



# PARC Co-Chairs Report, 2011

Much of PARC Board's energy this past year was spent on the completion of Edmond Place. At the beginning of the calendar year people with severe housing issues began moving in. The transition for some has been difficult at times but is definitely successful so far.

We are extremely proud of how things are moving along. Edmond Place now has some of its own staff comprised of PARC members. The apartments are clean and well maintained. The community art throughout the building enhances the feeling of well being.

Now that Edmond Place is operational, the Board is turning its focus back to PARC itself. We have a full complement of caucus and community members. The caucus has been focusing on streamlining their mechanisms and has been bringing issues to the board as a whole for discussion.

We continue to get community support from organizations like Design Hope and the Boulevard Club and continue to make contact with local businesses and residents.

In the coming year we will be looking at the organization of PARC as well as doing succession planning.

We are happy to be a part of PARC and we are looking forward to another productive and successful year in 2011 and 2012. Thanks to the rest of the Board, the Executive Director, the staff and the members for making PARC the great place that it is!!!

Rick Froude

Sheila Koffman



## Note from the Executive Director

The year of 2010-2011 holds special significance for me as we completed work on Edmond Place and watched the looks on the faces of the people moving into the freshly painted, newly furnished, apartments. I cannot adequately express my admiration for the members, staff and partners who worked tirelessly to make Edmond Place the home that it is. Tenant after tenant express genuine appreciation for the look, design and feel of Edmond Place which is largely due to the fantastic gifts from Public Displays of Affection, the design by Charles Rosenberg of Hilditch Architect, the surface finishing by our very own Silver Brush, the guidance of the PARC Ambassadors, the incredible support by our board of directors, the endless hours of setting up rooms by a number of staff and the courageous taking on the operation of Edmond Place by the Director of Housing & Outreach. All of these activities were generously supported by hundreds of donors who took our vision of housing and community to heart - thank you all.

Of course, Edmond Place wasn't the only thing we did last year... the Drop-In continued to be open every day serving thousands of meals each month; the POP team continued to provide one-to-one support to many members; small groups met; the Peer Outreach Project was initiated with our partners The Ontario Council of Alternative Businesses, Sistering, and St. Christopher House through one-time funding from the Toronto Central LHIN; member artists participated in a variety of art related events; drummers drummed and PARC continued to offer a daily hub of activity and refuge.

PARC continues to be a place of engagement and renewal because of the staff who come to work day in and day out ready to assist, support and encourage the people who come through our doors who are often at the mercy of a system that ignores their needs at best or worse victimizes the already harmed. Each day PARC opens its doors and welcomes people in, soothing some, advocating for others while partnering with all to envision what rebuilding means to each member individually. The courage, passion and inspiration that the members exhibit on a daily basis confirms that the human spirit is remarkable.

The coming year offers opportunity for PARC to improve its ability to be an accessible and accommodating place as we embark on an exploration of Anti-Oppression in our day to day work while at the same time reviewing our accessibility through an Accessibility Review Committee. PARC will be engaging our partners on how to best address the new Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act so that our practices and policies reflect the best possible means of resource for today, tomorrow and into the future.

I must express my gratitude to the members, staff and board for their support and belief in our ability to make a difference.

Victor Willis, PARC Executive Director



In 2010, PARC participated in the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon for the very first time!  
 We raised nearly \$8,000 and were the proud hosts of the Parkdale-Roncesvalles Community booth & cheering section!  
 PARC is looking forward to seeing everyone come out to run/walk/support/cheer at our spot (east side of the Boulevard Club) on the Lakeshore on October 16th 2011! Come out and...

## MAKE SMALL CHANGE IN THE LONG RUN!

### September 2011

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# Don't forget to make your year end charitable contributions!



Donate to PARC or Edmond Place:

<http://parc.on.ca>

<http://canadahelps.org>

<http://edmondplace.ca>

By mail (cheque or money order only):

Attention: C. Frado

PARC, 1499 Queen St. West,

Toronto, ON M6R 1A3

Call us or drop by with your debit or credit card, whatever is most convenient for you!

## November 2011

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Holiday Meal						New Year's Members Party

December 31 – Last Day in 2011 to make Tax Receiptable charitable contributions to PARC or EP



Public Displays of Affection:  
Moving Day



PARC has ten units of supportive housing on the 3rd floor of 1499 Queen Street West and has developed 29 more units next door at Edmond Place.

Once one of the largest rooming houses in Parkdale, today Edmond Place is about people who believe in a better place and a better way to live.

