

# Annual Report

# 2005



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# A Snapshot of 2005



*Photographs from:  
Diva Envy 2005  
Days of Caring 2005  
Construction Site Tour  
Pride 2005  
AIDS Memorial 2005*



# mission statement

meeting place  
participation  
resources  
supportive  
dignity and value  
voluntarism  
self-determination  
accessibility  
downtown communities  
celebration

The 519 is a meeting place and focus for its vital and varied downtown community. Within a supportive environment, it responds to community issues and needs by supplying the resources and opportunities to foster self-determination. It is committed to principles of accessibility, voluntarism, individual dignity and value, participation and celebration.

## anti-discrimination policy

The 519 Church Street Community Centre adopts and upholds the City of Toronto policy statement which prohibits discrimination, harassment and protects the right to be free of hate activity based on age, ancestry, citizenship, creed (religion), colour, disability, ethnic origin, family status, gender identity, level of literacy, marital status, place of origin, membership in a union or staff association, political affiliation, race, receipt of public assistance, record of offenses, sex, sexual orientation or any other personal characteristics by or within the organization.

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## Message from the Chair of the Board

It was an exciting year at The 519 and it was a real honour to continue to serve as the Chair of the Board and work with our board members, the amazing 519 staff and and volunteers. And what an exciting year it was ...

Our dream of an expanded facility is well on its way to being realized. This year we moved from piles of dirt and bricks to a gorgeous new addition that will soon enter its final phase towards completion. The construction project took an enormous commitment from all of the staff who worked closely with both The City of Toronto and our valued Capital

Campaign partners. It was their diligence, skill and attention that ensured this project remained on track. The board devoted much of its efforts to supporting this work and to ensuring the continued responsible stewardship of the funds that we have collected from our amazing partners.

Of course, it also took considerable funds to be able to build such an impressive addition to our centre. To accomplish this, we continued to benefit from the wonderful leadership and generosity of Salah Bachir. Salah's spirit of giving continues to inspire others and in 2005, The 519 was the beneficiary of some amazing Capital Campaign fundraising events and continued

support from our fabulous donors and partners, including the tremendous support from Councillor Kyle Rae and the City.



The board also worked on a range of other important issues, including making sure that good governance structures are in place (including a new "relationship" framework agreement for community centres, like The 519, that the city has introduced) and on our policies around the use of space at The 519. Of course, our strategic planning and use of space policy will become increasingly important when the new addition becomes available to the community. We continued to work closely with our outstanding Executive Director, Alison Kemper, and her team, on issues that continue to face the centre; from health and safety issues to ensuring that our programme and

core funders continue to support our important work.

The board remains grateful to and inspired by the work that is done by the staff and volunteers at The 519. The range of services and programmes that we deliver to our members and visitors is amazing and essential to the vibrancy of our many constituencies. Our programmes and services are delivered effectively and compassionately in spite of increasing funding pressures, a growing client base and growing expenses.

I am so pleased that our volunteer board continued to work hard and so well together in common purpose to supporting our centre. They have proven dedicated and committed, just as have the staff and the many, many volunteers, to ensure that the 519 remains "more than a number".

Michelle Douglas, Chair  
The 519 Board of Directors

### Board of Directors 2005-2006

Michelle Douglas, Chair  
Joan Anderson, Vice-Chair  
Donald Middleton, Treasurer  
Michael Went, Secretary  
Councillor Kyle Rae,  
Ex-officio Member  
Roy Cain  
Martin Boily-Côté  
Mathieu Chantelois  
Asif Kamal  
Lyle Kersey  
Derrick Navarro  
Marnie Peters

## Message from the Executive Director

The 519 began this past year in mourning for Bill Ekins, our beloved and respected Programme Manager. Through the dedication and commitment of our staff and volunteers we ended the year finding new ways to strengthen some programmes that had been dear to him; highlights include:

- We received a grant from the City of Toronto to determine how The 519's volunteers and volunteer groups contribute to the community centre and the broader community.
- In our children's programmes, we are working with Family Service Association and the Sherbourne Health Corporation to increase the range, accessibility and capacity of programmes for queer families.
- After operating the Anti-Violence Programme for fifteen years, we thought it was time to see how it matched current needs. We secured funding to do an evaluation to help us know how best to enhance this vitally important programme.
- We are working closely with a potential funder to redesign our counselling programme to increase its capacity, its accountability, and its connections to our other programmes.
- Our trans programmes continue to attract new funders and requests for consultation. We are working with an ever increasing variety of housing and service providers to make them accessible to trans folks, we are using art and drama to convey our message, we are training more people in trans issues, and we secured funding for a needs assessment.
- Our seniors programme has become a force for change and a venue for connecting older LGBT people working for accessibility and respect in community services, and service providers working to respond.
- Our anti-poverty programmes have begun to add more supports to help our drop in users to gain housing. There is still too much need and too few resources to make the difference we would like to make.



We have done all this and more in a constrained space and in the midst of a construction site. We are delighted with the spirit of our volunteers and staff, who are committed to making this a welcoming and safe space for all people.

The end of the year saw the transformation of a muddy path into an enclosed building of great beauty. We look forward to moving some of our staff and programmes into the new space soon, and we are thrilled to have it stand as a symbol of our community's pride and determination.

Alison Kemper  
Executive Director



# Programme Reports

## Children's & Parenting Programmes

### A Mother's Story

My name is Farah. I immigrated to Canada from Iraq in 1997. I have a two and a half year old son named Sami and he is the light of my life. Sami and I attend the Family Resource Centre at The 519 Church Street Community Centre.

I first learned about The 519 when Sami was three months old. One day, I found myself actually standing in the middle of a downtown street with my baby crying because I was so overwhelmed with parenthood and suffering from post partum depression. I knew something wasn't right but I didn't know what to do and I didn't know who to ask for help. I felt so lost. Thankfully a woman came up to me in the street that day and asked if I was



OK. She told me about The 519 programmes. She said they would be able to help me so I went. Thank goodness I did. The 519 helped me find treatment and support for my depression. They help me with all the questions I have about being a parent. They help me deal with the challenges of raising a child and they have shared in the joys of raising a child. Sami and I have made friends there. I have found mentors and people I can turn to for advice. I am so grateful to that woman who stopped in the street.

Two years later, Sami and I still go to the programmes regularly. We have to because if I don't take him, Sami will ask me to go. And ask me. And ask me. And ask me. He loves to interact with the other children. They run and play which is important for Sami's physical and social development – something I learned from the programme. Through

The 519 programmes I have learned a lot about parenting: I have taken courses like Nobody's Perfect and I have been able to connect with other moms who share their experience and their ideas. The staff are so helpful. Thanks to everyone in the programmes, I feel less isolated and alone.

We live in downtown Toronto in a small house with no backyard. I can't imagine having a toddler, full of toddler energy, trying to run and play in our house. When we go to The 519, Sami gets to run in their open spaces and use the equipment. We had such a great summer there and in the winter I don't know what I'd do without a place like this to go to. It's fun and safe.

Raising a good, kind human being is the hardest job ever. I have no family here and sometimes I am so overwhelmed. I come from a culture that believes spanking is a good way to discipline a child. I don't agree. I learned from The 519 Family Resource Centre that there are other

ways. I am able to share situations with the other parents and the staff in the programme to come up with solutions that don't involve hitting my child. I have learned so much from these wonderful people in the last two years and I know that I will continue to learn even more. I can honestly say I that I am much more confident as a parent because of these programmes. I know that the people at The 519 are there for me and for the other parents. They have become my family in Canada. I feel very lucky to be living in this wonderful country.

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# Camp Stories

519 is a great camp. This is my 3<sup>rd</sup> year coming and each year I can't wait to come back. We do fun activities such as: swimming, arts & crafts, playing games and much more. The counsellors are wonderful, caring and experienced and each camper is unique. This camp is a great place to meet new people and have a fun time. Even if you have never been to a day camp before come to 519 because everybody will welcome you with open arms.

