

# ANNUAL REPORT

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# Vision, Mission, & Guiding Principles

**CFOC, a house of prayer for all nations**

## Vision

### **Transforming Lives, Impacting Communities**

We will accomplish our vision through continuous prayer, a commitment to being in community with each other, growing in discipleship, and investing in purposeful innovation.

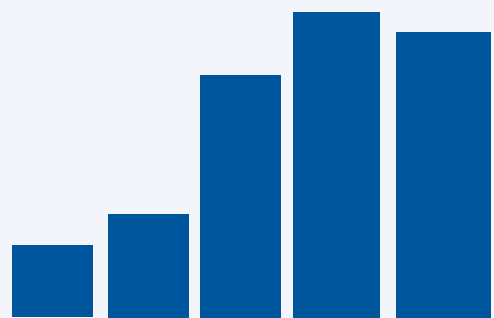
## Mission

Our mission is to see lives and communities progressively changed, embracing right values and ethical attitudes. Our mission is to transform the world for Christ.

## Guiding Principles

Christian Faith Outreach Centre's Guiding Principles include the following:

- Love
- Integrity
- Humility
- Generosity
- Compassion
- Innovation



# Year at a Glance

CFOC-DOC serves precariously housed individuals across 3 shelters, with 95 beds

375 resident Canadians received emergency shelter through CFOC-DOC throughout the year

Just under 1,430 service experiences delivered by the Ajax Hub over the year, with about 620 recurring patrons

Over 460 **new** faces welcomed at the Ajax Hub in this past year

Over 100 unique patrons provided emergency shelter from headquarters, with 5 moving to long-term shelter or treatment programs

Close to 400 resident Canadian patrons supported from Whitby Warming Centre over Winter 2023-2024

30 individuals transitioned from emergency shelter to long-term housing during the year

Respite provided to approximately 800 newcomers during the year

# Year at a Glance (continued)

We were blessed with 30 baptisms and 50% growth in congregation

About 300 community members reached through evangelism per quarter

Just under one dozen camp counsellors employed by Camp Vision last summer

Close to 50 children served through the 8 weeks of Camp Vision (summer camp)

New Horizons Seniors Program hosted close to 25 multi-faceted enrichment sessions for 25 - 30 seniors bi-monthly

Over 600 people are served monthly by our Next Step Food Market (foodbank) program



# Meet our Lead Pastor



## Reverend Fredrica Walters

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!” (Isaiah 43:18,19) NIV

The past year has been a journey of transformation and growth for our church family. As we reflect on the milestones and blessings of the past year, we are filled with gratitude for the ways God has been at work among us. Here are some highlights from our journey together:

### Celebrating Milestones

We joyfully welcomed the new year with our first in-person New Year’s Eve Service since the onset of the pandemic, marking a significant moment of renewal and hope. By responding to the needs of our community, we expanded our shelter capacity from twenty beds to fifty beds, partnering with the Region of Durham and the Town of Ajax to provide vital support to those in need. We embraced a season of spiritual renewal through the Daniel Fast in January and our Annual Fast in November, seeking God’s guidance and strength for the challenges ahead. Our missions team embarked on a transformative journey to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, sharing the love of Christ and witnessing lives transformed through ministry.

With open hearts and open doors, we welcomed over 800 newcomers from various African and other nations around the world, extending hospitality and support to those seeking refuge and community. We experienced the power of unity and collaboration through events such as the H2O Team weekend, our inaugural Thanksgiving Dinner, a Marriage and Relational Seminar, A Christmas Around the Nations event hosting more than 400 newcomers and our annual in-house Christmas Dinner.

We have seen over 50% growth in our congregation and had more than 30 persons baptized throughout the year, along with several marriages and baby dedications. Our relationships with religious and political leaders continue to grow, opening doors for collaboration and advocacy on behalf of the community. CFOC employs over 100 employees through our various programs, allowing individuals to live, work and fellowship close to home.

