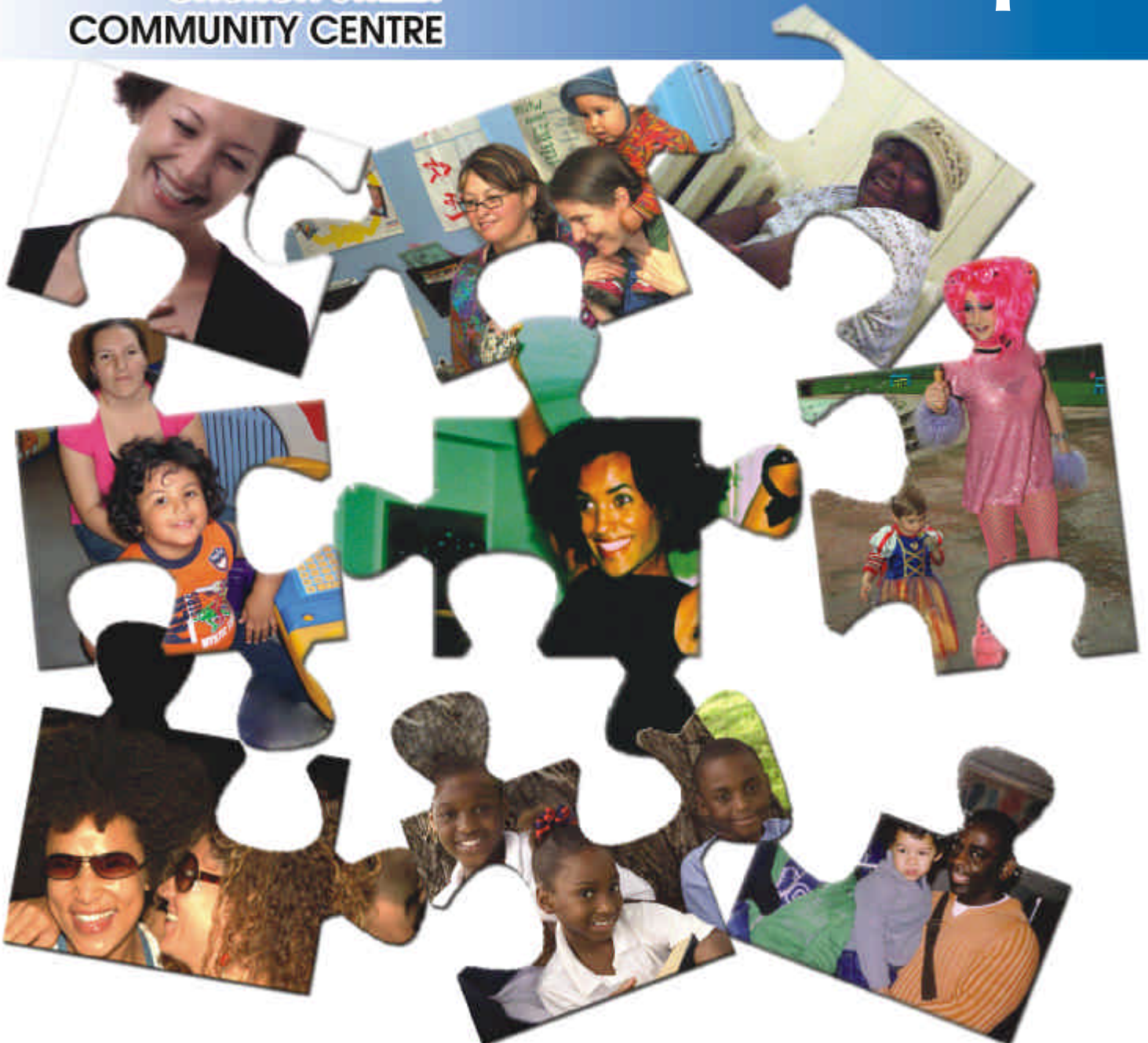




**CHURCH STREET  
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

# **2006 Annual Report**



***committed to diversity, dedicated to community...***



## **Mission Statement**

The 519 is a meeting place and focal point for its diverse downtown communities. Within a supportive environment, it responds to the needs of the local neighbourhood and the broader Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) communities by supplying resources and opportunities to foster self-determination, civic engagement and community participation.

## **Vision Statement**

The 519 aspires to achieve the following:

- ▶ Expanded and effective programming that meets community needs
- ▶ An equitable, supportive workplace with diversity across staff, volunteers and Board members
- ▶ Successful advocacy on issues related to its geographic and cultural communities
- ▶ A high positive profile with wide recognition and leadership
- ▶ A broad and stable resource base

## **Values Statement**

The 519 ascribes to the following beliefs:

- ▶ An anti-oppression social justice framework
- ▶ A secular, politically non-partisan approach to all issues
- ▶ A non-judgemental stance in dealing with all its stakeholders
- ▶ Recognition and celebration of diversity
- ▶ Respect for individual dignity and value

## **Anti-discrimination policy**

The 519 Church Street Community Centre adopts and upholds the City of Toronto policy statement which prohibits discrimination and 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.

*The Mission, Vision, and Values Statements shown here were revised during the strategic planning process and approved by the Board of Directors on July 30th, 2007. The membership will vote on the strategic plan at the Annual General Meeting in September of 2007.*

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**Janet Rowe**, Programme Manager  
**Helen Rykens**, Office Manager  
**Kyle Scanlon**, Trans Programmes Coordinator  
**Howard Shulman**, Anti-Violence Programme Coordinator  
**Chris Veldhoven**, Queer Parenting Programmes Coordinator

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**Scott Clarke**, Sunday Drop-in  
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**Stephanie Gude**, Sunday Drop-in  
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**Ondine Hayes**, Friday Night Club  
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**Abby Hume**, Summer Camp  
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**Katie Lowe**, March Break and Summer Camps Coordinator  
**Gavin MacLean**, Summer Camp  
**Jazzmine Manalo**, Trans Programmes  
**Zack Marshall**, Trans Programmes  
**Christopher McIntosh**, Counselling Programme Coordinator / Clinical Supervisor  
**Darrell McNeil**, Older LGBTTTQ Programme  
**Klaudia Meier**, Sunday Drop-in / Family Resource Centre / Queer Parenting Programmes  
**Agata Mrozowski**, Sunday Drop-in  
**Gilles Neault**, Sunday Drop-in  
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**Rain Nigli**, FTM Safer Shelter Project  
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**Antonio Geza**, Maintenance Staff  
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**Sarah Vance**, Sunday Drop-in  
**Michele Watson**, Sunday Drop-in  
**Jordan Zaitzow**, Trans-Youth-Toronto  
**Deona Zammit**, Summer Camp

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## Message from the Chair of the Board

This past year has been an exciting, busy and challenging one for everyone associated with The 519. As I continue in my first year as Chair of the Board, I feel tremendously honoured to be able to work closely with both the volunteers and the staff who, every single day, demonstrate an awe-inspiring commitment to building a better centre in the heart of our city and our community.

Simply put, our goal is this: build an even better 519.

We continued to witness incredible stories of dynamic communities in action, with people joining together at The 519 to celebrate, learn, connect, change and grow. Whatever the need, be it a refugee in need of support or a group seeking free space to hold its meetings, The 519 continues to be a beacon of hope, providing a home to all our neighbours and to the Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Transsexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) communities. We can truly be proud of all that we have accomplished.

Our dream of a bigger centre is now almost a reality. The fabulous new addition has entered its final phase towards completion. In realizing this dream, we continue to benefit from the stewardship

and generosity of Salah Bachir, our Capital Campaign Chair and newly elected Board member. Special thanks also to our wonderful donors and partners, including the outstanding support from Councillor Kyle Rae and the City of Toronto.

In 2006, the Board worked on a range of important issues, including strategic planning. We would like to thank everyone who generously gave of their time and shared their thoughts, experiences, insights and suggestions. We could not have done it with you! We would also like to express our profound appreciation for the enormous support and co-operation that we, as Board members, have received from the staff of The 519. We salute their professional, collegial and caring manner while putting in long, hard hours to make The 519 a place our entire community can participate in and be proud of.

As well, the centre's dedicated volunteers also put in many long hours to help maintain high quality programmes that serve the needs of our diverse, downtown community. Our incredible volunteers continue to serve as the backbone for all our programmes and services.

Furthermore, we wish to acknowledge Alison Kemper for her long-time service as Executive Director. In March 2007, Alison marked an impressive 15 years in office! I would like to take this opportunity to thank her, and to wish her well in her pursuit of her PhD.

It has also been a privilege to work with Board members so ready to commit their time and energy and so dedicated to make The 519 "more than a number." We continue to draw our strength to achieve our mission from the communities we serve. Thanks to all of our Board members for their superlative support and guidance this past year. I would



like to extend my appreciation to Board members who have fulfilled their obligation and left the Board last September, particularly Michelle Douglas, our past Chair extraordinaire, as well as former Board members Roy Cain and Asif Kamal. Their contributions are all greatly appreciated.

Today, over 250 groups make good use of this home for their meetings and events. Over 31,500 individuals journeyed to The 519 over this past year to get support, to connect with each other, to learn and to socialize. In all, there were 160,220 visits to 519 programmes and activities in 2006. None of this would be possible without the funding provided by individuals, corporations and foundations, the City of Toronto and the United Way of Greater Toronto.

A community is often defined by how well it takes care of its own. I join with you in celebrating with pride this wonderful, special place which has become one of the leading LGBTQ community centres in the world - a place where we can all join together in a shared dream of understanding, acceptance, and community spirit.

