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CEO's Message



Dear stakeholders and partners,

It has been an exciting time for me in my new role as President and CEO at Toronto Community Housing. I have enjoyed meeting our many stakeholders and partners, and have been impressed by all the good work the company is doing with you to help our residents.

I am proud to lead Toronto Community Housing in doing great work to provide quality housing and build healthy communities. And I am proud to call Toronto and Canada my new home. I want to thank all of you for the support you have given me over the past five months.

We have started to make changes at Toronto Community Housing to rebuild our credibility and re-earn your trust. We will make even more progress over the next 12 months. I am excited about all the great things we can accomplish in 2013 by working together as partners. I hope that you are, as well.

I wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

Eugene Jones Jr.

President and Chief Executive Officer

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\$150,000 donation will benefit Danzig community

The City of Toronto will receive a \$150,000 donation from Toronto entrepreneur and philanthropist Akanimo Udofia to support the Danzig Street community in Scarborough.

Mr. Udofia's generous donation of \$50,000 a year over three years will provide funding to create a safe space for children in the community, help children and youth reach academic excellence, and support adult residents to achieve their employment and career goals.

Scarborough Boys and Girls Club will act as the trustee for the funds. The City will monitor the progress of the activities and continue to provide support as needed.

[Read more.](#)

Toronto Community Housing executive elected to ONPHA Board of Directors

Michelle Haney-Kileeg, interim vice president of Resident Services, was elected to the board of the Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association (ONPHA) at its annual conference in November. Michelle's involvement with the sector association will connect Toronto Community Housing to more than 750 non-profit organizations that provide housing in 220 communities across Ontario, who are facing many of the same challenges we face.

More than a dozen Toronto Community Housing staff presented or moderated sessions at this year's ONPHA conference in Toronto. Many more staff and residents attended.

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Changes to Toronto Community Housing's Board of Directors

[Karen Newman](#) joined the board on December 1 as a citizen member. A chartered accountant, Karen brings strong financial expertise to the board through her current role as Vice President and Corporate Controller at Hydro One Networks Inc. and her work in previous senior financial positions, including at Deloitte and Touche LLP.

Councillor Maria Augimeri and Councillor Ana Bailão will join the board as mid-term appointees, effective January 1, 2013. As a result, Councillor Norm Kelly and Councillor John Parker, who have served since June 2011, will leave the board.

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Celebrating Youth Safety Ambassadors

On December 1, youth from Glendower, Mornelle and Parma Court were part of a Youth Safety Ambassador graduation held at Daniels Spectrum, the cultural hub in Regent Park.

Ambassadors from other parts of the city graduated earlier this year, but this last group completes the **Youth Safety Ambassador program**, which has successfully trained over 100 youth in safety, justice and equity issues, and given young people the

tools to address safety issues in their communities. The safety ambassador program operated in nine Toronto Community Housing communities this year, and will expand to even more in 2013.

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Schulich Capstone Project

This fall, an enthusiastic group of students from the Schulich School of Business at York University began a strategic consulting project at Toronto Community Housing, as part of their studies toward a Master's in Business Administration (MBA). Each project spans two terms and demands substantial effort and time on behalf of the students. We look forward to the results of their strategic review in the spring of 2013.

[Read more.](#)

Community Safety: By the numbers

Here are some key facts about safety at Toronto Community Housing:

107: The number of community safety patrol officers, of which 83 are designated as special constables by the Toronto Police Service. Special constables have enhanced authority and powers of arrest under federal and provincial statutes.

4,390: The number of closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras on our properties, of which more than 98 per cent (4,322) are in good working order.

\$13.5 million: The Community Safety Unit's annual budget. This covers operating and staffing costs, but does not include CCTV cameras.

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Coming up

Over the coming year Toronto Community Housing will continue the process that we started in 2012 to engage stakeholders, residents and staff through town hall meetings, forums, and board meetings held in the community. We will include a schedule for these meetings in the January 2013 edition of insidehousing.

Contact us

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