Tyneisha, age 12



This my third year at The 519 summer camp and I like it here. So far this is my favourite camp, actually it's the only camp I've ever been to but I would have liked this place anyway. My favourite games at the camp is musical chairs, and stella ella olla. Oh and one more thing if we could 56% less crime in Canada.

Anonymous, age 8

The great things about camp are that it is very easy to make friends with the other campers & even the counsellors Rockstar, Olive, Mint, Casper, Captain, Skittles and Bonhomme. And Lonestar is cool. Every day we do many fun things. Every morning the whole camp makes a circle to play games like Stella-ella-olla. On Mondays & Wednesdays we go to the playground or the wading pool, or we just play some indoor games. On Tuesdays & Fridays we go swimming at Christie Pits. Every Thursday we go on a special field trip like canoeing, High Park and the Metro Zoo.

Youssef, age 10

I would like to tell you about my camp. We play fun games and we do awesome activities like . . . swimming, playing in the park, field trips like going to St Lawrence park to go swimming, science center, Toronto zoo. We're going to make puppets and we made Volcanos and we go outside. Our counsellors are very nice. Even when the weather is bad we still have lots of fun. We went to see a play, and we went canoeing to Toronto island. I can't wait till tomorrow. So I just wanted to say The 519 is a great camp. Thanks!

Tamara, age 10



# Programme Reports

## Children's & Parenting Programmes

# Queer Parenting Programme

### Some thoughts about our family's journey to the Daddy, Papa and Me Programme at The 519

by John J. Guiney Yallop

My partner, Gary, and I don't recall for sure where we first heard about the Daddy, Papa and Me programme. We think it was after I received some information through a listserv regarding a picnic in Toronto for families with queer parents. At that picnic, Chris Veldhoven may have mentioned the programme to us. At any rate, we have been going to Daddy, Papa and Me for over a year now and it has been a very positive experience for our daughter, Brittany.

Our intention for attending the Daddy, Papa and Me programme was to provide an atmosphere where our daughter would have an opportunity to interact with other children who have gay dads. As someone who has worked in the

area of equity education for many years, I know how important it is to see oneself included, to feel a part of a community.

While our daughter is very confident about her family and is also a strong advocate for herself and others, and while she understands and values difference, the Daddy, Papa and Me programme provides a space where her difference is shared. She meets other children who are adopted and other children who have a Daddy and a Papa. Whether playing together with other children or engaging in parallel play, her time at the Daddy, Papa and Me programme is fun.

Key to the programme are the facilitators. Since the beginning, our daughter's delight in seeing the facilitators and her comments about them to us outside the programme attest to the warmth with which they greet and interact with her. Meeting the other gay dads and interacting with them has also been an important component for our daughter and for us. The social chat of parents helps build community and is also educational. As well, we recently participated in a Daddies and Papa 2B course panel. Leaving our daughter for that time in the care of one of the other gay dads was an example to our daughter of how families care for other families.

The second Saturday of every month is an important date for our family. Once when we missed the programme because Daddy and Papa forgot that that day was the second Saturday, Brittany was quite disappointed and said that we should never do that again.



## A brief history of queer parenting at The 519

In 2005 The 519 began to work on a partnership with the Sherbourne Health Centre and the Family Service Association, to provide comprehensive queer parenting programmes in downtown Toronto.

Since the late 1970's, The 519's *Children's Programmes* has provided queer positive family programming (e.g. Family Resource Programme, day camps, workshops, field trips, special events) and resources (e.g. children's and parenting books and videos). In addition, The 519 has provided community meeting spaces over the years for such groups as: *Gays and Lesbians Parenting Together*, *COLAGE (Children of Lesbians And Gays Everywhere)*, *Gay Fathers of Toronto*, and *Toronto Public Health's When Baby Comes Home*. In recognition of emerging and varied needs for Queer Parenting specific support, information, and advocacy, The 519 has taken on and developed the following initiatives over the years. These initiatives have been supported with federal funding from the *Community Action Programme for Children* through our *Growing Up Healthy Downtown* project, and provincial funding from the *Ontario Early Years* initiative through *East York East Toronto - Toronto Centre Rosedale*. Some have also been developed in conjunction with important community services and partners such as the *LGBT Parenting Network*.

<b>Peer Support</b>	1994-1997	<b>Lesbian Parents Group:</b> monthly peer support group for women
<b>Family Support</b>	1998 1998-present 2004-present	<b>Lesbian Moms Try Fit:</b> weekly fitness support group for mothers <b>Mum's the World!:</b> monthly drop-in for LBTQ mothers and their young children <b>Daddy, Papa &amp; Me:</b> monthly drop-in for GBTQ fathers and their young children
<b>Family Planning</b>	1999-present 2003-present	<b>Dykes Planning Tykes:</b> course for LBQ women considering parenting (co-created and led by Rachel Epstein) <b>Daddies &amp; Papas 2B:</b> course for GBQ men considering parenting (co-sponsored by the <i>LGBT Parenting Network</i> )
<b>Pregnancy Support</b>	2003-present	<b>Queer Positive Prenatal Classes for Early and Late Pregnancy</b>
<b>Discussion Forums</b>	2003-present	<b>Queer Parenting Exchange:</b> monthly discussion forum for queer parents and potential parents (co-sponsored by the <i>LGBT Parenting Network</i> )
<b>Special Events</b>	2001-present	<b>Queer Family Fun Fair:</b> an annual celebration for queer families and prospective parents
<b>Public Outreach</b>	2001-present	<b>Co-sponsored</b> queer parenting films with the <i>Inside/Out Film Festival</i>
<b>Community Collaboration</b>	2001-present 2001-present 2004	<b>LGBT Parenting Network:</b> co-created and co-sponsored initiatives such as the course <i>Daddies and Papas 2B</i> and the discussion forum the <i>Queer Parenting Exchange</i> . <b>Human Sexuality Program –Toronto District School Board:</b> co-created <i>Families Against Homophobia</i> – a series of workshops helping families work with the Toronto District School Board to offer queer positive programming, and the curriculum for a school readiness programme for children with queer parents. <b>Metro Association of Family Resource Programs:</b> supported the creation of <i>Young &amp; Proud: A Manual for Staff Working with LGBT Families</i>
<b>Training and Advocacy</b>	<p><b>The 519's Family Support Workers have:</b></p> <p>Provided training and support to agencies (e.g. <i>Ontario Early Years Centres</i>, <i>Family Resource Programmes</i>, etc.) conferences (e.g. <i>Community Action Programme for Children</i>, <i>Metro Association of Family Resource Programmes</i>, <i>Rainbow Health Coalition</i>, etc.)</p> <p>Provided advocacy and support for individual queer families dealing with public institutions and services, e.g. the public welfare system.</p> <p>Provided information, advocacy and support to individuals and families wanting to access fertility, adoption and parenting services.</p>	



# Programme Reports

## Older Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Trans Programme

### Arts Programming

The Ontario Arts Council was helpful to the programme by renewing their grant and enabling us to offer our spring Queer Reactions programme. This year we had an intergenerational component that enriched the programme substantially. The artists participating shared their own stories and complemented these stories with an online photo site. The photo sites were launched at a Pride Week event that drew friends and family of the artists and the wider community.

Artz Alive, our fall painting and drawing programme was facilitated by volunteer instructor Leon Soriano. An internationally recognized instructor, Leon introduced members to charcoal pencils, wax crayons, collage, acrylics and water colors. New artists and veteran artists all enjoyed their time in the group and had their families and friends to a party to celebrate their wonderful creations.

The Senior Pride Network realized its Visibility Project with the launch of its poster celebrating older GLBT people's presence and achievements in the community. Fudger House hosted the event which drew 180 people. Jean Duncan Day, a recently deceased leader in the older GLBT community and Jack Harmer unveiled the poster with the help of City Councillor Kyle Rae.

The Older GLBT programme also met with the Minister of Health and members of his staff to advocate for change in the placement process used by the Ministry of Health.

The Older Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Transsexual (GLBT) Programme had an exciting 2005. Progress was made on several fronts including programming, advocacy, public education, training and public education and funding.

