

Oasis Dufferin
Community
Centre

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- The Kanata Chain Reaction free bike CIinic repaired over 100 bikes and became a movement replicated by many.



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DIRECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

As I look back at 2011, I am amazed at how varied and unique people's experiences at Oasis must have been. I think about the single mother who is struggling to make ends meet and sees Oasis as her "lifeline" for emergency food relief and essential baby supplies or the newly arrived refugee from China who is looking to volunteer and gain Canadian work experience. I am reminded of the resonating sounds of laughter and joy from over 60 children taking part at the Oasis Summer Camp as well as the friendly and cheerful smiles on the faces many seniors attending the Oasis Seniors Club. The memories for each Oasis friend may be different, but all (I hope) received that special "refreshment" that they were seeking.

A central principle of the Oasis Dufferin Community Centre is to serve all who are thirsty, whether it be physically, spiritually, or emotionally. To serve and love one's neighbour must begin with a recognition that all are valued. In doing so, Oasis is able to offer a wide variety of services that are available to the entire community.

As you read this report, it is my hope that you are able to glean the depth of the impact being made in people's lives. Yes, Oasis offers a wide variety of programs, but transformation happens in individuals and the entire community as a result of the care and special way in which people are served in those programs. In essence, positive change is a result of the relationships that are built and the hope that is found at a centre like Oasis which demonstrates God's love to all who are thirsty.

We all have different life experiences and are at different points in our journey of life. Enjoy the next few pages as you take a few steps in the lives of those who call Oasis their home away from home.



Chris Ortiz
Executive Director

Oasis Food Bank and Advocacy

Well it was another rough year for the economy in Toronto, and that means hardship for the Oasis clients using the food bank. More people are using the Oasis food bank and other food banks across the city. There seem to be more new faces using the food bank. The amount of food we receive from Daily Bread Food Bank and Second Harvest has gone down as they are also dealing with lower donations.

Just by walking into any store you can see that food prices have increased across the board. Foods which were once considered inexpensive, are now becoming a challenge for the clients. Any monetary increases clients have gotten have not

met this challenge. It is sometimes very hard to look into the faces of clients knowing that items on the shelves are at low levels and decisions must be made on who can have what. Sometimes, items like cereal and peanut butter must be given only to families allowing them to feed their children. To add to the difficulty, a lot of Oasis clients have dietary or health problems, limiting the food they can eat.

The stories of people trying to struggle through the day, are heart wrenching. A mother telling a child that he could not go to a classmate's birthday party because her cheque would not come for two weeks and they could not afford a present. It

was hard for that child to understand his mother's situation, and the guilt she felt. A client who cannot seem to shake a cold because their diet restricts them from getting the nutrition they need. Clients asking if





there is toilet paper, tissue, and other things most people take for granted, but are things which may have to take a back seat when deciding what to buy when you have only limited funds in your pocket until the next cheque arrives.

The Oasis Advocacy program ensures that participants can get the help they need both through programs offered at Oasis and other agencies. Some of the issues that arise include housing, employment, addiction, education, social services and health promotion. Oasis Food Bank Intake Workers are trained to provide referrals in these areas.

Oasis was able to provide advocacy support thanks to the com-

mitment that Daily Bread Food Bank has maintained in the area of advocacy. Carol Cooper, a volunteer at Daily Bread Food Bank through their advocacy program served at Oasis and was instrumental in helping Oasis further develop its advocacy program.

Oasis has been blessed by receiving food donations from individuals, churches, and schools. Thank you all, not just for what you have donated, but also for your prayers. Oasis is only able to reach people, because of what you do. You do make a difference in so many lives. Thank you and God bless.

Oasis Spanish-Speaking Seniors Group

The Oasis seniors' program has been in operation now for over 11 years. In 2011, this group continued to grow and many new activities were introduced to the seniors.

In October 2010, Oasis received a year's funding from the New Horizons for Seniors Program administered by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada. This funding ended in October 2011. Oasis felt very privileged to receive this assistance and it helped us deliver diverse programs: workshops, outings to shut-ins, picnics, and trips to the ROM and Black Creek Pioneer Village.

The title of the seniors' program was:

“Oasis Combats Loneliness”

During the year we encouraged leadership growth through the following workshops:



- Environmental issues and how seniors can become more knowledgeable in this area and begin projects in conjunction with “Livegreen”.

