essential support for some of the most marginalized and vulnerable people in the Weston/Mount Dennis community.

The idea of helping the community started in 1993 when the Central United Church Outreach Committee provided Tuesday evening community suppers. In 2003, the Weston King Neighbourhood Centre became its own incorporated agency and in 2013 the Corporation opened the satellite Mount Dennis Neighbourhood Centre. I wonder what we will be doing in 2023?

Weston King’s motto, “People Come First” fuels our motivation and determination to provide the best services possible. To ensure that its service users experience the best outcomes, the staff have worked strongly and enthusiastically with community partners and funders to deliver programs and services to improve quality of life and

promote within the people participating dignity, respect, self-determination and self-sufficiency. On a daily basis we see people who are resilient enough to take on any challenges that they are confronted with on a daily basis.

Weston King Neighbourhood Centre envisions a bright future as it strengthens the philosophy of being participant led. Service users are strongly encouraged to assist and take part in the daily operations of the Centre. We believe that the service users’ voice is most important, therefore programs are implemented usually at the request of the service users.

“Thank you” is not enough to our invaluable funders, partners, stakeholders, and a few selfless and dedicated individuals. Without you Weston King Neighbourhood Centre would not be able to accomplish and deliver the work that we do for its valuable participants. I would also like to thank our dedicated Board Members, who always keep us on our toes. Our staff and volunteers who work feverishly for countless hours above and beyond their call of duty to ensure that our service users never leave the centre the same way that they walk in.

Like the little engine that could, Weston King Neighbourhood Centre is determined to continue to meet the needs of the community. We are strong, bold and determined. We are Weston King Neighbourhood Centre!

**Patricia Crooks, Drop-in Program Coordinator**



# Financial Information

## Mount Dennis United Church

In 2012, the Mount Dennis United Church (MDUC) congregation sold their church building and bequeathed WKNC \$500,000 to set a up satellite location to serve Mount Dennis. Through careful management, strategic partnership with LEF and some generous additional funding, we were able to build and operate the Mount Dennis Neighbourhood Centre over the past 5 years with these funds. Thank you to all the members of MDUC congregation, along with the management board of Central United Church for supporting Weston King Neighbourhood Centre.

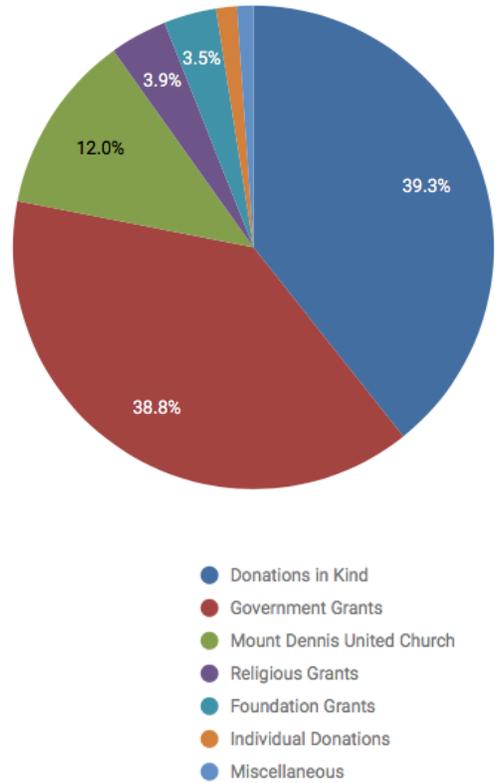
## Income

Income	
Donations in Kind	305813
Government Grants	301845
Mount Dennis UC	93709
Religious Grants	30000
Foundation Grants	27545
Individual Donations	10833
Miscellaneous	8603

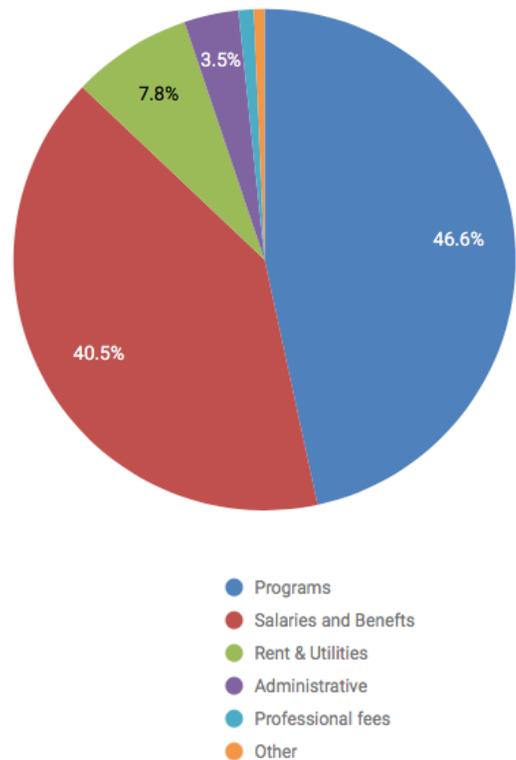
## Expenses

Programs	356424
Salaries and Benefits	309401
Rent & Utilities	59271
Administrative	26831
Professional fees	7418
Other	5293

WKNC Income 2017



WKNC Expenses 2017



Thank you to our key donating partners

City of Toronto, Province of Ontario, Government of Canada, United Church of Canada, Rotary Club of Toronto—Humber, Mazon Canada, Loblaws, Toronto Police—12th Division, North York Harvest Food Bank, Daily Bread Food Bank, Central United Church.

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The Weston King Neighbourhood Centre (WKNC), through its Mount Dennis neighbourhood location, the Mount Dennis Neighbourhood Centre (MDNC), develops and hosts programming focused on food justice, community engagement, and the support and promotion of entrepreneurship initiatives aiming to reduce poverty and increase health for the community we serve, comprised in a large proportion by marginalized individuals.

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Throughout 2017, participants from diverse backgrounds enjoyed programming delivered at our site: native, seniors, youth, prenatal mothers, students, children, and adults. The synergy developed by our partner agencies, volunteers, participants, and MDNC staff has created a welcoming and harmonious space that our neighbours call and feel their own.

For 2018 and 2019, we continue support the community initiative of becoming a Food Friendly Neighbourhood by deepening our objectives in programming, partnership building, community engagement, and taking on the challenge of becoming a social enterprise. We look forward to this year with great enthusiasm and commitment! Join us!

**Cecilia Ortega, MDNC Program Planning Coordinator**

### Find Your Place:

#### Mount Dennis

With a state-of-the-art commercial kitchen, programming space, offices, meeting rooms, and a platform for the community to embark on social and economic development.

#### Weston

The ground-level suite of a local landmark church belongs to WKNC. A large kitchen, dining hall, clothing bank, harm reduction office, meeting rooms, offices, showers, laundry, computer stations, lounge space, and much more make up this vibrant community space.

#### Volunteers Needed

Whatever you have to offer, we likely need it. WKNC provides volunteer opportunities for people every day of the week. From administration, to serving others, to simply cleaning up, we can provide something that will allow you to express your commitment to the community.

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