



CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Mike Colle

Seconded by: Councillor Mark Grimes

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the tragic passing of Shane Shannon Stanford, 33, on October 7, 2020. Shane was a loving son to Theodora and brother to Ronnie and Lakeisha.

Shane was an integral part of the health and fitness team at the Central YMCA on Grosvenor Street near Yonge Street. He started at YMCA as a co-op college student a decade ago and throughout his time, he worked as a camp counsellor and eventually made his way to becoming a personal trainer and fitness and aquatics specialist. Shane strived to one day becoming a YMCA facility general manager.

During his time at YMCA, Shane became a friend to Y staff, volunteers, and members, and a role model to countless young people who looked up to him and regarded him as a mentor. Throughout his life, Shane was committed to team building and always helping others quietly without being asked. He was also active in contributing to the Y's charitable activities.

Shane was an active community leader, not only at the Y, but also within the Lawrence Heights community that he called home, growing up playing basketball at the courts near Lawrence Heights Middle School. Shane made an impact on the youth in the community that knew him well. The entire Lawrence Heights community is deeply saddened by his tragic passing.

Shane will be deeply missed by the City of Toronto.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Shane Stanford's family.

October 27, 2020