- Computers and Communication
- Volunteer information and suggestions as to how best to become a volunteer
- Immigration issues
- Sharing of a refugee story-(an Oasis volunteer who had fled persecution from Peru).

Furthermore, Oasis assisted the seniors to combat loneliness by:

- Improving family relations and speeding up the adaptation process in Canada.
- Increasing their understanding of Canada and giving information about services specifically for seniors.
- Giving them better involvement in the community so that they would feel less lonely.
- Offering ideas on volunteer participation with the em-

“Oasis Combats Loneliness”



phasis on growth in leadership and empowerment in their personal relations.

Once a month the seniors met for a delicious lunch prepared by Oasis volunteers and during each meeting they participated in a workshop, enjoyed a time of group dynamics and received a short devotional from God’s Word. They became very cohesive as a group and told many stories of how the group assisted them in becoming more integrated into Canada and also how they felt more supported because of the friendships that they had made at Oasis. Consequently, they felt less isolated and more fulfilled in their communities.

On other occasions, the seniors were involved in visiting seniors who can not leave their homes because of physical limitations. It

was a joy to experience the satisfaction of taking gifts to the shut-ins, and give a word of encouragement to the lonely.

In conclusion, the ministry to seniors provided by Oasis is an integral part of what God has called us to do in Isaiah 61- “to bestow on them a crown of beauty...the oil of gladness...a garment of praise and that we may “comfort those who are sad.”



Phyllis Ortiz
Oasis Founder

Counselling

Health Canada Studies have shown that immigrants are often healthier than the general Canadian population when they arrive but their health declines over time. As Newcomers face the challenges that come with settling into a new society, they may face mental health issues as well. Often what begins as culture shock can turn into depression leaving newcomers feeling isolated and without hope. Another issue that affects their well being is the fact that 50 % of new immigrants live under the poverty line (Source: Retrieved from OCASI website) Over the years we

have seen these statistics reflected in the lives of the people that come through our doors at Oasis.

The Oasis Counselling Program seeks to provide support to newcomers of Hispanic descent as they transition into their new home. We work with women providing relationships that encourage mutuality and support. We have seen that the journey towards health includes support from peers, family, mutual support groups and developing a sense of belonging in society. This is the reason that the program includes individual counselling, support groups as well as volunteer placement opportunities. The women that participate can develop a sense of community and belonging as they also deal with issues that may be creating barriers in their lives.



Erika Abel - **DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S MINISTRIES AND**
Carol Ann Stephen - Counselor, right.

Individual Counselling:

Many of the women that come to Oasis experience issues with depression or anxiety sometimes due to child abuse or trauma experienced in their country of origin. Within the counselling program women have access to counselling in Spanish. We have seen many women develop a sense of hope as they receive support through this program. These women are often eager to participate in the support groups and also to become connected to the community through the volunteer placement program.

One woman relates the following:

"I came in looking for volunteer work. The day of my interview they were having the volunteer lunch and invited us to join them. I was there with my six year old daughter and the Oasis staff did not know this at the time but we were actually very hungry. It meant so much to us that we were invited to stay and offered a meal. My daughter had two

bowls of soup and I felt right at home immediately. Over some time I also received counselling. I had suffered



greatly before I came to Canada and didn't realize it would affect my family so much. I spent a large part of my time worrying and could see it affected my daughter. I was thankful to get help and am slowly getting less anxious. I have volunteered at Oasis for over 2 years now and have come to know this place as a second home."

Support Group:

The Oasis Women's Support Group serves Hispanic women that are new to Canada. We seek to provide a safe and supportive settlement group for women. Our aim

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Counselling

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is for the group to engage women through a participatory approach. This means that during the initial sessions women will present topics they would like to discuss and the workshops that follow are geared specifically to their needs. In 2011, we began a partnership with the REDWOOD, which is a women's shelter for women fleeing violence. One workshop of each session was facilitated by the

REDWOOD. This partnership enables us to provide information and resources for women who are experiencing violence. Crisis intervention referrals can be made if needed.

