

OASIS DUFFERIN
COMMUNITY
CENTRE

ANNUAL REPORT

2012



DID YOU KNOW?

- **IN 2012, OVER 12,125 VISITORS RECEIVED FOOD AT THE OASIS FOOD BANK .**
- **WINTER IS HARD FOR NEW CANADIANS. IN 2012, OASIS GAVE OVER 130 FAMILIES WINTER CLOTHING INCLUDING HATS, GLOVES AND SCARVES.**



DID YOU KNOW?

- **OVER 74 CHILDREN TOOK PART IN AFTERSCHOOL SPORTS AND THE OASIS SUMMER CAMP.**
- **IN 2012, A TOTAL OF 121 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN THE OASIS URBAN TRAINING GROUND.**

DIRECTOR'S REFLECTIONS



CHRIS ORTIZ

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

10 years, where has the time gone? As I reflect back on my time at Oasis I am reminded of what it is like to walk through the doors of Oasis for the first time. For me, that experience was eye-opening and life transforming and led me to follow my passion to serve others at Oasis in this wonderfully diverse city of Toronto. In the fall of 2012, I had the pleasure of welcoming a German couple, Daniel and Esther and their baby girl, Julika to Oasis as they would volunteer for eight months through an intercultural placement experience. Esther shares about how she felt when arriving at Oasis:

“How will it work out to meet many foreign people from different backgrounds as a family with a little baby?” That was my biggest concern when we started our time at Oasis. My husband and I just had learned about the various activities of Oasis. On Tuesday evening we were getting

ready to visit the Oasis Community Dinner. We had never visited such a dinner before and were very excited about it.

We arrived a bit earlier (we are Germans) and once there, we mainly watched how everything worked: how the food suddenly was carried in big containers, then many people came in, they got in line... we just followed their example! During the meal we could talk to our neighbours at the table and get to know them; their names, where they come from etc. Julika, our little baby girl was very interested in everything too. But at the same time she was shy as well. Sooooo many new faces! Who are all these new people?

A few weeks later, we started to get involved in other ways. We helped to prepare and serve the food and we started to volunteer at the Oasis Food Bank on Wednesdays. The ice-skating on Fridays was a further opportunity to meet people from the community. As a result, relationships began to develop and after a while, the apprehension I had at the start melted away. I no longer saw foreigners, or strangers anymore, although there were no Germans. But there were friends like George,

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Chris and Terry... and many other great people! Oasis became a family for us. We experienced how people care for us and for each other. Even if there are troubles (and this even happens in the best families), we saw the great desire to help each other and find solutions. It was great to be a family within another family!

The answer to my concern about what it would be like as a family in Oasis is: it's just a bigger family, you simply have to cook more food! I now saw people first as my brothers and sisters and not as foreigners anymore. It just takes some time and questions to get to know each other – so come and get to know YOUR Oasis Family!

PS: Finally, my biggest trouble at the community dinner was feeding Julika without making a huge mess – just like at home!”

At Oasis, we strive to build healthy communities. This can involve many different programs and activities as you will read in the following pages, but at its core, Oasis is one big family and as Esther stated, we simply need to “cook more food.”

In 2012, food for the body, mind and soul was put on the “table” at Oasis and we are thankful to all who made this possible. Please enjoy the following stories as they reflect on the year’s achievements and struggles.

Oasis Food Bank and Advocacy

2012 proved to be a challenging one for the Oasis Food Bank clients because of the economic situation. More new people are using the Oasis food bank and other food banks across the city. The food supply from Daily Bread Food Bank and Second Harvest has decreased as these agencies are also dealing with lower donations.

Just by walking into any store you can see that food prices have increased. Foods which were once con-

sidered inexpensive, are now becoming a challenge for the clients. Any monetary increases clients have received 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 receive certain items such as cereal and peanut butter that are given to families allowing them to feed their children. Also, many Oasis clients have dietary or health problems, limiting the food they can eat.



Terrance Allott and Chris Ortiz with Toronto Police Officers volunteering at the Oasis Food Bank.

The stories of people trying to struggle through the day are heart wrenching, a mother telling a child that he cannot 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, or a client who cannot seem to shake a cold because her diet restricts her from getting the nutrition she needs.

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 commitment 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.