**Mathieu Chantelois**, Chair  
The 519 Board of Directors

### Board of Directors Elected Sept. 2006

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## Message from the Executive Director

The 519 had a wonderful year in 2006; we opened the New Wing of the building with a brass fanfare, street gathering, ribbon cutting and tours. It has been full ever since that evening in June, with art exhibits, conferences, meetings, parties and dinners enlivening our beautiful space. The building is a symbol of our future as an organization: it is proud and welcoming, and it will be a feature both of downtown Toronto and of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) space around the world.

We marked other milestones in our evolution, too. After 30 years of an often unpredictable and confusing relationship with the City of Toronto, we reached a Framework Agreement with them that determines what it means to be a City of Toronto agency. Our board members, City staff and our local councillor, Kyle Rae, must be thanked for their persistence and wisdom in producing and reviewing repeated drafts until we got an agreement that will work well for all of us.

When delegates from around the world arrived in Toronto for the 16th International AIDS Conference, we were here to welcome them. Our experience working in Trans communities allowed us to offer the only Trans-related programming offered at the conference. We built on our LGBTQ reputation and community work to organize a networking zone at the Global Village and offer safe space to delegates. We hosted free dinners every evening for delegates so that they could meet, enjoy our programmes, and feel refreshed. We even had the children of delegates come to our summer camp! Not only were our staff and volunteers transformed, The 519 gained a greater international reputation.

Our emerging reputation for innovative programming has allowed us to gain significant funding for new programmes. Thanks to the Ontario Ministry of Health's support, we entered into an agreement with the Sherbourne Health Centre and Family Service Association to provide comprehensive services to LGBTQ families. This is the only one of its kind in Canada, and we are proud to be working in this partnership. The Counselling Foundation recognized that our *Community Counselling Programme* was unique and cost effective: they are supporting it and offering us a professional evaluator for a three-year term.

Our Trans programmes are attracting considerable interest. We are now engaging in numerous research and policy development initiatives funded from a wide variety of sources. The 519 is working to transform services for Trans people in Toronto, in Canada and around the world.

Canada's reputation for human rights protections results in hundreds of LGBTQ refugee claimants finding their way to Toronto every year. Many of these people arrive at The 519 looking for help. In 2006, we published a popular guide for queer refugees in Toronto, thanks to the support of the Lesbian and Gay Community Appeal and a diverse steering committee. We worked with Access Alliance Multicultural Community Health Centre and Culturelink and designed a programme that helps agencies to become LGBTQ positive.

Finally, I wanted to mention another 519 emotion-filled event we held outdoors. This past summer of 2006, we produced the *International AIDS Vigil* - taking our annual event to a much larger scale for 8000 delegates and

Torontonians who came to Yonge Dundas Square to "grieve, heal and celebrate" their friends and family. Staff worked tirelessly with a large committee of volunteers from AIDS Service Organizations around the city to make it possible to share this moving ceremony with the delegates present and with all of Canada through a live CBC Newsworld broadcast, as well as international media attention. It was a humane and poignant closing for the AIDS Conference: a reminder that the research, the international travel, the science and the treatment are all based in the losses of the epidemic and in the hope of eradicating the virus.

All of The 519's programmes, funding and work in 2006 came together in these two events: the opening of the new wing and the International AIDS Vigil. It was a rich and wonderful year.



**Alison Kemper**  
Executive Director



### At The 519's children's programmes, a new mom learns vital lessons from experienced parents...

I hope that in sharing my story it will impress upon you the great importance of The 519 Family Resource Centre

I was a first time mom. I had prepared myself for the journey into parenthood with classes, books, exercise and a good diet. I have a great family support system around me, I have dear friends and an excellent doctor. Yet nothing I had done before my baby came prepared me for my parenting experience.

People had talked to me about how parenthood was the greatest thing that ever happened to them. I would rub

The classes I had taken while pregnant had lightly touched on post partum depression. The books that had been recommended to me by other parents and healthcare practitioners had even less information about assessing post partum depression. The internet at the time had no helpful information. No one wanted to talk about it.

I was eleven months into parenthood. It was now winter which sequesters parents with young children and brings on more isolation. I had post partum depression and it had gone unrecognized. I now began to experience post partum psychosis.

*"One day, a friend told me about The 519 Family Resource Centre. After eleven months of trying to find ways to fill the days by myself, after eleven months of feeling isolated, along came The 519's Family Resource Centre."*

Post partum psychosis is a frightening state of mind. I was exhausted from my parenting routine. I was exhausted from my depression. Things were happening to me that made me very afraid and caused me to think I was going mad. I was afraid to talk to anyone because I believed everyone was against me. I was afraid to tell anyone because I was convinced they would take my baby away and place me in an institution.

*"One day, a friend told me about The 519's Family Resource Centre (FRC). After eleven months of trying to find ways to fill the days by myself, after eleven months of feeling isolated, along came The 519's FRC."*

For three hours a day during the week

### Family Resource Centre / Ontario Early Years Centre

is open at the following times:  
**Tuesday to Friday, 10:00am to 1:00pm**  
**Tuesday evenings from 5:30pm to 7:30pm**

I had someplace safe to go. A space that was clean, a space where I was not expected to participate if I felt like sitting back, a space with kind, gentle, knowledgeable people. A space that eased my anxiety, gave me emotional and psychological rest and each day welcomed my child and me.

For the next two years I was there almost every day that the FRC was open. Not only did I recover and heal there but my little one blossomed from the resources, activities and time spent there.

The gentleness of the people who work there gave me the courage to ask questions. The books and brochures in their resource library gave me the ability to privately search out answers at my own pace. To be able to simply sit and watch other parents gave me comfort. Sharing stories with other parents confirmed to me that I was not alone in these experiences. In many ways the FRC was like going to group therapy.

In fact, it occurred to me just how common post partum depression is. It is surprising how often it goes undiagnosed. Now that there is more attention being paid to it, people experiencing it and their friends and loved ones can be more informed. Yet, the FRC is where one can go and find help when needed. The 519's FRC saved my life.

I've continued to come to the FRC. It is a place where I have friends. It is a place I trust. It is amazing when I sit



my swollen belly and feel grateful that I would now share this journey. Yet no one had told me about the extreme isolation one feels as a new mom. No one told me how exhausting the routine is. No one told me how this new routine would isolate me even more from my loved ones simply because our schedules were so different. No one told me that the chemical changes within my body had the potential to affect my brain.



## Children's Programmes

### March Break Camp: A Different World!

As a volunteer with the children's *March Break Camp*, I had originally set out with the intent of giving back to society, while possibly expending some positive energy. Instead, I found myself coming out of the programme having gained more than I ever could have hoped to contribute.

As a student considering a teaching career, I was thrilled when the kids, ranging in age from six to twelve, were eager to involve me in their games and activities. The fact that they were just as willing to accept me into their friendship circle as they were one another was not only flattering, but flooring.

### March Break and Summer Day Camps

The 519 runs a **March Break Camp** and a **Summer Day Camp** every year. Children are able to attend for **\$60/week** (sliding scale available.) **Preregistration is required.**



It was an unforgettable experience when, while on an excursion to the Kortright Conservation Centre, one of the counsellors rounded up the group for a clapping game. It was well rehearsed, as it was one of the children's favorites, and sounded almost like a musical performance. Those around us, both parents and children, stopped to look with smiles on their faces. It just goes to show that people everywhere can appreciate a strong sense of community.

The counsellors were terrific people. They were each given special nick-names that the kids affectionately chose. For instance, there was Cookie, Cherry, Jube-jube, Tigger, and myself, Candy. Of course, each counselor was given the respect that such a name demands in the world of a child. In truth, however, the nick-names truly mirrored the owner's personality; for the counselors were marvelous caretakers both "sweet" and caring. It really inspired me the way they maintained control at all times without having to impose strict rules or raised voices. The kids knew their parameters and independently stayed within them. There was a mutual respect that had been achieved between campers and counsellors which, in turn, commanded a sort of reverence from myself. In other words, I was impressed!

Being at The 519 was like being transported into a different world. Between building popsicle-stick villages and jamming on the piano, I realized that The 519 has achieved a kingdom all its own. On the last day, one of the parents made a simple, yet evocative comment: "You know, this is really a place where a kid can be a kid." He was right. The 519 is a little taste of heaven on earth. It's a place to rejoice in the company of one another, while growing and developing as an integrated member of society. What better way to spend a March Break?

**Jessica, 16**  
March Break Camp Volunteer





## Children's Programmes

back and observe just how many different facets of community the *FRC* influence positively.

I've watched as families new to this great country have come and found resources and the friends they need to begin their lives here. I've seen women with children that have been abandoned by their partners find the support they need to get up on their feet again. I've watched as children

whose parents cannot afford toys joyfully play with the treasures around them. I've watched as children who may not have a chance to explore with paint or clay or costumes get the chance to discover this part of themselves. Most importantly, I've watched as children receive the right to simply be. I am a part of the co-existence at the *FRC* that celebrates multiculturalism, that welcomes all cultures, all beliefs, men, women,

straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transsexual. It is truly one of the finest representations of what our great country is all about - inclusion, dignity, self-awareness, community and collaboration. These are the things the children at The 519's *FRC* have seen role modeled. This is their influence.

**Mirjana Medved D'Amato**, Parent  
Family Resource Centre

### Families Are Important Resources (FAIR)

"Families are Important Resources" (FAIR) is a new project that started in 2006 and was developed by the Growing Up Healthy Downtown (GUHD) partnership.