One of the highlights of the group was our celebration during Christmas. Each woman brought a special plate of food that was traditionally served in their home. One woman shared how her faith had given her strength in difficult times. Others talked about how they were trying to find a sense of community and belonging for their children in this new country. As we shared our time together it seemed evident that we were attempting to find that delicate balance of retaining the beauty from our previous home while at the same time creating something new here in Canada. We are so thankful for the ongoing support of CBWOQ (Canadian Baptist Women of Ontario and Quebec) and all of the individuals who support this program.



Oasis Urban Training Ground

2011 was an important year for the Oasis Urban Training Ground, marking a shift in the way Oasis looks at its role as a training centre. While groups and individuals have been coming to Oasis for cross cultural and missional training for years, in 2011, Oasis staff recognized the need to name and formalize this training process so that more people will understand the program and seek to get involved.

A great example of the kind of programs the Urban Training Ground offers were the workshops conducted with the youth group from Agincourt Baptist Church. Over the course of two Saturday workshops, the youth of Agincourt were led in team building exercises, taught about the ideas of culture/intercultural ministry, and participated in community engagement through promoting an Oasis event.

Over the course of the year, a total of 93 people participated in the Oasis Urban Training Ground including 34 youth on 2-7 day

visits, 12 Intergenerational Group visits, and 10 young adults doing long-term internships (3-12 months). All these groups did amazing volunteer work for the Oasis community - such as those groups that conducted the week-long soccer/bible camps – they left Oasis better equipped to serve in their own communities around the world.



Oasis Volunteer Placement Program



If it were not for capable volunteers, the work at Oasis would be impossible. They assist Oasis in a variety of ways, too many to mention all of them, but we will highlight a few.

From preparing a piping hot container of coffee for staff, volunteers, and food bank clients to mopping up spilled milk in the basement because of an overly eager client's desire to gulp down a cup of coffee; these are just two small tasks that require a watchful eye and a servant's heart.

Truck unloading, food sorting and re-packaging, reception/intake work, lunch preparation, advocacy/translation services,

office duties, support group assistance, and administration/teaching in the small group bible study are just some of the activities that make up the varied work that the Oasis volunteers are involved in. Of course this also means that the staff must coordinate and supervise their activities. However, the volunteer work provides a wonderful opportunity for the Oasis staff to minister to them and help them cope with emotional, physical, and spiritual issues.

The volunteer staff usually consists of from 20-25 people from a host of countries. During 2011, Oasis boasted of volunteers from the following countries:



Mexico, Costa Rica, Hungary, Colombia, China, El Salvador, Peru, Cuba, India, Guatemala, Venezuela, and Canada.

During 2011, the Oasis Intake Worker and Food Bank Supervisor prepared a volunteer handbook which the staff used as an orientation guide to train and more thoroughly prepare them for their duties. It also afforded the staff with the opportunity to listen to the volunteers' concerns and answer any questions that they had concerning Oasis and their corresponding work in the various departments.

Not only did Oasis have many day to day volunteers, but there were several church groups

who came to Oasis on short term mission trips. They traveled from many parts of Canada and the United States. These youth and adults gave of their time in a very sacrificial way and Oasis is indebted to them.

If you wish to volunteer at Oasis please check out the Oasis website, and contact the Centre if you so desire. You will be amazed at the blessings you will receive as a volunteer.

As one lady put it, "Coming to Oasis each Wednesday helps me put aside and forget at least for one day the challenges that I face. Thank you for helping change my life through this volunteer experience!"

Church Plant & Oasis Life Group

Life Group to Make Transition into a Congregation

The Life Group has grown steadily over the past year. It's fair to say it is no longer a small group, but ready to form into a congregation. Oasis Church has started to take shape as more of our occasional attendees have become regular attendees and more of our regular attendees become members. The introduction of a weekly meal at the beginning of the year was the ignition the group needed to take off. The time has come for the group to transition from a small group mentality to a larger worship gathering.

Regular Bible training is taking place on Tuesday evenings and everyone there considers Oasis their church. This past year we have been studying the life of Jesus through an exegesis study of the Gospel of Luke. We have made it half way through the gospel and it has been an amazing journey of discipleship for the group. Not only have the believers grasped a deeper understanding of who Jesus is, but atheists, Buddhists, Hindus, and Muslims who regularly attend our studies, are being challenged with the gospel each week. In December, five people made professions of faith and are scheduled for baptism after they com-

plete our new member's connection class in 2012.