Terrance Allott,
Oasis Food Bank Supervisor

Oasis Spanish-Speaking Seniors Group



As is customary, the 15-25 Spanish speaking senior women and men give input as to how they feel about the monthly seniors meetings. They are adamant in constantly reiterating the fact that the group “is a life line” for them and serves as a time of emotional and spiritual healing. As one elderly lady commented, “This group really is an Oasis for me.”

For about 12 years, Oasis has reached out to seniors from Argentina, Uruguay, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Honduras,

Mexico, El Salvador, Cuba and Guatemala. During 2012, the group enjoyed a variety of activities, workshops and delicious lunches. The seniors learned about culture shock, elder abuse, volunteerism, mental health, nutrition and finances. They also participated in an Easter Tea, a BBQ with children and youth, a historic tour by streetcar, and a Christmas party/movie event.

In order to deliver such a quality program Oasis received funding from the Federal Govern-

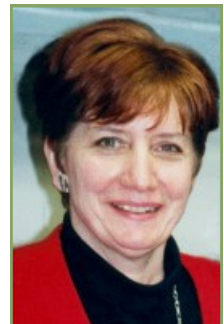
“Oasis Seniors Sharing in Service”



ment “New Horizons for Seniors Program”. This funding greatly enabled in the purchasing of much-needed supplies and furniture that added vitality to the program. Furthermore, the workshops were presented by well-qualified people, who not only gave the pertinent information, but also conducted a lively discussion with a question and answer time.

The Oasis seniors group has been a program that continues to meet the immediate needs of a segment of Canada’s newcomers

and we, at Oasis, trust that this vital outreach ministry will continue to minister to this wonderful group of immigrants.



PHYLLIS ORTIZ
OASIS FOUNDER

Oasis Volunteer Placement Program



**Toronto Police Officer, Sgt. Mike Quinn,
volunteering at the Oasis Food Bank.**

Oasis always has relied on dedicated and efficient volunteers and this was also the case in 2012. Perhaps it was most notable when the Oasis staff met to choose volunteers of the year. Many could have been chosen to receive the special volunteer recognition of merit awards. During 2012, Oasis welcomed very capable volunteers from far and wide: Mexico, China, Hungary, Cuba, Colombia, Peru, Venezuela, El Salvador, Bangladesh, Japan, South Korea, Germany and (even) Canada.

The varied volunteer services included unloading food from trucks, sorting and re-packaging

food, intake interviewing, receptionist and advocacy work, the cooking of delicious meals, receiving clients and organizing their entry into the intake office. Each work is pivotal and Oasis would not be as effective without volunteers' tireless work.

A member of the staff had the privilege of presenting awards to three outstanding volunteers. She used words to describe the characteristics of the three recipients: caring, thoughtful, persevering, upbeat, willing, punctual, perfectionist, creative, and careful in the planning of meals. As each name was called and the surprised recipient walked onto the stage, it was evident that there was great appreciation for



Toronto City Councillor, Ana Bailão (second from left), dropping off food for the Oasis Food Bank.

having been chosen to receive the recognition.

Ana Maria Cruz, from Peru, the Oasis Wednesday morning receptionist/advocacy worker received a special certificate of merit for her ten years of outstanding service at Oasis.

Aniko Turk, from Hungary, who had worked tirelessly in the kitchen preparing delicious and creatively decorated dishes, received the female volunteer of the year award. During the year, Aniko also gave a very interesting and informative workshop on nutrition to the seniors group.

George Buckingham, a Canadian and a recent addition to the

Oasis Church, received the male volunteer of the year award. As an Oasis volunteer, he assisted in various capacities: truck unloader, hamper room worker, Oasis church meal-preparer and he generally took on any work that he realized needed to be done. He always did it with a cheerful and upbeat spirit.

Now Oasis would like to address you, the reader. God has endowed you with gifts, and therefore, we would invite you to participate in the Oasis Ministry. The Oasis staff would be delighted to assist you in using your gifts in whatever capacity is needed, and you can become an integral part of the Oasis family.

Counselling

Many women who are newcomers to Canada come from countries where they may have experienced abuse. Some of them are unaware of Canadian laws regarding domestic violence. These women need access to programs that provide education and support regarding violence against women issues. They need a safe place where they will experience a sense of belonging and community. We have seen this to be true with the women who have come to Oasis.

In 2012, we were able to provide three semesters of group counselling sessions for Hispanic women in our community through the Oasis Women's Counselling Program.



