St. Alban’s Boys and Girls Club

2017: YEAR IN REVIEW

St. Alban’s is thriving as an organization and continues to provide services with a focus on children and youth and, where possible, to adults. Our mission is “to provide a safe, supportive place where children and youth can experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, build positive relationships and develop confidence and skills for life”. The Club provides programming in various locations in Jane and Finch, Weston-Mount Dennis, Lawrence Heights as well as the central and original Bathurst and Dupont community.

We have, over the last two to three years, been working on initiatives to provide additional space in our communities. I am pleased to report that we have, after a long journey, advanced the project to locate a portable to provide program and office support space at Weston-Mount Dennis. We anticipate that this will be functional in 2018, all going well. At the St. Alban’s location the rented local space on St. Clair, which provides space for administration and training, has been renovated and is now in use. The Board is continuing to evaluate options for additional program space at our Palmerston location and has completed feasibility, design and costing studies on a number of options. The next step will be to evaluate the potential to fundraise for two of the options at the high and low end of capital requirement.

An exciting initiative this year has been the opportunity to respond to a request to bring a small Boys and Girls Club in the Summerhill area of downtown Toronto under our wing. We have entered an agreement to provide the management and program support which will help the Summerhill Club move forward as a unit of St. Alban’s.
United Way has provided notice of funding under their new model and we are pleased to be supported at previous levels. We will make efforts to obtain increased funding to reflect the breadth and strength of programming that we provide that is in line with the United Way’s objectives.

The Board remains committed to establishing a Camp and has allocated funding surplus to this initiative. To date an appropriate site in our price range has not been identified.

The Club reported positive financials for the last year recording a reasonable surplus. Thanks to those involved in the financial planning for the Club, and again, especially to David Nemirovsky, our treasurer.

A major financial concern for 2018 is the introduction of the increased Ontario minimum wage which significantly impacts the cost of our programs. The Board approved, for the first time ever, a deficient budget for 2018 with a mandate to the management to respond to opportunities for that are being made available from Government and City sources to offset the increased costs. Management is also mandated to evaluate the scope and revenue from programs to balance the budget by year end. The 2018 budget is in the order of $4 million

As in many previous years it is my pleasure to congratulate the staff and volunteers for a job well done. As we frequently report our staff is very committed and provides the enthusiastic support to build an outstanding organization. I would like to thank all the Board members for their interest in advancing the organization. As I have done for what is now many years, I would again in 2018 emphasize the outstanding job of Chris Foster for his leadership and commitment to the Club.

We are an organization whose strength is build by commitment from trained staff and volunteers providing quality programs and opportunities. Thanks to you all!

Don Stewart, President, 11th of June, 2018
Our Vision

All children and youth discover and achieve their dreams and grow up to be healthy, successful, and active participants in society.

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In 2017...

Weston-Mount Dennis youth displayed their art at the Power Plant.

Jane and Finch STOMP team finished second in an annual area competition.
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In 2017,

- 2,821 Members served
- 319 Staff members
- 4 Communities
- 16,254 Times the preschool staff put on children’s snowsuits
- 8,672 Lengths of the pool swam by swim-a-thon participants. That’s 158.5km!
there were...

3,420 Times the rock wall was climbed by STARS after school program kids

15,000+ Lunches served to Jane and Finch members

880 Sessions in the recording studio

264 Hours of homework by Raise the Grade youth, assisted by staff and mentors
Thank you to our partners for their outstanding commitment to changing young lives.

Thank you to our individual donors and supporters who make St. Alban’s a good place to be.

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