The group is also moving beyond its own needs and reaching out to one another and the community. They are participating in our community outreaches and are truly becoming an intercultural missional church. The members are volunteering in our summer camps, soccer league and outreach meals held throughout the year. Additionally, members Scott has been discipling in relational evangelism have personally shared their faith and led some of our new believers to Christ.

KICK Into Gear

A new weekly children's ministry called K.I.C.K. (Kids In Christ's Kingdom) began this summer. Finding the right time to meet has been the biggest challenge for our children's ministry. It finally found a home alongside our Tuesday evening worship service. KICK was designed as a follow up ministry to our summer camp and to disciple eight new believers from the camps. It has provided a strong biblical foundation for our children and family ministry. Since beginning the ministry, we have had over 20 children participate.

2011 Missions Expand Further Into the Community

Oasis Church hosted 36 missionaries and 5 summer interns from partnership churches from Illinois, North Carolina, and Kanata. As a result, Oasis Church has had another successful summer of outreach and ministry in our community. The mission teams are mostly new partnerships developed by Scott over this year as he travelled and spoke at conventions, associations, and churches around North America. Mission teams are the church plant's primary means of bolstering our presence in the community and accelerating our relationships (months ahead of where we could without them). The mission teams, together with our quarterly community service projects, were designed to create momentum in the community, which in turn would help us start building the church.

Last year we introduced ourselves to the community. This year, we communicated that we genuinely

care about the neighbourhood and want to help it be transformed by the power of the Gospel. Below is a summary of each mission and what each team did to further the spread of the gospel in our ministry area.

Mission Teams

July 04 to 10 - Oasis Church hosted Toronto Challenge with a team from Calvary Baptist Church in Illinois, a Southern Baptist Church. This 12 member team's primary purpose was to promote and register children for our summer camps as well as prepare and host a summer meal at Oasis. The team prayer walked, hung up posters and handed-out flyers throughout the neighbourhood. They registered over 40 children for the camp and served 80 to 100 spaghetti meals to the marginalized in our community. Finally, this team scoured the neighbourhood collecting canned goods to help replenish the depleted food bank. They went door-to-door and collected

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45 bags of canned goods.

July 16 to 23 - Oasis Church hosted a team of 15 Southern Baptist volunteers from North Carolina to help run our Second Annual Summer Soccer/VBS Camp. The camp was a great cooperation among several organizations and an amazing example of the unifying effect of our church. Many campers from last year were too old for this year's camp, so they came back to volunteer as camp counsellors. In addition, many volunteers from Oasis joined our team and served the camp (Chris Clarke, Greg Matthews, Terry Allott, Andrew Boroa). Finally, our camp partner, The Salvation Army, provided two volunteers for the week to help with the soccer and allowed us to use their soccer balls, nets and equipment.

The camp was a success with 58 campers. The gospel was shared sever-

al times during the week with the children. As a result, we had 8 decisions for Christ during the camp. We followed up to confirm these decisions and began discipling the new believers through our new children's ministry KICK.

The camp ended on a Friday with a huge community block party. Scott brought in 8 additional Southern Baptist missionaries to help work the block party so the mission team and camp volunteers could spend their final time solidifying the relationships they had built during the week. This proved to be a positive decision that allowed camp counsellors to meet the parents of the children they had been ministering to all week. Over 140 people from the community attended the block party event.

August 15 to 19 - Parkdale Soccer Camp and Chain Reaction Bike Clinic Mission was the final mission of

the summer. After a one year break, Kanata Baptist Church (a CBOQ church) returned to work with the church plant. This team of 19 helped us expand our soccer ministry into the Parkdale area by running a soccer half day camp there. 75 children attended this camp. The mission team joined 12 Oasis Church members, volunteers from the Salvation Army and Toronto Alliance Church to hold two BBQ's on Monday and Tuesday nights. Hundreds of families were fed and the Gospel presented both nights. This was the first time for most of the people there to hear about Jesus.

On Wednesday and Thursday evenings, the mission team put on two free bike repair clinics at the Wallace Emerson Community Centre. Over the two day event over 100 bikes were repaired and the Gospel was presented in a practical way through extraordinary acts of kindness and one on one conversations.