**ERIKA ABELE – DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S MINISTRIES AND
CAROLE ANN STEPHEN - COUNSELLOR, RIGHT.**

We were pleased to continue our work with the REDWOOD shelter. This agency provides transitional housing and other supports for women who are facing domestic violence. Stephanie Gordon, Outreach Worker, for the REDWOOD, facilitated workshops at Oasis for our Women's Group. The topics included how to set healthy boundaries and how to develop communication skills. Throughout the sessions we were able to see the women develop a sense of trust and belonging as they shared their stories with each other. Carole Ann Stephens, who is a therapist that specializes in trauma, facilitated several workshops. Our teaching and sharing centered around topics such as acclimatizing to a new country, language issues, customs and weather and what it meant to leave one's home and family. One area that was of great interest to the women was raising children and how to listen to and understand children. Since many of the women were single parents and had suffered some degree of neglect or abuse in their

home countries we spent time discussing what it meant to have boundaries, to forgive and to heal the wounds from the past. Many personal stories were shared, tears shed, friendships forged and prayers said for peace, healing and courage to continue to hope for better times.

Most of the women are learning English and they are very patient and helpful with Carole Ann as she attempts to learn Spanish! As women, we have a lot in common and learn much from each other. Our last class was spent sharing traditional foods, recipes and children's clothing collected from friends and families. Each time we meet with a new group of women we learn more about what it is like to risk everything to come to a new country. Women's stories the world over have similar themes but each woman brings a uniqueness that reminds us that we are all made in God's image; no two are the same. Each one of us holds God's promise of peace and hope and the great purposes and plans He has for us. We hope that we play some small role in partnering with God to bring these women from Latin America to a completeness in Him.

In addition to group work,



several women accessed individual counselling that was offered in Spanish by the Oasis Director of Women's Programs, Erika Abele. Women were able to come in once a week to receive individual help with issues such as depression and anxiety. Often women who accessed counselling also needed advocacy supports. In 2012, we were able to connect women with the advocacy worker at Oasis, Claudia Ventura, who spent time with the women and provided the adequate supports needed. Providing help on various levels allowed for the counselling program to be more effective. Some of the women needed immigration referrals, others needed housing referrals or information on child care. It was very rewarding to see several women transition from being in isolation to community engagement.

We would like to share the story of one participant who has given us permission to tell a small part of her journey.

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Counselling

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She left her country of origin less than 4 months ago. Without being able to speak a word of English she braved going out alone in the city of Toronto. She told us that her first days in Canada were very hard for her. Being in a new place, she felt very alone and would often end up wandering the streets and getting lost. Despite this, each morning she forced herself to go out, to go for long walks and somehow make sense of her new surroundings.

Then she found her way to Oasis. She came each week to the Women's Group and began to share her life with us. She had many questions about how things work in Canada. She met other women who became a support to her and began to help her navigate her way around

and cope with living in a new country.

When asked what Oasis has meant to her, this is what she said:

“At the group I learned how to have confidence in myself, how to relate to others.

When I came to Oasis I found not only that you opened your doors to me but that you opened your hearts. As a newcomer I felt like I needed a lot of support but I also felt I needed spiritual support. I felt like I needed to find hope, confidence in myself that yes somehow I would be able to settle into this new country.”

We recently received an update from her, and she let us know that she has found a job and is starting to feel more settled in her new home. She still keeps in touch with some of the women she met at Oasis and told us she looks forward to the day when she too can volunteer and give back to her new community.

We would like to thank Canadian Baptist Women of Ontario and Quebec for their continued support towards this program.



Children's Sports Program @ AMG



Oasis and the Jeremiah Community partnered in running an evening sports program for children at a local school, Alexander Muir Gladstone P.S. This program, AMG Sports, is an equal partnership between Oasis and the Jeremiah Community. On Monday evenings 15-25 children enjoyed a time of sports and games. Through this program, we get to encourage the students' mental and physical health by providing them with a night of physical activity and by modeling positive values.

One of the most encouraging moments at AMG happened mid-way through 2012. One of our students was having a particularly difficult time because he was being picked on and chastised by a few of the other students. It came to my

attention that one of the children causing him the most anguish was saying things that were quite derogatory. The following week I had the entire group sit down prior to activities and gravely went over some of the problems we'd seen and talked about how important it was for them to learn that every person is equally valued. This wasn't just a stern warning but an opportunity to teach some very important values. For the remainder of the year we had no issues like this in the entire group and we witnessed a true reconciliation between the two most embattled individuals. This is one of many ways sports can offer the opportunity to invest in the lives of children.

