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May 13, 2005

To: Community Services Committee

From: Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee

Subject: Breaking the Cycle of Violence Grants Program (BCTV) – 2005 Allocations

Recommendation:

The Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee recommended to the Community Services Committee that City Council adopt the recommendations contained in the Recommendations Section of the report (April 27, 2005) from the Executive Director, Social Development and Administration Division.

Background:

At its meeting held on Wednesday, May 11, 2005, the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee considered a report (April 27, 2005) from the Executive Director, Social Development and Administration Division reporting on the recommendations for the organizations that applied for municipal support under the 2005 Breaking the Cycle of Violence grants program. Of the 119 applicants, 29 are recommended for funding.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Breaking the Cycle of Violence allocations, totalling \$657,000.00 to 29 applicants as recommended in Appendices A and B of this report be approved; and
- (2) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The following persons addressed the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee:

- Julie Lutete and Jean Pierre Matulu, Auberge Francophone (Agency 10), who filed a submission of their presentation

- Herman Ellis Jr., Program Director, Scadding Court Community Centre (Agency 91), who filed a submission of his presentation
- Laura Mullin and Chris Tolley, Arts Etobicoke (Agency 9), who filed a submission of their presentation
- Karen Arthurton, St. Stephen's Community House (Agency 98), who filed a submission of her presentation
- Lalita Tannis, Mary Ford, and Memo Cabrera, UrbanArts Community Arts Council (Agency 106), who filed a submission of their presentation
- Abdirahim Ali, Executive Director, Newcomer Centre of North York (Agency 82), who filed a submission of his presentation
- Honey Rosenbaum, Youthlink (Agency 119)
- Vivien Green, Woman Abuse Council of Toronto (Agency 115), who filed a submission of her presentation
- Hashim Ali, My Canada Integration & Settlement Services (Agency 78), who filed a submission of his presentation
- Janis Galway and Janet Chow, Community Builders (Agency 31)
- Neethan Shan, Malvern Family Resource Centre (Agency 74)
- Marisa Dodaro and Alicia Griffiths, Vincent Paul Family Homes Corp. (Agency 109), who filed a submission of their presentation
- Sarah Bower and Maxine McKoy, Willowridge Information and Recreation Centre (Agency 113)
- Ron Rock and Tony Jono Baptiste, East Scarborough Boys' and Girls' Club (Agency 43), who filed a submission of his presentation
- Chelvin Hall, Omega One Production (Agency 84), who filed a submission of his presentation
- Charity Lebeanya and Abba Chima, Heritage Skills Development Centre (Agency 57)
- Gladis Camacho, Hispanic Community Centre for the City of York (Agency 58)

Councillor Janet Davis, Beaches-East York, also addressed the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee.

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Send to: Community Services Committee
c. All Interested Parties
Mr. Chris Brillinger, Executive Director,
Social Development and Administration Division.

TORONTO STAFF REPORT

April 27, 2005

To: Community Services Committee
From: Executive Director, Social Development and Administration Division
Subject: Breaking the Cycle of Violence Grants Program (BTCV) – 2005 Allocations

Purpose:

This report presents the recommendations for the organizations that applied for municipal support under the 2005 Breaking the Cycle of Violence grants program. Of the 119 applicants, 29 are recommended for funding.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

Sufficient funds for the 2005 Breaking the Cycle of Violence (BTCV) grants program exist within the 2005 Approved Budget for the Community Partnership and Investment Program. The total approved budget for the 2005 BTCV is \$669,820.00. This report recommends a total of \$657,000.00 to 29 applicants. An amount of \$12,820.00 is reserved for appeals.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and concurs with the financial impact statement.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Breaking the Cycle of Violence allocations, totalling \$657,000.00 to 29 applicants as recommended in Appendices A and B of this report be approved; and
- (2) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Background:

The Breaking the Cycle of Violence (BTCV) program supports non-profit organizations across the City of Toronto for project activities that support community-based efforts to increase

community safety and prevent violence. The grants are provided under the general authority for making municipal grants provided in Section 107 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001 (S.O. 2001, c.25).

This report provides the recommended allocations to applicants requesting support under the 2005 Breaking the Cycle of Violence grants program. The attached appendices provide information on the specific recommendations to organizations: Appendix A – Grant requests and recommendations to organizations; Appendix B – Detailed Organization Recommendations – Summary Sheets; and Appendix C – Recommended Project Descriptions.

Comments:

The 2005 BTCV Mission, Priorities and Goals:

The mission of the 2005 Breaking the Cycle of Violence Grants Program is to create safe communities for people in Toronto. BTCV's two primary goals are to increase access for communities to information, skills and supports that prevent violence and increase safety, and to increase the capacity of communities to address systemic causes of violence.

The BTCV recognizes that not everyone is equally affected by violence. Individual's and communities' experiences and perceptions of safety vary depending on age, gender, income levels, race, access to information, available resources and a variety of other circumstances. Communities have a range of different assets and different structural issues to address. In order to ensure that the BTCV project funding will have a significant impact, grants are directed to vulnerable communities.

BTCV allocations give priority to projects addressing safety and violence prevention needs of:

- Children and youth
- Women and girls
- People with disabilities
- Seniors
- Aboriginal community
- Neighbourhoods
- Immigrants and refugees
- Gay/Lesbian/bisexual/transgender/transsexual community.

In the fall of 2004, Council approved the recommendation that up to one-third of the 2005 BTCV budget (\$221,000.00) be allocated to violence prevention projects for youth in the four neighbourhoods of Jamestown, Jane/Finch, Malvern and Kingston/Galloway. Information about the priority for funding in these neighbourhoods was provided to organizations in the application package.

2005 BTCV Outreach and Support:

For 2005, organizations were able to access a variety of supports to prepare a BTCV grant application. Five information sessions were held to provide applicants with an overview of the program, information on priority areas, lists of projects funded in the past and information on preparing an application. Community Development Officers provided individual consultations for applicants to address agency-specific questions and Agency Review Officers provided technical support related to criterion clarification.

Applications for the 2005 process were available in hard copy and through the City of Toronto web-site at www.toronto.ca/grants/btcv. Notices were mailed to organizations to inform them of the availability of the application on the web site as well as by mail. The web-site provides the full application package including fact sheets, organizational assessment forms, application form, guidelines, contact information and lists of previously funded projects. Most organizations used the web site to access the application package: 24 organizations requested packages through the mail.