The Older GLBT Resource Centre is a weekly drop-in programme for queer seniors. These men and women come out each week to enjoy a speaker, a film or other planned activity. They are a diverse group which reflects the different cultural and ethnic backgrounds, different abilities and different life experiences. They enjoy one another's company and ensure that newcomers are always welcome.



Educating the public to the issues and concerns of Older GLBT people continued during 2005 with significant media success including coverage in The Toronto Star, National Post, Montreal Gazette and several TV and radio stations. Additionally, we continued in our efforts to build awareness for the issues and concerns of older GLBT people through presentations at conferences including the Ontario Gerontology Association.



# Programme Reports

## Community Living

### The Friday Night Club at The 519

The Friday Night Club (FNC) at The 519 is a social/recreational programme that introduces new social, leisure and recreational activities to participants and members of the community. To many members it feels "like family" and offers a "fun, safe atmosphere to meet new people and friends" as well as develop their social skills in a safe space.

The past year has been a busy and exciting one for the more than 400 members of the 519's Friday Night Club (FNC). We hold a dance every Friday night from September to June. Each week, 8-10 people volunteer and up to 150 people attend.

This year we were able to hire a permanent staff assistant for the FNC who has been a tremendous asset helping to organize regular social events including our weekly dances.

The FNC received money from The Griffin Centre and the much needed funds will be put towards purchasing a new amplifier for the club!

This year we also added new people to our FNC volunteer pool.

### Tuesday Night Club

Participants from the Tuesday Night Club say that they look forward to a group every week. The highlights that members like most are bowling and going to the movies. One member said that "The Tuesday Night Club is like a family to me and I look forward to it every week." This social/recreational programme allows participants to be fully integrated within the community and provides them with an opportunity to explore new leisure and recreational activities with some staff assistance.



## Programme Reports

# Anti-Poverty & Homeless Programme

The 519's Homeless and Anti-Poverty Programme offers participants access to shelter, nutritious food, clean clothing, health care, identification replacement, and recreational activities. All of this work is done in partnership with the Sherbourne Health Centre-Mobile Health Bus, Partners for Access Identification Project, Windfall Clothing, Second Harvest, as well

as 519 board members, staff and volunteers.

This programme offers a critical and much-needed resource for our community and over the past year The 519 provided:

- 15,767 balanced meals as well as 9,457 breakfasts
- 5,816 changes of clothing
- 3,120 visits for much needed medical services

The 519 also offers a Sunday Drop-in programme which reaches maximum capacity of 250 each week.

These much-needed and well-used programmes continue to be of great value to our community as well as a rewarding way to bring together board members, staff and volunteers.

## Programme Reports

# Anti-Violence Programme

In 2005 Anti Violence Programme (AVP) provided advocacy, support and assistance to sixty-eight people who reported that they had been harassed or assaulted based upon their actual or perceived gender identification or sexual orientation. The AVP assists individuals:

- with crisis intervention,
- by following up with the police to ensure that investigations are being conducted,
- by ensuring that assaults are counted as hate crimes (where applicable),
- by assisting individuals with their Criminal Injuries Compensation Board claims, and
- by accompanying them to police stations or court rooms and by allowing them to talk about their experiences and advocating on their behalf.

This past year, the AVP assisted twenty individuals, who were abused, by developing safety plans and helping them make a new beginning through applications for subsidized housing, new identification and referrals to support groups and longer term counseling.

The AVP also hosted the Toronto book launch of Victor Janoff's book, *Pink Blood: Homophobic Violence in Canada*. Janoff had interviewed AVP staff who provided Janoff with statistics and helped in his collection of data.

This year also saw the AVP join groups across the country for the National Day against Homophobia. In partnership with Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights in Ontario (CLGRO), and the Public Health Department of Toronto, we sponsored a Community Forum on June 8.

The AVP was proud to present twenty workshops to nearly four hundred people. This year AVP was asked back to present to places such as Ryerson University, the Older GLBT Programme at The 519, the University of Toronto, and Bick College (the training school for Toronto Police Services) by a number of colleges and universities (Ryerson, University of Toronto, Seneca College) as well as some new ones: The Ontario Department of Canadian Heritage, the Simcoe County branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association and the Rainbow Health Conference.

## Programme Reports

# Trans Programmes

*This supported me to think critically about how to be inclusive within an anti-oppression framework. It revealed some of my gaps in knowledge. Great facilitation, very inviting and supportive. This was very applicable to my practice.*

*-participant at SunnyBrook and Women's College Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Care Centre*

*I was honoured to have shared a part of my life path with all of you strong women. Thanks for helping me to understand myself a little more.*

*-participant at Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses (OAITH) AGM*

The 519 is proud to be involved in offering support and resources to the transgendered community. Our innovative work in this area is evident in our new Trans Inclusion Project. This project, funded by the Community Safety Investment Programme of the City of Toronto, is a partnership with Education Wife Assault to raise awareness about violence against trans people and provide training and support for agencies to make their services accessible to trans survivors.

The project model utilized is one of 'train-the-trainer' and community development. Members of the trans community have been 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 of the project are to provide:

Training and policy development to assist anti-violence services to become accessible; and 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.

In addition to launching the Trans Inclusion Project, The 519 Trans Programme also conducted 29 workshops to anti-violence service sector agencies and organizations to improve trans accessibility. This project fostered new relationships between trans communities and women's communities. In addition to our partnerships with Education Wife Assault and Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses, our project staff Yasmeen

Persad and Monica Forrester addressed thousands of women at September's "Take Back the Night March"; spoke at Metropolitan Action



Committee on Violence Against Women and Children (METRAC)'s Violence Against Women (VAW) Justice Forum and the International Conference on Urban Health in October; as well as presenting at International Human Rights Day on December 10th. Participation and leadership in these events has assisted immensely in bridging gaps between trans women and assaulted women's services.



### Meal Trans

Monday nights 6 - 10PM  
Trans Youth Toronto  
Wednesday nights 5 - 9pm

Other programmes include  
Trans Inclusion Project

Trans Community Shelter Access Project  
FTM Safe Shelter Research Project  
Trans Cab  
Sex Worker Outreach for Aids Prevention

Annual Special Events

Trans Day of Remembrance  
Hanlon's Point Beach Picnic





# Programme Reports

## Volunteer Programme

The 519 has an invaluable support network of volunteers. It is this passion, diversity and dedication of our more than thirteen-hundred volunteers that makes The 519 one of the most wonderful places in the world to be.

The volunteers with staff support run several critical programmes at The 519, including:

- Community Counselling
- Legal Advice Clinic
- Wills and Powers of Attorney Clinic
- Income Tax Clinic

Each year, The 519 receives support from organizations which have their staff donate their time for a day to our Centre. This year The 519 welcomed volunteers from:

- McCarthy Tetrault Law Office (United Way Days of Caring)
- RBC Financial (United Way Days of Caring)
- Brookfield Property Management (United Way Days of Caring)
- Citicards Canada

With more than thirteen-thousand hours of volunteer service donated to The 519 in 2005, we were fortunate to be able to offer these donated gifts to our volunteers as a way of expressing our gratitude for their hard work:

- Carol Pope played a private concert for The 519 in September
- A holiday party here at the Centre, followed by free tickets to SCREW, Toronto's hottest queer retro party
- Buddies in Bad Times offered free tickets to several performances throughout 2005

- Labatt and Zipperz helped over 250 Pride volunteers have a party of their own in July
- Hair of the Dog helped us host a relaxing evening for our clinical volunteers
- Xtra gave us discounted advertising space to take out an end-of-year ad letting the community know how much volunteers do for us

The 519 is committed to building the skills of our volunteers and helping to make them leaders in this community, and last year offered free training opportunities to many volunteers and we hope to expand our training programme in 2006:

- Introduction to American Sign Language
- Smart Serve for Pride Volunteers
- Safety and Security for Pride Volunteers
- Group facilitation for Committee Volunteers in partnership with the Self Help Resource Centre
- Self-defence courses for gay men and lesbians in partnership with the Anti-Violence Programme
- Trans 101 in partnership with the Trans Programmes
- HIV 101 for the Wills Clinic Volunteers in partnership with the AIDS Committee of Toronto
- Peer Counselling for Committee Volunteers in partnership with the Toronto Rape Crisis Centre / Multicultural Womyn Against Rape