# Meet our Lead Pastor (continued)



## Looking Ahead

As we embark on a new year, let us continue to press forward with faith and vision. May we intentionally reach out to our friends, neighbours, and community with the life-changing message of Jesus Christ. May our transformational message continue to give hope, peace and help to everyone we meet. Let us work together to see the establishment of new facilities, new church plants and the expansion of God's kingdom in our midst.

For the upcoming year, our vision and mission remain the same: "Transforming Lives, Impacting Community" through Prayer, Discipleship, Community and Innovation. We want to see as many people as possible encounter and experience the life transformation that God's grace imparts to everyone by:

- Cultivating a culture of missional outreach to our community and the world as we commit to growing a culture of disciple-making - where every member is equipped, growing and helping others grow (Each-One-Reach-One Strategy).
- Further developing our global mission's pipeline through our local and international mission trips to Africa, India and the Caribbean.
- Continuing to develop leaders, including elders, deacons, missions outreach teams, pastoral care team, staff, ministry leads and volunteer teams.

In closing, let us continue to embrace the promise of Isaiah 43:18,19, trusting in God's faithfulness as He leads us into new and exciting adventures of faith. Let us throw off the old ways of thinking, old ways of doing things, old habits and embrace fresh and innovative ways of moving forward. The Lord is indeed doing a new thing among us, and we are privileged to be part of His unfolding story.

With gratitude and anticipation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Fredrica Walters', written in a cursive style.

Rev. Fredrica Walters

# Message From the Board of Directors

During these unprecedented times of misinformation, fake news and widespread fraud, we are honoured to oversee the governance of Christian Faith Outreach Centre (CFOC) by serving on its Board of Directors. Welcome to our inaugural Annual Report.

From its inception, CFOC has had the heart of our Father in mind. It has been a house of prayer, teaching the word of God and seeing Him confirm those words with signs following. We believe that the experiences and results reported in the Acts of the Apostles are ongoing today, and we are expected to do ... "greater works than these."

As you review our inaugural Annual Report, you will discover that we are having a significant impact on the community, that our vision and mission are alive and well, and that we are living up to the expectations of our Father.

Our role as directors is to ensure the responsible stewardship of the organization's fiscal operations and compliance obligations, ensuring that the foundation of what and whom we stand for isn't compromised. We can confidently attest that under the leadership team, the financial stewardship of CFOC is in extremely good hands. Our larger role is to find ways to provide support for the management team, ensuring that they have what they need to continue to do what they are called to do. There is an incredible amount of work being done, and thankfully, we are increasing in the number of volunteers and team members. We are confident that the integrity, resilience and commitment of our senior pastors and their family, have been and remain pivotal components of our reputation and scorecard. We also acknowledge and thank the other leaders, the committed office team, and our incredible volunteers for their continued commitment to the organization's success. The organization experienced significant growth, doubling the previous year's financial inflows and, correspondingly, expanding the scale of its services. In the new operating year, we anticipate again doubling our cash inflows in order to meet the significant demand for services to our community.

In 2023, the board welcomed three new members. Our outlook has become more strategic, and we are refocusing on decisive actions, refined management, and improved reporting to achieve even stronger oversight and evaluation of leadership decisions. As board members, we must also lead the funding of our operations and support financial management and reporting functions. In our initial review, we have identified several opportunities to improve cashflow, as an example.

The board is also taking the lead in developing a strategic fund-raising plan. 2023 served as a learning period, with progress made in areas crucial for ongoing success and support to the leadership and growth of CFOC.



# Meet Our Leadership Team



Pastors Barry & Fredrica Walters



**Board of Directors** L-R: A Mantle, D Maraj, M Bailey, M Rivers, & C Miller



**Core Leaders.** Back L-R: M Walters, M Walters, P Dyer, J MacDonald, C Dawa, C De Guigné, A Forbes  
J Maraj, D Maraj. Front L-R: P Augustine, W Njeri, B Walter, F Walters, R Woodward, J Graham

# Prayer, a Spiritual Discipline at CFOC

Prayer, within the Christian faith, is active communion with God.