Application and Review Process:

A total of 119 applications were received by the March 17, 2005 deadline (2004: 123). The assessment process for each applicant includes a review of documents such as project work plans, evaluation plans, financial statements, by-laws, letters patent and audited financial statements to assess the capacity of the applicant to undertake the proposed work, and to determine the fit of the project proposal with the BTCV goals, priorities and criteria. The review of applications included contact with applicants for additional information if needed, consideration of other community resources and programs, and consultation with other services and funding providers.

2005 Applications Overview:

The amount of funds requested by the 119 applicants is \$3,966,677.00, almost 6 times the BTCV approved budget of \$669,820.00.

The 2005 applications show an increase in the number of funding requests for multi-year projects as well as an increase in the average request. The average size of the grant requests is \$33,333.00 (2004: \$30,909.00, 2003: \$21,737.00). In 2005, 70 organizations requested funding for projects with a one-year timeline, and 49 requested projects with multi-year timelines (2004: 85 one-year and 38 multi-year timelines). These changes are consistent with the direction arising from the 2003 BTCV community consultations that emphasized the need to support larger, longer and more complex projects, and the implementation of 2 and 3 year project options for projects in 2004 and 2005.

In 2005, 91 applications (76%) are from new organizations that had not received funding in 2004: 16 (55%) of the recommendations are directed to these organizations. Nineteen applications (16%) are from reapplying organizations that had received a one-year project grant in 2004 and have requested funding for another project in 2005: five (17%) of the

recommendations are directed to this group. Nine applications (8%) are from returning organizations that were approved for a multi-year project in 2004, and are now requesting a second year of funding for their approved project plan: eight (28%) of the recommended grants are directed to these returning multi-year projects.

The number of proposals that demonstrated a strong fit with the BTCV goals, priority areas and funding criteria was larger than could be recommended within the total amount of funds available in the program. Allocation recommendations were made for those proposals that demonstrated the strongest fit and address the range of priorities in BTCV. In order to fund all the applicants that demonstrated their fit with the BTCV program, an additional amount of \$686,124.54 would be required.

Changes in application and allocation patterns:

As a result of the 2003 BTCV program update report, Council approved the implementation of changes in the management of BTCV to improve the program's information for applicants, simplify the application process and increase the size of recommendations and the duration of projects for up to three years. These changes were the results of community consultations that identified a range of issues, including the need to increase the ability of the BTCV to respond to complex and longer-term community needs.

The changes in the program criteria have resulted in changes in the application patterns of organizations requesting BTCV support. In 2005, the average size of requests increased and 41% of the applications are for multi-year projects (2004: 31%). The program's allocation patterns have also changed, and the average recommendation size has increased to \$22,655.00 (2004: \$19,138.00) and the overall number of grants has dropped to 29 (2004: 35). Twelve grants (2004: 26) are provided for one-year projects, and 17 (2004: 9) are for multi-year projects.

These changes in allocation patterns mean that a smaller number of applicants is able to be funded through the program. The BTCV policy report planned for the fall of 2005 will include consideration of program administration options, such as the use of "letters of intent" that may reduce the time commitment required of organizations that are not recommended for funding through the BTCV.

2005 Allocation Recommendations:

The allocation recommendations for 2005 are included in Appendix A, which lists all applicants and their requested project amounts. Detailed information on individual applicants and the proposed project is included in Appendix B. Appendix C provides a brief project description for all recommended applicants. Applicants have been notified of the recommended allocation and have been informed about the appeal process.

Factors considered in the development of the 2005 BTCV funding recommendations include: the need to support projects in various parts of the city, addressing emerging violence issues, reflecting the diversity of BTCV priority communities and responding to the range of projects and organizations requesting support.

As directed by Council, BTCV has given priority for funding (up to 1/3 of the total BTCV budget) to violence prevention projects for youth in the neighbourhoods of Jamestown, Jane/Finch, Malvern and Kingston/Galloway. Ten recommendations are for youth projects in these neighbourhoods, for a total of \$221,000.00.

2005 Allocation Summary:

Status with the BTCV grants program:

Number of new applicants:	91	New applicants recommended:	16
Number of re-applying applicants:	19	Re-applying applicants recommended:	5
Number of returning applicants:	9	Returning applicants recommended:	8

Recommended projects by priority area:

Children and youth:	17
Women and girls:	5
People with disabilities:	0
Seniors:	2
Aboriginal community:	1
Neighbourhoods:	2
Immigrants and refugees:	1
Gay/Lesbian/bisexual/transgender/transsexual community:	1

Recommended projects by timeline:

Year 1 of 1:	12 projects
Year 1 of 2:	7 projects
Year 1 of 3:	2 projects
Year 2 of 2:	5 projects
Year 2 of 3:	3 projects

Conclusions:

The Breaking the Cycle of Violence grant program enables a wide variety of community organizations to participate in making Toronto a safer place by providing education and prevention activities, building community capacity, reaching vulnerable groups, addressing systemic issues and developing effective models of community-based service. The 2005 recommendations provide communities with important opportunities to address their priority prevention issues.

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List of Attachments:

Appendix A: Breaking the Cycle of Violence 2005 Grant Recommendations
Appendix B: Detailed Organization Recommendations – Summary Sheets
Appendix C: Descriptions of Recommended Projects

Appendix A

Breaking the Cycle of Violence
2005 Grant Recommendation

<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>2004 Approved Allocation</u>	<u>2005 Amount Requested</u>	<u>2005 Recommended Allocation</u>
1. Access Alliance Multicultural Community Health Centre	\$0.00	\$50,648.00	\$0.00
2. Afghan Association of Ontario	\$0.00	\$18,243.00	\$0.00
3. African Canadian Social Development Council	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
4. Africanadain Mediation & Community Services	\$10,000.00	\$19,100.00	\$0.00
5. Agincourt Community Services Association	\$0.00	\$34,300.00	\$24,000.00
6. Aisling Discoveries Child and Family Centre	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
7. Alexandra Park Residents Association	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$20,000.00
8. Arising Women's Place	\$14,000.00	\$38,500.00	\$14,000.00
9. Arts Etobicoke	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
10. Auberge Francophone D'Accueil et de Service aux Refugies	n/a	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
11. Augmentative Communication Community Partnerships-Canada	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
12. AWIC Community and Social Services	\$0.00	\$42,224.00	\$0.00
13. Bereaved Families of Ontario - Toronto	n/a	\$26,632.00	\$22,000.00
14. Black Creek Community Health Centre	n/a	\$49,969.00	\$0.00
15. The Black Secretariat	n/a	\$40,744.50	\$0.00
16. Black Youth Helpline	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
17. Break Free Family Centre	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
18. Canadian Arab Federation	n/a	\$39,310.00	\$0.00
19. Canadian Centre for Women's Education & Development	\$0.00	\$34,100.00	\$0.00
20. Canadian Community Initiatives (C.C.I.)	n/a	\$7,150.00	\$0.00
21. Canadian Ecuadorian Foundation of Social Development	n/a	\$45,000.00	\$0.00
22. Canadian Tamil Youth Development Centre	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
23. Carefirst Seniors and Community Services Association	\$10,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
24. Central Neighbourhood House	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00
25. Centre for Spanish-Speaking Peoples	\$0.00	\$17,509.60	\$0.00
26. Child Development Institute	n/a	\$26,242.00	\$0.00
27. Chinese Canadian National Council Toronto Chapter	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$32,500.00
28. Chioma Productions Inc.	n/a	\$18,425.00	\$0.00
29. Christie-Ossington Neighbourhood Centre	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
30. Community Action Resources Centre	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$15,000.00
31. Community Builders	n/a	\$22,000.00	\$0.00