### Outstanding New Volunteers

Lisa Iannetta (Meal Trans)  
Antonio Remenyi (Clothing Programme)  
Gary Logie (Tuesday Night Club & Refugee Peer Support Group)

### Long Term Volunteer Commitment

Tanya Trojan (Tuesday Night Club & Children's Programmes)

### Outstanding Commitment in the Past Year

Ricardo Martinez (Refugee Peer Support Group)

### Inspires Others to Volunteer

Dorothy Williams (Sunday Drop In and Clothing Distribution)

### Extraordinary Volunteer Team (Front Desk Info Centre)

Adriana Chang	Brian Hockey
Karim Parshottam	Doug Sloan
Milton Chan	Lia Providence
Lynda Cheng	Marsha Wallerstein
Richard Tse	Oscar Yanez
Robert Huff	Tom Packwood
Scott Johnson	Simon Peter Nnaakira

### Outstanding Peer Volunteer

Mirjana (Family Resource Centre)

# Programme Reports

## Volunteer Profile: Chris

While surfing the Internet, Chris discovered The 519 and knew that he wanted to get involved and make a difference. Chris' contributions have been many and he is now an active facilitator of the Refugee Peer Support Group. Chris is confident that through his involvement and the support of other volunteers like him the Group will make a real difference in helping refugees in Canada.

"The 519 is a kind of refuge, where I'm very comfortable. It's interesting and informative work."

It's also a chance for me to meet peers from a wide range of places around the world.

"You see differently what you've been through and you see that you're not [necessarily] the worst case and it gives you hope that one day we'll be able to live our lives, with people respecting us and recognizing us."

While Chris is happy to be in Canada, he knows that there is still work to be done.

"There are a lot of issues we still have, right? Even though same sex marriage is recognized now, there are still problems we have to deal with, like HIV, as well as the psychological problems people might have because of being bullied or discriminated against."

Chris knows what he is talking about, both here and back home.

"If you ask someone from my country, nobody would tell you that there are gays in our country. Being gay is taboo there." Chris is quiet for a moment, before he continues, "My experience personally was that I was bullied when I was in high school and that's when I actually heard about gay, gay people. And being effeminate as well was the worst! I'd [socialize] with only my girl friends instead of being with the other guys in the classroom. I was kind of marginalized and bullied."

He also knows that advocacy here in Canada

is very important. For Chris, The 519 is a significant starting point.

"The 519 is really helpful, the people here are really friendly and understanding." His involvement here has given him some food for thought. "I was thinking that if we had some more people at City Hall who can speak up for the community, and help them—that's the kind of thing I would love to do."

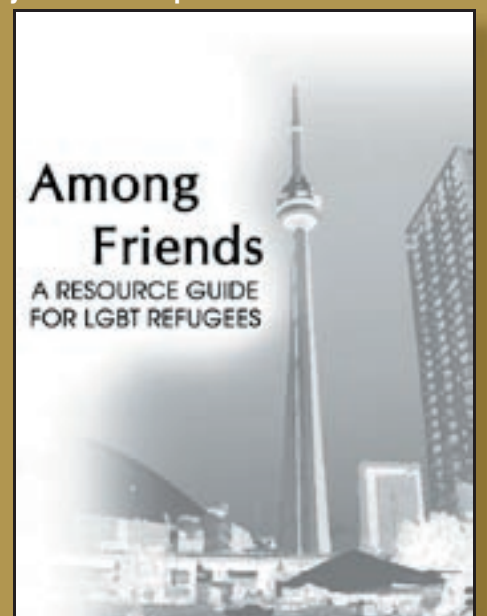
"Why not?" he laughs when asked if that is the beginning of a campaign speech. With a mischievous grin, he adds, "I'm waiting for my citizenship first."

One of the special projects which the volunteer programme achieved last year was the production of a manual for LGBT refugees. This project was developed in response to the many service requests we get from LGBT refugees and an attempt to make their lives better and ensure that they get the multiple levels of assistance they need while they are with us at The 519.

Funding for this project was secured from the City of Toronto Access & Equity department. We were also supported by the Alliance for South Asian AIDS Prevention and RBC Financial's Volunteer Grant Program.

We also made valuable community links through the creation of an advisory committee to the project. Members joined us from a number of agencies: Access Alliance Multicultural Health Centre, Alliance for South Asian AIDS Prevention, Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture, Hola, LEGIT-Toronto, Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants / settlement.org, Women's Health in Women's Hands, the Youth Migration Project, and the 519's Refugee Peer Support Group.

Next year we are hoping to build on this success—so stay tuned.



Committee Members

Lyle Kersey, Don Middleton, Michael Went, Roy Cain, Gary Leroux, Helen Rykens, Janet Rowe

Responsibilities and Activities

The focus for the committee in 2005 was to review and revise the space use policy. The new policy emphasizes the strategic plan directions of serving both the local community and the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and trans (GLBT) communities in Toronto and beyond.

That revised policy was approved by the board in early 2006.

New Group Initiatives in 2005

Due to the construction process, our ability to welcome new groups to The 519 remains limited.

A number of neighbourhood tenants' organizations became active in 2005 and used space at The 519.

As space opened up (due to some groups leaving), the following new activities made their home at The 519: Crystal Meth Anonymous (focus on gay users), Drag Kings, Gaylaxicon (organizing committee for the GLBT Science Fiction Convention planned for Toronto 2006), Ontario Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf (ORAD), Pride Uganda, PWA Yoga (expanded to a Friday afternoon class when the Wednesday class filled to capacity), Refugee Peer Support Group (for GLBT refugees), Southern Ontario Gay and Lesbian Association of Doctors (SOGLAD), and The Space Between (a group for people exploring their trans identity).

Otherwise, groups seeking space were referred to other possible meeting places. Space at 460 Jarvis continues to be used by several "519 groups".

Activity and Group Name	Number of Groups	Number of Individuals	Total Attendance	Number of Meetings	Average Attendance per Meeting
519 Programmes					
Volunteer Programme					
519 Volunteer Orientation	1	263	263	6	44
519 Volunteer Training Program	1	30	90	4	23
Refugee Peer Support Group	1	17	43	6	7
AIDS Memorial and AIDS Candlelight Vigil					
AIDS Vigil Committee	1	10	98	11	9
Vigil Volunteers - Green Room for Candlelight Vigil		90	90	1	90
Anti Violence Programme					
Anti Violence Programme Client Contacts	1	19	474	0	
Gay Partner Abuse Project	1	3	10	3	3
Community Liaison Process with the Police	1	0	12	1	12
National Day Against Homophobia	1	75	75	1	75
Media Interviews		0	5	5	5
Participation on a Panel - off site		75	75	3	25
Acts of Resistance (formerly Dyke Defense)	1	18	88	5	18
Gay Men's Self Defence Classes	1	15	88	6	15
Bar Nights - Community Outreach	1	250	250	1	250
Off Site Anti Homophobia Workshops	1	375	375	21	18
Volunteer Training		0	5	1	5
Professional Assistance Programmes					
Community Counselling	1	187	530	0	
Income Tax Clinic- 2004 Tax Year	1	490	490	18	27
Income Tax Clinic for Back Taxes		33	33	4	8
Legal Clinic - Thursdays	1	180	180	49	4
519 Wills Clinic with Pro Bono Lawyers	1	8	8	6	1
Children's Programmes					
Queer Parenting Programmes					
Queer Parenting - Adults Served		120	120	0	
Queer Parenting Programmes - Kids Served		40	40	0	
Daddy and Papa and Me	1	0	151	11	14
Mum's the Word (Previously Queer Mom's Family Lunch)	1	0	117	8	15
Queer Parenting Exchange	1	0	172	9	19
TG Parenting Group	1	0	25	3	8
Pre Natal Group	1	0	35	7	5
Daddies and Papas 2 B	1	0	128	6	21
Dykes Planning Tykes	1	0	88	7	13
Staff or Volunteer Training		0	6	2	3
Early Years at the Y					
Early Years - Tuesday night Y programme - kids attending	1	18	126	0	8
Early Years - Tuesday nights Y programme - adults attending		15	136	27	9
Family Resource Centre / Early Years / Growing Up Healthy Downtown					
FRCC / GUHD / Early Years Client Contacts			1960	0	
Family Resource Centre - Adults attending		278	3674	199	18
Family Resource Centre - Children attending	1	295	4078	0	20
Family Resource Centre Workshop		0	10	0	10
FRCC- Nobody's Perfect	1		96	8	12
GUHD- Growing Up Healthy Downtown	1	18	34	3	11
School Break Camps					
Summer Day Camp	1	60	1580	40	40
March Break Camp	1	18	79	5	16
Summer Day Camp Administration and Training		10	38	6	6
Community Living Programmes					
Friday Night Club	1	595	5085	37	137
Tuesday Social Club	1	8	330	49	7