Since taking over as Lead pastor of Christian Faith Outreach Centre (CFOC) in 2013, Pastor Frederica Walters established that CFOC would be called a House of Prayer for all nations, according to scripture (Mathew 21:13). As such, prayer and fasting are key elements in the spiritual fabric our church. Our leaders teach and encourage members and adherents to pray without ceasing so that we are continuously:

- Align ourselves and our church with the Will of God
- Acknowledge His unfailing love through praise and thanksgiving
- Seek guidance and direction as we navigate life's complexities and challenges
- Obtain grace to forgive and love each other, even those who consider us their enemies
- Intercede for others, including our family members, neighbours, friends, co-workers, and various levels of government.

We are pleased to report that throughout the 2023 – 2024 operating year:

- We consistently held group Intercessory Prayers on Friday nights
- Dedicated each weekday morning from 7:00 – 8:00 AM to prayers of thanksgiving and intercession for daily needs
- Pre-service prayers were, and continue to be, held each Sunday morning
- Church-wide fasting and prayers are held in January and November, while individuals are encouraged to fast on Wednesdays or as urged by Holy Spirit.

With God's help we will "continue earnestly in Prayer, being vigilant in it with Thanksgiving," according to Colossians 4:2

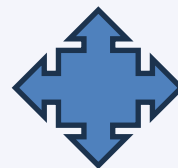


# Live Aqua

Live Aqua is an evening for believers, seekers, and searchers.

As Matthew 7:7-8 says: "Ask and keep on asking and it will be given to you; seek and keep on seeking and you will find; knock and keep on knocking and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who keeps on asking receives, and he who keeps on seeking finds, and to him who keeps on knocking, it will be opened." This event provides an opportunity to be immersed in intensive worship and praise, connecting with God in a more intimate yet corporate way. Only God is worthy of our continued devotion and praise. Only to God should we surrender our wills, talents, and emotions. Live Aqua is a time of liberation, praise, and soaking in the presence of our greatest treasure, Jesus. He is The One.

Commencing in 2019, Live Aqua was birthed from a desire to worship God freely, without the limitations of time, uniform, or restraint. CFOC has developed a unique and Jesus-centred atmosphere and sound. We are not here to entertain but to invite people to deeper intimacy with God. Each month, on the last Sunday at 6:30 pm, we gather to immerse ourselves in this experience. We expect to see lives transformed, and each community member and the team is impacted by their time in the upper room. We are here to encounter the One, Jesus.



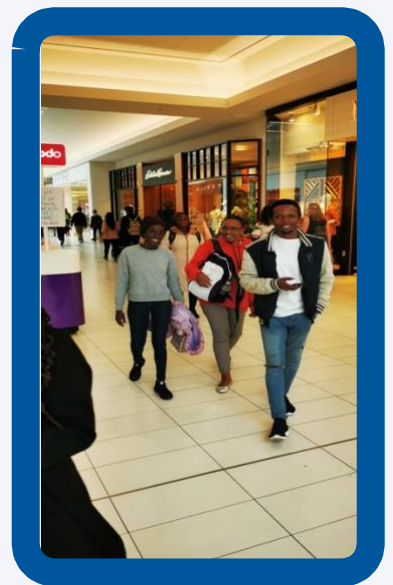
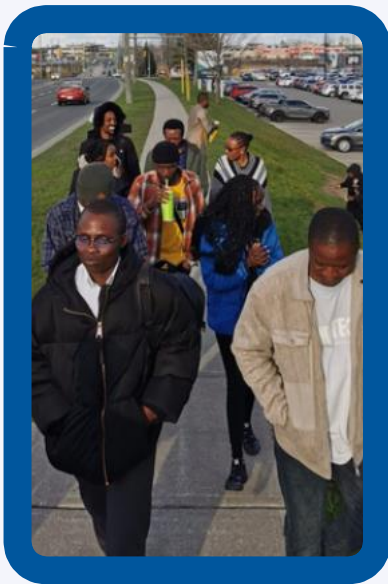
# Evangelism & Outreach

Evangelism is sharing the good news that there is a way for mankind's salvation and a life of peace and contentment by accepting redemption through Jesus Christ. At CFOC, we acknowledge that evangelism is a part of the Great Commission, a requirement of every believer. We have built a dedicated evangelism team to amplify this calling even more.

