



House of Compassion

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HOUSE OF COMPASSION OF TORONTO

SUMMER 2021 NEWSLETTER



“This will be a
summer for the soul”

- Resident of
House of Compassion

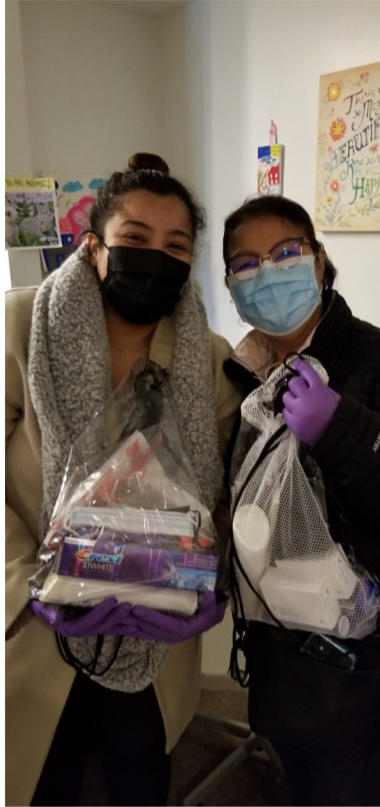
Oh *Summer*. How we've been waiting for You! While we have learned to dance in the rain (and the snow) we rejoice in your return. It was a *long* winter but we got through it, together. Our residents, staff and board remain healthy, with spirits uplifted by each others company and the company of our loved ones. As we begin to take in familiar experiences once again we feel some sense of normalcy returning to the House. It will be a long road ahead for our space, but we are optimistic that we will get there and we are ever grateful for all of the support that we continue to receive throughout this pandemic and beyond. Our commitment to providing a safe, engaging and compassionate home is steadfast and we could not do this without our incredible supporters. We can't wait to begin seeing all of you again. For now, we invite you to take a look inside our Summer 2021 Newsletter and catch up on all that's been going on here at House of Compassion!



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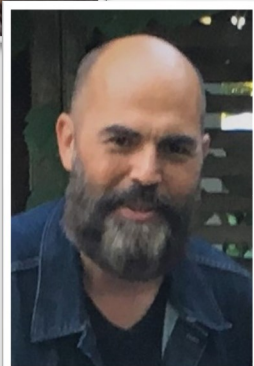


VOLUNTEER SUPERSTAR!

We would like to give a special shout out to our amazing volunteer Lauren Osorio and her family and friends, whom over the course of the pandemic have been dropping off care packages for each of our residents. Lauren: Thank You!! We are SO appreciative of all that you continue to do!!!

Thankful For The Gifts We Are Given

We are the sum of the gifts of many.



House of Compassion wishes to thank Melissa Banton and John James for their dedication and service as Overnight Care Coordinators here at the House.

We wish you both the very best - we know you both will continue to do amazing things!



When We Meet Again

(A poem by a resident of House of Compassion)

"It's going to feel funny, my dear friend.

Like a wobbly bike, when we meet again.

But if we remember to laugh and
we remember to learn,

It just might be our best memories earned."

APPENINGS



VACCINES BECOME AVAILABLE TO HOC RESIDENTS: House of Compassion residents were able to access Covid-19 vaccines beginning in April, 2021 - at first by attending mass vaccination clinics and later through mobile vaccination clinics which arrived directly to the House.



Conversations In The Garden

Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church and Executive Director Ryan Tucker meet in the backyard garden to chat about the challenges and triumphs for House of Compassion over this past year.

Please stay tuned for the release of a new video including this conversation and much more!



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Celebrating Partnership: Project Good Karma



House of Compassion and Project Good Karma began partnering in early 2021. Project Good Karma is a grassroots, volunteer-led initiative that provides nutritious meals to those in need across the City of Toronto. Meals are lovingly prepared by volunteer chefs who have a passion for food security and giving back to their communities. House of Compassion residents have been enjoying outstanding meals every week since this partnership began and we are so grateful for the continued efforts of this amazing group of volunteers— Thank You Project Good Karma!

Making A Donation To House of Compassion

You can donate securely online to House of Compassion by visiting www.hoctoronto.com and clicking 'Donate Now'. Online donations are processed through Canada Helps.

We are also able to accept cheques or cash directed to our administrative offices at:

**169 Shaw Street
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