Chris Clarke,
Soccer Coordinator

Oasis Urban Training Ground

In 2012, the Oasis community was blessed to receive the support of Toronto Baptist Ministries and the Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec specifically to develop the Oasis Urban Training Ground. This, in turn, allowed students, volunteers and missionaries to visit the Oasis community on a “Mission Experience”.

The Oasis Urban Training Ground (OUTG) has the purpose of immersing Christians from all walks of life in an eye-opening, heart-touching, life-transforming experience in an urban, multicultural setting. Greg Matthews, Program Leader of the OUTG, shares about how he became a part of the Oasis team:

“I guess you could say I’ve got a long family history at Oasis. My grandparents, (Rev. Philip Karpetz and Edith Karpetz) were active volunteers for many years, gathering donations,

maintaining facilities, interacting with clients. So, I heard the name ‘Oasis’ from time to time, but didn’t think much of it. As a young high-school student, my youth pastor took me one year to the annual Oasis Walkathon – a visit captured in a photograph, which was put on a plaque, which I discovered years later...now, on staff at Oasis. As we found ourselves in the same photograph, my coworkers and I realized we had met each other years earlier – a lovely reminder, almost as if to say “your story as Oasis staff was being prepared long ago.”

Some years after that first visit I had an encounter with Chris Ortiz (Oasis Executive Director) at a presentation given by a missionary family stationed in Bolivia. Having worked that summer in Kenya through Toronto Baptist Intercultural Services, I was searching for a community develop-



Volunteers from Bathurst Street Baptist Church, New Brunswick

ment organization to get involved with here at home. After chatting a bit with Chris, I knew Oasis was the place I was looking for. I began volunteering weekly at the Oasis Food Bank, performing various tasks from greeting to preparing food boxes, to working in the kitchen, and then landing in a role as an intake worker. As I started to build relationships with Oasis clients and staff I felt blessed to be a part of this great community, and was challenged to live with more compassion and love.


After a year and a half, I got more involved with the Oasis Urban Training Ground. Still in its infant stages, this was a program that combined my passion for social justice/civic engagement, and my desire to see my peers empowered to do compassionate work of community transformation. In the process of developing this program, I became aware of my limited knowledge. This awareness, coupled with the satisfaction I felt working to meet the needs of others, gave me inspiration to go back to school, where I

studied Project Management for International Development. This program could literally take me across the world...or find me back in in the heart of the city of Toronto – either way, I can always attribute much of my awareness and inspiration to my time at Oasis.

I'm excited for what Oasis' future will be. I'm excited for both young people and adults to become empowered missional leaders through the Oasis Urban Training Ground. If you visit Oasis, you'll hear many clients and volunteers say they found a home at Oasis. Indeed, my story at Oasis began with my grandparents, was encouraged by my church family, and even now continues to develop as I find new family at Oasis and abroad.

Thank you all for your continued support for the work at Oasis of which the OUTG continues to develop our future leaders."

Greg Matthews,
Program Leader of the OUTG

 <p>Greg Matthews, Program Leader - OUTG</p>	Oasis Urban Training Ground Participants 2012:	
	2-5 day visitors	52
	1 day visitors	64
	Interns: 2-8 month full-time placements	5
	Total	121

Church Plant & Oasis Life Group

Over the past three years, Oasis has seen the vision of an intercultural, English speaking community of believers begin to blossom. In 2012, the Oasis Church began to take shape; people turned towards God, some were baptized and many were supported on their journeys of faith. With the part-time guidance of Pastor Scott Rourk, the work at Oasis Dufferin Community Centre saw many people experience God's love in different ways. Some took part in the weekly meals and church services held Tuesday evenings, while others sent their children to the free Oasis Summer Vacation Bible School run by hard working volunteers.

The approach Oasis takes to sharing God's love is best described as a holistic approach and entails:

" .. the proclamation and demonstration of the gospel. It is not simply that evangelism and social involvement are to be done alongside each other. Rather, in integral mission our proclamation has social consequences as we call people to love and repentance in all areas of life. And our social involvement has evangelistic consequences as we bear witness to the transforming grace of Jesus Christ. If we ignore the world, we betray the word of God which sends us out to serve the world. If we ignore the word of God, we have nothing to bring to the world. Justice and justification

by faith, worship and political action, the spiritual and the material, personal change and structural change belong together. As in the life of Jesus, being, doing and saying are at the heart of our integral task."