Over the past year, the team grew to twenty-three (23) members, and new members joined almost every week. They tell us they've found more significant purpose in their lives since joining the team and that their confidence as believers has grown. Some even say that their involvement has been transformative and deepened their faith and commitment to Christ.

We have focused on training, and team members are starting to understand the connection between serving Christ and serving people. In other words, they're beginning to understand the importance and meaning of being a disciple. In the teaching, we emphasize that we evangelize not because it's a trend but because we love people and carry a burden on their souls. A true evangelist cries for souls in his or her secret room before showing up in the field.

The impact has been significant. In the community, we have reached hundreds of people, with over three hundred (300) reached in the last quarter of the 2023 – 2024 year alone. We feel we are truly transforming lives and impacting communities.



# Discipleship Pathway

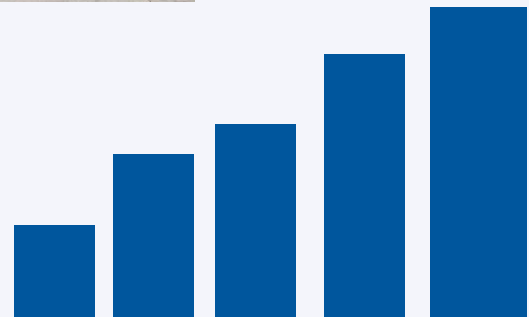
The goal for the Discipleship Pathway, as has been in past years, is to enlist, train, and develop leader volunteers who will embody the multifaceted approach of "The Discipleship Pathway," namely: welcome, reception, follow up, baptism, Christian foundation, small groups or seasonal groups, interest groups, and mentorship.

As part of the Mission mandate of CFOC, to share the gospel of Jesus Christ, we are driven to build relationships with everyone in our church community, in our workplaces, and in the communities we live in, resulting in unbelievers becoming believers, the disconnected connected, and the disenfranchised enfranchised. We encourage every person who gets "born again" to follow the example of Jesus by being "Water Baptized" subsequent to the "new birth."

Over the years, we've been involved in missions locally, nationally, and internationally. For example, Durham Region, Baie-Comeau Quebec, Tanzania, India, Sri-Lanka, Congo (DRC), Zambia, Cuba, South Africa, and Jamaica, resulting in many being born again, believers encouraged, and many sick bodies healed. During the 2023-2024 year we engaged in missions in India, The Congo and Zambia.

## Looking Ahead

Relying solely on Holy Spirit's ability, wisdom, and direction, we are committed to leading the Discipleship Pathway program to excellence. With this in mind: "God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do." (Heb. 6:10).



# Missions

For CFOC, missions is a multi-dimensional calling. It begins with the great commission to reach the world with the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ but extends to practical areas like humanitarian aid and community building, empowerment and support for underserved groups like youth and women in many geographies, community building, planting of churches, and so much more.

We have been a missional church for over twenty years and have expanded our reach in recent years. In this past operating year, we consistently supported other qualifying ministries and sent teams to Zambia, India, and Congo (DRC). In Zambia, members of our church funded and oversaw the digging and installation of wells, alleviating the need for villagers to travel miles to get water. In the Congo (DRC), we work with local churches and orphanages to provide needed supplies and natural and spiritual support.

We will continue to do the work of Him who sent us while it is day, for the night comes when no man shall work.



# Doors of Compassion

## **Social Impact Report: 2023-2024 Fiscal Year**

At Christian Faith Outreach Centre (CFOC), our mission is to provide dignity, respect, and vital support to those in need. Throughout the 2023-2024 fiscal year, our shelters and HUB have profoundly impacted individuals and the broader community. This reflection highlights the social impact and human good achieved through our programs, underscored by the transformative journeys of those we've helped.

CFOC Doors of Compassion is the umbrella term for the CFOC Homelessness Initiatives & Community Outreach services portfolio here at Christian Faith Outreach Centre. We operate three shelter spaces across the Durham Region, servicing 95 beds and the Ajax Community Hub that offers daily support for individuals. Servicing everything from showers, meals, and clothing to resume building, life skills development, connection programming and facilitating a one-stop shop approach, bringing partners such as CDCD, OW, ODSP, The Welcome Centre, Pinewood and much more under one roof.