<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>2004 Approved Allocation</u>	<u>2005 Amount Requested</u>	<u>2005 Recommended Allocation</u>
32. Community Microskills Development Centre	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
33. Conflict Mediation Services of Downsview (CMS-D)	\$17,500.00	\$24,927.00	\$0.00
34. COSTI-IIAS Immigrant Services	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
35. Council of Agencies Serving South Asians (CASSA)	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
36. Crime Concern	\$35,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$0.00
37. Davenport - Perth Neighbourhood Centre	\$0.00	\$30,655.00	\$0.00
38. Dejinta Beesha Somali Multi-Service Centre	n/a	\$30,000.00	\$0.00
39. Delta Family Resource Centre	n/a	\$22,686.00	\$20,000.00
40. DIALOGUE Cooperative de Mediation Communautaire	n/a	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
41. Dixon Community Services	\$4,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$20,000.00
42. Dixon Hall	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
43. East Scarborough Boys' and Girls' Club	n/a	\$40,000.00	\$0.00
44. East Scarborough Storefront	n/a	\$33,717.00	\$0.00
45. Eastview Neighbourhood Community Centre	\$0.00	\$6,033.00	\$0.00
46. Education Wife Assault	\$45,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00
47. Elspeth Heyworth Centre for Women (North York)	\$0.00	\$44,950.00	\$0.00
48. Eritrean Canadian Community Centre of Toronto	\$25,000.00	\$30,950.00	\$0.00
49. Evergreen Foundation	n/a	\$19,975.00	\$0.00
50. 519 Church Street Community Centre	\$0.00	\$46,867.00	\$20,000.00
51. Flemingdon Neighbourhood Services	n/a	\$25,278.00	\$0.00
52. For You Telecare Family Service Inc. (FUTFS)	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00
53. For Youth Initiative in Toronto	\$0.00	\$20,340.00	\$18,000.00
54. Fred Victor Centre	\$0.00	\$27,383.53	\$0.00
55. Friends in Trouble Youth Initiative	n/a	\$48,010.00	\$20,000.00
56. Harriet Tubman Community Organization	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
57. Heritage Skills Development Centre	n/a	\$32,000.00	\$0.00
58. The Hispanic Community Centre for the City of York (York Hispanic Centre)	n/a	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
59. Hispanic Development Council	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
60. Hoops Unlimited Toronto	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
61. Horn of Africa Parent Association	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$20,000.00
62. Institute for Studies in Social Inclusion	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
63. INTERCEDE for the Rights of Domestic Workers, Caregivers and Newcomers	n/a	\$17,300.00	\$0.00
64. The Iraqi Canadian Society of Ontario	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
65. Jamaican Canadian Association	n/a	\$36,725.00	\$0.00
66. Jane/Finch Community and Family Centre	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$16,000.00

<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>2004 Approved Allocation</u>	<u>2005 Amount Requested</u>	<u>2005 Recommended Allocation</u>
67. Jessie's Centre for Teenagers	n/a	\$8,000.00	\$0.00
68. John Howard Society of Toronto	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
69. Korean Canadian Women's Association	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
70. League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
71. Learning Enrichment Foundation	n/a	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
72. Leave Out Violence (L.O.V.E)	\$25,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$25,000.00
73. Lesbian Gay Bi Youth Line	n/a	\$44,100.00	\$0.00
74. Malvern Family Resource Centre	\$30,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$20,000.00
75. Midaynta (Association of Somali Service Agencies)	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$25,000.00
76. Mixed Company Theatre	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$0.00
77. Multilingual Community Interpreter Services	n/a	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
78. My Canada Integration & Settlement Services	n/a	\$49,844.00	\$0.00
79. Native Child and Family Services of Toronto	\$20,000.00	\$47,690.00	\$30,000.00
80. Native Men's Residence (Na-Me-Res)	\$10,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
81. Native Womens Resource Centre of Toronto Inc.	\$0.00	\$45,335.30	\$0.00
82. Newcomer Centre of North York	\$14,000.00	\$33,553.00	\$0.00
83. Northwood Neighbourhood Services	n/a	\$26,026.00	\$0.00
84. Omega One Promotion	n/a	\$0.00	\$0.00
85. Oolagen Community Services	n/a	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
86. Opportunity for Advancement	n/a	\$26,200.00	\$0.00
87. Parkdale Project Read	\$0.00	\$49,874.00	\$0.00
88. Rexdale Women's Centre	n/a	\$48,817.00	\$0.00
89. S.E.A.S. Centre (Support Enhance Access Services Centre)	\$3,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00
90. San Romanoway Revitalization Association	\$15,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$22,000.00
91. Scadding Court Community Centre	\$10,000.00	\$12,960.00	\$0.00
92. Serve Canada Youth Service Organization	n/a	\$5,500.00	\$0.00
93. Somali Families Child Skills Development Services	\$0.00	\$30,328.00	\$0.00
94. Somali Immigrant Aid Organization (Toronto)	\$17,000.00	\$37,200.00	\$0.00
95. Somaliland Women's Organization	n/a	\$49,930.00	\$0.00
96. South Asian Family Support Services	\$0.00	\$50,648.00	\$0.00
97. South Asian Regional Cooperation Council of Canada and Asian Canadian Support Centre	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
98. St. Stephen's Community House	\$15,320.00	\$37,313.00	\$0.00
99. Tamil Eelam Society of Canada	n/a	\$30,000.00	\$0.00
100. 3T Program	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
101. Toronto Child Abuse Centre	n/a	\$49,998.00	\$0.00

