



OPPORTUNITY **CHANGES** EVERYTHING

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN





100 YEARS OF OPPORTUNITY

An opportunity can change everything. Since 1921, **BGC Toronto Kiwanis**, formerly Toronto Kiwanis Boys and Girls Clubs, has been providing opportunity to the most deserving children and youth in the Cabbagetown, Regent Park, St. James Town and Trinity Bellwoods communities.

Our founding partner, the **Kiwanis Club of Toronto**, knowing our impact within our community, provided the funding that allowed our Boys & Girls Club to relocate, in 1939, into a converted church at 101 Spruce Street. Our club subsequently incorporated as a separate not-for-profit in 1992.

Since then, we've built programs and services, expanded our footprint within our communities, and provided opportunity to those who may otherwise not have seen one. The support we provide to our community is only possible with the help of 100 years of generous stakeholders, who seized the opportunity to support our work.

Today, BGC Toronto Kiwanis has helped more than 100,000 children and youth develop the skills they need to succeed through life-changing programs, community-based services, and relationships with peers and caring adults. We are an authorized provider of after-school recreational programs in the **Province of Ontario, High-Five Accredited** a member of **BGC Canada**, and a **Kiwanis** and **United Way** funded agency.

Tailored to the needs of our community, our Club programs tackle social issues, encourage and empower children and youth, and help them set a path for success. The Club instils strong core values that teach the importance of mutual respect, teamwork, and being socially responsible through accessible and affordable after-school and school break programs.

BGC Toronto Kiwanis Club Locations

101 Spruce Street Club |
Miles & Kelly Nadal Youth Centre
101 Spruce Street

Dundas Junior Public School Club
935 Dundas Street East

Rose Avenue Public School Club
675 Ontario Street

Cabbagetown Youth Centre &
Boxing Club
2 Lancaster Avenue

St. Paul Catholic School Club
80 Sackville Street

T.P. Loblaw at St. Mary Catholic
School Club
20 Portugal Square

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OUR OPPORTUNITY

Up the road, the Cabbagetown Youth Centre (CYC) and Boxing Club was founded in 1972 at 2 Lancaster Avenue. The CYC was converted into a community centre to provide youth with positive alternatives through sport and recreation while encouraging ongoing education. CYC expanded over the years to provide a similar range of recreational, social, and skill development programs.

In 2020, after facing ongoing financial challenges for funding of programs and services, as well as costs to maintain a state of good repair, the CYC, decided to merge with BGC Toronto Kiwanis. The merger was a natural fit, with both organizations operating under similar missions, providing similar services, and serving adjacent communities.

In a Memorandum of Understanding that preceded the merger it was agreed that BGC Toronto Kiwanis would continue to provide the programming and level of service to CYC participants at 2 Lancaster subject to provision of funds.

BGC Toronto Kiwanis is grateful to the agencies and partners that provide ongoing financial support to sustain the Club's core programs.



But it's not enough. We need your support to build our impact. And with your help, we know we can do more.





OUR PILLARS

Healthy Active Living - We believe a healthy snack is vital to the success of our members.

- Designed to help reduce food insecurity for our members and their families
- help kids adopt healthy habits and skills
- Provide resources to enhance their access to food & food education
- Assist in the development of healthy nutritional habits.
- In 2019, 126,200 snacks were served to our members.

Career Development - We believe in investing in the future of young people.

- We offer meaningful employment experiences.
- We provide Access to employment and training opportunities.
- We give young people opportunities to strengthen and acquire new skills, test their abilities, and enhance career readiness.
- In 2019, BGC Toronto Kiwanis employed 128 local youth.

Learning & Academic Success - We offer meaningful employment experiences.

- We provide help with home-work support
- Building positive relationships with mentors and/or tutors
- Offer programming to enhance digital literacy
- Offer guidance and support for post-secondary education.
- In 2019, we provided 6,400 hours of mentoring and tutoring services.
- In 2019, 21 scholarships were awarded to 19 recipients

Social & Life Skill Development - We know that when we engage with children and youth, we make a big impact on their lives.

- We are committed to creating spaces and opportunities that support our members to reach their potential.
- Children and youth who come through our doors receive the learning and mentoring experiences they need to grow into healthy, successful, and active participants in society.
- In 2019, 299, 250 hours were spent in BGC Toronto Kiwanis program.



Roots



CAMPAIGN OVERVIEW

In our merger with the Cabbagetown Youth Centre, BGC Toronto Kiwanis saw an opportunity to expand our services within our community, while preserving the legacy of a Cabbagetown staple. Our immediate concern was the capital improvements that needed to be addressed, as soon as possible at 2 Lancaster Avenue. The second objective was to ensure that long-term core funding could be raised to maintain and enhance the programs that are beyond the resources available from our partner organizations.

The Opportunity Changes Everything campaign will focus on raising funds to provide immediate sustaining support to achieve the two highest priorities:

- Infrastructure retrofits and renovations at 2 Lancaster Avenue & 101 Spruce Street locations \$1,000,000
- Stabilize and maintain funding for Programs & Services \$2,000,000

To meet these objectives, BGC Toronto Kiwanis will embark on a Capital Campaign to raise \$3 million.

This journey starts with you. To achieve our ambitious goal, we will need to call on leaders in the community to advise us, to support the campaign financially and to motivate others to participate.

Working together, we can make a difference.