## **Transforming Lives & Impacting Communities**

John's story is a powerful testament to the impact of our support services. Homeless and having lost everything, John came to CFOC with dreams of rebuilding his life. Through our holistic approach and integrated services—including employment, income, and emotional support—John was able to save up for his dream truck. Today, he not only owns that truck but also operates his own successful business. John's journey from vulnerability to entrepreneurship illustrates the profound difference organizations like CFOC can make in someone's life.

Monique's journey from a harrowing situation of human trafficking and homelessness to an aspiring college student is another compelling story of transformation. Upon arriving at CFOC, she received trauma-informed care and person-centred support that helped her heal and rebuild. With access to mental health support, case management, and essential resources, Monique is now preparing to apply to Trent University. Her story of resilience and hope highlights the critical role CFOC plays in empowering individuals to envision and achieve a brighter future.

## **The Impact of a Community Hub**

The Ajax HUB has been a lifeline for many who are homeless but not seeking shelter. The HUB offers essential services such as meals, showers, hygiene products, and clothing. Additionally, patrons benefit from access to computers, phones, and personal development programs like literacy and financial programs, fitness classes, and art activities. This welcoming environment provides a crucial support network, helping individuals maintain their dignity and connect to vital resources.

# Doors of Compassion (continued)

## High-Level Impact Data

Throughout the 2023-2024 fiscal year, CFOC provided vital support and services to 758 newcomers with no place to live, offering them respite and essential resources. In addition, our shelters admitted 375 non-newcomer individuals in need of emergency housing, while the HUB saw 622 unique visits, with 618 clients returning for continued support. Additionally, our Housing Attainment, Relations, and Retention Team successfully supported 30 individuals moving into appropriate long-term housing, highlighting our commitment to transforming lives and fostering community well-being. This past winter, CFOC-DOC successfully ran the first-ever warming centre run out of Regional Headquarters, supporting 398 individuals over the winter season (Dec 2023 – March 31, 2024). In December 2023, we were selected as the lead agency to run and operate the new 45-bed shelter run out of another Regionally owned building. The shelter officially opened in March 2024, and at the time of this report, we have served 104 unique individuals, with 5 of them moving into housing or treatment programs.

## Conclusion

The 2023-2024 fiscal year has been a period of significant impact and positive change for DOC and the communities we serve. Through our shelters and the Ajax HUB, we have provided essential services, fostered resilience, and empowered individuals to rebuild their lives. John and Monique's stories are just two examples of the transformative power of our support.





# Welcoming Newcomers

Since June 2023, our community has embraced over 800 newcomers from mainly African nations, offering safety and a sense of belonging. This initiative showcases the power of unity and provides essential support to many. Here, we highlight key events, initiatives, and collaborative efforts fostering unity and aiding these newcomers.



## Key Events and Initiatives

1. **Christmas Across the Nations:** This event united over 400 newcomers, celebrating diverse holiday traditions. It connected newcomers with the broader community, including local politicians and prominent figures, promoting community spirit.
2. **Project Hope Information Sessions** In collaboration with Durham Region Police Services, these sessions educated newcomers about their landlord-tenant rights, workplace rights and police services, ensuring newcomers feel safe and informed.
3. **Ajax Hub:** The program, run by CFOC, provides food, showers, and a safe space for community interaction. The Hub offers resume workshops and connects newcomers to housing support and motel programs tailored for asylum seekers.



# Welcoming Newcomers (continued)

## Connecting with Resources

Our initiative linked newcomers with programs and services to ease their transition.

**Alpha:** Exploring life and the Christian faith in a friendly, informal setting. CDCD Programs: Offering educational and social integration services.

**CFOC Next Step Market (Foodbank):** Ensuring food security for newly housed newcomers.

**Jobs and Housing Opportunities:** Assisting in employment and housing searches.

**Social Workers:** Providing access to social programs supporting their transition. Overnight

**Prayer Program:** This program offers newcomers a safe space within the church during the evenings. It addresses spiritual needs and provides a secure environment for those who require it.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Engaging newcomers in community service, providing a sense of purpose and Canadian experience.