GUHD is a partnership of eight community-based multi service agencies working with families across downtown Toronto. The 519 Children's Programmes is one of these partners. GUHD is committed to the delivery of programmes and services that focus on improving the health and well-being of young children as well as offering supports and new skills to their parents or caregivers.

Many families face barriers that keep them from being involved in their communities. Barriers like having a young child, being a single parent, not having a job that matches your own skills, or being a newcomer to Canada. Any one of these things can make participating in your neighbourhood or community even more difficult.

FAIR will use what other people have learned about social inclusion to develop new and creative ways to talk with parents about the barriers they face to full or increased civic participation. Together we will explore ways to overcome those barriers.



We believe the best way to do this is to provide opportunities for parents and caregivers to develop, enhance and practice the skills and experience(s); to be more fully involved in their communities and in decision making.

FAIR wants to work with families that are having a tough time getting involved; then we want to share what we have learned with other people across the country.

FAIR believes that what we learn about families here in Toronto and how we work with the parents/caregivers will be helpful to those working with other families across Canada.

FAIR believes parents can and will speak about their own needs, identify the issues important to them and take action in order to make changes happen. Fully integrated with the Children's Programmes at The 519, FAIR has a fantastic base from which to work.



# Queer Parenting Programmes



Queer Family Fun Fair '06

## 2006: A Year of Growth

This year, The 519's Queer Parenting Programmes Coordinator went from a part-time position to full-time. This enabled the coordinator and the Queer Parenting Programmes team to further develop, provide, nurture, and promote services for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, transsexual and queer (LGBTQ) prospective parents, parents and their families. We do this collaboratively with Sherbourne Health Centre's / Family Service Association of Toronto's programme, the LGBTQ Parenting Network. 2006 saw our two programmes and three agencies begin to expand and formalize the work we do together in order to better provide resources, information and support to our communities.

Following are a few highlights of how we improved our programmes in 2006:



TransFathers 2B

**Family Planning Courses:**  
*TransFathers 2B and The Queer Positive Pre-Natal Class are new programmes building on the success of Dykes Planning Tykes and Daddies & Papas 2B*



Dykes Planning Tykes

*TransFathers 2B* is the first course of its kind in Canada. **The TransParent-cy Working Group** - established in the late Fall of 2005 to create a course for trans men who are considering becoming parents, including through pregnancy - successfully applied to The Lesbian and Gay Community Appeal Foundation for funding to hire a course designer and facilitator. The working group also sponsored and spoke at the screening of the documentary, "trans parent," at The Inside Out Film Festival.



Daddies & Papas 2B

*The Queer Positive Pre-Natal Class* was successfully re-established with a new weekend format. This course for people of diverse identities and family configurations expecting a newborn is the only one of its kind in North America.



The Queer Positive Pre-Natal Class

## The LGBTQ Parenting Network's Gay Fathers Research Cluster - Father Involvement Research Alliance

The Coordinator increased his role in this research project and advocated on behalf of queer fathers within this movement. This year, beyond advising on the emerging content of the research, the Coordinator became a Community Partner for the cluster and began to attend conferences of the Father Involvement Research Alliance as well as the Father Involvement Initiative Ontario Network. Highlights of knowledge mobilization initiatives undertaken include presentations of findings at a number of conferences and events, including *Real Families Real Facts* (in Philadelphia), *Queer Health Matters*, and *Families: the Heart of it all*.

## Community/Family Information, Education, Consultation, Outreach, Referral

With increased funding, the Queer Parenting Programmes Coordinator gave information and referral support to over 200 individuals including: prospective parents, parents, family members, students and service providers. The Coordinator also worked on educational initiatives with over 15 organizations.

## Discussion and Networking

In addition to our regular discussion forum, *The Queer Parenting Exchange*, Queer Parenting Programmes co-hosted a free LGBTQ community networking workshop "Creating Families When You're HIV Positive" at the AIDS 2006 conference in August. **Positively Parenting**, a new working group for LGBTQ people who are HIV positive and are either considering parenthood or are parents, emerged from the workshop.





# Queer Parenting Programmes



## 2006: A Year of Growth (continued...)

### LGBTQ Family Affirming Resource Programmes

#### *Mum's the World! and Daddy, Papa & Me*

(For LGBTQ Parents and their children aged 0 to 6 years)

Our monthly family resource programme for queer mums and their children was successfully re-launched with additional staff as *Mum's the World!* In response to family requests to build community between our two current queer family resource programmes (the other being *Daddy, Papa & Me*), each programme now takes a turn hosting the other. Our new bi-annual joint family mixers now provide queer-led families with more opportunities to connect within programmes at The 519.

“In September 2006, I had the opportunity to share my son Edward's birthday with other moms and their kids at The 519's *Mum's the World!* programme. As it was his first birthday I was so excited to celebrate him. I had the help from my friends at the party, also before like shopping, making piñatas and preparing the place. This was a great experience. I hope to share with you again his second birthday, and participate in other kids' birthdays too. Blessings!!!” -Ana Solis (newcomer to Canada) *Mum's The World!*

### LGBTQ Family Affirming Special Events

#### *The Annual Queer Family Fun Fair*

This annual event held early in June is child-centred with information from various community organizations for LGBTQ parents and prospective parents .

Building on the success of years past, the team increased the theatricality and affirmation of queer cultures in the event's design. Our 6<sup>th</sup> *Annual Queer Family Fun Fair* attracted over 150 participants - despite the rain!

### Family Pride Month

The Coordinator built a relationship with *Pride Toronto's Family Pride Committee*. We created and sponsored the first “Queer Parenting Programmes Sunday Brunch” before the parade. We also contributed to planning of weekend activities for families during Pride Weekend and staffing the site.

With our partners we also created a “Family Pride Month” ad for Xtra summarizing LGBTQ parenting and family events for June as an opportunity to support other initiatives and get the word out.





## Older LGBTTQ Programmes

### Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Transsexual, Transgender, and Queer

#### A ground-breaking conference...

The *Opening the Closet on Aging* conference on March 8, 2006 kicked off a fantastic year for the Older Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Transsexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTTQ) Programmes. The Conference took over the whole 519 Community Centre and welcomed 150 older queer people and service providers. Featuring a panel presentation on what it's like to grow old from various queer perspectives, several workshops geared to older audiences, and a presentation on Trans issues and a series of films, the conference filled up quickly and 150 additional people wanted to register. The conference was offered free of charge to seniors and at a low rate (\$50) to service providers.

The Homes for the Aged Division of the City of Toronto sponsored the conference by supplying all the food. The City of Toronto, a CUPE Local and Prime Timers all donated funds to make the conference happen.

The consensus of the evaluation and comments from the day was to make the conference an annual event. The conference, hosted by The 519, was an activity of the Senior Pride Network, a coalition of service providers initiated by The Older LGBTTQ Programme Coordinator.

#### A drop-in, assistance and arts programmes...

The weekly drop-in (Older LGBTTQ Resource Centre) continued throughout the year featuring speakers on topics of interest to participants and films with gay and lesbian themes. The people who come to the drop-in are able to connect with other service providers to apply for such things as low cost housing, to get their wills prepared or to connect with a counsellor. The drop-in mainly serves older gay and bi men

and a few lesbians and trans women. The Programme Coordinator meets with individuals on a one-to-one basis and by phone to provide information, advice and referrals.

Arts-based programming continued with the generous donation of time and talent by Leon Soriano, an internationally known artist and instructor, in the fall *Artz Alive* series of workshops. In the Spring, Jennifer Lafontaine and Carol Borden teamed up to offer a digital storytelling and zine making series called *Queer Reflections*. Seven members created on-line digital stories with digital photos, voice-over and music. These works as well as the zine and the works of the Artz Alive group were featured at a Pride launch/reception.

In 2006 we were able to offer book clubs for both men and women. They have both thrived under the care of dedicated volunteers Debra Pugh, Lee Sneddon and Neil Mudde.

Volunteers provided extensive and invaluable assistance to all phases of the programme. Without our regular and occasional volunteers, The 519 could not be what it is to the community. Steven McFadden, a Ryerson University nursing student on placement, provided an extra pair of hands, and was a partner in planning for the 2007 conference.



The City of Toronto recognized the programme coordinator, Dick Moore, with the 2006 Access and Equity award, highlighting his efforts to make long term care safe and welcoming for frail elders who are queer and for bringing together the *Senior Pride Network* and the *Opening the Closet on Aging* conference.

#### Queer Friendly Long Term Care... We're writing the book on it!

The programme coordinator delivered training and consultation sessions to a number of agencies and professional groups looking to make their programmes and services queer friendly. These included Circle of Care, Comfort Keepers, North York Senior Centre, Peel Senior Link, Etobicoke Services for Seniors, St Anne's Place, Toronto Seniors Council, True Davidson Acres and Versacare Rexdale Care Centre.

**The Older LGBTTQ  
Resource Centre**  
is open on Mondays from  
1:00pm to 6:00pm



## Trans Programmes

### Learning, growing and reaching out at Meal Trans...

I started my work at MealTrans in September of 2006 when Kyle agreed to take me on as an intern. Right away I was blown away by the diversity and positive attitudes in the group of volunteers I was going to be working with. I realized very quickly that the MealTrans programme was an excellent place for me to get almost all of the skills I need to work in social services. The MealTrans programme has taught me more about myself than I could have ever imagined and has definitely helped me grow as an individual within the programme and outside as well.



Alec Butler, Trans Access Project Staff, received a Vital People 2006 Grant Award. These awards are a project of the *Toronto Community Foundation* and are given to selected "passionate Torontonians who are helping to improve the quality of life in Toronto." With this he hopes to transfer "Trans Cab" to video/internet for use in educating a greater number of shelter workers and community agencies about Transsexual/Transgender issues beyond what the stage version of the piece has been able to accomplish.