<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>2004 Approved Allocation</u>	<u>2005 Amount Requested</u>	<u>2005 Recommended Allocation</u>
102. Toronto Community & Culture Centre	\$0.00	\$34,000.00	\$0.00
103. Toronto Multicultural Community & Immigrant Services	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
104. Uhuru Family and Community Services	n/a	\$38,000.00	\$0.00
105. University Settlement Recreation Centre	n/a	\$42,780.00	\$0.00
106. UrbanArts Community Arts Council	n/a	\$25,522.00	\$0.00
107. Vasantham - A Tamil Seniors Wellness Centre Inc.	\$0.00	\$20,788.00	\$19,000.00
108. Vietnamese Women's Association of Toronto	\$0.00	\$41,693.00	\$0.00
109. Vincent Paul Family Homes Corp.	n/a	\$43,320.00	\$17,500.00
110. West Hill Community Services	n/a	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
111. West Indian Volunteer Community Support Services	n/a	\$35,000.00	\$25,000.00
112. West Scarborough Neighbourhood Community Centre	n/a	\$49,532.00	\$0.00
113. Willowridge Information and Recreation Centre	\$10,000.00	\$21,680.00	\$0.00
114. Willowtree Tenant's Organization	n/a	\$2,325.33	\$0.00
115. Woman Abuse Council of Toronto	\$0.00	\$38,063.00	\$0.00
116. WoodGreen Community Centre of Toronto	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
117. Working Women Community Centre	\$0.00	\$49,590.00	\$0.00
118. Youth Assisting Youth	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
119. Youthlink	\$25,000.00	\$64,174.00	\$0.00
Grand Total:		\$3,966,677.26	\$657,000.00
Appeals Fund:			\$12,820.00
2005 Approved Budget:			\$669,820.00

Appendix B

2005 Breaking the Cycle of Violence
Detailed Organization Recommendations – Summary Sheets

Appendix C
Breaking the Cycle of Violence
Descriptions of 2005 Recommended Projects

African Canadian Social Development Council: Continental African Canadian Anti-Violence Campaign

This 3-year project is working to develop and convey an anti-violence message to the African Canadian community with a specific focus on youth. Activities include anti-violence workshops and public information at various events including the annual Somali Week International Tournament, an annual anti-violence forum to raise awareness and to develop community safety strategies and 2 African Canadian Peace-and-Fun-Night events. The project will utilize art, drama music and sports to convey anti-violence messages and engage the community in dialogue. The project will develop and distribute public information through pamphlets, buttons and other resources related to Anti Black-On Black Violence. The project takes a community development and community awareness approach and aims to integrate an understanding of violence as it exists within the Black community and against the Black community into the activities and work of existing organizations and programs. The project will also provide direct support for individuals including supportive counselling for young people identified as perpetrators or victims of violent behavior. The project outputs include the development of a violence prevention and safety plan focusing on the Continental African. In the first year, the organization successfully organized a "Somali Sports Week" and distributed a large number of buttons to approximate 15,000 participants with the theme on No "Black-On-Black Violence". These buttons were also distributed at the Afrofest festivities at Queen's Park and another event at Jane & Finch. The project also offered counselling and intervention supports to families undergoing emotional and other crises related to violence. An "African Canadian Community Peace & Fun Night" was also organized. As a result, the organization reported they were successful to initiate the difficult public discussion around society-wide, community and individual responsibilities regarding the sources and solutions to the problem of violence with the African Canadian community and laid a foundation for ongoing activities. In year two, the project will continue to organize the annual Somali Week International Tournament, hold an annual anti-violence forum to raise awareness of the community, a series of workshops on alternatives to violence, a series of community forums at Jane/Finch and Jamestown and offer counselling and supports to those families affected by violence.

Agincourt Community Services Association: Safety Initiatives for Chester Le

The project will raise community awareness of safety issues and crime prevention and seeks to build bridges between communities that are isolated from each other. The project will work with a diverse group of low income women in the Chester Le area located in northwest Scarborough. The group has been meeting over the past year and a half at the Chester Le School where they attended a cooking program and a women's program. The project aims to address key safety issues identified by local women, and build on their commitment to reach out to the larger Chester Le community. Through the proposed project, women will work to identifying priorities and organize a series of workshops that will bring in a variety of service providers, who will act as resources to the community. Project activities include outreach, workshops and community events. Expected outcomes include: increased awareness and understanding of safety issues and crime prevention; increased knowledge of community

resources; enhanced leadership capacity within the Chester Le community; stronger connections between diverse groups within the community; and stronger connections between people living in the TCHC community and other community residents.

Aisling Discoveries Child and Family Centre: Buddy Builders: "Be a buddy, not a bully"

This two-year project is working with children in selected elementary schools in the Malvern neighbourhood of Scarborough, their families, and community partners to develop school wide violence prevention plans that will reduce incidents of interpersonal aggression, intimidation and victimization that characterized as "bullying". Activities include the implementation of a school-wide anti-bullying program with four features: a teacher workshop, a parent workshop, a 4-session in-class program for students and a follow up session with teachers. The project will promote partnerships between parents and schools in the development of school-wide violence prevention plans. The project model includes the establishment of links between schools and other community violence prevention initiatives with the end goal of providing a sustainable continuum of intervention and supports for the community. During the first year of the project, the organization worked in 5 schools and has completed teacher workshops for all schools, provided parent workshops in 3 schools, has developed and is implementing the in-class program for Junior level classes. A community resource directory with a focus on making links with other services and programs that promote anti-bullying is being developed, and the Buddy Builders project continues to participate in the Malvern Community Coalition and the Scarborough Youth Task group. Through the work of the project advisory committee, an additional parent workshop has been developed called "Personal and Community Safety" that will be offered through the 5 participating schools and more broadly in the community. The second year of the project will see the implementation of more in-class programs, additional parent workshops and follow-up sessions with teachers. The Buddy Builders will also participate in the "Malvern in Motion" conference organized by the Malvern Community Coalition.