**CFOC Stronger Together Events:** Inclusive activities unite community members, including the unsheltered and the newcomers.

Our community's efforts have significantly improved newcomers' well-being and integration by offering a welcoming environment and essential resources. Key outcomes include:

- **Enhanced Sense of Belonging:** Events like our Thanksgiving & Christmas Dinner foster inclusion, helping newcomers feel connected and valued.
- **Mental and Emotional Support:** Addressing trauma and stress through social workers and faith-based programs, we help newcomers cope and rebuild their lives with resilience and hope.

## Conclusion

Since 2023, our efforts have created a welcoming environment for newcomers and strengthened our community, embodying CFOC's vision of Transforming Lives and Impacting Communities.



# Camp Vision

With a longstanding and deep commitment to families and our local community, CFCO successfully delivered its 17th consecutive session of its summer camp, Camp Vision, during the 2023-2024 operating year.

Camp Vision is an engaging and educational summer enrichment program for children up to age 11, funded primarily by Canada Summer Jobs. It offers a comprehensive Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) enrichment program, in addition to fun physical and sightseeing activities. Children are treated to visits to the Science Centre, the ROM, Ripley's Aquarium, local pools, parks, and other places of interest. Feedback on our program has been consistently positive.

Because of our commitment to equal access, we ensure that Camp Vision fees do not create an affordability barrier for families, making our summer camp one of the lowest-priced camps in our local area. Each year, we feel blessed to provide summer employment for student camp counsellors and administrators, the 2023-2024 year being no exception. This year, we hired a total of eleven (11) paid Camp Vision program delivery team members. These counsellors gain invaluable work experience and an income to offset post-secondary academic costs or other expenses. We value the opportunity to be chosen to receive funding to deliver this invaluable program year after year.



# Stronger Together



The concept of "Stronger Together" emerged from a desire to connect the work being done by CFOC with the church members who were less involved in the outreach efforts. The Ajax Hub and CFOC Family Care teams collaborate to develop a recurring event on the fifth Wednesday of any month (typically four times a year). These fifth Wednesdays are designated as our Stronger Together Events, aimed at uniting the Ajax community, CFOC family and Doors of Compassion patrons as one.

Starting in August 2023, we hosted our inaugural Stronger Together Community BBQ & Games Night. It was exhilarating to see over 300 people come together, making it one of CFOC's largest community events at that time. Since then, we have held a Family Movie Night, filling the sanctuary for a viewing of "The Pilgrim's Progress"; a Vision Board Night in January 2024; and our first joint Stronger Together Volleyball, Games, and Food Night with Forest Brook Community Church, a local church ministry and CFOC partner. These events have been a delight, demonstrating the community's unity and fulfilling our vision of transforming lives and impacting communities. Building bridges to serve the community is a significant part of our mission here in Ajax and across the globe.



# Family Care



CFOC's children's ministry department has grown tremendously over the last few years. During COVID-19, we developed an interactive online program for the kids to remain connected, and through this, we were able to reach children in the community and within our church. During the year, we continued to benefit from the spill-over effects of that effort, and we have heard great testimonies of children encouraging their parents to bring them to church and be a part of our program. After re-launching our in-person Children's Church, we saw immense growth in the ministry's attendance. Not only did we see an increase in the number of children, but we also saw a growth in volunteers and leaders of all ages. Today, we are grateful to have a thriving Children's ministry group with cross-generational mentorship taking place by having our youth ages 11- 13 years serve as junior leaders alongside the children.

We have seen amazing testimonies of children growing in their spiritual gifts by leading prayer, helping with the lessons and reading their bible lessons. Each week, the children learn about bible stories and heroes of faith, participate in crafts, and actively take part in theatrical productions for Christmas and Easter. We believe that as we continue to move forward in the will of the Lord, we will see more lives transformed and communities impacted through our CFOC's Children's Ministry department.

We believe that encouraging our youth and young adults to lead lives of purpose and integrity is good not only for these individuals and their families but also for society.