Summer Missionary Interns

Between May 14 and August 8, Oasis Church hosted 5 Southern Baptist summer missionary interns. The interns included: Jonathan and Kelsey from Alabama, Sabra from North Carolina, Lindsey from South Carolina and Chase from Tennessee. This was the first visit to Toronto for everyone ex-

cept Chase. Chase had worked with Scott last year on a week long mission and decided to return for the summer internship.

During their time here the interns helped Scott manage three mission teams listed above, lead worship in our Life Group, assisted coaching the children's soccer team and prayer-walked many Toronto neighbourhoods. The interns also helped begin our new weekly children's outreach, KICK.

Scott spent time building into their lives spiritually, developing them as leaders and teaching them about church planting and being missional in an urban context. Several of these interns plan to come back next summer and some are considering moving to Toronto permanently and become involved in church planting.



Rev. Scott Rourk - Church Planter

Statement of Income and Changes in Fund Balance

Year Ended December 31

	2010	2011
Revenue		
Foundations and grants	\$109,718	\$122,394
Government Grants	24,937	38,264
Individuals	19,069	17,653
Churches and groups	16,127	19,079
Events and sales	16,098	14,976
Lessons and fees	620	0
Interest and miscellaneous	126	319
	186,695	212,685
Expenditures		
Mission service (schedule 1)	154,081	165,550
Office and general (schedule 2)	39,301	43,866
	193,382	209,416
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	(-6,687)	3,269
Fund balance, beginning of year	11,740	5,053
Fund balance, end of year	\$5,053	\$8,322

Notes: Audit performed by Grant Thornton LLP. Chartered Accountants. For full audited statement contact executive director, Oasis Dufferin Community Centre.

The Oasis Founder's salary is not included in the financial statement, but is paid for by the Baptist Women of Ontario and Quebec. Thank You!

Oasis Dufferin Community Centre is a registered Canadian not-for-profit organization.

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PARTNERS LIKE YOU MAKE IT POSSIBLE

Each year many foundations, churches, groups and individuals give their time, resources and also support Oasis financially and prayerfully. The names are too many to list but our thanks to you is truly heartfelt.

CHURCHES AND FAITH GROUPS INCLUDE:

Aylmer Baptist Church

Canadian Baptist Women
of Ontario and Quebec
(CBWOQ)

Canadian Baptists of
Ontario and Quebec
(CBOQ)

Dovercourt Baptist
Church

First Baptist Church and
SOS Class - Stayner

Harmony Baptist Women

Heron Park Baptist Church

Immanuel Baptist Church

King St. Baptist Church

Kingsway Baptist Church

Martingrove Baptist
Church

Ossington Baptist Church
and Women's Group

Renforth Baptist Church

Toronto Area Association
of Baptist Women

Toronto Baptist Ministries

Villa Nova Mission Circle

Women's Baptist
Fellowship - Various

Yorkminster Park Baptist
Church and Dorcas Group

Oasis receives food from Daily Bread Food Bank and
Second Harvest for which it is truly grateful.

Oasis Staff

- Chris Ortiz - Executive Director
- Phyllis Ortiz - Founding Director
- Erika Abele - Director of Women's Ministries
- Rev. Scott Rourk - Church Planter
- Beatriz Hernandez - Intake Workers
- Terrance Allot - Food Bank Supervisor
- Greg Matthews - Program Leader
- Chris Clarke - Soccer Coordinator

Oasis Board of Directors

- Richard Steinecke - Interim Chair,
- Richard Kvistbo - Treasurer,
- Dan Clarry
- Gladys Castro
- Mary Cowan
- Rev. Sigfrido Ortiz
- Nashwa Tawfiq

Oasis Community Events

Oasis Christmas Celebration

On December 9th, 2011, the Oasis Christmas Celebration took place. Many Oasis supporters, staff, volunteers and friends joined together to share in a special evening filled with great music, delicious food, an Oasis update and an inspiring Christmas message. Rob and Sarah Patterson along with Greg Matthews provided joyful renditions of several Christmas classics. Rev. Tim McCoy, Executive Minister of the Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec shared a wonderful Christmas story for all present to enjoy.