As a Female to Male (FtM) I have always been worried about how to become a leader within the trans community. Most, if not all of my worries have been relieved since working with, and learning from Kyle. He has shown me how to manage myself in tough situations where my boundaries are being pushed and he has been more of a teacher to me than anyone has in my college programme to date. Just watching the ways in which Kyle conducts himself has been such an inspiration for me. I want to work in the social services field, and if I can make a fraction of the positive impact he has made on the Trans community, I would feel extremely proud.



**Within Trans Programmes at The 519, we acknowledge this:**

Violence against Trans people includes more than an act against flesh. Violence is also an act of neglect. Violence includes the cut to social spending, and the depleting social safety net. Violence impacting trans people includes the ever decreasing pool of social services that leaves the marginalized members of society struggling on their own without affordable housing, without access to nutritious food, without access to necessary health care services. This social system needs to change and the *Trans Day of Remembrance* is a call to arms.

MealTrans has also helped me personally bridge some of the gap that I feel exists between the Transwomen and Transmen Communities. I have been learning so much about Transwomen and their specific needs and barriers while relating some of my own experiences to them as well. I have also been learning from the volunteers who regularly come in and help prepare the food. They are a very diverse and co-operative group of people who often learn a lot from each other. There are several very dedicated volunteers who I admire for their work and selflessness in the program.

MealTrans is not just a drop-in programme. For some people it's the only night of the week they can eat a hot three course meal with all of the food groups. For others, it's a place where they can go be themselves and hang out with their friends in a safe environment, even for just a couple of hours a week. For me, MealTrans means learning, growing, reaching out and most of all, being a part of something that has such a positive impact on the Trans community.

**Holden Keys**, Meal Trans student intern

*MealTrans was the very first Trans programme at The 519, developed in 1998. Every Monday evening a nutritious meal is prepared and served by peer volunteers in the programme. MealTrans welcomes all Trans people who wish to attend. Workshops, legal and housing specialists are available every week to assist the regulars with issues.*



*Trans Youth Toronto, developed by Trans Youth in 2001, meets every Wednesday from 5:00pm to 9:00pm, offering a peer-facilitated, safer space for trans and questioning youth up to age 26 to come together, eat great food, learn about resources available, and share ideas and experiences.*

## Counselling Programme

### An innovative way to deliver counselling services...

For over 13 years the Community Counselling Programme has been providing confidential counselling support and referrals to the diverse communities served by The 519. It is Toronto's only professionally supervised no-fee counselling programme delivered by trained volunteers, and as such, is considered innovative and unique. In 2006, the model was recognized by the Counselling Foundation of Canada, which generously provided a three year grant to hire the first on-site coordinator for the programme. The coordinator oversees the programme's developmental and clinical supervision needs. The three year project will further describe the model used at The 519, with the hope that others can learn from the experience here.

The programme provides short-term counselling to members of the local community and the lesbian, gay,

bisexual, transsexual, transgender and queer communities across the GTA.

Volunteer counsellors are skilled in the areas of assessment, short-term focused counselling and offer experience with a variety of counselling modalities. Some are in private practice while others are employed in institutional settings.

The counselling programme offers the opportunity to work with people from diverse backgrounds and to receive ongoing clinical supervision and training. In 2006, 13 dedicated and skilled counsellors provided over 810 individual and couple sessions, and donated over 998 hours to the agency in counselling and supervision time.

These dedicated volunteer counsellors

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are the very heart and soul of the programme and are a great source of pride for The 519. A sincere thank you to all of the volunteer counsellors who are providing our community with this highly valued and greatly needed service.

**Christopher McIntosh RSW**  
Counselling Programme Coordinator /  
Clinical Supervisor

### A counselling volunteer gives back to the community, one person at a time

People coming to counselling at The 519 come for a variety of reasons, but most look to The 519 as a safe and welcoming beacon in the queer community. Individuals and couples, ranging in age from adolescence to their middle and later life, come because they trust the reputation The 519 has in the community, and

because they believe counsellors who identify with the community can support them through challenging, even painful, life events. Although counselling services are available to anyone, most of my experiences as a counsellor have been with people grappling with issues nuanced by the challenges and strengths of queer identities.

I've worked with individuals facing youthful coming out concerns, couples struggling to improve their communication or move beyond a crossroads in a gay or lesbian relationship, bereavement after losing a lover to suicide complicated by homophobic attitudes among family of origin, the unique isolations of depression or substance use when mainstream services fail to reflect and celebrate gender and sexual diversity, the discovery of Trans identity and transitioning through some of the adventure and unknown, as well as the complexities of aging as a gay or lesbian person in the community.

I keep coming back to volunteer at The 519 because I came out at Lesbian Gay Youth Toronto (LGYT, as it was called then) when I was 15 and really appreciated the services at The 519. I want to sustain the programmes at The 519 by giving back now.

**Jeanette Blair**, Volunteer Counsellor





# Homeless and Anti-Poverty Programmes



Photo by: Kirsten Bole  
Photo by: Boule Salverda

## Historical Tour

The 519's Homeless and Anti-Poverty programme is one of the oldest programmes at The 519. Prior to The 519 being established, the 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders Memorial Hall was located in this building.

Following World War II, the Highlanders began serving some of the homeless war veterans who were sleeping in the neighbourhood. Each Sunday the homeless people would join their fellow veterans for soup and a bottle of beer.

When The 519 took over the empty Highlanders building, the decision was made to continue inviting homeless

and marginalized members of our communities into the building. At first we only served coffee.

A neighbour on Monteith Street, Jean de Boerr (who was community centre member # 001 and who is still a generous donor), decided that substantial food was in order. She went to businesses for donations. Hasty Market gave her end pieces from the deli counter, and Casa Acoreana (Kensington Market) donated huge boxes of food. Jean cooked from Wednesday to Saturday every week. On Sunday morning she'd call The 519 and 4 or 5 of the homeless people would pick up the food. She recalls that Little Running Bear was one of the regulars for years. Pots were returned on Monday morning. Many thanks to Jean for her generosity from the very beginning.

Over the years, homelessness has become more diverse. The vets are mostly gone and in their place are thousands of homeless, ill and disenfranchised citizens. It is more important than ever that the Homeless and Anti-Poverty programmes at The 519 continue.

As long as there is a need, The 519 will invite homeless people in on Sundays, where they can find a home cooked meal, movies, and a chance to relax in an atmosphere that is supportive and non-judgemental.

## New in 2006

*The Thursday clothing bank hours were moved from 10:00am - 3:00pm to 1:00pm - 7:00pm. With the hours changed there has been an increase in the number of people served. On some Thursdays as many as 80 participants have received clothing.*

*The drop-in resumed extended winter hours as of October 22, 2006 opening at 8:00am and closing at 5:30pm. These hours continued until Easter Weekend.*

*There has been an increase in participants accessing services from the Sherbourne Health Centre's Health Bus. Some weeks the bus has provided services to over 100 people. The services include nursing, harm reduction kits, information and supplies such as socks and toothbrushes.*

## Sunday Drop-in

**Is open on Sundays from 10:00am to 3:30pm for breakfast and lunch and runs extended hours during the winter from 8:00am to 5:30pm with breakfast, lunch and dinner being served.**

## Clothing Programme

**Women Only:  
Tuesdays from 5:30pm to 6:00pm**

**Men & Women:  
Tuesdays from 6:00pm to 8:00pm  
Thursdays from 1:00pm to 7:00pm**

*Donations to our clothing programme are accepted anytime the centre is open. Seasonal items are preferred due to space constraints.*

## Anti-Violence Programme

This professionally staffed programme provides direct support to people who experience violence due to the perception that they are lesbian, gay, bi, transsexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQT). Both street violence (gaybashing) and same sex partner abuse are addressed.

### Advocacy and support in the case of bashings

We provided advocacy, support and assistance to 48 individuals who reported that they had been harassed or assaulted based upon their actual or perceived gender identification or sexual orientation. The Anti-Violence Programme (AVP) assists individuals in a number of ways: with crisis intervention, by following up with the police to ensure that investigations are being conducted, and that assaults are counted as hate crimes, where applicable. AVP helps individuals by accompanying them to police stations or court rooms and assists clients by allowing them to talk about their experiences and advocating on their behalf. AVP assists clients with their police complaints or Criminal Injuries Compensation Board claims - This included helping a client through 3 years of bureaucracy and red-tape so that he could finally receive his payment from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board.

### Addressing Same Sex Partner Abuse

Twenty-five individuals who were being abused by their partners received one-on-one support (an increase of 25% from 2005). AVP supports individuals by assisting them if they remain in abusive relationships by developing safety plans; or assisting them if they leave the violent relationship- like a woman who, with help from The 519, obtained safe and subsidized housing so that she could move away from her abusive partner and make a fresh start.