Youth and young adults met weekly throughout the year, and the numbers have grown steadily as our church has grown. The team created an uplifting atmosphere and environment where the youth were able to open up and share with each other. The leaders would, at times, split the youth into small groups of junior high and senior high, allowing time and space for real-life discussions among similar age groups. The leadership team consisted of seven individuals so the team could be easily divided into small groups, providing opportunities for new leaders to take the lead as opportunities arose. Towards the end of the year the Ministry's leadership transitioned to our new Youth Pastor and a new program is being rolled out for the new program year.



# Family Care (continued)

## Women's Ministry



During the year, the Women's Ministry at CFOC focused on developing unity. We want to be united in our goals as a church body and our leadership's direction.

We spent the fall season of 2023 learning about the different personality profiles/traits within our group and, through the exercise, gained an understanding and appreciation for our different strengths and weaknesses. This knowledge led us to recognize how we need each other to accomplish God's plans for our individual lives and those for the corporate church.

This spring, we have been striving to build relationships and trust between our women. We have been sharing our experiences and seeing that although we and our circumstances are unique, we still face common themes and can encourage each other through.

Life can be difficult and stressful, but God has provided us all we need to live in peace and joy. This ministry desires to teach that through creative ideas that promote fun and laughter, we can bond with, relax and motivate each other. Our plans for the coming year are to get us thinking outside of our own lives. We want to help equip each other to walk in our giftings and use them to serve the church and our community. Now that we are enabled to maintain the joy and peace that Jesus offers us, we want to promote this wonderful news to everyone we come into contact with!

"I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13.



# Family Care (continued)



In the Service of our Majesty, Lord and King.

In 2023, a new direction, vision and direction were established. After several months of work and seeking, we landed on a name and a foundation of scriptures that underpins the focus and intent of the men's ministry.

We are the CFOC Men's Ministry and our mission is to unlock the passion and contribution of men and deploy them inside the Church and in the community. We will put the men of the community into position to receive the breakthroughs and promises they are seeking and believing for.

The men's ministry is about equipping the men of the church through teaching and example to overcome and have victory in their personal and family lives by understanding the precepts and conditions of an overcoming believer and then providing them with the training and preparation to go into service.

We will deploy a systematic series of campaigns of acts of kindness and service in the community and in the church. Our targets are community members in need. Our action steps include designing campaigns that serve the community and equipping and training men to go into service covered with the authority and armor of God.

Together we are mobilizing men to be successful and victorious at home, at work and in the community.



# Family Care (continued)

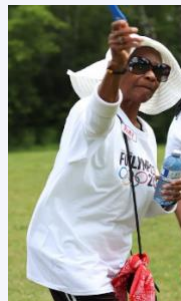
## North of 55+ Seniors' Program



Our North of 55 Seniors program has grown from 10 seniors to over 40 in the last year. This year's theme was 'Empowering Seniors to live their best life.' We meet twice per month (the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month). Over the past year, as we worked with our seniors through the 'Getting seniors out of isolation and into socialization' program, we've come to realize that there is a large lack of understanding and/or implementation of the important part that seniors play in their journey to living their best life. As participants have gotten out of isolation and become more socialized with each other and the community, we have now realized that the lack of nutrition, sleep and exercise have been contributing factors to their limitations and cognitive health. We support seniors in addressing the continued effects of isolation, address ageism and how to prepare for their aging journeys, as well as address and support mental and physical health issues.



We expect through our 'Empowering Seniors to live their best life' program, seniors will be engaged and connected through discussions around gaining skills, habits, and cognitive stimulation. An active lifestyle and continued dexterity through outdoor activities, arts, games, and crafts will also be major focuses. In the coming year, we will have qualified guest speakers and interactive sessions to motivate through examples, applications and visual presentations. We look forward to another impactful year for our seniors.





# Next Step Food Market (Food Bank)

## We prayed, and God answered

The Next Step Food Bank, now the Next Step Market, went through a major transformation during the year (2023), with a rebranding and reframing of our services. The program transitioned from providing pre-boxed grocery items and produce to its current state where clients can come in and 'shop' for the items best suited to their family needs - a grocery store model. We also rolled out a new barcode check-in process that helped us organize and manage service delivery.

