

Summary of 2007 CDIF Projects

No.	Project	Services Delivered	Agency(ies)	Service Delivery Area
1	After School Programs (3 projects)	The after school programs provide a safe and positive environment that promotes positive social, emotional and physical development of children residing in selected social housing sites in York Region. This project expanded the After School Programs and served over 300 individual children from more than 200 families.	1) York Pro-fessional Care & Education; 2) Jericho Youth Centre; 3) YMCA of Greater Toronto	Aurora, Georgina, Newmarket, Richmond Hill
2	Community Development Project	A project that strengthened three Housing York Inc. communities (totalling 1,020 households) which need greater cohesion and growth by developing residents' abilities to support and help each other.	Canadian Mental Health Association	Georgina, Newmarket and environs
3	Community Housing Support Worker Program (4 projects)	These four projects found permanent housing for over 830 homeless families and individuals. 1) Transitional and Supportive Housing helped them make the transition from emergency shelter to permanent housing. 2) Pathways focused on assisting the youth that access their service, 3) Rose of Sharon serves young mothers and young families. 4) The Salvation Army through the Sutton Youth Multi-Service Centre assists homeless youth with accessing permanent housing.	1) Transitional and Supportive Housing Services of York Region; 2) Pathways; 3) Rose of Sharon 4) Salvation Army	All of York Region
4	Empower the Kids, Empower the Community	A mentoring project that helped reduce the depth of child poverty by providing 44 children from low-income families in Georgina access to experiences and opportunities that would otherwise be unavailable to them because of financial barriers. The programs were designed to build resilience in children who are at risk because of their family circumstances, and help them to cope with life challenges.	Big Brothers Big Sisters of York Region	Georgina

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5	Family Resource Centre Enhancement Project	A project that increased outreach and drop-in programs to respond to the growing number of vulnerable young families in the Bathurst corridor. The project addressed needs of new immigrants, single parents and low income families and those with special needs. The expanded program delivered services to almost 150 additional residents, which was a 15% increase over 2006.	Jewish Family and Child Services	Vaughan and environs
6	Early Childhood Development & Parenting Supports (AOK)	Early child development and parenting programs for parents and caregivers with children from birth to 6 years of age. Programs provided learning opportunities and resources that promote healthy child development, attachment and readiness for school and life. Almost 4,000 children and more than 2,900 parents/caregivers attended the programs.	5 licensed Child Care Agencies, 2 Resource Centres, 1 Municipal Recreation Department, 1 Children's Mental Health Agency	All of York Region
7	Extending the Table - Providing accessible information on York Region Food Network (YRFN) Programs to Ethno cultural communities	A project that aimed to reduce barriers and accessibility to food security information for residents by providing program information in the first languages of at risk clients and residents. One thousand brochures about YRFN's Services, and the Community Gardens Program were each translated into Cantonese, Russian and Tamil and distributed in the community. The translated brochures were also placed on the YRFN website.	York Region Food Network	All of York Region
8	Focus on Fathers	The project provided multicultural parenting courses in eight languages across York Region. In addition, the project increased the number of languages in which resources are available by adding parenting courses in Chinese, Korean, Farsi, Russian, Spanish Urdu and Hindi. Over 300 parents benefited from the program.	Catholic Community Services of York Region	York Region locations in Georgina, King, Markham, Newmarket, Vaughan, Whitchurch-Stouffville

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9	Home Base Youth Drop in Centre	This program supported almost 4,400 youth who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, through delivering counselling, employment services, housing search assistance, social recreation, food, clothing, life skills and other resources.	Pathways for Children, Youth and Families of York Region	The main catchment area is Richmond Hill and environs, although at risk youth from all of York Region can access the services.
10	Housing Help Centre	This project directly served over 4,500 clients and members of the public in their search for affordable accommodation by maintaining and updating a walk-in and on-line housing registry. The Centre's web site was accessed for information by almost 55,000 persons during the year, and received over 1,450,000 hits.	Citizens for Affordable Housing	All of York Region
11	ID Clinic	The ID Clinic worked with almost 1,200 individuals and families who are homeless, and those with little or no income. It helped them obtain personal identification which is often needed to access necessary services such as health care, income supports, employment supports, education, housing, food banks, opening a bank account and other services.	Canadian Mental Health Association	All of York Region
12	Inn from the Cold Project	Provided emergency shelter, food and clothing during the winter months and when temperatures drop below -15 ⁰ C to almost 750 homeless residents during the winter of 2006/2007.	Inn from the Cold Inc.	Newmarket and the northern part of York Region.

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13	Job Track PLUS	This project provided 64 unemployed low-income residents with a Return to Work Action Plan to identify and overcome their barriers to employment and be better equipped to find employment. Throughout the structured group program, a strong emphasis was placed on job search computer skills and individual job counselling. Participants developed improved job searching skills and maximized practical techniques to carry out independent job searches with the result that almost 20 found full/part-time employment during the project.	Georgina Job Skills Project (also known as Job Skills)	Georgina, Vaughan, Newmarket, Aurora, Markham, Richmond Hill
14	Learn for Work, Learn for Life	Training in essential life and employment skills was delivered to almost 90 residents including 28 Ontario Works participants to prepare them to obtain and maintain employment.	Literacy Council York-Simcoe	Aurora, East Gwillimbury, Georgina, Newmarket, Richmond Hill
15	Out of the Cold	Support to four sites located in the south end of York Region, providing food clothing and emergency shelter over the winter months. The program is supported by over 300 volunteers and provided service to approximately 1,300 persons during the winter months.	Temple Har Zion, St. Lukes Catholic Church, Jaffari As-Sadiq Islamic School, Thornhill United Church	All of York Region
16	Positive Leisure Activities for Children and Youth (PLAY)	This project gives access to seasonal recreational programs offered by local municipal recreation departments to children 4 – 12 years old of families receiving Ontario Works or Rent Geared to Income or Child Care Fee Assistance under LICO. Almost 1,000 children from over 600 families participated in this program in 2007.	Nine municipal Parks, Recreation and Culture Departments	All local municipalities