**It's about having a H O M E.**

## January 2012

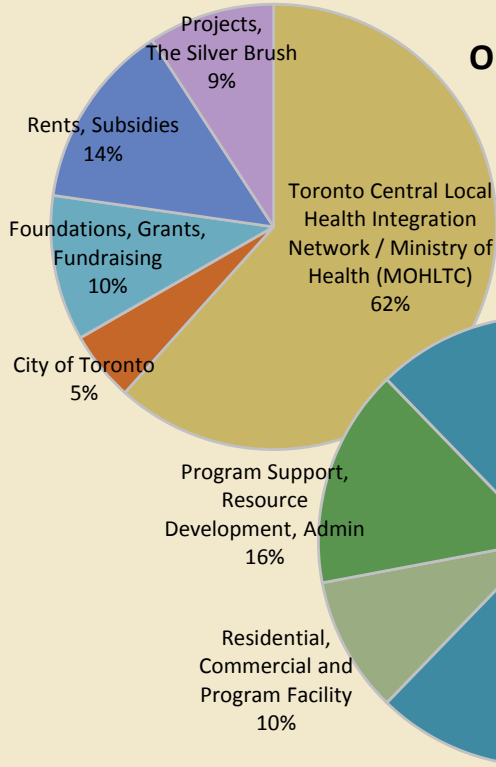
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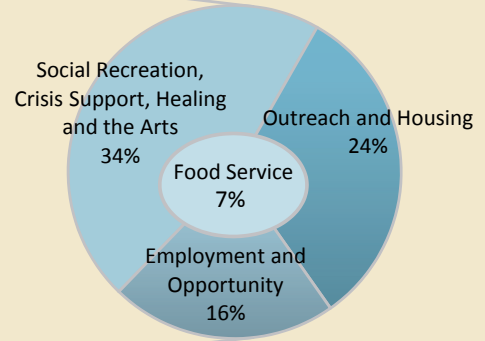
# What We Do With What We Get

## Operating Revenue - \$2,732,081



The Graphs represent the combined statements of operations for PARC and Edmond Place which do not include capital activity and depreciation.

## Operating Expenses - \$2,726,167



Complete audited financial statements available upon request

## March 2012

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National Volunteer Week - April 15-21						
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From its humble beginnings – a couple of people and a stove – PARC now issues hundreds of T4s and runs many community programs.

The provision of the meal program at Edmond Place meant the Employment Program expanded to include paid cooks and sous chefs in the PARC kitchen. This was a great training opportunity for long standing volunteers who've been seeking more employment experience in order to work out in the community. The Employment Program also expanded into Edmond Place giving some senior maintenance folks regular maintenance work. The Housekeeping services provided at EP are provided by member employees from PARC.

## May 2012

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A common reflection expressed by PARC members at Camp, is:  
 “I haven’t left the City in years and now I never want to go back!”

Annual trip to Camp Kandalore in the Haliburton Highlands

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		PARC Camp – August 28-31				



Half of PARC's Board of Director's is comprised of members who participate in PARC's programs & services.

“Meaningful Participation” at PARC means that every member takes part in decision-making.



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## October 2012

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PARC Drummers

What makes PARC so remarkable is that it has become a hub of astonishing creative energy and an incubator of literary and artistic talent.



David Morriseau: painting created with Imperial Breakfast Club

“A person can be stripped down, burdened, suffering, alone, buffeted, but given a chance to create, the most spine-tingling, beautiful poem can spring forth”.



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We couldn't do it  
without our donors!



## Note from a PARC Member

Being involved with PARC over the past 6 years has helped me get involved, in my community by first volunteering, then by being voted on the board of directors and being on about 8 different committees. I was also hired to be a PARC Ambassador, which involved in going out into the community to get them to change from nimby to yimby.

Before coming to PARC my outlook on life was not the best, and my future seemed very bleak to me. I was not a very happy person.

There were a lot of changes in my life since I started coming to PARC. Before I started coming to PARC, I was not active in my community, I did not talk much and was not very sociable, I mostly stayed to my self. Once I started coming to PARC, I become more sociable and started making new friends. I became a better person.

Now my outlook on life is much better, The high light of my life this year was, being hired by Habitat Services for a one year contract, and then being offered a full time position for housing support worker. And also receiving a letter from ODSP back in February, saying that due to my income from working full time, that I am no longer eligible to receive, further support from ODSP, when I got the letter that really put a smile on my face.

I would like to take this opportunity, to thank the staff at PARC for the support and encouragement that they gave me to get to where I am today, if it was not for PARC, I would still be not be a very sociable person.

Michael Fitzgerald

re: Building Lives



*"Dialogue cannot exist without humility."* Paulo Freire  
 For the coming year dialogue will be one of our defining activities.

## Donor List

### Over \$1.5 Million

Toronto Central Local Health  
 Integration Network (LHIN)

### Over \$400,000

City of Toronto

### Over \$30,000

TMX/Shorcan  
 Metcalf Foundation  
 Ontario Trillium Foundation

### \$20,000 - \$30,000

Public Displays of Affection  
 Catherine Donnelly Foundation  
 Freedom International  
 Brokerage Co.  
 The Boulevard Club  
 Design Hope Toronto

### \$10,000 - \$20,000

Toronto Enterprise Fund  
 United Way  
 Bargains Group: Project Water

### \$5,000 - \$10,000

Sue Cox Community Action Fund,  
 Daily Bread Food Bank  
 Toronto Arts Council  
 Government of Canada  
 United Way  
 West End Food Co-op

### \$1,000 - \$5,000

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 Teresa Verzuu  
 DASD Contracting  
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 Tracey Bell  
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### \$250 to \$1,000

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 In Beauty Spa  
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 Pollock's Carpet Market  
 Stavros Restaurant  
 Cheryl English  
 David Blainey  
 Bad Date Coalition Inc.

Honourable mention for funding the development of Edmond Place: Affordable Housing Program (AHP),  
 a joint Provincial & Federal initiative administered by the City of Toronto, Affordable Housing Office