

# Growing an Interactive Community

5-Years Review

## Walk A Mile In Their Shoes

Times flies and in the blink of an eye, 105 Gibson Centre has grown into a flourishing 5 year-old centre of buzzing activities in terms of discipleship and community outreach!

To be honest, no matter how hard we tried, in the beginning there was so much uncertainty in this venture that no wonder many were hesitant about whether or not to get on board with this arduous journey!

Yet, we could look back and marvel to say that "Ebenezer-thus far The Lord has helped us!" (1 Samuel 7:12)

God has provided innovative visionaries; people with expertise; dedicated staff; energetic volunteers; church members with humble posture of learning and serving as willing disciples; many like-minded Christians from other churches and organizations; helpful contributions of ideas and resources from other social service organizations and God's timely abundant financial supply through generous offerings and donations, through both individuals, churches and community, that has made this growing people movement such a gratifying, thanksgiving and praiseworthy experience! The jigsaw puzzle is by no means complete until we move forward boldly with a proposed Phase 3. The road map is becoming clearer and clearer, as strong foundations of various ministries are being laid to



achieve integrative synergism. We stick to our original mantra of: "Dream big; start small but dig deep!"

The other precious lesson that I have learned throughout this journey is what The Honourable MP (Markham-Stouffville) Dr. Jane Philpott had said when she gave the Grand Opening address 5 years ago. She quoted the African proverb: "If you want to walk fast, walk alone; but if you want to walk far, walk together!"

We have been walking together on this journey of learning Christlikeness: with our brothers and sisters; with our volunteers and supporters & donors; with our clients and neighbours; always endeavouring to walk another mile in their shoes, hence being able to bring Jesus' love into their midst and into the community! God bless you all and to Him be the glory!

Rev. Dr. Harding Ng

Senior Pastor, Toronto Christian Community Church Founder, 105 Gibson Centre

# Looking Ahead to the Future With a History of Growth In the Rear View

With a heart and a plan to serve our neighbours, we penned four words into our mission statement five years ago: Locals, Those in Need, Compassion and Hope.

We started with the youth as our primary target group and we slowly but steadily expanded our services to encompass those with other needs. Now we have six ministries (Youth, Abundant Life Institute, Community Classroom, Community Services to Needs, Sports and 105 Gibson Cultural Café) and we have given careful thought into their design. We are delighted to see that each ministry has grown with respect to the number of users, an expanding team of dedicated volunteers, and the variety of activities offered.

During these years, there were collaboration opportunities amongst the ministries and partnerships developed between the Centre and other organizations. This embodied our principle of "platform", where interactive dialogue is encouraged, and such relationships can maximize each party's impact in the community in a synergic way.

We have witnessed an area of growth that cannot be quantified. From personal feedback or online comments, our visitors have enthusiastically expressed a sense of "Second Home" that they have experienced here. A sense of belonging has flourished in our midst. This is important to building strong and vibrant communities and bringing purpose to peoples' lives.

As we wait and ponder on the arrival of 2019, we base ourselves in the trust of Jesus and follow his footsteps of compassionate work for the neighbourhood. The last phase of development in 105 Gibson, which includes a Christian Counselling Centre, is not far from us. Though the onset of that day will signify an end to 105 Gibson's building project, our walk of hope and care with our neighbours will never stop.

Five years of growth had been rewarding and exciting. But even more so, we await for what God has prepared for us in the many years ahead.

Rev. Jonathan Chan General Director, 105 Gibson Centre



2018
Fast
Facts



Accumulated Registered Users

5,624



**Facility Rental** 

4,685

Average Rental Visitors per Month



**Activities & Programs** 

2,916
Average Number of Visits per Month

Youth Program

Average Users per Month

• Ground breaking ceremony for Phase 1 construction



Youth Services started the following programs:

- 40 Hours and Beyond
- Student Employment Mentorship Program
- Youth Success Initiatives
- Stephen Leacock After School Homework Club
- Previous collaboration with Dr. Norman Bethune C.I. continues



between TCCC and the former warehouse reps

• First walkathon at Tyndale



Passed resolution to proceed with the purchase • Disney animator Davy Liu "Zero to Hero" Fundraising events



Sports Ministry launches Scheduled drop-in program for badminton and table tennis

Offered classes in categories of Creative Arts, Science and Tech, Visual Arts, Physical Activities, Music, Health and Wellness, and Educational workshops.

