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## Changing Lives Monthly Newsletter

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Greetings!

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all who have in their own way helped our kids living in Regent Park and the surrounding communities. From individual volunteers to major donors, you are the ones who make all this possible.

### **CHANGING LIVES OF THE AT-RISK CHILD & YOUTH**

2016 has been an exciting year with many programs offered, and current and new sponsors to help with this great cause. We all aim to help the 250+ kids in our programming excel in academics, sports & character formation. This enables the child to succeed in their at-risk environment in order to achieve higher education.

Below you will find our successful programs at work on the ground. Currently we have 10 summer staff, 1 George Brown intern, 6 international University students from Spain and Italy, 20 coaches and over 300 volunteers working to raise funds for the programs we offer.

Many thanks to all. We are actually making a huge difference in the lives of children. Well done!

### **How does TYD change lives?**

**We eliminate the hood philosophy within the vulnerable child and prepare them for University, thus reducing the cycle of poverty.**

**TYD is proud of serving over 4,000 children and youth in the Regent Park and surrounding communities.**

Sincerely,

Mr. Keaney  
Executive Director

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## 2016 Academic, Character & Sports Enrichment Summer Camps

We are back with our 20th annual Academic and Sports Enrichment Summer Camp for Boys and Girls.

Our kids will keep their minds sharp with a revamped academic curriculum, including Science, Technology, English and Math (STEM).

The camp's overall objective is to increase the academic, sports, and character development of all the campers, in order for them to be ready for their new grade in the fall.

We call this the "summer school of fun", with weekly excursions including trips to Centre Island, Sky Zone and Canada's Wonderland. Oh, and lots of sports activity!

**TYD is pleased to announce that Ms. Fatima Ahmed is our current Girls Camp Program Director. Fatima is a former TYD member & youth leader, graduating from TYD's programs a few years ago. She is entering her second year at Ryerson University pursuing a degree in science. Fatima is proof of TYD's successful programming.**

Click [here](#) to see our summer camp at work, featured on **Global TV**.



## 2016 MLSE Foundation's "Little Leaders" Character and Leadership Program

**Powered by MLSE Foundation's Regent Park Athletic Grounds Grant**

With the awarding of MLSE Foundation's Regent Park Athletic Grounds Grant, TYD is able to improve the "Little Leaders" programming.

Untapping the potential of the youth, our "Little Leaders" program gives children the opportunity to develop their character & leadership skills and become valued youth leaders in the community.

Fostering good character development through the learning of virtues and habits including **respect, generosity, and teamwork**, our program's participants become well-equipped to serve their peers, their family, and the community at large.

Click [here](#) to watch our "Little Leaders" learn respect and discipline through the art of Karate.

Many thanks to Patrick Grant, our George Brown intern and a Canadian National Karate Champion, for lending his talents.

## 4th Annual Regent Park Soccer League

**Sponsored by Canadian Tire Jumpstart**

Heading into its 4th year and with over 150 summer participants, the Regent Park Soccer League is a great

success!

Children & youth are able to hone their athletic talents in order to learn skills such as: teamwork, co-operation, and leadership, while playing competitive soccer,

Many thanks to JumpStart for their financial commitment in helping children & youth who unfortunately can not afford to play organized sport.

Click [here](#) to watch a video on the Regent Park Soccer League.



## MLSE Foundation's 50/50 Game Fundraisers

### "Score to Reduce Poverty" Volunteer Campaign

Through our partnership with the MLSE Foundation, TYD has raised thousands of dollars in the past year. All funds go towards helping the children and youth of Regent Park - the bright future of the budding community.

A huge thanks goes out to the MLSE Foundation for making all of this possible and bringing TYD on board as a charitable partner.

**We would also like to recognize and THANK all the in-game volunteers; we owe the success of this major fundraiser to your willingness to help and your loud, passionate voices. Awesome people indeed!!**

*Due to the overwhelming success of this ongoing fundraiser, we are still in need of many volunteers of the 2016/17 season. So, organize a team of volunteers from your company, friends, or network - only 3.5 hours per game is needed to give back to the community and support this cause!*



## The Landing Group's 3rd Annual Jelena Loncar Memorial Golf Tournament

TYD is honoured to be chosen once again as the charitable recipient.

Jelena was shot and killed at random on our streets when leaving work at Hunters Landing. She is missed by all the staff, customers and family.

**To support this wonderful cause on September 18th at Pipers Heath golf course (Oakville), please contact: Justin Larouche at: [jlrouche@thelandinggroup.ca](mailto:jlrouche@thelandinggroup.ca)**

*The Landing Group's concept restaurants include: Hunter's Landing, Harper's Landing, Williams Landing, Carter's Landing, Jackson's Landing, Taylor's Landing, and Baxter's Landing.*

## TFC's Drew Moore Donates Season Tickets to TYD!

Thanks to Drew's generosity, 3 kids at a time are provided an opportunity to be mentored while watching Toronto FC games! Kids and parents love this program. Now that's mentoring!

TYD takes a holistic approach with every child, in order to access the child's deeper needs, wants, and desires, preparing them for paths in higher education



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