

Unbelievable Impact

2022-2023
ANNUAL REPORT



A Year of Impact and Transition



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We are delighted to present the 2022-2023 Annual Report, a reflection of a year of tremendous impact and transition within our organization. Throughout this transformative period, we have witnessed the power of resilience, adaptability, and the unwavering dedication of our community.

As public health restrictions gradually eased, we joyfully reopened our programs to pre-pandemic capacity as part of our commitment to create meaningful experiences for all those we serve.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our core funders, BGC Canada, Centraide and all levels of government for their unwavering belief in our mission and generous contributions which have enabled us to continue our vital work, even during challenging times.

During this period of transition, we also express our sincere appreciation to our outgoing Executive Director, Chad Polito, for his exemplary leadership and dedication to our mission since 2019. We are grateful for our leadership team, Marie Rousseau, Darley Polony and Cindy Cohen for leading our organization through this period of transition.

Recognizing the need to continuously assess and align our programs with our mission, we engaged a consultant to conduct an organizational assessment of our programs and services.

This invaluable exercise helped us review and prioritize our programs, aligning them with our core mission. This process led to the difficult decision to close our food bank due to increasing demands and lack of ongoing financial support. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the staff and volunteers who have invested in this program over the years and to our community partners who rallied together to ensure that those who relied on our food bank services were connected with alternative resources.

None of our accomplishments would have been possible without the incredible dedication of our volunteers, staff and board members. Their unwavering commitment and extraordinary efforts have been instrumental in delivering high-quality programs and services, making a lasting impact in the lives of those we serve.

Looking ahead, BGC Dawson is filled with excitement for the future. We remain steadfast in our commitment to empowering and supporting all members of our community. Together, we will continue to evolve, adapt, and innovate, ensuring that every child, youth, and senior has access to the opportunities they need to thrive.

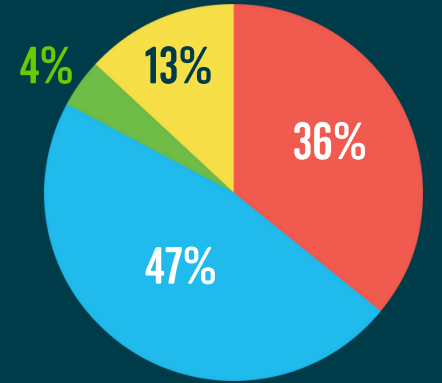
We express our deepest gratitude to each and every member of our community for their support, trust, and belief in our mission. With your continued partnership, we are confident that we will create a brighter and more inclusive future for all.

Who we are

With deep roots in the English-speaking community in Verdun since 1959, BGC Dawson is a safe and supportive community centre that offers a wide range of educational, recreational, and social programs.



Who we serve



- 0-12 years old
- 13-30 years old
- 31-49 years old
- 50 years old and up



our mission

To provide a safe and supportive place where children, youth, adults, and seniors can experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, build positive relationships, and develop confidence and skills for life.

our vision

All members of the community discover and achieve their dreams to be healthy, successful, and active participants in society.

our values



belonging

We welcome everyone in a safe, accepting environment based on belonging and positive relationships.



respect

We ensure that everyone—children, youth, adults, seniors, volunteers, staff—is heard, valued, and treated fairly.



encouragement and empowerment

We encourage and support each individual to explore, learn, and develop skills to achieve their dreams.



working together

We collaborate with young people, adults, families, seniors, volunteers, organizations and government to support meaningful participation and positive contributions in the community.



