

2014 YEAR IN REVIEW

A WORD FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The year 2014 has been an incredible inaugural year for Homeless Connect Toronto and we are so proud of what was accomplished together with so many supporters and partners since we began.

Three years ago, we dreamt of bringing a Homeless Connect event to Toronto. Our dreams and vision became a reality in 2014. Not only did we organize one Homeless Connect event but two within the same year, bringing together 90 organizations that provided a wide range of services to almost 600 at-risk and homeless individuals in the city.



The year kickstarted with our first Homeless Connect Toronto event at the Harbourfront Community Centre on April 13, 2014. Despite various challenges and uncertainties, our event was a success and the feedback was incredulous. We ambitiously decided to host a second event within the same year, on November 9, 2014. We sought a larger venue at the Mattamy Athletic Centre (former Maple Leaf Gardens) and more community partnerships, and as a result, the number of guests who attended our event doubled to nearly 400.

The number of guests who came through our doors is merely a small fraction of the 5,000+ individuals on the streets of Toronto on a given night and many others who experience hidden homelessness. We have a lot more work ahead. We will continue to dream of innovative ways to connect with the community and strengthen collaborations between businesses and social agencies to increase access to services and raise awareness about the homelessness and housing needs.

Our priorities in 2015 will be long-term strategic planning and our third event in October 2015. We will work to strengthen the organization's sustainability and expand our capacity. And we look forward to the continuing support of our board of directors, steering committee, sponsors, partner agencies, and volunteers who have helped us to realize our vision. We believe that together we can truly create sustainable partnerships to overcome homelessness in the City of Toronto.

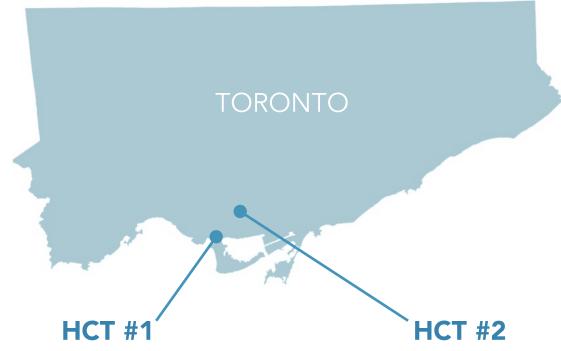
Sincerely,

Melody Li

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Founder and Executive Director, Homeless Connect Toronto

OUR 2014 EVENTS



April 13, 2014 Harbourfront Community Centre

201 GUESTS

- 195 Adults
- Children

SERVICE PROVIDERS

- Health Care
- Personal Care / Support
- Housing
- Education / Employment
- 6 Financial / Legal
- Other

180 VOLUNTEERS

November 9, 2014 Mattamy Athletic Centre

GUESTS

- Adults
- Children

SERVICE PROVIDERS

- 27 Health Care
- Personal Care / Support
- Housing
- 8 Education / Employment
- Financial / Legal
- Other

VOLUNTEERS

SERVICES PROVIDED

In total, the following were provided during the two HCT events in 2014:



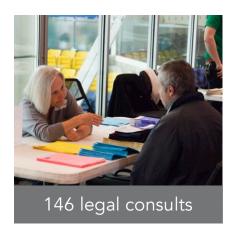










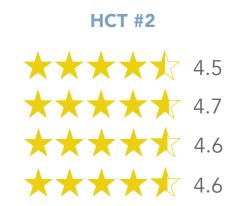






Other services included housing application assistance, employment services, debt counseling, sexually transmitted infection testing, immunizations, bike repair and many more.

FEEDBACK FROM OUR GUESTS



"We the homeless need more of this under one roof. This was great." "Days like this give hope and happiness!"

"I hope you repeat this. It's a great service, very useful."

"I think this is a very useful and great idea for helping those who don't know where to turn/go."

"I think Homeless [Connect]
Toronto is a[n] excellent Idea.
Thank you."

"[I was] able to access services that I won't normally access. I got all I hoped for."

IN THE NEWS



New agency aiming to help Toronto's homeless population

Justin Skinner

City Centre Mirror | Oct 15, 2013

With Toronto's homeless population growing at an alarming rate, a new local agency is looking to help ensure those living on the streets have access to the programs they need.

Homeless Connect Toronto, a branch of the North America-wide Project Homeless Connect initiative, is looking for partners, sponsors and service providers in anticipation of its first semi-annual event.





News / GTA

"One-stop shop" event offers low-income people array of services

Needy receive eye care, dentistry and legal assistance all in one place

By: Jessica McDiarmid News reporter, Published on Sun Apr 13 2014

Asha Mohamoud was diagnosed with diabetes two months ago.

Her doctor recommended a trip to the optometrist to check for eye damage associated with the disease.

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150 volunteers helped more than 300 people at risk connect with housing, job, and health services

BY CYNTHIA MCQUEEN APRIL 14, 2014 2:09 PM

Marie Ranger has lived on the streets on and off for 10 years. For four months she's been living in a shelter. On April 13, she filled out an application for housing at **Homeless Connect**, Toronto's first-ever one-stop event for people on the margins and at-risk.



News / GTA

Helping hands and haircuts welcomed at Homeless Connect Toronto

About 150 volunteers from 70 different agencies and companies came together Sunday to deliver housing, health care and other services in a one-stop shop.

By: Madhavi Acharya-Tom Yew Business Reporter, Published on Sun Nov 09 2014

It was hard to tell who got more joy from the haircut — student hairdresser Shahli Hayat or her client Heather Eagle.

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and Recovery (STAR) Learning Centre

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Centre

The 519 Community Centre

The Scott Mission Thinking Forward Toronto Central Community Care Access

Centre (CCAC)

Toronto Public Health: Dental Screening Toronto Public Health: Homeless At Risk

Pregnancy

Toronto Public Health: Oral and Dental Health

Toronto Public Health: Sexual Health

Promotion Program

Toronto Public Health: TB STOP Toronto Public Health: The Works

Toronto Public Health: Vulnerable Adults and

Seniors

Toronto Public Library

Toronto Transit Commission: Wheel-Trans
Turning Point Youth Services: Project Going

Home

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