### Anti-Homophobia Training across the City

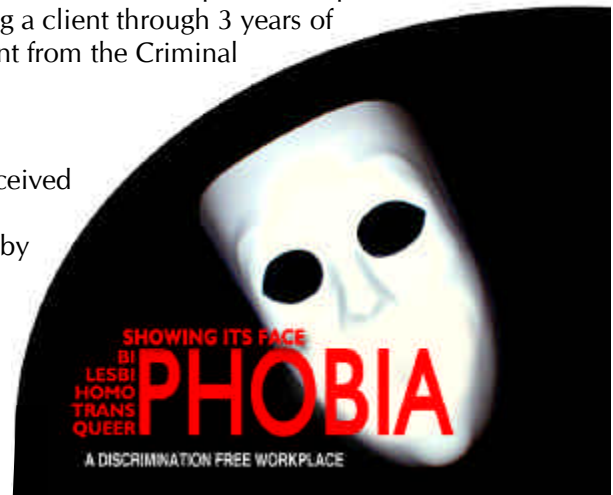
The coordinator for the programme facilitated a total of 22 workshops (on issues such as same-sex partner abuse, homophobia and heterosexism and its intersections with other forms of hate, and working with LGBTQT clients) to over 600 people. These included Ryerson University, the University of Toronto, Humber College, Brock University, and the Peel Committee on Sexual Assault. The Coordinator also does ongoing presentations on same-sex partner abuse to Toronto police officers transferring into the Domestic Violence Unit.

### Advocacy

The 519 joined other community groups who were opposed to the changes to the Ontario Human Rights Commission proposed by the provincial government (Bill 107), and like many others made a deputation before the Justice Policy Committee.

### Student Placement

In September the programme doubled in size with the arrival of a placement student - Lauren Rumiel. Lauren is studying at George Brown College where she attends the Assaulted Women's & Children's Counsellor / Advocate Program. During her seven month placement at The 519 Lauren was involved with many of the different aspects of the AVP - she facilitated workshops, assisted with case management and provided court accompaniments. She was also the best bowler The 519 team has ever seen at the Toronto Rape Crisis Centre Bowlathon!



### National Day Against Bi/Homo/Lesbo/Trans-Phobia

AVP joined with other groups around the country as well as 519 programmes (Meal Trans and the Older LGBT Programme) CLGRO and the Public Health Department of Toronto to provide a Community Forum for the National Day against Bi/Homo/Lesbo/Trans-phobia. The Keynote speaker was Barbara Hall, the Chief Commissioner of the Ontario Human Rights Commission. We were successful in having Mayor Miller officially proclaim May 17, 2006 as the Day Against Homophobia, which encouraged "Torontonians to send a strong message that the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Two Spirited and Transsexual community, like all communities, are welcome, safe and valued in our city."

## 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 to be.

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

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

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 The Royal Bank of Canada and Citibank.

***Many thanks goes to all of our volunteers for their hard work and dedication that make The 519 more than a number!***

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 2007:

- ✦ Smart Serve for Pride volunteers
- ✦ Safety and Security for Pride volunteers
- ✦ Group facilitation for peer support 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
- ✦ Domestic violence assessment training for the counselling volunteers
- ✦ Peer counselling for committee volunteers in partnership with the Toronto Rape Crisis Centre / Multicultural Womyn Against Rape

In 2006 we had 924 volunteers for 519 programmes and special events, plus we had 299 volunteers in partnership and community programmes for a total of 1223 volunteers who donated 38,356 hours of their time to the Agency.

### Profile: Sonya, Sunday Drop In Volunteer

Sonya has been volunteering at the Sunday Drop-In for roughly 3 years. Sunday Drop-In Volunteers help prepare and serve a meal for homeless people. It is one of the longest running programmes at The 519.

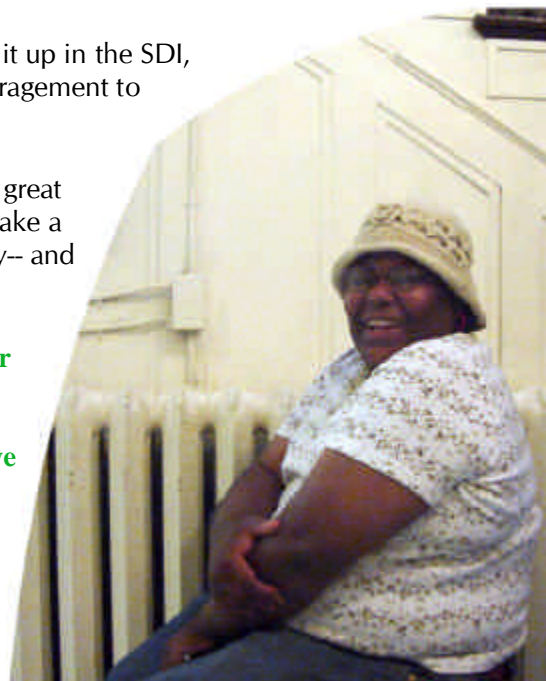
Sonya explains the reason for her dedication: "I like working with people, I like giving back to the community, and I like to make people happy. To be honest with you, I once was just like them and I know how it feels, so if I can put a little smile on their face, it makes me happy." Sonya takes initiative, like many long-time SDI volunteers, and is ready to be "all over the place, wherever they need me." Sonya shares her hopes, namely: "I'd like to see us get a bigger kitchen, and a bigger cafeteria, so we don't have to turn people away... maybe I'm dreaming too much [laughter] I'd

like to see a dishwasher go in! ...A new oven would be nice, so we can cook more stuff... I'm not saying it's not good how it is now, (it would be nice though)..."

Sonya has made friends cooking it up in the SDI, and leaves these words of encouragement to others,

"Come and check it out, meet a great team to work with: we like to make a lot of jokes, and make you happy-- and you have fun with the cooking!"

**Sonya's right to hope for a better kitchen: the expansion project includes building a new kitchen, including a dishwasher so that we can reduce the amount of garbage we produce. The large 3 part room on the main floor will be the new home of The 519's largest programmes, including the Sunday Drop-In.**





## Volunteer Statistics

Event or Activity	People	Hours	Event or Activity	People	Hours
519 Volunteer Info Sessions	20	66	Sunday Drop-in	40	3655
519 Volunteer Training	166	11,122	Sunday Drop-in Holidays	35	140
Administrative Assistance	30	188	Sunday Drop-in Gift Wrapping	25	150
Info Tables	10	62	Friday Night Club	6	78.5
Front Desk and Information Centre	15	942	Meal Trans Legal Clinic	6	210
AIDS Memorial and Garden Club	6	67	Meal Trans Programme	15	1101
AIDS Vigil Organization Meetings	10	81	Older LGBTTQ Placement Student	1	378
Anti Violence Programme	5	25	Older LGBTTQ Programme	8	826
AVP Placement Student	1	300	Special Events	50	246
Board of Directors and Committees	14	270	AIDS Candlelight Vigil	45	385
Income Tax Clinic	18	474	International AIDS Vigil	110	500
Income Tax Clinic (Back Taxes)	2	28.5	AIDS 2006	88	413
Community Counselling	12	998	Pride Weekend	50	1126
Legal Advice Clinic	6	78.5	519 Childrens Holiday Party	20	66
Wills and Powers of Attorney Clinic	8	54	Queer Family Fun Fair	15	64
Family Resource Centre (FRC)	4	163	Days of Caring (with United Way)	48	288
FRC - Tuesday Nights	2	36	Opening the Closet on Aging Conference	4	112
FRC Student Placement	3	303	Trans Day of Remembrance	11	62
Gift Programme	15	45	<b>519 Programmes / Special Events Subtotal</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>27724</b>
Queer Parenting Programmes	10	70	<b>Partnership and Community Subtotal</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>10,632</b>
Clothing Programme	4	1400	<b>Total 2006</b>	<b>1223</b>	<b>38,356</b>

## Community Living Programmes

The Friday Night Club is one of The 519's longest running programmes. A dance for developmentally challenged adults, it draws people from across the City of Toronto. Internal (peer) volunteers run the club with leadership and mentoring from staff and external volunteers, who are drawn from The 519's larger volunteer pool.

In 2006, internal volunteers began to rotate their roles so that they could all learn new skills, such as money handling, inventory, welcome (sign in) and DJ. It is hoped that they will use these skills in activities of daily living, work and educational settings.

### Theme nights

We have held several theme nights throughout the year and received food donations from Dufflets, Pizza Pizza and Pita Pan. With these theme nights, the membership at large is encouraged to decorate our space with balloons and other festive things. It is hoped that this will increase Friday Night Club members' sense of community within The 519.

### "I can do it on my own!"

One of our internal volunteers took the opportunity to volunteer in the canteen. She used to work only as a floor monitor at the dance. At first she needed assistance, and now she is confident about giving change to participants who are purchasing items in the canteen. She actually smiled and said to me last week, "Gwen, look, I can do it on my own!"