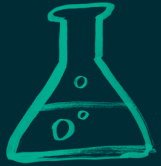
speaking out

We speak out for children, youth, and families so that we can make our world better.

after school programs



homework help



digital literacy
stem education



virtual programming

financial education



civic engagement
volunteering



scholarships

arts
music

youth leadership

indigenous initiatives & programs

job readiness

mentoring



What We Do



spring and summer camps



parenting education & support

teen dating violence prevention

physical fitness & sports

mental health & wellness



early childhood education



tax clinic

recreational activities for seniors

healthy snacks

gardening

nutrition & food education



open gym and yoga

thomas more institute

Early Childhood Education





The Early Childhood Education Program provides a safe space for both caregivers and children to learn and grow. In the past year we have focused on child-directed learning and developing our programming based on the interests of our members. Our programming has provided opportunities for each child to learn and make sense of the world at their own capacity surrounded by fun! The curriculum was designed to help the development of gross-motor and fine-motor skills, social, emotional and creative development alongside child/ caregiver bonding.

In September, we collaborated with the Verdun Circus School where 11 families had the opportunity to attend a weekly session for 10 weeks to explore circus arts through various motor skills activities.

We offered two new programs this year: Art Attack and Zumbini. Returning program activities included baby massage, Karibou, respite and Saturday Program respite.



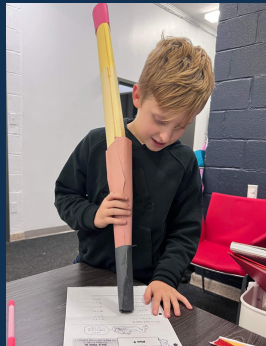
Age specific programming was provided through child-directed activities during open room play where children brought their own interest to the group to express what they are observing and learning in the world. Some favorites included construction, shopping, cooking and vehicles. Both children and their caregivers have expressed their LOVE for open room play, as it provides the opportunity to connect with others in a safe and inclusive environment, while children are also working on their social/ emotional development. We are proud of the work we accomplished this year and we look forward to another year of growth and connection!

-  **190 hours of respite services**
-  **10 programs**
-  **33 children with memberships**
-  **11 new families, 9 returning**

Children's Programs

The children's programs are where the fun is! Each elementary school aged child is seen, heard, and engaged in activities that are based on their interests. Separated into three distinct departments; Day camps, After-School and Saturday Program, we were able to provide 163 families quality programs this year.

From Jumpstart to Power Up, our after-school program provided engaging activities that encouraged the global development of each child. We ended the 2021-2022 school year strong and said "goodbye" to 5 grade 6 children who were about to enter high school and transition into the youth programs.



In the summer months you could find us in the parks, swimming at the Natatorium and if it was a Wednesday we were more than likely on an outing exploring the city. Thanks to President's Choice Children's Charity, every child was provided breakfast and afternoon snack each day. Some highlights from Summer Camp 2022 include: 85 children enrolled each week, 7 outings, 20 pool days, 8 theme days, 370 program hours and lots of fun!

The after-school program relaunched in October 2023 with a solid team of 18 animators and 10 interns from Dawson College, Concordia University and McGill University. The Saturday program is one of Verdun's hidden gems where children can come and play with their friends in a less structured environment for 3.5 hours. We ended the fiscal year with Spring Camp that provided 5 days of non-stop fun for 44 members.

 **883 program hours**

 **9 Saturday programs**

 **163 families**

 **1,362 volunteer hours**

Youth Programs



- 558 participants
- 102 youth benefited from the Youth Mental Health Initiative
- 8 specialized activities
- 42 youth were provided with leadership, internship and employment opportunities

"I've always wanted to go try new things, go on outings but it's so expensive. I can't afford it, so shout out to the Youth Programs for giving us these opportunities and making them free for all of us!" --- Kris, 17 year-old youth member

The objectives of the Youth Programs are intentionally adapted to meet the changing needs of the community and population that we serve. We aim to continuously improve our youth social impact by prioritizing youth engagement and community care. We put young people at the heart of our decision-making, we build and work in partnership and promote innovation.