Activity and Group Name	Number of Groups	Number of Individuals	Total Attendance	Number of Meetings	Average Attendance per Meeting
519 Programmes (continued...)					
Trans Programmes					
Meal Trans Program					
Meal Trans Client Contacts		12	70	0	
Meal Trans Drop In Program	1	47	1334	45	30
Workshops	1		93	12	8
Housing Referrals			45	1	
Legal Support			30	0	30
Trans Youth Toronto					
Trans Youth Toronto Client Contacts			50	0	50
Trans Youth Toronto Drop in Centre	1	40	505	52	10
Trans AIDS Prevention Outreach Programme					
Outreach Programme	1	70	5870	0	
Hostel Referrals		0	50	0	
Phone Client Contacts		30	740	0	
Community Education and Trans Access Shelter Project					
Trans Access Event	1		25	2	13
Trans Communities Shelter Access Project		0	50	8	6
Trans Access Workshop off site	1	1793	1793	86	21
Trans Access Workshop on site		0	15	3	5
Trans Access Staff Meetings and Trainings		0	89	21	4
Trans Programmes Focus Group			15	1	15
Trans programmes networking dinner			22	1	22
Trans 101 Course for community workers	1	69	69	5	14
Trans 101 for 519 volunteers		0	12	1	12
Trans Programmes press conference	1		40	1	40
Trans Programmes Staff Team Meetings		0	61	11	6

Older Gay Lesbian Bi and Trans Programmes					
Older GLBT Programme Client Contacts			100	0	
Events	1	50	346	3	115
Monday Afternoon Drop In	1	60	735	42	18
Senior Pride Network	1	25	103	15	7
Artz Alive	1	14	112	8	14
Forums and Workshops	1	50	75	3	25
Queer Re- actions	1	12	72	6	12
Media Interviews		4	4	4	1
Workshops at Long Term Care Facilities	1	475	475	44	11
Homeless and Anti-poverty Programmes					
Sunday Drop in Breakfast			9457		178
Sunday Drop in Lunch	1	1400	13184	53	249
Sunday Drop in Extended Hours			2583	23	112
Referrals		0	484	0	
Sunday Drop In Gift Programme		0	250	0	
Clothing Programme - Sundays			1096	48	23
Clothing Programme - Tuesdays	1	240	2187	51	43
Clothing Programme - Thursdays		300	2533	49	52
Additional programmes					
Cross Disabilities Project	1	20	32	3	11
ASL Courses	1	8	39	7	6
Total 519 Programmes	50	8332	66235	1188	12754

Community Programmes					
Community Services	4	277	717	45	16
Educational Programmes	16	308	3967	394	10
Recreational Programmes	10	518	7016	358	20
Self Help and Peer Support	38	1666	18188	1092	17
Total Community Programmes	68	2769	29888	1889	

Miscellaneous					
Centre Administration	0	94	914	119	8

GRAND TOTALS			Number of Groups	Number of Individuals	Total Attendance	Number of Meetings
			300	25734	159975	4291

Activity and Group Name	Number of Groups	Number of Individuals	Total Attendance	Number of Meetings	Average Attendance per Meeting
519 Partnership Programmes					
Double Recovery Group (12 steps for Mental Health and Addictions)	1	10	157	49	3
English as a Second Language - Intermediate	1	100	2428	153	16
Good Food Box			147	0	
People With AIDS Yoga	1	17	458	51	9
PWA Yoga - Fridays	1	12	398	45	9
Sherbourne Health Bus	1	0	3120	42	74
Partners for Access and Identification (PAID) ID Clinic	1	0	635	42	15
Fred Victor Trans Outreach Worker	1	5	5	0	
Cawthra Square Café - Participant workshops	1	138	378	30	13
Cawthra Square Café Participants Daily Activities		60	1680	0	1680
When Baby Comes Home	1	56	466	37	13
Total 519 Partnership Programmes	9	398	9872	449	

Organizational Meetings					
Community Fundraising	9	217	1049	61	17
Government	4	213	213	8	27
Off Site Recreation	16	1033	1616	84	19
Professional Associations and Unions	10	235	971	52	19
Political Parties	3	266	363	12	30
Non Governmental Organizations and Social Activists	22	619	1333	82	16
Social Service Organizations	60	1875	2985	175	17
Tenants' Groups	4	102	127	5	25
Total Organizational Meetings	128	4560	8657	479	

519 Special Events and Partnership Events					
519 Community Festive Party		0	200	1	200
519 Special Event		220	220	1	220
519 Volunteer Appreciation Party		0	94	2	47
AIDS Vigil Event		1000	2200	1	2200
Early Years - Queer Family Fun Fair		0	150	1	150
Pride Day Fundraiser		3000	11000	2	5500
Trans Day of Remembrance			200	1	200
United Way Days of Caring			16	2	8
Memorial Service for Bill Elkins, Programme Manager	1	200	220	2	110
Inside Out Collective - Screenings	1	94	94	2	47
Inside Out Film Festival - Theatre Under the Stars		300	300	1	300
Pride & Remembrance Run Event		750	750	1	750
Sherbourne Health Centre Community Fair	1	150	150	1	150
Total 519 Events and Partnership Events	3	5714	15594	18	

Individual Users					
Agency Tour (Youth)		899	899		
Desk assistance of 15 minutes or more		225	900	0	
Inquiries and assistance at the front desk		500	21000	0	
Cawthra Square Café Customers		5	2500	0	
519 Information Table Off Site		361	361	9	
Total Individual Users	0	1990	25660	9	

Rental Groups					
Dances, parties and benefits	12	1287	2307	18	128
Rehearsals and auditions	25	390	565	114	5
Other rentals	3	85	88	4	22
Commercial Rentals	2	115	195	4	49
Total Rentals	42	1877	3155	140	





# Programme Reports

## Partnership Programmes

### Supporting Consumer Survivors...

#### **Cawthra Square Café**

Trinity Square Enterprises provides consumers of mental health services with work orientation and training in supportive café settings. The 519's café is one of two locations in downtown Toronto. Due to The 519's expansion project, the café moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and is operating on a take-out basis. Catering remains available.

Participants combine practical experience in the kitchen with attendance at workshops on health and safety, food handling, first aid, customer service, cash management, and goal setting.

### Supporting healthy eating for everyone...

#### **Good Food Box**

This Foodshare programme runs like a buying club with centralized co-ordination. Top-quality, fresh food is made available in a way that does not stigmatize people, fosters community development and promotes healthy eating. People pay for their box at neighbourhood locations, including The 519, and receive their box a week later.

Each box contains the same mixture of food, though the contents change with each delivery, depending on what is in season and reasonably priced at the time. FoodShare drivers deliver to The 519 and other locations every week.

### Support with Transportation and Communication...

#### **Community Bicycle Network**

The 519 became a hub for BikeShare in 2002, the Community Bicycle Network's programme to encourage cycling in the downtown core. For three seasons a year we lend bikes to community members for up to three days at a time. Join the club so that you can ride the yellow bikes!