Alexandra Park Residents Association: Youth Proactive Non-violence Project

The project works to address the negative impact of violent behaviours among youth in Alexandra Park. The project seeks to elevate the self-esteem of youth and foster empowerment through communication strategies that can be used when dealing with adults in positions of authority in the community, with priority on interaction with the police. This project will consist of a series of workshops and social activities that will give youth the skills needed to communicate effectively, become an active part of their community and focus on success in life. The project will enable youth to revitalize and stabilize the community; acquire skills to facilitate committees, participate at the board level, enhance public speaking skills and advocate for themselves and the community. As a result, they acquire skills in networking and add on teambuilding skills and the ability to make choices that are non-violent. The project will also take initiative to set up a committee to improve the relationship between the youth and the police services. The expected outcomes are: an increased number of youth who are able to advocate for themselves, a greater number of youth directly involved in community capacity building, better interaction between youth and the police and overall an increased feeling of safety in the Alexandra park community.

Arising Women's Place: "There is a way out" Peer Support Program

This two-year project is improving community capacity to respond to violence against women and girls by developing a peer workshop "There is a way out", training peer educators and undertaking outreach through flyers and posters. The project will train 10 women as peer educators who will provide 40 "There is a way out" workshops to marginalized women and girls in their communities; create and distribute a poster with a zero tolerance for violence against women and girls message; and support peer educators in sharing their strategies for successfully breaking the cycle of violence. The peer educator training will recruit women with experiences of violence and provide them with tools and skills for group leadership, violence prevention and response services and working with marginalized women. A support group for the peer educators will be developed. The project will work in cooperation with other organizations in the local area and those that offer speaker's bureau services. During the first year, the project trained peer educators and undertook education and support activities. The second year of the project will continue outreach and education efforts, and build the capacity of the peer educators.

Bereaved Families of Ontario – Toronto: Building Resiliency

This two-year project is aimed specifically at bereaved youth coming from under-served, racialized communities. The project model is based on the mutual support model, whereby the bereaved support the bereaved. The project works to provide bereaved youth a safe place to express and explore their grief and in turn provide peer support to other bereaved youth. Through participation, youth will develop self-esteem, self-efficacy and social support will be enhanced. A youth advisory committee will assist in the development of the model, and the evaluation of the youth-based programs, services and training. The project will help develop a better understanding of the issues pertaining to grief and bereavement both at the individual level and community level. Activities include information sessions, support groups, individual support, social activities with other bereaved youth and training workshops.

Chinese Canadian National Council Toronto Chapter: Remaking Her Story - Empowering Chinese Canadian Women

The project aims at changing the traditional Chinese culture that regards domestic violence as a shameful private business and that the abused victims are the ones to be blamed. The project works to empower Chinese Canadian women victims of domestic violence, with a particular focus on the Mandarin-speaking Chinese Canadian community in downtown Toronto and Scarborough areas. The end result is to establish "Women Ambassadors" of Chinese Canadian women of domestic violence to perform community education and outreach functions through publication of newsletters, production of booklets and DVD about abuse experiences and preventive measure, media exposure, talks and seminars, self-help group and evaluating the effectiveness of the program and sharing the experiences with other ethno-racial communities. The project is a collaboration between four organizations, Chinese Canadian National Council Toronto Chapter, Chinese Family Services of Ontario, Metro Toronto Chinese & Southeast Asian Legal Clinic, and South Riverdale Community Health Centre. Project activities include: facilitating the self-revealing and self-healing process of the abused women through the process of telling and retelling their own stories (based on the model of Narrative Therapy); launching a bilingual website in English and simplified and traditional Chinese through which participants and the public can access resources and links that are useful to victims of abuse and for abuse prevention; linking the Chinese Canadian

women who are victims of domestic violence with other experienced organizations of similar efforts who act as mentors; facilitating the formation of a network "Women Ambassadors" of Chinese Canadian women of domestic violence. This request is for a three-year project.

Community Action Resources Centre: Cross-cultural Women's Place

This three-year project will develop a model of a safe, welcoming, participant-managed meeting space for women and girls in the former municipality of York. The project will address the needs of women and girls of colour, women and girls who are immigrants or refugees or women and girls who are low income. Providing a safe place for women to gather to address community and personal needs will reduce the barriers of vulnerability and isolation that hamper their ability to address problems, including violence, and improve their circumstances. The participants will work together and with organization partners to develop activities, manage the community space, undertake cultural activities and provide learning opportunities. Referrals will also be available to community supports and services. First year activities include research on women-led community spaces, a series of events to seek out leadership volunteers from the target communities, and the development of regular drop-in-based activities. In year two, the focus will be on longer term leadership development, resources and activities, as well as building on the learning from the engagement with women in the first year. In the third year, the model will be evaluated and documented, and the results will be shared with women in other low-income, multi-cultural neighbourhoods. This project has been developed as a result of the research report "If Low Income Women of Colour Counted in Toronto" that identified a need for more community "space" and "places" to ensure women have the opportunity to break their isolation, gain access to resources, relief, civic education, engagement and advocacy support.

Council of Agencies Serving South Asians (CASSA): Planning Service Coalition in South Asian Community

This three-year project is working to create a co-ordinated and comprehensive model of service delivery for woman abuse services within the South Asian community; develop effective and responsive services for South Asian women and their families and create new knowledge and practices. Project activities for Phase I (year 1) included the development of a partnership model for service providers; documentation of current services; the development of formal and informal networks; service gaps analysis and responses; research and document of models of co-ordinated service delivery; preparation of practice guidelines; and the development of practical mechanisms for the proposed service coalition. In the first year, the project documented the service capacity of each participating organization, as well as identified their service gaps, informal networks and preferred roles and responsibilities. A framework for co-ordination of services between partner agencies has been developed and work is currently underway to develop a formalized service delivery model, including discussion of service and referral protocols. The project reports consistent input of partner organizations into the process, and increased knowledge of existing services and options for services for abused women clients across the community. A website has been developed to assist in the work of the Service Coalition, and options for increasing its role in the project and the community at large will be looked at as the project unfolds over the next two years. Phase II (years 2 and 3) of the project will focus on the implementation of the service coalition model and documentation and production of the service coalition guidebook,

including protocols, agreements, and systems requirements. The project will focus on services for women from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and women of South Asian origin from other countries. The main languages of service delivery will be Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi, Tamil, Gujarati and English. The project will be implemented in partnership with the Woman Abuse Council of Toronto and a range of partners from across the city of Toronto providing violence prevention services and supports to the South Asian communities.

Delta Family Resource Centre: Kids Theatre in the Park

The project will reach out and build leadership capacity among children in the Jane/Sheppard area of the Jane-Finch community, through educational and artistic activities for themselves, their families and the wider community. The major activities include arts skills training (music, dance and singing); planning and rehearsal of a play with a theme of violence prevention; information sessions on peer pressure; alternatives to violence; smart choices training; joint sessions for parents and children on staying in school; and a theatre presentation to be launched at community events in area parks. The outcomes of the project include skills development for adults and children (leadership, artistic, team work, problem solving, decision making and communication) and information acquisition (support and resources for parents and children). The project comes out of the community desire to reduce the high school dropout rate through a focus on children ages 10-14.