The above is an extract from the Micah Declaration on Integral Mission developed by those present at the Micah Network consultation on Integral Mission held in Oxford during September 2001.

In order to address the whole needs of the individual, Oasis offers support through the centre which includes Food Aid, Counselling, Advocacy etc. and together with these supports, the Oasis Church was formed which is there to also support people with their spiritual needs.

Often, people who are new to Toronto face many challenges, and thus an integral approach to ministry not only makes sense, it forces the practitioner to understand the needs that exist and build genuine community by journeying alongside the person in need. The Oasis Church is the result of 18 years of outreach at Oasis and it is amazing to see people's lives transformed by Jesus.

In 2012, Ron, Yvonne, George, Michelle and Joe were baptized by Pastor Scott. The baptisms were a wonderful reminder of how a community of faith comes together to demonstrate the

commitment one makes to follow Christ. The baptisms were vibrant testimonies to the friends and families of those being baptized. These events had a positive influence in the lives of those who witnessed the baptisms as they saw obedience to God being demonstrated by these bold steps of faith.

In the summer of 2012, Oasis Church had the support of various mission teams including one group who ran a week long free Vacation Bible School. Volunteers from First Baptist Church Chariton, Iowa ran the camp that saw a total of 45 children participate and had four professions of faith!

Oasis had the pleasure of welcoming summer interns from May 30 to July 24 from the CNBC summer intern program called Current Canada. The interns helped prepare and serve the Oasis Tuesday night outreach meals, led worship, worked in the food bank and personally disciplined members of the Oasis congregation.

Much good work was done at Oasis Church under the leadership of Pastor Scott Rourk. Several people were baptized, small groups were run and a weekly meal and service were offered besides many other activities.

As Oasis Church took shape and grew, it reached a time for transition. Pastor Scott was asked to plant the Oasis Church, and now that it has grown, and because of Scott's calling to plant other churches, Pastor Scott finished his time

From Left: George, Ron and Yvonne who were baptized in April 2012.



at Oasis as of December 2012.

Oasis thanks Pastor Scott for his time and effort given to the Oasis community. Oasis will miss Pastor Scott and extends to him a fond farewell and asks God's blessing upon his future endeavours.

Moving forward, Oasis is committed to the members of the close-knit Oasis Church and will strive to provide spiritual support in the time of transition. During this time the Oasis Board of Directors has given the mandate to transition into a part-time permanent church pastor as soon as a suitable person is found to begin in early 2013.

To all Oasis Church members, I thank you for your continued commitment to Oasis and I want you to know that you are an integral part of this great community.

Sincerely,

Chris Ortiz - Executive Director

Oasis Community Events

Oasis Spring Run/Walk

On Saturday morning May 26th, 2012, Oasis held its annual Spring Run at the West Toronto Rail Path. Participants could either run a 4 km or 8 km course. The weather co-operated and it was a gorgeous sunny, warm day; perfect for the participants, spectators and their friends and families.

Forty runners participated which certainly made for an interesting event and resulted in positive exposure to Oasis. Over \$5,000 was raised, which was very appreciated, much needed and put to good use.

Congratulations to all participants!

4km: 1st – Peter Chng - 18:06

2nd – Hasan Subhani - 20:00

3rd – Jimmy Chen - 20:28

8km: 1st – Nickson Rugut - 29:58

2nd – Eric Bang - 32:02

3rd – Nathan McCoy - 33:21

Top fundraiser: Dan Clarry



Nickson Rugut

Oasis @ the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon

On October 14, 2012 several participants braved the rain and ran for Oasis at the Scotiabank Waterfront Marathon

Notable mention: Nikson Rogut finished 9th overall in the half-marathon!

Congratulations to all participants and we hope you were able to achieve your running goals.

A special thanks to all who raised money for Oasis, which totaled over \$2,400.!



Oasis Spring Run Participants

OASIS BENEFIT CONCERT

On Saturday, November the 3rd, 2012 Oasis Dufferin Community Centre held a benefit concert entitled ‘A Musical Treat’ at the Dovercourt Baptist Church. The Master of Ceremonies for the event was Richard Steinecke who is on the Board of Directors for Oasis Dufferin Community Centre and also a member of the Dovercourt Baptist Church.

There were five acts: The Messengers; a quartet from Queensway Baptist Church, Madeleine and Nathan McCoy; a brother and sister act from Kingsway Baptist Church, Chris Clarke who is on staff at Oasis, Dave Slater, and Gail Malcolm from Ossington Baptist Church.