> Food bank started service with help from 5 With Drive

Ministry Partner
"Joy Beyond Vision
Community" began serving
meals at 105 Gibson
Cultural Cafe

Added senior-appropriate classes into Community Classroom

2009 2010 2011

2012

2013

2014



**Volunteers** 

1,542 Average Volunteer Hours per Month

Volunteers per Month



Community Classroom

432

Average Users up per Month



**Sports Activities** 

**577** 

Average Users per Month



**Abundant Life Institute** 

Membership

Classes/Events

872

Average Users per Month





· Co-organized fundraiser Dare to Dream Build to Bless with Richmond Hill Christian Community Church. Proceeds split with John Kao Global Leadership Study Centre at Tyndale College & Seminary



First 105 Gibson Cultural Café concert

First year of filing tax returns at 105 Gibson Centre

> **Sports Ministry launches** Scheduled drop-in program for basketball and Non-Scheduled programs for basketball, badminton and table tennis

Community visit to file tax returns in assisted-living apartment

A Meal Together for the

**Horizons for Seniors** Program for the first time

**Ministry Partner** "Talking Book Library" installed recording booth at Centre for producing Christian audio books





**Thrift Store** 

2,204

Total Number of Visits

**Tax Clinic** 

Users

**Food Bank** 

Average Number of Visits

Number of Clients Served

### • Doors Open Markham



• Phase 2 Fundraising and



McGivney Catholic Academy, Agincourt C.I. and York Region District School Board for Youth Services

Collaboration with Father Michael



First "Earth Care thru **Indoor Farming" course** in partnership with **Nature Harmony** 

Youth Services hosts Youth Strengths Summer Camp and started In-class

First dodgeball tournament

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**Ministry Partner** "Meals in Need" **Grand Opening** 

Thrift Store permanent location opened and kitchenette ready for use

# **Key Programs & Events**



### All year round activities

Food Bank , Thrift Store, Basketball Badminton, Table Tennis, Pickleball



### School year programs

(Jan - Jun; Sept - Dec) Youth Success Initiatives A Meal Together





- Free Tax Clinic (Mar to Apr)
- Phase 2 construction completed and Grand Opening



ALI Spring Passion Camp (Jul to Aug)





- Walkathon
- Doors Open Markham
- 5th Anniversary Thanksgiving Dinner



• ALI Talk (May and Sept)



- Volleyball Tournament
- ALI Diabetes and Heart Diseases Workshop





Chinese New Year Celebration

- Thrift Store Side Walk Sales (Jun and Oct)
- · Basketball Tournament
- Workshop for Sports ministry leaders
  - Newcomers BBO
  - Youth Summer Camp



- Community Open House
- Teenager Parenting Alpha Course (Apr and Oct)
- Youth Strengths Workshop



- AMT Christmas Dinner
- ALI Christmas Lunch
- Community Christmas Dinner
- Newcomers Christmas Dinner



- Dodgeball Tournament
- Staff Retreat
- Young Adult Strengths Workshop
- Spring Passion Camps A + B Graduation
- ALI Grand Birthday Party
- 105 Gibson ALI Wellness Clinic ready for service



105 Gibson Cultural Café Concert (Feb, Jun and Oct)

# **Financial Summary**

Jan-Jun 2018

Income	Jan – Jun	Jan – Jun, 2018		Jan – Dec, 2017	
Program registration	\$82,256	26%	\$136,747	19%	
Facility Rental	\$146,059	45%	\$222,641	31%	
Donation	\$35,535	11%	\$96,936	13%	
Fundraising	\$33,887	11%	\$236,373	32%	
Others including government grant/tax rebate	\$23,841	7%	\$34,633	5%	
	\$321,578	100%	\$727,330	100%	

Expenses	Jan – Jun,	Jan – Jun, 2018		Jan – Dec, 2017	
Programs and Services	\$290,231	86%	\$500,706	82%	
Fundraising (4)	\$9,945	3%	\$57,025	9%	
Administration and Property management (1) (2) (3)	\$37,269	11%	\$51,665	9%	
	\$337,445	100%	\$609,396	100%	
Surplus	(-\$15,867)		\$117,934		

- (1) We had the privilege of having a few positions filled by volunteers, therefore our 2017 & 2018 human resource cost was lower than expected. Some cost control measures also helped the Centre in reducing the administrative costs.
- (2) The salaries of the 105 Gibson pastoral staffs are paid by TCCC and not accounted for in the costs above, a portion of their time is dedicated to Church Ministry.
- (3) The building construction and mortgage payments of 105 Gibson are paid by TCCC and not accounted for in the costs above.
- (4) 105 Gibson Centre has not ran any major campaign in the first six months of 2018. This resulted in a lower percentage of Fundraising costs compared to 2017. The YTD 2018 Fundraising income are mainly generated by Thift Store sales.

### Hours of operations:

Monday - Friday 10 am to 10 pm Saturday 9 am to 10 pm Closed on Sunday and statutory holidays



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### **Our Mission**

To serve the locals and those in need, and to share with them the compassion and hope of Jesus.

Luke 4:18-19, Micah 6:8