For the second year, Oasis Church reached out to the families who attended the Oasis Christmas Party by having a program for their children. 12 children attended the outreach. The kids played games, did some craft projects and heard a lesson about Christ. Our goal was simply to serve those who have been serving Oasis by allowing them to enjoy themselves at the Christmas party.

A special thank you to all who made the evening memorable.





Oasis Church held its Third Annual Christmas Lunch on December 21. This year we served 275 plates to the Oasis community. Again this year, Scott invited volunteers from his neighbourhood to cook and serve the meals. Despite the fact the school was still in session, 12 families came out to cook and serve the meal with their children. In addition, 12 Oasis Church members and attendees were involved to help prepare and serve the meal. A special thank you goes out to the Campbell Soup Corporation for deboning and cooking all the turkeys this year. This is the second time they have helped Oasis Church cook turkeys for our lunch.

140 Christmas Gifts Distributed to Adults

Pastor Scott helped organize and distribute 140 Christmas gifts packages for Oasis Food Bank clients. Silvia and Scott sorted all the donations and helped assemble the gifts. Each gift bag included a hat, mittens, a scarf and toiletries that were generously donated by companies, churches and individuals. Members of Oasis Church and Children in a grade 3 and 4 class from a local school helped to hand out the gifts to Oasis clients. A special thank you goes to Megan Rourk who kept track of the clients who received bags.

16th Annual Walkathon “Prayer-Walk”

On Saturday, October 1st, which was a crisp autumn day just made for the annual Oasis Walkathon, more than thirty-five dedicated enthusiastic walkers set out to pray for the community and to walk in support of the Oasis Ministry. There were ten churches represented and a number of first time walkers.

Oasis was also privileged to have its newest Board member, Rev. Anthony Chung from Ossington Ave. Baptist Church, come with his wife on their first wedding anniversary, to walk in support of Oasis. It is encouraging to witness the sacrificial giving of so many people who donate their time, money, and material goods to support the Oasis Ministry.

As the walkers went into the community they prayed for many areas in the city where Oasis is ministering. They interceded for Dovercourt Junior Public School which is just a block from Oasis, and they also prayed for the many families who are struggling with issues such as addictions, immigration, etc. Also the walkers upheld in prayer the Salvation Army, the Canaan Evangelical Fellowship, Ossington Baptist, Sis-

tering (an agency that serves homeless, marginalized women), Dovercourt Baptist, Dufferin Street Baptist, and the new Oasis Church.

For the annual Prayer Walkathon there are many volunteers who assist to make the event such a success. The registrars take down all important information and tally up the money and besides this, they give out the T-shirts and important correspondence. There are those who help in the kitchen and are eager to see that all the participants have plenty to eat and drink. There are also those who look after the physical aspects for the Walkathon. All ran as smooth as “clock-work”—thanks to the ever efficient volunteers and staff.

And we must not forget one of the purposes of the event—the monetary donations. When all was tallied up, the registrars gave the word that about \$5,500 had been raised by the walkers and their generous sponsors. What a blessing to again receive the assurance that Oasis is being supported by wonderful donors who have entrusted this money to Oasis.

Again, a very big THANK YOU!

Oasis Walk, Run or Play

The 2011 Oasis Walk, Run or Play was a particularly exciting event. With much preparation and anticipation, runners arrived early on May 28 to Brockton Stadium to register for the race. What started out a grey morning gave way to sunshine as walkers walked 5km, and runners competed in the 5km or 10km race.

On-lookers enjoyed hot dogs and cotton candy, and kids had fun in the jumping castle. At the race's finish two winners emerged, and received the grand prizes, while the top 5 in each race won free entry to the fall Scotiabank Waterfront Marathon. Though the soccer game had to be moved to a nearby field due to weather and field conditions, Oasis FC played a fierce game against their rival: the Oasis Alumni. It was a



close game right to the end, with a final score of 2-2.

The event overall was a great success, raising over \$4,700 for the work at Oasis Dufferin Community Centre. A big thanks goes out to all who worked hard to organize this event, and all the dedicated volunteers who gave their time on May 28th.





Oasis Dufferin Community Centre is an intercultural, missional community – a place of Christian faith where the marginalized are embraced.



Oasis is a training ground for urban ministry and releases others to a Kingdom harvest.



Oasis helps facilitate replicable urban mission models.



The Oasis vision includes the development of an English speaking community of believers.



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