Over one hundred people were in attendance and greatly enjoyed the eclectic musical evening. The purpose of the event was to showcase local talent and also raise awareness and funds for the work of Oasis. Over \$2,600 were raised for Oasis!

A special thanks to Dovercourt Baptist Church for hosting the event and to all the performers who donated their time!

17th Annual Walkathon “Prayer-Walk”

On the cool, but sunny September Saturday morning, a group of Oasis staff and volunteers, as well as people from several churches, joined together to raise funds for Oasis and also to pray for the community surrounding the Centre. After arriving and enjoying a cup of coffee and a tasty morsel of food, the group of approximately 30 walkers started off wearing colourful Oasis shirts. Several community agencies and ministries were prayed for during the carefully mapped route in the vicinity of Oasis. The walkers saw the community where the Oasis clients live, most of whom access the programs offered by the Centre.

The Walkathon is not only an event which reaches out into the community but also encourages the participants to get sponsors to contribute funds to Oasis. We have been very happy by the financial support contributed during and after the event. In 2012, the amount raised was almost \$3,400. Since there were six churches that participated in the Walkathon we are confident that if each of those six churches were to invite at least one more church to become involved, the amount donated could be doubled. Oasis needs many to become enthused about giving up five hours on a fall day to know more about Oasis, to pray for

the community, and also donate to the ministry.

Following the six km. walk, the participants enjoyed a tasty lunch donated by one of Oasis’ partner churches. Two of the walkers received prizes for having raised the most funds for Oasis. Oasis especially thanks Clifton Bryant from Ossington Avenue Baptist Church and Janet Browne of the Oasis Church for excellent fundraising to support the Walkathon.

Oasis wants to also thank all those who have been a part of the Oasis Walkathon. We are grateful to you!

2012 Oasis Prayer Walk



Oasis Christmas Celebration

On Friday, December 7th 2012, Oasis Dufferin Community Centre held its annual Christmas celebration to thank volunteers for all of their hard work and to Celebrate Christmas together. There were close to one hundred people present and they were entertained by the musical act Xchange from Dovercourt Baptist Church. They performed a couple of sets and closed the night out with some Christmas music.



**George Buckingham
with Phyllis Ortiz**

David Thomas was the guest speaker for the evening and he gave a great speech concerning faith, hope and love.

Three volunteers were honoured for their commitment, support and

hard work for Oasis. Ana Maria Cruz was given a special award for her ten years of volunteer work. Aniko Turk was the female volunteer of the year. George Buckingham was the male volunteer of the year.

Oasis Staff and volunteers at the Oasis Christmas Celebration



Statement of Income and Changes in Fund Balance

Year Ended December 31

	2012	2011
Revenue		
Foundations	\$62,000	\$75,000
Government grants	52,936	38,264
Grants	48,431	47,394
Donations - churches and groups	20,447	19,079
Donations - individuals	15,880	17,653
Events and sales	13496	14976
Interest and miscellaneous	289	319
	213,479	212,685
Expenditures		
Mission service	180,804	165,550
Office and general	48,378	43,866
	229,182	209,416
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	(15,703)	3,269
Net Assets, beginning of year	8,322	5,053
Net assets (deficit), end of year	\$ (7,381)	\$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 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	First Baptist Church and SOS Class - Stayner	Toronto Area Association of Baptist Women
Agincourt Baptist Women	Harmony Baptist Women	Toronto Baptist Ministries
Bethany Baptist Church	Immanuel Baptist Church	Villa Nova Mission Circle
Blythwood Rd. Baptist Church	King St. Baptist Church	Westmoreland Beaver Bible Class
Bromley Rd. Baptist Church	Kingsway Baptist Church	Women's Baptist Fellowship - Various
Canadian Baptist Women of Ontario and Quebec (CBWOQ)	Martingrove Baptist Church	Yorkminster Park Baptist Church and Dorcas Group
Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec (CBOQ)	Mississauga City Baptist Church	
Dovercourt Baptist Church	Osgoode Baptist Women	
	Ossington Ave. Baptist Church and Women's 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
- Ron Lalone, Assistant Manager
- Claudia Ventura - 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,
- Gladys Castro
- Rev. Anthony Chung
- Dan Clarry
- Mary Cowan
- Rev. Sigfrido Ortiz
- Nashwa Tawfiq



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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