## Community Programmes (volunteer run programmes)

The 519 is proud to serve its community with programmes that are run exclusively by 519 volunteers and supporters; In 2006 community programmes included:

### 43rd Toronto Girl Guides \*

**Action Grrrlz** - group that supports creative projects from knitting to writing

**Actor's Jam** - an acting workshop for the community

**AIDS Memorial Garden Club** - builds and maintains AIDS Garden in Cawthra Park

**Alcoholics Anonymous**

**Amnesty International** - lesbian, gay, bi and trans caucus\*

**Avanti:** - Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Italian Group

**Bisexual Women of Toronto**

**Coming Out Being Out Discussion Group**

**Cocaine Anonymous**

**Crystal Meth Anonymous**

**Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere**

**Counterpoint Community Orchestra**

**Debtors Anonymous**

**Double Recovery Group** - supports people with both substance abuse and mental health issues

**Female-to-Male Transgender/Transsexual Peer Support Group**

**Queer Parenting Exchange** - provides support for gay and lesbian parents

**Gays Lesbians of African Descent**

**Gratitude** - organizes alcohol/drug free social events

**HOLA!** - supports gays and lesbians of Spanish origin

**Latina Writing Group**

**LEGIT Toronto** - Assists same sex couples with immigration to Canada

**Lesbian Gay Bi Youth Line** - provides peer support to youth across Ontario

**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual, Transgender, Intersexed and Queer Pride Toronto** - organizes Pride Week celebration, the community's largest festival

**Life Drawing** - weekly class to practice drawing skills

**Narcotics Anonymous**

**Ontario Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf**

**Overeaters Anonymous**

**Out & Out Club** - offers range of outdoor activities for gays and lesbians

**Outwrites** - queer writing group

**Polish Gay and Lesbian Group**

**Pride ACA Group** - support for adult children of alcoholics

**Pride Uganda**

**Prime Timers** - support and social group for older gay men

**Psychic Society \***

**Rainbow Ballroom Dancing**

**Rainbow Group of Alcoholics Anonymous**

**Salaam** - queer Muslim community

**Sexual Compulsives Anonymous**

**Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous**

**SOFFA Voices** - support for spouses of Female-to-Male transsexual and male transgender people

**Survivors of Incest Anonymous**

**Survivors of Medical Abuse**

**The Space Between** - for people exploring their own gender identity

**Toronto Bisexual Network**

**Toronto GO Club**

**Transition Support** - support for transgender and transsexual people

**Triangle Squares of Toronto** - opportunity for gay men and lesbians to learn and enjoy square dancing

**Women's Group** - discussion group

**Yoga \***

*In 2006 there were 164 community organizations and groups that used space at The 519. 30 are volunteer run peer support groups and 22 are ongoing volunteer run recreation and educational activities. 112 were organizations and agencies holding meetings, special events or workshops. See pages 21 and 22 for all the details!*

\* Several groups have agreed to hold their meetings at alternate locations until The 519's construction project is complete. These groups moved prior to or during the 2006 calendar year and are still considered to be Part of "The 519". We're everywhere!

## Partnership Programmes

### 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 provided in 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 11:00am to 1:00pm. 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 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 6:30pm to 7:30pm ready to assist the community.

### 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 moved off site in early 2007 for The 519's construction project. Currently they meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:30pm at 177 Mutual St. in the party room.

### 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. The programme closed partway through 2006 due to changes in priorities at the City's Department of Public Health.

### 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 2nd 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.

### 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.

### 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 they lend bikes to community members for up to three



Days at a time. In 2007, the programme closed due to lack of funding.

### 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 to 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.



## Fundraising Report

### Capital Campaign

Capital Campaign Chair Salah Bachir, City Councillor Kyle Rae, Board Chair Michelle Douglas, Executive Director Alison Kemper and Architect John Shnier welcomed donors, friends and neighbours to The 519 on June 15th to open the new wing signifying the completion of Phase 1. Although there is more construction to live through, this was a real milestone.

Many thanks to all of our donors and supporters who made this wonderful expansion a reality: Salah Bachir and Famous Magazine, Ontario Ministry of Health, Andrew and Valerie Pringle, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Labatt Breweries of Ontario, Rogers Communications Ltd., BMO Financial Group, Daniel J. Greenglass and Joe Brennan, MAC AIDS Fund, Joan Chalmers and Barbara Amesbury, John Bailey, The Bank of Nova Scotia, Sunmark Dental Centre and the over 2000 donors in our community who made a contribution to the new 519!



*When the interiors are completed, the New Wing will offer state-of-the art facilities in the kitchen and café, additional meeting and public spaces, an accessible entrance ramp, and accessible washrooms on each floor.*

To date, over \$7 million has been committed to this project by private donors and the City of Toronto. As a result of this incredible fundraising, Phase 2 will begin in mid 2007.



### Annual Campaign

The 519 is supported by core funding from the City of Toronto and the United Way of Greater Toronto, providing The 519 with the stability and funding to provide crucial services to all the people in our diverse neighbourhood.

The 519 Pride Beer Gardens in Cawthra Park attract thousands of people to the grassy and shaded area that surrounds the building. Thanks to Labatt Breweries Ontario and our hundreds of committed volunteers, our beer gardens grossed over \$100,000 in 2006.

Groups that use The 519 on a regular basis are involved in fundraising for programmes. Charlie Seminerio organized "Diva Envy" in September to support The 519's Older Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans programme. This event raised over \$1,000 and a return engagement will be announced.



Diva Envy Event '06

Don Middleton and Clayton Wilson raised over \$8,000 at a fundraiser they hosted in February to celebrate their own 50th anniversary.

Every week, the bridge and euchre players of the Prime Timers donate their winnings to The 519 one of the most consistent group donations received. Altogether, these excellent card players donated over \$2,500 to The 519 in 2006.

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 supported our Queer Parenting and Trans Programmes.

### Partnerships in the community

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.

In the fall of 2006, the internal 519 campaign for the United Way raised \$12,407 for the 2007 United Way year, our best result ever. The United Way campaign is a chance for Board and staff teamwork, as well as a way to show the United Way that The 519 supports their goals throughout the city.

## 2006 Capital and Annual Campaign Donors

**A big thank you to all of our  
Capital Campaign and Annual Campaign donors!  
Your generosity keeps The 519 alive!**

### Gifts over \$10,000

Salah Bachir -  
Cineplex Entertainment  
AIDS 2006 Toronto Local Host  
CIBC  
Joe Brennan and Daniel J. Greenglass  
Ontario AIDS Network  
Sherbourne Health Centre  
The Counselling Foundation of  
Canada

### Gifts of \$1,000 to \$9,999

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Pride  
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Ann Lambert  
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Bruce Lawson  
Christopher Field  
CMA (Crystal Meth Anonymous)  
Colm P. Foley  
David Shaw and Gary Miller  
Deborah Barrett  
Dell Direct Giving Campaign  
Donald Altman  
Eddy Ng  
Emma Lewzey and Ingrid Randoja  
Evan Young  
Fife House Foundation  
Filomeno Jose  
Gary Burley  
Gordon Shaw  
Gregory Shiltroth  
Guildwood Decorating  
Harry McCarthy and Phil Conron  
Heather and Donald Beard  
IATSE - International Assoc. of  
Theatre and Stage Employees  
J. David Whitney  
Jack Brannigan  
James Johns  
James Limacher  
James M. Jordan

Jeremy Birnholtz  
Jim Douglas  
Joan Anderson  
Jocelyn Watchorn  
and Keith Lawrence  
John Bailey  
John Hunter  
Kirk Bryant  
Laverne Monette  
Lee Sneddon and Kris Fortomaris  
Lyle Kersey  
Martin Boily-Cote  
Mary-Louise Reddick  
Meri Collier/Perlitz  
Michael Best  
Mike Karapita and Paul Harris  
Mustafa Nazarali  
Nancy Ruth  
Paolo Cini  
Patricia Thomson and Cathy Pappas  
Patrick Vandesompele  
Pride Toronto  
Prime Timers  
R. G. Wright  
Rainbow AA Friday Group  
Rainbow Ballroom Dancing  
RBC Financial Group  
Rich Fishell  
Richard Archbold  
Richard Churchill  
Richard F. Glaze  
Robert Blanshay LL.B.  
Robert Lavery  
Ron Rosenes  
Rory Crath  
Ross Baker  
Sally Jakabowski  
Thomas Baity  
Thomas Egdorf  
Thomas O'Shaughnessy  
TICOT Social Society  
Ziad Bachir

## Committee Reports

### Nominations Committee

#### Members

Michelle Douglas  
Joan Anderson  
Mathieu Chantelois  
Derrick Navarro

#### Responsibilities and Activities

The Nominations Committee seeks nominees for the Board prior to the Annual General Meeting elections, works to ensure that a fair and open nominations process is conducted, provides an information session for board candidates before the Annual Meetings and also recommends nominees to fill mid-term vacancies.

### Human Resources Policy Committee

#### Members

Joan Anderson  
Michelle Douglas  
Lyle Kersey  
Alison Kemper  
Mike Karapita  
Marv Lucey

#### Responsibilities and Activities

The committee reviews and advises the Executive Director on staff-related issues and assists in the development of Human Resources policies/procedures.

### Strategic Planning Committee

#### Members

Joan Anderson  
Michael Went  
Roy Cain  
Janet Rowe  
Geoff MacDonald  
Alison Kemper  
Nicci Stein  
Chris Veldhoven  
Marv Lucey  
Helen Rykens  
Derrick Navarro

#### 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.

In 2006, the Strategic Planning Committee began work on the process to create a new strategic plan. A community survey was conducted that addressed questions about The 519's services, mission statement and catchment area. In addition, The 519 received a capacity building grant from the City of Toronto. This enabled an in depth questionnaire to all community groups which use The 519 on a regular basis, and it will enable us to plan for additional services in our new space. As well, the capacity building report found that many aspects of The 519's model of service to groups could be transported to other agencies, opening up community space throughout the City. The 2006-2007 Board affirmed Strategic Planning as one of its priorities and a Strategic Plan will be completed for the Annual Meeting in September 2007.

### New Committees at The 519

At its meeting in October 2006, the newly elected Board of Directors redesigned the committee structure to more accurately reflect the needs of a growing organization.

- ↳ **Building and Facilities Committee** to assist and advise the Executive Director in The 519's responsibilities in the construction project and in the relationship with the City's Facilities and Real Estate Department.
- ↳ **Capital Campaign Committee** continues to be chaired by Salah Bachir to fully achieve the Campaign's goals for the new addition and renovated building.
- ↳ **Communications Committee** new committee of board and staff members to raise The 519's media profile.
- ↳ **Executive Committee** The Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary meet regularly and with the Executive Director to coordinate the Board's work plan, facilitate decision-making and support the Board of Directors in its responsibilities.
- ↳ **Finance Committee** The treasurer, other board members and the Business Manager meet to provide advice and oversight on financial issues.
- ↳ **Fundraising Committee** to provide expertise and help plan The 519's annual fundraising campaign, and assist with fundraising.
- ↳ **Strategic and Programme Planning** a hybrid of the previous Strategic Planning Committee and the Space Use and Programme Planning Committee.
- ↳ **Building and Design Policy Working Group** this group will meet to develop a policy regarding visual arts displays when construction is complete.



