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## CEO's Message



Stakeholders and partners,

I am excited about 2013. I believe this year Toronto Community Housing will make real progress in achieving our mission and goals. As President and CEO, I will lead transformational change to make the company more accountable and transparent, and operate more efficiently and effectively to better serve our residents.

In doing so, we will renew Toronto Community Housing's social mandate by pursuing new partnerships and expanding existing programs to promote better outcomes for residents and communities. And we will join voices with the City of Toronto and our sector partners to advocate for long-term stable funding from higher levels of government. We'll tell people about the real social value our housing provides, its true costs, and the level of investment needed to sustain it.

I welcome your participation and input as we pursue these goals over the coming year. We are all in this together, and together we can do great things.

Eugene E. Jones Jr.  
President and CEO

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## Anonymous tip leads to investigation

At the board of directors meeting on February 6, President and CEO Gene Jones announced his decision to engage a third-party firm to conduct an independent review of Toronto Community Housing's processes and practices for hiring vendors to undertake repairs and maintenance work. This review will also look at allegations that have been brought forward about potential wrongdoing by some staff and vendors.

Gene Jones' [full statement](#) is available online.

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## Community Meetings with Gene

We've heard from residents that they would like to speak to President and CEO Gene Jones at smaller community meetings to talk about local issues.

Throughout 2013, Gene will be visiting residents more frequently at local meetings to hear their feedback and concerns, especially about safety and repairs. The first meeting took place Jan. 31 at Lawrence Heights.

For a schedule of meetings, click [here](#). This list will be updated with additional meetings as details are confirmed.

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## Jays Care Foundation recognized for community involvement



*Rookie League participants gather around Chad Jenkins, Colby Rasmus and Aaron Loup to celebrate the end of another successful season.*

For nearly 25 years, the [Jays Care Foundation](#) has helped countless youth in Toronto Community Housing communities knock it out of the park with the Rookie League program. Now the Blue Jays have been recognized by Major League Baseball for the Jays Care Foundation's innovative programs—like Rookie League—when they were awarded the Commissioner's Award for Philanthropic Excellence by Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig.

For more on the award and the Rookie League program, read the [recent article](#) congratulating the Jays Care Foundation.

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## Loyola Arrupe Centre for Seniors opens its doors at 55 Rankin Crescent

The Loyola Arrupe Centre for Seniors has officially opened its doors at 55 Rankin Crescent, a Toronto Community Housing building near Bloor Street and Lansdowne Avenue.

The grand opening event on December 6 was filled with enthusiastic tenants who took part in yoga and fitness demos. Read more about the grand opening event [here](#).

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## State of Good Repair fund: up-to-date funding information

To provide residents and stakeholders with regular updates on our progress in building the State of Good Repair Fund, Toronto Community Housing has posted its funding sources and expenses related to the fund on [our website](#). Currently, the fund stands at \$12.5 million. Updates will be posted as we acquire proceeds from asset sales and invest these dollars in capital repairs to fix our buildings.

We hope to update our [capital repairs needs](#) for 2013 in the coming months.

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## Affordable rentals bring diversity and opportunity to Toronto neighbourhoods

Since 2010, Toronto Community Housing has offered affordable rental units. These households pay rent that is set at or below average market rent and play an important role in Toronto's competitive rental market.

A [recent article](#) appearing in the Renters' Guide magazine highlighted these units and the work of Toronto Community Housing's Rental Opportunities Office.

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