2022-2023 Program highlights:

- Built a new Youth Council with young leaders in the making;
- Facilitated impactful individual and group discussions on mental health issues affecting teens, young adults and young staff through specialized activities like podcasts, music and self-defense;
- Hosted an event celebrating young girls, young women and young femme, non-binary folks with Project 10 (a new community partner) for International Women's Day;
- Created new partnerships with organizations and mental health professionals;
- Strengthened our partnership with Beurling Academy and collaborated on a few outreach projects like the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation event.



Seniors 50+

The Seniors Program provides social, educational and recreational programs and services to members of our community over the age of 50. This year, 110 senior members took part in our programs and services.

Our programs are designed to help keep seniors active, both physically and mentally. Moreover, the program strives to instill a sense of belonging among seniors while breaking down social isolation and enhancing overall health and well-being.

In November 2022 a survey was conducted among members of our fitness classes to gain a better understanding of their programming wishes. This process led to the creation of a Seniors Committee in February 2023 to develop an action plan based on the ideas collected from the survey. We are happy to share that as a result of this process, two new activities were launched this year for seniors: Toning and Pickle-Ball!



-  **110 senior members**
-  **98 tax returns completed**
-  **22 recreational activities offered**
-  **322 hours of physical fitness programming**



In October, a group of local artists and a teacher offered Drum Classes to a dozen seniors. This was a huge success that was both educational and fun!

This year, we had the opportunity to partner with Riverview Elementary School for a special intergenerational project through the school's Community Learning Centre. Thirty children interviewed seven seniors on the theme of belonging to Verdun. It was a wonderful exchange as the seniors were delighted to represent their community and share their experiences with the next generation.

Food & Sustainability

This year, the Food & Sustainability Department's objective was to collaborate with other Verdun organizations involved in urban agriculture and food security initiatives, with the goal of responding to the needs of the most vulnerable members of our community.

Highlights include:

- Continuation and expansion of food production and food recuperation activities through our partnerships with the Verdun Food Circuit and Grand Potager;
- Facilitating Mobile Markets in HLMS (low-income housing for seniors) to ensure that vulnerable and low-mobility seniors have access to fresh, healthy food;
- Production and distribution of pre-made frozen meals at below market prices;
- Launching a new garden site at the Centre de formation Professionnelle de Verdun (CFPV);
- Collaborating with 7 community organizations;
- Providing an average of 65 food baskets each week through our food bank.

This past year Moisson Montreal provided us with 46,000 kg of food representing a value of \$314,318!

 **136 individuals served each week**

 **293 meals prepared each month**

 **280 holiday food baskets provided**

 **1 new garden site**



In Memory of Maxwell Parr

March 27, 1996 – February 17, 2023



“Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories.”

Max was full of joy and curiosity. He loved seeing young people gardening and making connections with nature. His beautiful smile caused those looking to instantly smile as well. BGC Dawson and its members are grateful for his valuable contributions to the community.

Financial Summary

DAWSON COMMUNITY CENTRE
BGC DAWSON

APRIL 1, 2022 - MARCH 31, 2023



CHARITABLE BUSINESS
REGISTRATION NUMBER:

106890056 RR 0001

BALANCE SHEET

March 31, 2023 with comparative information for 2022

	2023	2022 (adjusted)
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 412,402	\$ 409,594
Short-term investments	372,715	470,750
Debtors	23,229	94,737
Prepaid expenses	9,782	6,814
	\$ 818,128	\$ 981,895
Fixed assets	347,241	277,593
	\$ 1,165,369	\$ 1,259,488
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities:		
Creditors	\$ 75,674	\$ 91,999
Amount held in trust (fiduciary)	18,912	1,889
Camp revenue paid in advance	-	56,328
Deferred contributions	-	66,240
Deferred contributions related to fixed assets	159,114	61,960
	\$ 253,700	\$ 278,416
Net assets:		
Building Renovation Fund	\$ 437,089	\$ 500,000
Owen Dawson Fund	27,265	27,265
Dawson Trust Fund	19,981	19,981
Invested in fixed assets	167,822	215,633
Unrestricted	259,512	218,193
	\$ 911,669	\$ 981,072
	\$ 1,165,369	\$ 1,259,488