## AIDS 2006

The International AIDS Conference (Toronto, August 13th to 18th, 2006) saw The 519 involved in several ways.

- ↳ Many of our volunteers took on roles at the conference
- ↳ Trans programme staff and volunteers provided the only trans-related programming at the conference
- ↳ Our networking space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQQ) people was fabulous
- ↳ The 519 hosted community dinners on the 2nd floor of our new wing, welcoming community delegates from around the world to enjoy a free meal
- ↳ The International AIDS Vigil, in Yonge Dundas Square, was organized by The AIDS Vigil Committee



International AIDS Vigil '06

## Project Committees

### AIDS Memorial Committee and 519 Garden Club

#### 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 2006, 26 names were engraved, bringing the total to 2,645. 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 2006 we participated with other community members to work with the City on a re-design of the park, including enhancements to the AIDS Memorial area. This park construction, contracted by the City of Toronto, will take place in 2007.

### AIDS Vigil Committee

#### Members

Jocelyn Watchorn and Philip Weaver co-chairs  
Lisa Baylin  
David Clark  
Cathy Desberais  
Thomas Egdorf  
Jim Giles  
Rick Kennedy  
Margrieta Langins  
Michael Large  
Rod Michano  
Sandra Miller  
Kay Rosesslein  
Davin Seebarran  
Bob Smyth  
Megan Tasker  
Ken West  
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 ongoing 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 x312.

In 2006, the committee organized the International AIDS Vigil in conjunction with the AIDS 2006 conference. This event drew 8000 people to Yonge Dundas Square and attracted international media attention. Over 150 volunteers worked the night of the event: performing, speaking, or handing out programmes and light-sticks. Many thanks to: AIDS 2006 Local Host Secretariat, the City of Toronto, the Ontario AIDS Network, Yonge Dundas Square, the CBC, BMO Financial and the Government of Ontario-AIDS Bureau for partnering and support.



# Space Use Statistics

## Space Use and Programme Planning Committee

### Members

Michael Went  
Roy Cain  
Lyle Kersey  
Helen Rykens

### Responsibilities and Activities:

The committee completed the review of the Space Use Policy, which was passed by the Board in April 2006. The new policy uses clear language. New sections on the responsibilities of groups and the responsibilities of The 519 will help create a more dynamic relationship between The 519 and its regular users.

The new policy will delegate the responsibility for approving groups to staff, however, very few groups will be accepted until after the expansion project is complete.

Activity and Group Name	Number of Groups	Number of Individuals	Estimated Attendance	Actual Total Attendance	Number of Meetings	Average Attendance per Meeting
<b>519 Programmes</b>						
<b>Volunteer Programme</b>						
519 Volunteer Information Session	1	163	163	6	27	
519 Volunteer Training Programme	1	35	166	20	8	
Refugee Peer Support Group	1	6	60	1	60	
<b>Anti Violence Programme</b>						
AVP Client Contacts		75	428			
Anti-Violence Programme						
Volunteer Training		4	4	1	4	
AVP Media Interviews		3	3	3	1	
Off Site Anti Homophobia workshops and panels	1	600	600	22	27	
Acts of Resistance (Dyke Defense)	1	35	175	10	18	
Gay Men's Self Defense	1	15	90	6	15	
Bar Nights - Community Outreach		250	250	3	83	
Police Community Liaison Committee	1	50	50	1	50	
<b>Children's Programmes</b>						
<b>Family Resource Centre / Early Years / Growing Up Healthy Downtown (GUHD)</b>						
Family Resource Centre						
Client Contacts			1,920			
Family Resource Centre						
Adults attending	1	119	3,200	148	22	
Family Resource Centre						
Children attending		120	3,500	0		
Early Years Tuesday nights						
Adults attending	1	37	197	0		
Early Years Tuesday nights						
Children Attending		36	178	52	3	
<b>School Break Camps</b>						
March Break Camp	1	21	99	5	20	
Summer Day Camp	1	68	1416	39	36	
Summer Day Camp						
Counsellor Training		9	81	14	6	
<b>Queer Parenting Programmes</b>						
Daddies & Papas 2 B	1	22	150	8	19	
Daddy and Papa and Me	1	20	149	12	12	
Dykes Planning Tykes	1	30	153	7	22	
Mum's the World	1	35	275	11	25	
Queer Positive Pre Natal Class	1	10	10	2	5	
Trans Fathers 2B	1	5	14	3	5	
Queer Parenting Exchange	1	12	110	11	10	
Queer Parenting Programmes						
Staff Meeting		0	30	6	5	
<b>Community Living Programmes</b>						
Friday Night Club	1	400	4528	49	92	
Social Club	1	8	94	13	7	
<b>Homeless and Anti Poverty Programmes</b>						
Sunday Drop in Referrals			299	0		
Sunday Drop in Breakfast	1	1256	9269	53	175	

Activity and Group Name	Number of Groups	Number of Individuals	Estimated Attendance	Actual Total Attendance	Number of Meetings	Average Attendance per Meeting
<b>519 Programmes (continued...)</b>						
Sunday Drop in Lunch			13273	53	250	
Sunday Drop in Dinner			3590	24	150	
Clothing Programme	1	500	3900	156	25	
<b>Older Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Programmes</b>						
Older LGBTQ Client Contacts		0	104	0		
Older LGBTQ Resource Centre	1	70	817	46	18	
Arts Alive	1	16	116	6	19	
Queer Reflections	1	17	137	6	23	
Mature Men's Book Club	1	5	57	8	7	
Women's Book Club	1	7	40	6	7	
Senior Pride Network	1	60	336	22	15	
Workshops at Long Term						
Care facilities	1	191	191	11	17	
<b>Professional Services Programmes</b>						
Community Counselling Programme	1	247	972			
Income Tax Clinic	1	541	541	16	34	
Legal Clinic - Thursdays	1	254	254	50	5	
<b>Transsexual / Transgender Programmes</b>						
Meal Trans Programme	1	56	1422	46	31	
Meal Trans Client Contacts			601			
Meal Trans Workshops	1	41	325	10	33	
Meal Trans Housing/Legal Referrals			46			
Trans Youth Toronto	1	60	588	52	11	
Trans Youth Toronto						
Client Contacts			60			
Trans Outreach programme						
Client Contacts	1	78	6630			
Trans Access Workshops	1	153	153	5	31	
Trans Cabaret Performances	1	325	325	13	25	
<b>519 Special Events</b>						
519 Annual Meeting						
Voting Members		0	67	0		
519 Annual Meeting						
Associate Members		0	133	1	133	
Painting presentation to The 519		45	45	1	45	
519 Staff and Board Party		0	80	1	7	
519 United Way Campaign Launch		0	25	1	25	
Community All Candidates Meeting		50	200	1	200	
Diva Envy		97	97	1	97	
Don and Clayton						
fundraiser for 519		65	65	1	65	
Festive Holiday Party		100	200	1	200	
National Day Against Homophobia		53	53	1	53	
Opening the Closet on						
Aging Conference		150	150	1	150	
Pride Day 519 Fundraiser		3000	10,000	2	5000	
Queer Family Fun Fair		20	150	4	38	
Queer Parenting Exchange						
Celebration		20	150	4	38	
Trans Day of Remembrance		50	200	1	200	
<b>Total 519 Programmes and Special Events</b>						
Events	38	9715	73754	1057		

# Space Use Statistics

Activity and Group Name	Number of Groups	Estimated Number of Individuals	Actual Total Attendance	Number of Meetings	Average Attendance per Meeting
<b>Partnership Programmes</b>					
<b>Community Services</b>					
519 Wills Clinic with Pro Bono Lawyers	1	15	15		
AIDS Vigil Committee	1	51	404	27	15
Double Recovery Group	1	10	154	51	3
Sherbourne Health Bus	1		720	9	80
Partners for Access and Identification ID Clinic	1		95	6	16
Warm Line Team	1	10	137	19	7
Good Food Box	1	15	160		
Bikeshare	1	30	120		
<b>Education</b>					
English as a Second Language	1	50	2191	137	16
People With AIDS Yoga	1	12	890	100	9
Cawthra Square Café					
Participant workshops	1	20	169	23	7
When Baby Comes Home	1	19	99	8	12
<b>Partnership Special Events</b>					
AIDS 2006 Dinners	1	950	950	4	238
Annual AIDS Vigil Event	1	1000	2000	1	2000
International AIDS Vigil in Dundas Square	1	8000	8000	1	8000
Hola! Art Show	1	300	300	1	300
Inside Out Collective - Screenings	1	175	175	2	88
Pride & Remembrance Run	1	840	840	1	840
P&R Run blitz day		50	50	1	50
Toronto Public Health					
Gay Men's Health Forum	1	50	50	1	50
Queer Health Fair (Sherbourne Health Centre)	1	200	450	8	56
<b>Total Partnership Programmes and Special Events</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>11797</b>	<b>17969</b>	<b>400</b>	
<b>Community (formerly "volunteer run") Programmes</b>					
Community Service Groups	3	253	820	26	32
Education	13	215	4217	367	11
Recreation	6	323	5007	293	17
Self help and mutual support	30	805	20117	983	20
<b>Total Community Programmes</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>1596</b>	<b>30161</b>	<b>1669</b>	