Dixon Community Services: Youth For Change

This project will recruit 45 youth (male and female) to be Youth ambassadors for violence prevention. Youth will be trained and work with the project co-ordinator to deliver and facilitate workshops in the community on topics such as such as drugs, alcohol and gang involvement as well as the social and personal effects of crime and violence. The project will work to create a better climate between youth and law enforcement, and to encourage youth to stay in school. The youth ambassadors will be involved in training other youth to participate as leaders in the second and third years of the project. Community leaders, activists and youth workers will be involved in the project as workshop presenters, and parents and community participation will be encouraged in the workshops. The project aims to sensitize youth to the realities and problems of youth violence and provide youth with problem solving and violence prevention skills. The project will also cultivate the leadership and civic skills of the youth, especially those who are trained as ambassadors. The project builds on work the organization undertook with youth in 2004 through a \$4,000.00 BTCV grant.

Dixon Hall: Work Hand in Hand

This two-year project uses a capacity building approach to address issues of safety and violence for residents (primarily Cantonese speaking seniors) living in the TCHC building at Dundas and Sherbourne. The project is demonstrating a partnership approach to community safety issues in a multi-lingual, multi-cultural community that is isolated due to a range of social conditions in the neighbourhood which increase their vulnerability and sense of insecurity. Project partners include TCHC, residents, Dixon Hall and volunteers who work together to undertake a range of programs that will reduce social isolation and vulnerability of the tenants, identify safety issues and act to address them, measure residents perceptions of personal safety and levels of interaction within the building and the wider community. In the first year, the project was successful in engaging residents with language barriers in weekly

social and recreational activities. New activities have include a foot care clinic in response to seniors needs. The project enabled the Chinese residents to participate effectively in general tenants meetings and meetings about security issues in the building. In year two, the project will organize ESL classes for Chinese seniors on safety and communication with TCHC, conduct before and after project tenants' surveys, assist tenants to take part in the tenants meetings and launch leadership training activities for seniors. The project will continue to work with the local Community Housing Unit to incorporate the project into their operational plan health indicators, and the model will be evaluated and shared with other communities.

519 Church Street Community Centre: Trans/Forming Anti-Violence Services

This two-year project is a partnership between The 519 Community Centre and Education Wife Assault, works to raise awareness about violence against trans people and to provide training and support for agencies in making services accessible to trans survivors. This project will focus on sex workers and youth within the TS/TG community. The project model is one of "train-the-trainer" and community development. Members of the trans community will be hired and provided with training and facilitation opportunities to build the skills necessary to work in partnership with agencies and create change within community services. The dual activities will be: a) Training and policy development to assist anti-violence services in becoming accessible; and b) Outreach and awareness raising (consisting of an outreach worker and pamphlets/posters in multiple languages) to raise awareness of abuse within the trans community and to connect trans survivors with accessible services. The expected results are: an increase in the capacity of anti-violence services to support trans survivors; and a decrease in the incidence and impact of violence within the TS/TG community.

For Youth Initiative: RAP (Real Alternatives Program)

The RAP project will work with extremely marginalized male youth, between the ages of 16 and 22, living in the former City of York (Wards 11 and 12). Using a youth engagement model, the project worker will reach out to the most isolated and alienated youth in the community and create a space for these youth to participate in developing and implementing alternative programs. Program areas will include life skills and leadership, alternative education (addressing root causes of violence), late-night basketball and civic engagement activities. All of the innovative program resources used in the project will be compiled into a curriculum to be shared with other youth serving organizations, especially those in the target area. The project will end with a forum so that youth have an opportunity to speak up about issues that are affecting them and share information on their accomplishments. Participants will be encouraged to take on leadership roles in other local activities.

Friends in Trouble Youth Initiative: "No, Not Again" Anti Violence Prevention

The project is a multi-generational, inclusive dramatic performance with a theme of "Violence: its effects on individual lives and on communities". The performance will include rapping, singing, dancing, and story vignettes. The performance will first be workshopped and performed in the Jane-Finch community, and then travel to other communities where people can insert their own performances or vignettes. Preparation for the play will involve youth recruitment, preparation of a comic book, violence prevention and mediation training, as well as writing and acting workshops. Outreach and planning will be done by youth, although the play will involve all generations and different languages for both actors and

audience participants. The project will build leadership, establish networks among "at-risk" youth communities, provide anti-violence training and strategies, and promote community discussions about violence and safety. The project will also rally the support of agencies that reach out to youth, and provide referrals to these agencies. University credits for "independent study courses" will be available to some volunteers through an arrangement with York University. The process will be filmed and developed into a documentary video. The play will aim to reflect the experiences of different ages and groups who are all affected by the after shocks of violence in their communities, in many different ways and give them alternative tools to break the cycle of violence.

Hispanic Development Council: Youth Violence Prevention Project

The three-year project is working to develop and implement a "Youth Violence Prevention and Proactive Intervention Strategy" focussing on Hispanic/Latino youth aged 14-26 who are gang involved, in contact with the criminal justice system or at extreme-risk for involvement. Taking a community development, community capacity building approach the project will create and implement a prevention and proactive intervention strategy for gang involvement, peer-on-peer violence, and petty criminal activity. The project activities, including workshops, focus groups, seminars, discussion circles and community consultations will engage young people, parents and community members in discussions related to community safety and healthy living, the racialization of violence, and opportunities for community capacity building and community safety. The project will also work with youth to address issues of social exclusion. In the theme of "community healing", the project will explore opportunities to create a long-term community framework for overcoming of the effects of violence. The framework will examine restorative justice type models to develop alternative measures.

The first year the project focused on the research to explore alternative methodologies on violence prevention and intervention and the preparation of a one-day seminar on issues of youth and justice in May 2005. In year two, The project will analyze and review the result of the consultation on justice issues from the one-day seminar. The project will establish the basis for a community strategy on violence prevention aiming at alternative justice systems and creation of a prevention/intervention model based on community input. The project will include work with youth in the Jane/Finch and Jamestown communities.