#### **English as a Second Language**

Intermediate classes have been offered at The 519 since 1992 through the Toronto District School Board. Four days a week a group of people gather on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and discuss newspaper articles and current issues as they learn a new language. People can register for ESL classes by dropping into the class at The 519 and speaking with the instructor.



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### Supporting homeless people (with the Anti-Poverty & Homelessness Programme)...

#### **Health Bus**

The Sherbourne Health Centre provides a mobile health service to increase access to health care for homeless and marginalized people. The services are dispensed with the use of a bus that has been fitted with two examination rooms and a small intake area. Nurses volunteer their time and talent to this free service at up to 12 different locations across the city each week. The 519 community benefits from the Health Bus services each Sunday from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Over-the-counter medications such as aspirin and cough syrup are also available along with personal hygiene products. Streamlined referrals to ongoing health care are a fundamental part of this innovative service to our community.

#### **ID Clinic**

Partners for Access and Identification, (P.A.I.D.), is a project that offers access to identification for homeless and marginalized people. This includes birth certificates, statements of live birth, social insurance cards, records of landing and health cards. The service is free and P.A.I.D. staff are available in the lobby of The 519 every Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. ready to assist the community.

### Supporting people with HIV/AIDS...

#### **PWA Yoga Classes**

Gentle Yoga is sponsored by the Toronto People With AIDS Foundation for anyone who is living with AIDS. Classes are free and ongoing. Classes take place on Wednesday afternoons from 4:30 – 6 p.m.

### Supporting new parents (with The Family Resource Centre)...

#### **When Baby Comes Home**

This is a 6-week class, run by Public Health nurses, for parents with newborns up to eight months of age. The programme promotes a healthy adaptation to parenthood, provides a supportive and educational environment for new parents, and promotes social contact networking among new parents.

### REMEMBERING...

#### **John William Inglis** **1953-2005**

John passed away at Casey House on January 8 2005. John will be remembered by his partner of 14 years, Ron Merko, and their cat Puss, as well as many friends and relatives throughout southern Ontario. John and Ron have been involved at The 519 since the early days. You may know Ron as the "sound guy" who keeps The 519's sound equipment in order and who creates the music tapes and manages the sound equipment for our beer gardens on Pride Weekend.

#### **Albert "Keith" Russell** **1939-2005**

Keith volunteered at The 519's front desk for several years, our loyal "Wednesday afternoon" volunteer. He not only came in with smiles and good cheer for everyone, he supplied us with cookies and Kleenex, two indispensable items at the information centre. I think other volunteers used to drop in on Wednesday afternoon especially to indulge in Keith's cookies and enjoy his friendship.

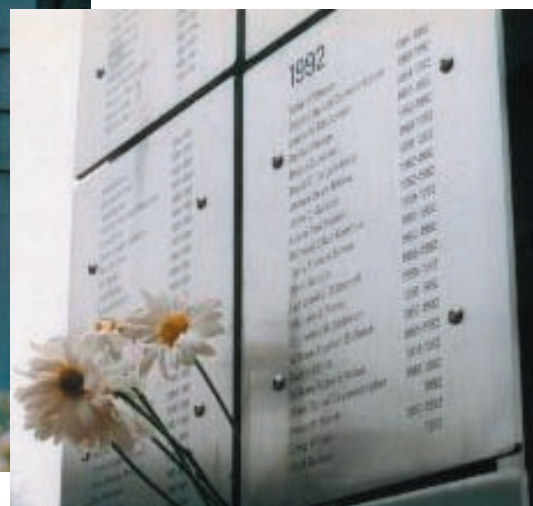
As a former employee of the Royal Bank of Canada, Keith made sure his volunteer work counted towards a Royal Bank donation to our Counselling Programme, and he always had something to give to the children's programmes in December.

Keith is survived by his loving partner, Colm Foley, his sister, nieces, extended family and many cherished friends.



# Committee Reports

## AIDS Memorial & AIDS Vigil Committees



### AIDS Memorial Committee

#### Members

Patrick Fahn, Barrie Martin, Bruce Prouty, Helen Rykens

#### Responsibilities and Activities

The AIDS Memorial, located in Cawthra Square Park, provides a focus for personal and public grief. In 2005, 21 names were engraved bringing the total to 2,619. Currently, engraving is funded by individual charitable donations made to the project as a whole.

Several people in the community volunteer with the AIDS Memorial garden club, creating an evolving perennial garden on the grounds of the AIDS Memorial. In 2005 we received a grant from the Toronto Parks and Trees Foundation to replace the landscape fabric between the pillars and refresh the gravel.

### AIDS Vigil Committee

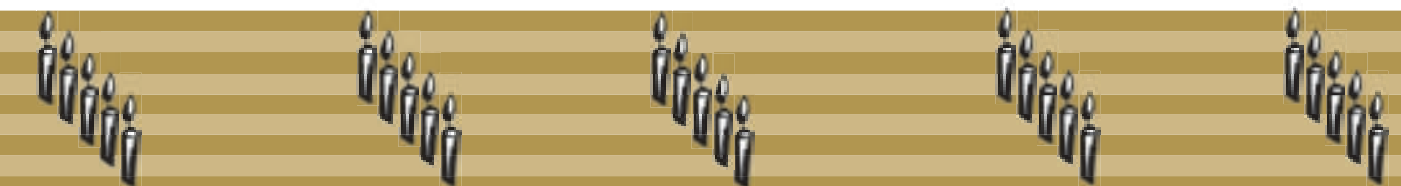
#### Members

Jocelyn Watchorn and Philip Weaver co-chairs, Rick Kennedy, Sandra Miller, Karim Parshottam, Brian Primeau, Bob Smyth, Kenn West and Helen Rykens

#### Responsibilities and Activities

This group of volunteers organizes the AIDS Candlelight Vigil, which takes place on the Thursday of Pride Week. They work closely with AIDS service organizations and the AIDS Memorial Committee, receiving support from the AIDS Committee of Toronto and Casey House. During the ceremony, names recently engraved on the Memorial are read. To contact the committee, call 416-392-6878 x 312.

Rawlinson Choir at 2005 AIDS Candlelight Vigil



# Programme Reports

## Wills Clinic

Sitting in a classroom and imagining you are at someone's hospital bedside, deciding what will happen after they die is not every law student's dream. But Chris Hovius felt differently.

"When I was in first year law, a professor mentioned that he visited hospitals and completed wills and powers of attorney pro bono for AIDS patients," says Hovius, a volunteer with The 519. "It struck me as something that I would like to do too."

"It's not always fun and sometimes clients are not in particularly good health and if you are dealing with a client who desperately needs a will ... a few days later you [may] learn that the client has died," cautions attorney Bruce Walker. "That takes a little bit of getting used to."

The Wills and Powers of Attorney clinic is a long-standing weekly clinic at The 519, run entirely by volunteers. It is a unique programme, providing both free services to people living with HIV and a rare learning opportunity for law students.

After many years, the Community Legal Aid Services Program (CLASP) decided it wanted out of this work and the clinic was on hold. During this time, The 519 had a change in volunteer coordinators and it looked like a hard road to

get the service back.

Enter Pro Bono Students Canada. PBSC matches law students with community organizations, as well as with lawyers doing pro bono work in order to provide students with an opportunity to apply newly learned skills to communities in need and develop practical legal skills. The 519's clinic was a perfect match.

"The practice of law is fundamentally different from the study of law," says Walker, who is associated with the clinic. "Being able to take what you've studied and apply it in a practical setting is really invaluable. For those students especially who are interested in wills and estate work, it's probably the best kind of experience you could get."

Walker is no stranger to this kind of work. He was like that professor that Hovius remembers so distinctly.

"I opened my law practice in 1992," he says from his small office at Church and Wellesley. His sleek meeting room furniture stands out against a small, ragged couch that is decorated modestly by a multi-coloured wool blanket. "I was called into the hospital quite often because people, mostly lesbian and gay people, were in hospital without their documentation—especially in terms of wills and powers of

attorney. So I was able to do a bit of that, but I saw how important it was. [HIV] is such a terrible disease. It will rob you of pretty well everything, including your money."