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17	Poverty Relief Worker	This project enhanced and expanded the continuum of supports presently addressing child poverty, homelessness and the risk of homelessness through the provision of emergency food and clothing supplies and related supports to approximately 260 vulnerable York Region families each month.	Women's Centre of York Region	All of York Region
18	Ready, Set, Goal and Kids Council	The project targeted 350 youth participants ages 8-15 from diverse, underserved communities (performance plus schools) in York Region by providing life skills and leadership development programs with over 100 mentors. Each participant pursued activities that provided benefits to their local communities. The results of this program reached an estimated 3,000 children and youth.	Future Possibilities Canada	Markham, Richmond Hill, Thornhill, Aurora, Vaughan, Newmarket, Unionville
19	School Social Worker	This project filled a gap in community social work services by providing a range of supports to families of children attending three newer public elementary schools in Vaughan. The target families cannot access service due to financial and cultural barriers. The project offered on-site services which included consultation, prevention and treatment to an estimated 180 families and 1,324 children.	Jewish Family and Child Services	Vaughan
20	Summer camps and recreational activities for Children and Youth (2 projects)	1) Overnight Youth Camp Support for 2 youth summer camp programs for youth residing in social housing or receiving Ontario Works. These programs served a total of 65 youth 13 to 17 years of age. 2) Ontario Works/Housing Summer Camps Provided over 300 children of Ontario Works participants and those from social housing communities access to summer recreational programs offered by area municipal Parks and Recreation Departments.	1) The Salvation Army and York Professionals 2) Nine municipal Parks, Recreation and Culture Departments	All of York Region

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21	Strengthening Organizational Capacity (3 projects)	Projects that addressed immediate and strategic needs of three service providers as follows: 1) A project that advanced the development of the York Region Community Foundation to achieve recognition and accreditation targets. 2) Support for the development of a business plan for Transitional and Supportive Housing Services of York Region based on a review of the agency's strategic plan, governance model and operation to ensure continued delivery of emergency homelessness support services. 3) Funding support for a professional review of the service delivery of the Street Outreach Van.	1) York Region Community Foundation 2) Transitional and Supportive Housing Services of York Region 3) Loft Community Services/ Crosslinks Housing & Support Service	All of York Region
22	Supports and Training to the Informal Child Care Providers	A child care training program designed to enhance the quality of care received by families and their children residing in York Region, and promote quality and stable child care options. The program provided training for 375 child care providers.	York Professional Care and Education	All of York Region
23	Supports for Youth at Risk	Employment skills development and pre-employment life skills training and referrals were provided for residents of the Newmarket Youth Shelter. The initiative served more than 150 youth shelter residents.	Transitional and Supportive Housing Services of York Region	Newmarket and environs
24	Sutton Youth Multi-Service Centre - Employment Supports	Part-time support counsellor who provided aptitude/skill assessments, resume writing assistance and other job search supports to 85 clients of the Sutton Youth Multi-Service Centre, of which 51 found employment.	Salvation Army	Georgina and environs

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25	Swim to Survive	Funding allowed this project to continue into the 2006/2007 school year. During this period, training was delivered to over 3,700 grade three children to survive an unexpected fall into water. Schools with a high population of low income families and/or recent immigrants were recommended by the Public and Catholic School Boards.	Nine municipal Parks, Recreation and Culture Departments	All of York Region
26	Community Enhancement Funds (formerly Winter Needs)	Assistance to 12 community agencies with equipment and supplies for meeting the needs of homeless and at risk clients. The goal of the initiative is to enhance services and the service delivery facilities of community agencies in York Region.	12 Community Service Agencies in York Region	All of York Region
27	York Region Abuse Program - Abuse Prevention Program	Support to expand the Abuse Prevention Program which delivered theatrical and classroom presentations in six elementary and six high schools reaching an estimated 4,850 elementary school and over 650 high school students. The project also recruited, trained and supervised three intern therapists.	Abuse Program of York Region (also known as York Region Abuse Program)	All of York Region
28	York Region Alliance to End Homelessness (YRAEH) - Planning for a Sustainable Future	Funding that assisted YRAEH conduct research and update its public information tool kit, create a web site, develop new partnerships, facilitate educational events and support community engagement.	York Region Food Network	All of York Region
29	York Region Food For Learning	Supported a program that provided breakfast, snack and/or emergency lunch programs to school children in need, and expanded this service to eleven additional schools. Over 2,200 children attended school nourishment programs in the additional schools. Overall the program benefited approximately 21,800 students.	York Region Food for Learning/ Family Day Care Services	All of York Region

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30	Street Outreach Van	A mobile outreach van which served the homeless, seriously mentally ill and/or street involved. The project focused on outreach to the homelessness and served an estimated 579 at-risk York Region residents.	Loft Community Services/ Crosslinks Housing & Support Service	All of York Region
31	Young Mothers Transition Support Program	This project: 1) linked 127 young mothers to Early Years programs in their community and worked with Early Years programs to develop strategies to best support young mothers' access to their programs. 2) 90 young mothers accessed group counselling and self help training, to help support them through the transition to parenting.	Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers	All of York Region
32	Youth Volunteer for Youth	This project established an educational and recreational program (based on a scouting model) that engaged high school and university students in supporting, leading and mentoring children and youth of newcomer and economically challenged families. Training was also delivered to youth counsellors and tutors in the program. The project benefited 140 children plus 44 counsellors, students and tutors.	Jewish Family and Child Services	Vaughan and environs