Activity and Group Name	Number of Groups	Estimated Number of Individuals	Actual Total Attendance	Number of Meetings	Average Attendance per Meeting
<b>Organizational Meetings</b>					
Community Fundraising Groups	5	467	992	42	24
Government Agencies	5	953	2453	8	307
Recreation and Sports Teams	13	401	1029	90	11
Professional Associations and Unions	9	440	1170	47	25
Political Parties	2	35	300	5	60
Social Activist Groups	14	327	1039	95	11
Social Service Organizations	59	1630	2817	148	19
Tenants Organizations and Housing Co-ops	5	144	144	5	29
<b>Total Organizational Meetings</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>4397</b>	<b>9944</b>	<b>440</b>	
<b>Rental Events</b>					
Dances, Parties and Benefits	11	1186	1186	11	
Rehearsals and Auditions	24	308	1378	132	
<b>Total Rental Events</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1494</b>	<b>2564</b>	<b>143</b>	
<b>Individual Use</b>					
Agency Tour (Youth)		950	950	1	950
Agency Tour for donors		120	120	4	30
Desk Assistance of 15 minutes or more		225	900		
Desk Inquiries and Referrals		800	21000		
Cawthra Square Café Customers		10	2000		
519 Information Table off site		400	400	11	36
<b>Total Individual Users</b>		<b>2505</b>	<b>25370</b>	<b>16</b>	
<b>Centre Administration</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>36</b>	

## Grand Totals:

257 Groups  
31,577 Individuals  
160,220 Total Attendance  
3,784 Meetings



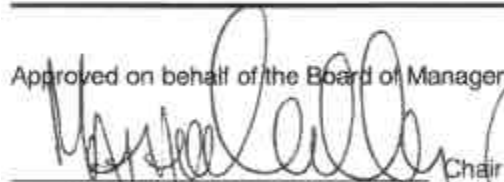


# **Board of Management for the 519 Church Street Community Centre Balance Sheet**

December 31	2006	2005
<b>Assets</b>		
Current		
Cash and short term investments	\$ 1,801,892	\$ 2,037,233
Receivables - City of Toronto	8,046	-
- Other (Note 3)	108,017	843,425
Prepays	<u>1,854</u>	<u>2,029</u>
	1,919,809	2,882,687
Long term		
Receivable - City of Toronto (Note 4)	235,488	195,238
Capital assets (Note 5)	<u>14,660</u>	<u>16,471</u>
	<b>\$ 2,169,957</b>	<b>\$ 3,094,396</b>

<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current		
Payables - City of Toronto	\$ -	\$ 7,035
- Other	343,858	166,237
Deferred revenue	127,490	169,552
Deferred capital contribution	<u>3,787</u>	<u>2,152</u>
	475,135	344,976
Long term		
Employee benefits payable (Note 4)	<u>235,488</u>	<u>195,238</u>
	<u>710,623</u>	<u>540,214</u>
<b>Net Assets and Fund Balances</b>		
Invested in capital assets	18,210	21,657
Unrestricted	280,271	242,470
Fund and Trusteeship balances (Schedule C) (Note 6)	<u>1,160,853</u>	<u>2,290,055</u>
	<u>1,459,334</u>	<u>2,554,182</u>
	<b>\$ 2,169,957</b>	<b>\$ 3,094,396</b>

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

2006

2005

**Program revenue**

Grants		
United Way	\$ 196,515	\$ 216,650
City of Toronto	365,381	295,674
Province of Ontario	55,042	18,750
Government of Canada	73,215	71,418
	<u>690,153</u>	<u>602,492</u>
Donations	53,845	47,342
Fundraising	208,341	108,134
Rental fees	13,030	15,250
Interest	15,015	6,787
Membership and user fees	27,266	28,001
Other	1,646	278
	<u>1,009,296</u>	<u>808,284</u>

**Program expenditures (Schedule A)**

Salaries and wages	589,801	475,946
Employee benefits	88,426	73,900
Materials and supplies and services	288,800	230,276
Amortization of program assets	7,916	11,882
	<u>974,943</u>	<u>792,004</u>

Excess of revenue over expenditures - Program 34,353 16,280

Administration expenditures (Schedule B)	1,088,452	987,571
Amortization of administration assets	2,628	2,646
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	(2,628)	(2,646)
	<u>1,088,452</u>	<u>987,571</u>

**Funds provided by City of Toronto**

Administration funding (Note 7)	<u>1,088,452</u>	<u>987,571</u>
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**Excess of revenue over expenditures** \$ 34,353 \$ 16,280

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

2006

2005

Increase (decrease) in cash and short term investments

## **Operating activities**

Excess of revenue over expenditures	\$ 34,353	\$ 16,280
Adjustments for non-cash items		
Amortization of program assets	7,916	11,882
Amortization of administration assets	2,628	2,646
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	(2,628)	(2,646)
	<u>42,269</u>	<u>28,162</u>

Net change in segregated fund balances and trusteeships (Note 6)	<u>(1,129,201)</u>	<u>557,374</u>
	<u>(1,086,932)</u>	<u>585,536</u>

Increase (decrease) resulting from changes in:

Receivables - City of Toronto	(15,081)	38,156
- Other	735,408	268,637
Prepaid expenses and other assets	175	362
Long term account receivable - City of Toronto	(40,250)	(31,067)
Payable - other	177,621	2,047
Deferred revenue	(42,062)	(38,035)
Deferred capital contribution	-	7,338
Long term employee benefits payable	<u>40,250</u>	<u>31,067</u>
	<u>(230,871)</u>	<u>864,041</u>

## **Financing and investment activities**

Acquisition of capital assets	(8,733)	(7,563)
City of Toronto financing of capital assets - administration	<u>4,263</u>	<u>2,836</u>
	<u>(4,470)</u>	<u>(4,727)</u>

Net (decrease) increase in cash and short term investments	(235,341)	859,314
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Cash and short term investments, beginning of year	<u>2,037,233</u>	<u>1,177,919</u>
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Cash and short term investments, end of year	<u>\$ 1,801,892</u>	<u>\$ 2,037,233</u>
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See accompanying notes to the financial statements.



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

Year Ended December 31	2006	2005
Sunday Drop In	\$ 162,401	\$ 154,646
Anti-Violence project	67,312	64,263
Meal Trans (includes Trans Youth Toronto)	261,883	183,016
Fundraising committee	62,545	68,466
Children's programs	198,964	154,444
Summer camp	47,458	48,145
Community counselling	26,975	11,087
Community living program	13,530	21,972
Senior program	47,280	36,251
Friday Night Club	6,428	6,547
Holiday Kids	7,202	6,657
Rentals	2,120	1,537
Sundry projects	23,215	7,490
Volunteer projects	8,416	15,601
2006 AIDS Conference - Community Dinners	31,298	-
Amortization of capital assets	<u>7,916</u>	<u>11,882</u>
	<b>\$ 974,943</b>	<b>\$ 792,004</b>

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

Schedule B

Year Ended December 31

2006

2005

Salaries and wages	\$ 697,994	\$ 651,534
Employee benefits	202,970	171,888
Building, maintenance and repairs	35,391	35,989
Utilities	43,597	36,257
In-house printing and advertising	19,352	18,117
Telephone	16,711	12,028
Equipment services	9,292	7,301
Office supplies	33,828	23,246
Audit fee	3,959	4,000
Professional development	646	900
Insurance	2,966	2,697
Postage	7,194	6,271
Volunteer support	769	930
Alternate space at YMCA	7,590	9,552
Sundry	<u>6,193</u>	<u>6,861</u>
	<u>\$ 1,088,452</u>	<u>\$ 987,571</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	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
<b>Revenue:</b>								
Donation, grants and fundraising	\$ 55,815	\$ 7,889	\$ 4,126	\$ 6,289	\$ 45,929	\$ 694,936	\$ 105,870	\$ 709,114
Interest income	343	230	2,600	1,070	57,700	28,000	60,643	29,300
	<u>56,158</u>	<u>8,119</u>	<u>6,726</u>	<u>7,359</u>	<u>103,629</u>	<u>722,936</u>	<u>166,513</u>	<u>738,414</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>								
Salaries and benefits	-	-	-	-	-	1,160	-	1,160
Professional services	-	-	-	-	-	51,246	-	51,246
Construction	-	-	-	-	500,890	22,880	500,890	22,880
Special events	53,396	-	-	-	-	96,554	53,396	96,554
Material, supplies and services	9,962	7,536	3,693	6,837	1,236	6,055	14,891	20,428
	<u>63,358</u>	<u>7,536</u>	<u>3,693</u>	<u>6,837</u>	<u>502,126</u>	<u>177,895</u>	<u>569,177</u>	<u>192,268</u>
Excess (deficiency) excess of revenue over expenses	(7,200)	583	3,033	522	(398,497)	545,041	(402,664)	546,146
Transfer to/from Capital Campaign	-	-	-	-	-	(122,129)	-	(122,129)
Reversal of Section 37 Funds Receivable	-	-	-	-	(746,000)	-	(746,000)	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	(7,200)	583	3,033	522	(1,144,497)	422,912	(1,148,664)	424,017
Balance, beginning of year	17,923	17,340	82,269	81,747	2,177,188	1,754,276	2,277,380	1,853,363
Balance, end of year	\$ 10,723	\$ 17,923	\$ 85,302	\$ 82,269	\$ 1,032,691	\$ 2,177,188	\$ 1,128,716	\$ 2,277,380



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