Hovius took his duties very seriously. After responding to a call out for volunteers to facilitate the soon-to-be-restarted clinic, he worked with colleague Danielle Marks to make sure it happened. "Together we worked in close cooperation to restart the clinic," he says.

The wills clinic reopened its doors in late 2005. Marks will be facilitating the clinic for the coming school year, as Hovius is in his last year as a student.

Hovius' enthusiasm for the clinic was obvious. He would often be seen, with his young son in tow, making last minute preparations for the clinic or coming in to familiarize himself with 519 staff and facilities.

But he notes that he couldn't have done it alone.

"I am grateful to The 519 for giving us the opportunity to restart the Clinic. The organization has been a great partner, and offered a lot of support from space to sensitivity training. The fact that The 519 is so well known in the community, and has the trust and respect of so many people, enhanced the Clinic's ability to meet client needs immediately.

The clinic was able to hit the ground running thanks to the obvious devotion that staff at The 519 have to the local community."

He has also relied on the generous support of the legal community to bolster the work of the clinic.

"The generosity of the lawyers involved in the clinic is astounding. They have donated significant time to completing wills and powers of attorney, checking things over, working with students, offering advice, taking things on under serious time constraints, and helping students find their bearings. One lawyer associated with the clinic also donated half a dozen books on Wills and Powers of Attorney to the clinic."

"The service is really valuable," adds Walker. "The 519 needs to be commended for that. I think it's a great programme for both the community and the individuals involved."

The 519 Wills Clinic can be reached at 416-392-6878 x 342.

by Geoff MacDonald





# Committee Reports

## Nominations, Human Resources, Strategic Planning

### Nominations Committee

#### Members

Michelle Douglas, Joan Anderson  
Mathieu Chantelois (Summer 2005)

#### Responsibilities and Activities

The Nominations Committee seeks nominees for the Board prior to the Annual General Meeting elections, and also recommends nominees to fill mid-term vacancies.

### Human Resources Committee

#### Members

Joan Anderson, Michelle Douglas, Jack Fitch (chair), Kyle Rae (Fall 2005)

#### Responsibilities and Activities

The committee reviews staff-related matters and advises the Executive Director on matters related to labour relations, pay equity, and collective bargaining.

In 2005, in addition to their regular duties, the committee monitored the City's work in aligning the HR practices and policies of The 519 Church Street Community Centre with the City's and guided The 519's responses.

### Strategic Planning Committee

#### Members

Joan Anderson, Michael Went, Roy Cain, Gary Leroux and Alison Kemper.

#### Responsibilities and Activities

The committee encourages and monitors progress on The 519 Strategic Plan – The 519's longer term plan for the organization. The committee assists with emerging issues and advises the Board on its governance role - its role and responsibilities.

The Strategic plan includes these Key Directions underway:

- Renovating and Expanding the Building
- Diversifying Funding Partnerships
- Growing Current Programmes, Adding New Programmes (especially to prepare for when the new space becomes available)
- Nurturing the Relationship with the City of Toronto
- Improving Communications
- Evolving the Governance Role of the Board
- Expanding Our Leadership Role

# Fundraising Report

## Capital Campaign

Sandra Bernhard headlined a May 2005 gala in the legendary Imperial Room at the Fairmount Royal York Hotel. Produced by the incomparable Salah Bachir, The 519's Capital Campaign Chair, the gala featured local favourites Molly Johnson, Maggie Cassella, Billy Newton-Davis and John Alcorn.

Salah Bachir, in recognition for his work for The 519 and the queer community, was elected Grand Marshall of the 2005 Pride Parade, giving The 519's expansion campaign an even greater profile.

To thank The 519's volunteers, Salah organized a concert featuring Carol Pope. This special treat happened on a hot August night in the auditorium at The 519.

The 519 was a recipient organization for the Pride & Remembrance Run, which brought in over \$20,000 for the capital campaign.

Maggie Cassella raised funds for many



organizations, including The 519, at "We're Funny That Way", her fabulous comedy fest at Buddies.

Special thanks to Rob Oliphant and Marco Fiola for the donations collected in honour of their marriage in October. They requested that donations be sent to The 519 Capital Campaign in lieu of wedding gifts, and raised over \$3,700.

Holt Renfrew Bloor Street donated a percentage of their day's sales on June 26<sup>th</sup>, adding \$8,700 to our Building Fund.

## Annual Campaign

The 519 continues to be generously supported by core funding from the City of Toronto and the United Way of Greater Toronto. The United Way and the City of Toronto provide us with the stability and funding The 519 needs to continue providing crucial services to all the people in our diverse neighbourhood.

Pride is always a highlight of the year at The 519, and 2005 was no different.

*The City of Toronto has been a key partner since the beginning of the Capital Campaign, providing both financial and in-kind support to the construction of the new wing.*

of committed volunteers, our beer gardens grossed \$87,000.

Groups that use The 519 on a regular basis are involved in fundraising for programmes. Charlie Seminario organized "Diva Envy" in August to support The 519's Older Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Trans programme. This event raised over \$1500 and featured Rex Harrington, among many others.

Mustafa Nazarali raised funds by running a half marathon on behalf of The 519.

Don Middleton and Clayton Wilson raised close to \$4,000 at a fundraiser they hosted in February to celebrate their birthdays.

Prime Timers, the social and support group for gay men over 40 has the most consistent donation programme of all. Every week, the bridge and euchre players donate a dollar each to play. The winner donates

Thanks to our dedicated supporters Labatt Breweries Ontario and our hundreds

his winnings to The 519. Altogether, these excellent card players donated \$2,308 to The 519 in 2005.

The 12 step programmes at The 519, ranging from AA to CMA all take collections at their meetings to provide meeting materials and coffee. Extra funds are always donated to support The 519's programmes.

The Lesbian and Gay Community Appeal celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and continued to support Trans Programming, the Anti-Violence Programme, and Community Counselling.

Last, but not least, the extensive fundraising efforts of the staff and volunteers at The 519 must be acknowledged. The 519 family participated in a wide variety of local events supporting our partners in the community, including AIDS Walk Toronto, the United Way Walk-a-thon and the CN Tower Climb.





# 2005 Donors

## Thank you for your generous support!

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Salah Bachir, Famous Players Media Inc. (Now Cineplex)  
Ministry of Health and Long Term Care

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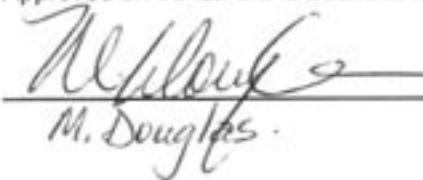
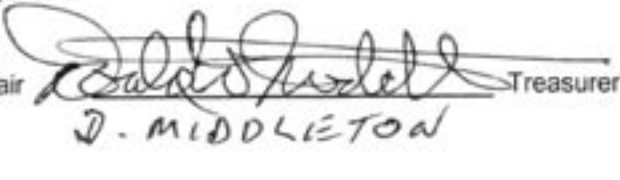
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### Financial Statements

#### Board of Management for the 519 Church Street Community Centre Balance Sheet

December 31	2005	2004
<b>Assets</b>		
Current		
Cash and short term investments	\$ 2,037,233	\$ 1,177,919
Receivables - City of Toronto	-	31,121
- Other (Note 3)	843,425	1,112,062
Prepays	2,029	2,391
	2,882,687	2,323,493
Long term		
Receivable - City of Toronto (Note 4)	195,238	164,171
Capital assets (Note 5)	16,471	23,436
	\$ 3,094,396	\$ 2,511,100
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current		
Payables - City of Toronto	\$ 7,035	\$ -
- Other	166,237	164,190
Deferred revenue	169,552	207,587
Deferred capital contribution	2,152	1,962
	344,976	373,739
Long term		
Employee benefits payable (Note 4)	195,238	164,171
	540,214	537,910
<b>Net Assets and Fund Balances</b>		
Invested in capital assets	21,657	21,474
Unrestricted	242,470	96,906
Fund and Trusteeship balances (schedule C) (Note 6)	2,290,055	1,854,810
	2,554,182	1,973,190
	\$ 3,094,396	\$ 2,511,100

