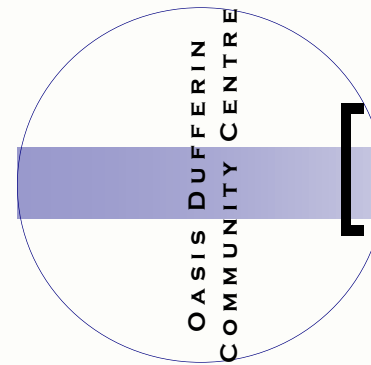


Oasis Dufferin Community Centre is an intercultural, missional community – a place of Christian faith where the marginalized are embraced.

Oasis is a training ground for urban ministry and releases others to a Kingdom harvest.

Oasis helps facilitate replicable urban mission models.

The Oasis vision includes the development of an English speaking community of believers.



ANNUAL REPORT 2015



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2015 IN OVERVIEW

The core ministry of Oasis is relationships. Most of our relationships first happen at the Wednesday morning food bank. As we get to know community members through the intake process and casual conversations we can often provide a listening ear and referrals to specific programs that can help them. Some food bank clients then come to our Tuesday afternoon drop in and community dinner. Here relationships develop over coffee, puzzles, or while watching a movie together. Community members often encourage each other with tips about places to live, moving, where to get things cheap, jobs, etc. We encourage everyone to help out (e.g., set up, clean up) on Tuesdays.

DID YOU KNOW?

- IN 2015 OASIS STARTED A NEW ACTIVITY : A TUESDAY AFTERNOON DROP-IN
- COUNCILLOR ANA BAILAO RAN THE 4KM DISTANCE AT THE OASIS SPRING RUN

As a result some community members become volunteers at Oasis. This provides the opportunity for deeper relationships where more complex challenges can be shared and worked on together. Relationships also form the foundation of our other programs such as individual and group counselling for Spanish women and the various Spanish Seniors groups.

It is through relationships that Oasis can constructively change lives. We are all changed: clients, volunteers, staff and other supporters. We are all learning from each other.



PARTNERS LIKE YOU MAKE IT POSSIBLE

Each year many foundations, churches, groups and individuals give their time, resources and also support Oasis financially and prayerfully. The names are too many to list but our thanks to you is truly heartfelt.

CHURCHES AND FAITH GROUPS INCLUDE:

Aylmer Baptist Church	Heron Park Baptist Church	Toronto Baptist Ministries
Canadian Baptist Women of Ontario and Quebec (CBWOQ)	Immanuel Baptist Church King St. Baptist Church	Westmoreland Beaver Bible Class
Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec (CBOQ)	Kingsway Baptist Church	Women's Baptist Fellowship - Various
Dovercourt Baptist Church	Mississauga City Baptist Church	Women's Inter- Church Council of Canada
First Baptist Church - Stayner	Ossington Ave. Baptist Church	Yorkminster Park Baptist Church and Dorcas Group

Oasis receives food from Daily Bread Food Bank and Second Harvest for which it is truly grateful.

Oasis Staff

- David Norton - Director
- Phyllis Ortiz - Founding Director
- Erika Abele - Director of Women's Ministries
- Sofia Pazmino - Assistant Director
- Joe Abbey-Colborne- Church Pastor
- Louise Barclay- David Food Bank Supervisor
- Sebastiao Diapakupolo- Administrative Assitant
- Olivier Musafiri - Assistant Manager

Oasis Board of Directors

- Richard Steinecke - Interim Chair,
- Richard Kvistbo - Treasurer,
- Gladys Castro
- Rev. Anthony Chung
- Dan Clarry
- Mary Cowan
- Nashwa Tawfiq
- Pastor Mike Ariza

Statement of Income and Changes in Fund Balance

Year Ended December 31

	2015
<u>Statement of Financial Position</u>	
Assets	\$41,695
Liabilities (e.g. accounts payable, deferred income)	21,599
Net Assets	\$20,096
 <u>Statement of Operations</u>	
Revenue	
Foundations and Grants	\$162,223
Donations - churches and groups	22,239
Donations - individuals	13,583
Events and other	9,352
Total Income	\$230,638
Expenditures	
Salaries and Benefits	173,363
Rent	20,000
Other Operational Expenses	28,924
Total Expenses	\$222,287
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	\$8,351

Notes: Audit performed by Grant Thornton LLP. Chartered Accountants. For full audited statement, visit our website at oasisdufferin.org

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DROP- IN CENTRE



In 2015 Oasis initiated a new activity, our Tuesday afternoon drop in centre. It begins at 4:00 pm just before our community dinner at 6:00 pm. It began in November with the showing of Christmas movies. Many community members enjoyed the time together and we continued it into 2016 with movies, puzzles, games, and just “hanging out”. We have been able to get to know our

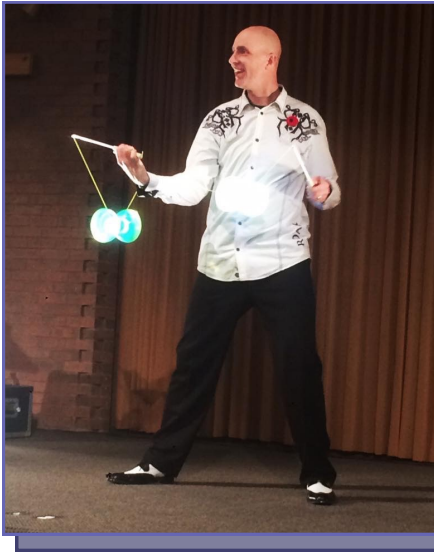
community members much better. Many make a point of helping out with the community dinner and even volunteering for the food bank on Wednesdays. Some Tuesdays we have had community resources present such as the local legal aid clinic, nutritionists, exercise instructors and advisors on aging and dementia. The drop in centre has added a lot to Oasis.

SPECIAL EVENTS



In 2015 our spring run was held on a glorious sunny day. Local dignitaries encouraged us with a few words and then we were off. The winners received prizes. Many volunteers turned out to help and there was a buzz in the air because of the race atmosphere and young participants. Funds were raised for the important work of Oasis.

SPECIAL EVENTS



Our fall walkathon had a small turnout in part because we had skipped it in 2014 for Oasis' 20th Anniversary. However it produced significant donations that were desperately needed.

Perhaps the highlight event for the year was the Bob Cates Comedy show. This family-friendly event filled the house. The performance was a hit with children and adults alike. There was a presentation on the work of Oasis that reached a new group of supporters.

Significantly, community members, volunteers, staff and supporters of Oasis were able to mingle. Additional funds were raised.



Staff and Volunteers at the Oasis Christmas Celebration

STRATEGIC PLANNING

In 2015 Oasis began to renew its strategic plan. It had been many years since Oasis last updated it. In addition, the departure of two of our senior staff, our Pastor Joe Abbey-Colborne and our Director David Norton, provided an opportune time to review, revise and recommit to the goals Oasis is trying to achieve and the ways in which it is achieving them. All staff and Board members have read the seminal book “When Helping Hurts” which has challenged us to ensure that Oasis is doing the right things well. Community members have been consulted over the past many months for their input. We have researched our neighbourhood and made contact with other agencies that are similar to Oasis.

Just going through the strategic planning process has refocused our energies on empowering and working with community members rather than merely delivering services to them.

The strategic planning process has increased the enthusiasm of the entire Oasis community as it looks forward to having a written plan by the end of 2016.