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

March 31, 2023 with comparative information for 2022

	2023	2022 (adjusted)
REVENUE		
Grants		
Centraide	\$ 270,592	\$ 270,350
BGC Canada	169,606	231,847
Provincial grants	194,664	243,128
Federal grants	34,105	148,882
Municipal grants (Verdun)	60,016	93,278
Mobile Market (Grand Potager)	34,200	69,250
Raise the Grade	35,000	30,100
Activities	186,472	133,462
Private sector program contributions	120,832	110,790
Donations	35,905	46,620
Fundraising and others	2,611	5,834
Membership	5,820	5,433
Interest income	8,654	1,820
Amorization of deferred contributions related to fixed assets	7,623	13,390
	\$ 1,166,100	\$ 1,404,184
EXPENSES		
Salaries	\$ 854,340	\$ 923,474
Other program expenses	157,789	133,069
Professional fees	51,561	35,229
Repairs and maintenance	52,070	32,557
Administrative expenses	29,062	26,948
Heating and electricity	39,568	24,601
Depreciation of fixed assets	16,145	19,479
Insurance	11,948	14,879
Municipal and school taxes	1,695	12,083
Non-recoverable taxes	10,415	11,254
Association dues and training	8,950	4,413
Equipment, repairs and website	1,960	1,105
	\$ 1,235,503	\$ 1,239,091
ACTIVITIES MANAGED AS A FIDUCIARY		
Revenues - Centraide	(174,587)	(228,062)
Expenses- Centraide	174,587	228,062
	\$ (69,403)	\$ 165,093

REVENUE

54%

Foundations/
Grants

25%

Government

16.5%

Program
Revenue/
Membership

4.5%

Donations/
Other

EXPENSES BY FUNCTION

86%

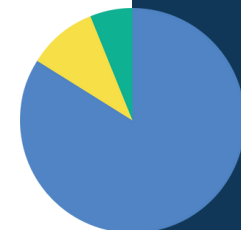
Program
Delivery

12%

Administration

2%

Fund
Development



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SUPPORTERS

Best Buy
Calgary Foundation
Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities
Community Health & Social Services Network
CIUSSS du Centre-Sud-de-l'Île-de-Montréal
CN Employees and Pensioners Community Fund
Club Lions de Verdun
Concertation en développement social de Verdun
Coca Cola Foundation
Edelman Canada
Erin Sports Association
FQCCL
Fidelity Investments
Fondation Richelieu Verdun
GAP
Giant Tiger
Hershey's Canada
Hyundai Canada
Indigo Love of Reading
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Montreal Canadiens Children's Foundation
Old Navy
OSL
President's Choice Children's Charity
RBC Future Launch
Southwest United Church
St Andrew's Society of Montreal
St Matthias' Anglican Church
St Patrick's Society
TD Friends of the Environment
Ted Rogers Scholarship Fund
Telus
University Women's Club of Montreal
UPS
Wackers Golf Tournament

COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

ABC Life Literacy Canada
Ancre des jeunes
Anglo Family Council
Beurling Academy
Casa C.A.F.I
CAUS
Centre de formation Professionnelle de Verdun (CFPV)

Children's World Academy
Concordia University
Community Learning Centre
CPE Riverview
CCS
Dawson College
La maison de l'environnement
Lester B. Person School Board
Les Fruits Défendus
Literacy Quebec
Little Burgundy Shoes
McGill University
Naos Jeunesse
Project 10
RECLAIM Literacy
Riverview Elementary School
Suspicious Fish
Table de concertation des ressources pour aînés de Verdun (TCRAV)
Table de Concertation Famille de Verdun (TCFV)
Table de Concertation Jeunesse Verdun (TCJV)
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YMCA

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