Approved on behalf of the Board of Management

 Chair  Treasurer

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

# Board of Management for the 519 Church Street Community Centre Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

Year Ended December 31

	2005	2004
<b>Program revenue</b>		
Grants		
United Way	\$ 216,650	\$ 195,425
City of Toronto	295,674	253,406
Province of Ontario	18,750	37,950
Government of Canada	<u>71,418</u>	<u>72,741</u>
	602,492	559,522
Donations	47,342	45,375
Fundraising	108,134	112,438
Rental fees	15,250	14,456
Interest	6,787	2,445
Membership and user fees	28,001	28,851
Other	<u>278</u>	<u>1,329</u>
	<u>808,284</u>	<u>764,416</u>
<b>Program expenditures (Schedule A)</b>		
Salaries and wages	475,946	425,032
Employee benefits	73,900	70,107
Materials and supplies and services	230,276	243,741
Amortization of program assets	<u>11,882</u>	<u>16,311</u>
	<u>792,004</u>	<u>755,191</u>
Excess of revenue over expenditures - Program	<u>16,280</u>	<u>9,225</u>
Administration expenditures (Schedule B)	987,571	964,742
Amortization of administration assets	2,646	3,032
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	<u>(2,646)</u>	<u>(3,032)</u>
	<u>987,571</u>	<u>964,742</u>
<b>Funds provided by City of Toronto</b>		
Administration funding (Note 7)	<u>987,571</u>	<u>964,742</u>
<b>Excess of revenue over expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 16,280</b>	<b>\$ 9,225</b>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

# Board of Management for the 519 Church Street Community Centre Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended December 31

	2005	2004
Increase (decrease) in cash and short term investments		
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Excess of revenue over expenditures	\$ 16,280	\$ 9,225
Adjustments for non-cash items		
Amortization of program assets	11,882	16,311
Amortization of administration assets	2,646	-
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	<u>(2,646)</u>	<u>(3,032)</u>
	28,162	22,504
Net change in segregated fund balances (Schedule C)	<u>557,374</u>	<u>1,173,111</u>
	585,536	1,195,615
Increase (decrease) resulting from changes in:		
Receivables - City of Toronto	38,156	3,714
- Other	268,637	(1,034,530)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	362	1,717
Long term account receivable - City of Toronto	<u>(31,067)</u>	<u>(35,248)</u>
Payable - other	2,047	(22,572)
Deferred revenue	<u>(38,035)</u>	<u>(23,816)</u>
Deferred capital contribution	7,338	-
Long term employee benefits payable	<u>31,067</u>	<u>35,248</u>
	<u>864,041</u>	<u>120,128</u>
<b>Financing and investment activities</b>		
Acquisition of capital assets	(7,563)	(19,122)
City of Toronto financing of capital assets - administration	<u>2,836</u>	<u>785</u>
	<u>(4,727)</u>	<u>(18,337)</u>
Net increase in cash and short term investments	859,314	101,791
Cash and short term investments, beginning of year	<u>1,177,919</u>	<u>1,076,128</u>
Cash and short term investments, end of year	<b>\$ 2,037,233</b>	<b>\$ 1,177,919</b>

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**Board of Management for the  
519 Church Street Community Centre  
Schedule of Program Expenditures by Activities**

Schedule A

Year Ended December 31	2005	2004
Sunday Drop In	\$ 154,646	\$ 166,107
Anti-Violence project	64,263	62,020
Meal Trans (includes Trans Youth Toronto)	183,016	150,600
Fundraising committee	68,466	71,950
Children's programs	154,444	155,052
Summer camp	48,145	47,944
Community counselling	11,087	10,030
Community living program	21,972	16,097
Senior program	36,251	39,216
Friday Night Club	6,547	8,511
Holiday Kids	6,657	8,441
Rentals	1,537	1,221
Professional fees	-	2,290
Sundry projects	7,490	(600)
Volunteer projects	15,601	-
Amortization of capital assets	11,882	16,311
	<u>\$ 792,004</u>	<u>\$ 755,190</u>

**Board of Management for the  
519 Church Street Community Centre  
Schedule of Administration Expenditures**

Schedule B

Year Ended December 31	2005	2004
Salaries and wages	\$ 651,534	\$ 632,916
Employee benefits	171,888	183,619
Building, maintenance and repairs	35,989	32,294
Utilities	36,257	29,923
In-house printing and advertising	18,117	13,878
Telephone	12,028	11,336
Equipment services	7,301	8,479
Office supplies	23,246	19,828
Audit fee	4,000	3,600
Professional development	900	1,343
Insurance	2,697	2,697
Postage	6,271	6,902
Volunteer support	930	19
Alternate space at YMCA	9,552	9,575
Sundry	<u>6,861</u>	<u>8,333</u>
	<u>\$ 987,571</u>	<u>\$ 964,742</u>

# Board of Management for the 519 Church Street Community Centre Schedule of Operations and Change in Fund Balances

Schedule C

Year Ended December 31

	AIDS Vigil		AIDS Memorial		Building		Total Funds	
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004
<b>Revenue</b>								
Donation, grants and fundraising	\$ 7,889	\$ 9,167	\$ 6,289	\$ 5,240	\$ 694,936	\$ 2,054,552	\$ 709,114	\$ 2,068,959
Interest income	<u>230</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>1,070</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>28,600</u>	<u>10,006</u>	<u>29,300</u>	<u>20,506</u>
	<u>8,119</u>	<u>9,467</u>	<u>7,359</u>	<u>6,440</u>	<u>722,936</u>	<u>2,073,558</u>	<u>738,414</u>	<u>2,089,465</u>
<b>Expenses</b>								
Salaries and benefits	-	-	-	-	1,160	643	1,160	643
Professional services	-	-	-	-	51,246	-	51,246	-
Construction	-	-	-	6,610	22,880	633,587	22,880	640,197
Special events	-	-	-	-	96,554	244,823	96,554	244,823
Material, supplies and services	<u>7,536</u>	<u>9,774</u>	<u>6,837</u>	<u>4,344</u>	<u>6,055</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>20,428</u>	<u>21,118</u>
	<u>7,536</u>	<u>9,774</u>	<u>6,837</u>	<u>10,954</u>	<u>177,895</u>	<u>886,053</u>	<u>192,268</u>	<u>906,781</u>
Excess (deficiency) excess of revenue over expenses	583	(307)	522	(4,514)	545,041	1,187,505	546,146	1,182,684
Transfer to/from Capital Campaign	-	-	-	-	(122,129)	-	(122,129)	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	583	(307)	522	(4,514)	422,912	1,187,505	424,017	1,182,684
Balance, beginning of year	<u>17,340</u>	<u>17,647</u>	<u>81,747</u>	<u>86,261</u>	<u>1,754,276</u>	<u>566,771</u>	<u>1,853,363</u>	<u>670,679</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 17,923</u>	<u>\$ 17,340</u>	<u>\$ 82,269</u>	<u>\$ 81,747</u>	<u>\$ 2,177,188</u>	<u>\$ 1,754,276</u>	<u>\$ 2,277,380</u>	<u>\$ 1,853,363</u>

	TransForm		Gay Partner Abuse		East End Drop-in Net work		Total Trusteeships	
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004
<b>Revenue</b>								
Donation, grants and fundraising	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 3,200	\$ 4,667	\$ -	\$ 9,906	\$ 18,200	\$ 10,573
<b>Expenses</b>								
Professional services	-	-	1,110	1,574	-	16,585	1,110	18,159
Material, supplies and services	<u>4,925</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>937</u>	<u>1,718</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>209</u>	<u>5,862</u>	<u>1,987</u>
	<u>4,925</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,047</u>	<u>3,292</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,854</u>	<u>6,972</u>	<u>20,146</u>
Excess (deficiency) excess of revenue over expenses	10,075	-	1,153	1,375	-	(10,948)	11,228	(9,573)
Balance, beginning of year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,447</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,948</u>	<u>1,447</u>	<u>11,020</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 10,075</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,600</u>	<u>\$ 1,447</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 12,675</u>	<u>\$ 1,447</u>



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