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## CEO's Message



Dear stakeholders,

Our 2011 Annual Report, "[Road to Excellence](#)", describes how we are making changes and creating new partnerships to provide better housing and services to residents, and value for our shareholder. We are charting a new direction at Toronto Community Housing, with the goal of delivering social housing in Toronto better than we have ever done before.

Part of that starts with being more visible in our communities. Since joining the company two months ago I've visited more than 100 communities and met with countless residents, partners, officials and staff. In August, I had the pleasure of taking part in several events to celebrate partnerships that are helping young people in our communities learn new skills and build new relationships, such as the [Rookie League](#) baseball camp, the new [KickStart soccer program](#) and the [Youth Safety Ambassadors](#) program.

Our work with partners to make these opportunities available to our young residents is as important as anything we do. Over the coming year, I look forward to expanding these excellent programs so that we can create new opportunities to engage the youth of Toronto Community Housing.

Eugene Jones Jr.

President and Chief Executive Officer

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## State of Good Repair blitz starts this fall

Toronto Community Housing will launch a repair blitz of up to 80 buildings over the next two years. The repairs will be funded through the \$11.5 million available in the [State of Good Repair Fund](#). This targeted work will result in improvements to up to 16,000 units and help address the [\\$751 million capital repair backlog](#). Repairs will be focused on in-suite work and improvements to common spaces.

Expected proceeds from the sale of 65 vacant stand-alone properties will raise an additional \$24 million, which would be allocated to major capital repairs.

Learn more about [State of Good Repair](#) at Toronto Community Housing.

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## Residents set to move into Railway Rentals



In September, the first residents will move into Toronto Community Housing's brand new building in the Railway Lands. Designed by KPMB Architects to meet LEED Gold standards, the building will house 432 households in a mix of rent-geared-to-income and affordable rental units.

[Learn more](#) about the building and the affordable rental units still available

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## New Toronto Community Housing online staff directory

We are committed to improving customer service. One way we are doing that is by making staff contact information more accessible to residents and partners.

Our new [online staff directory](#) has the contact information for all the staff members at Toronto Community Housing, hsi and Housing Connections. Please take a look and send us your feedback at [public.affairs@torontohousing.ca](mailto:public.affairs@torontohousing.ca)

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## Rookie League Wraps up 24th Season in Toronto



On Thursday, August 16, 900 children and youth from 44 Toronto Community Housing neighbourhoods joined the Toronto Blue Jays and Jays Care Foundation on the field at Rogers Centre to celebrate the closing of the 24th season of Rookie League. [Read more](#) about our partnership with the Toronto Blue Jays.

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## Toronto Community Housing youth kick off soccer program with Toronto FC



Toronto Community Housing is excited to announce the KickStart soccer program, a partnership with Toronto FC, the MLSE Team Up Foundation and Kia. Starting in September, the program will give more than 200 kids aged six to 12 a chance to learn soccer and important skills off the field like leadership, teamwork and fair play.

Each week, teams will practice and play games against other communities. Coaches are older youth from the same communities who received coaching sessions from the MLSE Team Up Foundation.

Learn more about the partnership [here](#)

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# Young artists transform Lawrence Heights Underpass

A walk under the Ranee Ave. underpass is now a beautiful experience thanks to a community mural made by Lawrence Heights youth in collaboration with Art Starts, Toronto Community Housing and the office of Councillor Josh Colle.

Inspired by a popular local expression, the mural is titled “Love or Love.” It communicates compassion, hopefulness and determination and illustrates how local residents are engaged with developing a vision for the [Lawrence Heights revitalization](#).

[Visit our website](#) to learn more and see photos of the mural.

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## Contact us

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