Horn of Africa Parents Association: African Youth United Against Violence

This project will reduce youth criminality in East Scarborough area by increasing knowledge of its root causes and generating a community coalition capable of addressing the many factors that affect the probabilities of criminality and victimization within the target population of East African youth and their families. The project will focus on youth and their families who have been affected by violence, to develop personal skills and community resiliency through outreach, mentoring, youth activities, workshops, life skills, community education and problem solving for families. The project activities will assist parents in being effective supports for youth as well as providing youth with resources to deal with the ongoing impact of displacement, civil war and violence in their countries of origin, disruption of family life and schooling, discrimination and economic marginalization. The project will help address the significant challenges that youth face in interacting with the school system and judicial system when their formative years have exposed them to various and significant

types of interpersonal and organized violence, losses and missed opportunities for schooling and stable relationships. The project will give youth a chance to look at life and see what is stopping them from succeeding, and the program allow them to have better, non-violent relationships with teachers, parents, friends and the rest of society. The project will include activities to reduce bullying, interpersonal violence, sexism that results in girls being victimized or treated as sex objects, outbursts of anger and interpersonal conflicts. The project will focus on three primary risk factors for youth: 1) Family factors, especially the lack of positive male role models, 2) School related factors, including poor educational achievement as a result of interrupted schooling and lack of learning skills and 3) Lack of after-school supervision and safe programming for youth at risk. The project will develop an understanding of effective intervention activities for youth, and produce a resource guide for the community.

The Iraqi Canadian Society of Ontario: Anti-Violence Support for Iraqi Canadian Women

The project works to train six immigrant women interpreters as community support workers regarding issues of violence against women. These women will serve all ethnic groups of the Iraqi Canadian Community , including Arabs, Kurds, Assyrians, Turkmans, Armenians and Mindaees. The participants will attend paid training sessions that will sensitize them on issues of women equity, family violence prevention, support and advocacy for victims of violence, key issues as interpreters, etc. It is expected that they will be cultural interpreters and resource persons for service providers in that area. The project will engage other organizations dealing with family violence in the process, and that a public meeting will be held to present the project to the public. The six participants will improve their professional and personal skills. Members of the steering committee will have an increased knowledge of anti-violence issues and will be able to access a trained Anti-Violence Support Worker regarding immigrant women and violence. As a result, the community workshop and the training materials will benefit service providers and the community as a whole by informing them the role, the training and availability of the AVSW Workers.

Jane/Finch Community and Family Centre: Outreach and Community Forums

The project will recruit and train young leaders, involve them in the current activities of the Young Leaders of the Inner City youth council, and organize community forums about local priority issues identified by youth. The forums will showcase and share the skills that the Young Leaders have developed. Outreach will be undertaken in the Latin American, South Asian and Asian community to encourage more youth to participate in leadership training, community building and strategic planning. Community forums will be organized on anti-violence and related issues, and youth will be involved in creating a plan of action to address community violence and related issues.

John Howard Society of Toronto: Assalamu Alaikum

This two year project is a partnership between John Howard Society and the Somali Youth Association of Toronto (SOYAT). The project provides supports to Somali youth in conflict with the law and their families in Toronto. The project goals are: to address the causes of violence and aggression for Somali youth to minimize conflict with the law; reduce the isolation among Somali youth who are incarcerated and the alienation experienced by Somali youth who are in conflict with the law; strengthen the ties between Somali youth and their

parents; assist Somali youth to take the lead in reducing violence and conflict among their peers and increase the capacity of the Somali community to deal with issues of violence and conflict. Project activities include training of SOYAT staff in the Criminal Justice System as it pertains to youth offenders, curriculum development for youth and parenting groups, training youth mentors, recruitment and training of volunteers in institutional visitation and delivery of 2 youth and parents support and training groups. In the first year of the project, the organization has provided training to staff working with Somali youth, developed a training curriculum that addresses unique issues faced by Somali youth in conflict with the law, delivered two programs for youth, reaching over 40 participants with skills for violence prevention, initiated visiting for incarcerated Somali youth at East and West Detention centres and increased the community's interest in addressing issues of youth and the justice system. The partnership has benefited both parties through access to skills, knowledge, resources and a developing community resource for youth in need of specialized support. Youth reached through the program are primarily from the Etobicoke communities of Jamestown, Rexdale and the West Mall. The second year of the project will continue to train and support SOYAT staff, parents and youth in institutional visitation with incarcerated youth, with the goal that the SOYAT will have the capacity to provide an ongoing program for the community.

Leave out Violence (L.O.V.E.): Love and the Police: Partnering to Prevent Violence

This two-year project is working in the Malvern community to open up dialogue and improve relations between youth and the Toronto Police, and provide Grades 5 and 6 students with awareness about alternatives to youth violence. The project aims to challenge and change the cultural normalization of violence within the Malvern community. Project activities include supplementing the Toronto Police Services Grade 6 classroom presentations on youth and the law, delivery of violence prevention presentations to Grade 6 students in 3 schools in the Malvern community with the Toronto Police Services CSLO officers, creation of violence prevention committees in the schools and a large scale violence prevention event for students and the larger Malvern community. During the first year of the project, the organization has involved 95 grade 5 students in 3 schools in Violence Prevention Committees that meet weekly. With the support of Youth leaders, the committees have explored violence and safety issues and are providing leadership within the school community for positive conflict management in the classroom and playground. The activities have enabled students to talk, think and act effectively about violence related issues with their peers. Students also report that they are able to change their home behaviour linked to family conflict as well. Youth leaders have worked with police to look at stereotypes of police and youth and ways in which bridges and trust could be built. Youth leaders have engaged students through workshops on how these issues can be addressed and included in the curriculum, and a document recording student input has been forwarded to the police. The second year of the program will engage the students during their grade 6 year in additional school and community activities to provide additional leadership on prevention issues.

Malvern Family Resource Centre: Powered by Malvern: Movin' On...Forward

This three-year project works to address youth violence and anti-social activities among early teens (12-15) in the Malvern community. A group of twenty grade 9 students identified by the teachers, youth workers and guidance counsellors at two high schools in Malvern will be coached and mentored by the project co-ordinator on an ongoing basis. The youth will meet twice a week to look at their personal goals. These participants will be mentored till grade 11.

Those identified youth will then organize workshops in their respective schools for their peers. They will also implement an assembly for four schools where they came from and target at grade 7 and 8 students. A community wide youth forum will be organized at the end of the year to recognize the youth and share their experiences. Each year's forum will focus on a different anti-violence theme. This project also expands the Law and Order Program that was funded by a previous BTCV project. The existing Law and Order team which is made of youth ages 14-21 is to educate and enhance awareness in the community about safe school policy and youth criminal justice act. This project works to achieve to develop a better relationship with the Police through joint events/programs, regular dialogue between the youth and the police, representation of youth in police liaison committees and educating youth about Policing and Law and Order professions.

Midaynta (Association of Somali Service Agencies): Jamestown Youth Development

The project will support youth to stay in school and reduce violence and crime. The project is designed to help build youth confidence and leadership skills by active participation and involvement in community activities, and to give youth a sense of purpose in becoming productive leaders in the future. The project will address issues in Jamestown such as gangs, violence, crime, murder, drugs, school dropouts and bullying. The project is a partnership of Midaynta Association of Somali Service Agencies, with local Jamestown partners Horn of Africa Community Development and Thistletown Community Services 1 & 2. The project will be implemented in collaboration with other participants of the Jamestown Neighbourhood Action Committee such as elected Tenant Representatives of Toronto Community Housing Corporation. Activities will be undertaken with the input and participation of local schools, Toronto Police Services, parents and community leaders. The project workplan includes Youth Leadership, Mentoring, After-school programs, Youth employment and Recreation, sports and the arts activities. The youth leadership component will provide training in leadership skills, engage youth animators, provide youth with anti-racism/anti-oppression programs and encourage volunteerism. The mentoring program will bring young people in university to be mentors of younger youth in the community. After school activities will assist youth with daily challenges of the education system and increase children's success in school. The youth employment component will provide workshops and counselling on finding work, volunteer placements, resume writing, interview skills and understanding work culture as well as establishing a family resource centre that supports the needs of youth to enhance their employability skills. The Recreation/sports/arts component of the project will organization team sports and tournaments, develop a community-kitchen model for boys and girls, arrange summer camps and BBQs and undertake an annual art competition.

Native Child and Family Services of Toronto: Creating a Safer Community with Aboriginal Children and Youth

This project works to provide support and counselling to at-risk Aboriginal youth through the Aboriginal support worker. This worker will be responsible for the delivery of case management with the youth, assist the youth in their journey towards healing from being a victim of witness of family violence. The Aboriginal Youth Support Worker will help youth who are at risk of continuing this intergenerational cycle violence work through their feelings and recognize the steps toward healing, and will assist youth in making the steps necessary to living a healthy violence free lifestyle. The Aboriginal support case worker will also facilitate

two groups; Anger management of youth 16-24 years of age for one evening a week for eight weeks four times a year, and a teen prevention/recreate group for youth 13-15 one evening a week from Sept to May. Activities include support groups, case management and counselling and Eskinejik Group in Scarborough.

Native Men's Residence (Na-Me-Res): Out of the Sticks A Tumivut Youth Centre

This project works to produce and implement a culturally relevant "popular theatre" project aimed at engaging homeless Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal youth to collectively work on a dramatization that deals with the issues of physical, sexual, emotional and social violence. Under the guidance of a professional theatre artist, the youth participants' will depict and examine their performances in real life, providing insight into their lived experiences and their cultural world. They will be involved in story creation, mask making and the production and dramatization of the play, and will reach out to other youth at various locations within the community. Activities include story creation: plot development; script production; conflict resolution workshops; props production (mask making); main characters selection; production team selection; rehearsals, act one begins; tour. Expected results include an increase in self awareness, self esteem, team work building, conflict resolution and problem solving skills, anger management and a tap into their creative spirit to build a healthy environment.

San Romanoway Revitalization Association: Women Meeting the Challenges

The project aims to empower minority women to protect themselves from ongoing emotional, physical, sexual and financial abuse, and other human rights violations. The project will focus on women, children, and seniors living in the San Romanoway neighbourhood and larger Jane/Finch community, particularly those who have experienced violence at home. Project activities include outreach, referral, one-on-one counselling, case management, support groups, and public education. All project activities will operate using a culturally sensitive framework. The project addresses the community need for more resources to support women affected by violence and to enable them to provide violence-free lives for themselves and their children.

Vasantham – A Tamil Seniors Wellness Centre Inc.: Pudhuvazhi - A NEW LEAF

This project aims to provide culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate services that will create awareness about elder abuse and enhance help seeking behaviour. This will be achieved through outreach, identifying elder abuse victims and connecting them with appropriate resources. Activities include information and referral; providing continued support and follow-up through design and delivery of tailor made programs on an individual and group basis; identifying care-giver needs and designing appropriate programs; strengthening the community capacities to independently tackle Elder Abuse issues and forging strategic partnership with other service providers, and sensitizing all stakeholders to the unique needs and challenges of elder abuse in the Tamil community. Activities include group meetings, formation of a Pushuvazhi Program Committee, focus group meetings, bi-weekly drop-in sessions, support groups and information sharing. The project will build on the accomplishments of the previous BTCV funded project "Olivattam" which developed the organization's ability to reach isolated seniors and respond with problem solving for seniors affected by abuse.

Vincent Paul Family Homes Corp.: Youth in Action - East York Community Youth Initiative

This project works to develop a community action plan to prevent youth violence at two levels: to ensure the community capacity building for youth in East York is implemented in a fair and equitable way and to provide staff support for the community capacity building process for adults. The project will support all components of the youth population in getting access to opportunities for skill development and development of youth initiatives, assess the counselling and support needs of the youth in the area as well as develop a connection with youth to establish a structure to engage the youth and to hear their concerns and solutions. The project works to support ongoing community meetings, consultation and implementation of the community action plan that come out of the focus groups regarding youth violence in the area. Activities include youth groups, skills development for youth, youth-led workshops, bridging activities between youth and adults, training workshops and a Community Action Committee. The project goals include the youth empowerment through the formation of groups in four different communities, a co-ordinated community wide response to youth violence issues and increase in positive relationships between youth and adults in East York.

West Indian Volunteer Community Support Services: Youth Outreach Program

The project will develop a youth leadership core group and youth education, social, and recreation programs in the Jamestown community. The project goal is to provide youth with opportunities for positive action and engagement in programs and resources available to them locally, as well as around the city, to decrease violence by supporting youth leadership opportunities, engage youth in positive alternatives, increase educational attainment through post secondary school and/or apprenticeships, and improve access to employers, job fairs and employment agencies. Project activities include a youth leadership council, advocacy and intervention for youth involved in the youth justice system, promoting youth leadership and volunteerism, expansion of youth recreation activities, expansion of homework assistance and exploration of education options and provision of youth employment supports such as job search and resume writing. The project will work in partnership with other local services, including Parks and Recreation and local schools.