In January 2023, the food bank served approximately two hundred (200) people monthly, and by January 2024, the number had increased to well over 600 people being served monthly, a 300% increase year over year. Food insecurity and access to nutritious meals are serious hardships in our communities, regions, countries, and the world!

Over the years, the number of volunteers grew, and we thank and appreciate these individuals with hearts of servitude who are ready and willing to serve.



We genuinely appreciate our granting donors and valued partners who, month after month, donate food to address the needs within the community. We salute these socially responsible and generous corporate citizens. We feel blessed to have acquired new and expanded partnerships. These include Feed the Need Durham, Ajax Mazda, Chambers Foods, Golden Eagle Wings Ministry, Westney Heights Baptist Church, Pickering Pentecostal Church, Town of Ajax (Ajax Partnership Fund) and Individual donors. We also welcomed Longo's, Costco Oshawa, and Gordon Food Services as new suppliers/partners for 2024 and onward!

Our challenges remain: operating space, storage space, and freezer and cooler capacity. We know, believe and trust in the word of God ... that He will provide ... as He has never failed us yet!

We feel honoured and blessed to serve our community.

# Testimonies



## **Charissa Habib**

This past year has proven to me that God can change your entire life in a moment! I've been praying for my husband to come for over 20 years, and with one text message, God revealed him to me and changed the course of my life. Six months later, we were married, and my expectation of a blissfully happy married life soon erupted when we were in a huge motor vehicle accident during a snowstorm one week after our honeymoon. This was the first in a line of stressful, difficult circumstances we encountered. In prayer, I cried out to God, complaining about all the upheaval and its timing. He gently rebuked me and said I should be thanking Him, saying that my husband and I now had each other to lean on while we went through these trials. These things were going to happen anyway, and now I wasn't alone. I changed my complaining heart into gratitude and realized again how good, gentle, loving and kind God really is. I can look back at many circumstances over the last few months where God protected me, healed my body, soothed my mind and set my heart at peace. And that's just what He's done for me this year!



## **Dominic Miller**

Hello everyone, my name is Dominic Miller, and I am 17 years old. I am very happy to be able to share the goodness of God in my life. First, I would like to thank my mom and dad for bringing me to Christ and sharing the importance of spending time with God in every moment. In 2022, I found out that I had a condition called "Cultural Benign Neutropenia," which can severely affect my white blood cell count.

When I am sick, even with a simple cold, it impacts my white blood cells, causing the symptoms to be more severe, taking longer to recover, and leaving me exhausted. During this period, my blood white blood cell count dropped to 4, which is below the critical level of 5. Even though there is no cure, God is still working because, when I am sick now, the symptoms that I have are not as severe, and my white blood cell count does not drop as low. As months passed, I continued to get better, and I am so thankful for what God has done in my life. Through prayer, I have been healed.

Amen.

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## **Liana Macabali**

In 2019, my husband and I prayed for a home church in Ajax, and the Lord directed us to Christian Faith Outreach Centre (CFOC). We were welcomed and accommodated warmly by the leaders and members, and this made us feel at home right away.

It was during this time that our family was in a deep loss and grief due to the passing of my mother-in-law, followed by my dad 5 weeks later. At the same time, I was receiving medical treatment/therapy related to my medical condition. In 2020, I got sick again, resulting in being bedridden and not being able to walk for quite some time. Accessibility to treatment was very difficult because of the Covid-19 pandemic. I just trusted the Lord and lifted everything to Him. I earnestly prayed to Our Lord Jesus Christ for healing, deliverance, strength, comfort, and His protection. I was thankful for all the prayers from family, friends and our church. I claimed and declared Jeremiah 30:17, " But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds, declares the Lord. "

God is faithful and true to His promises, and He healed me. I thank God for seeing me through my difficult times. It is by God's grace and mercy that I overcome trials, have peace, and receive healing. Now, my husband and I are involved and enjoying being a part of the CFOC Help Ministry. " The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my Rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. " Psalm 18:2. All Praises and Glory Belongs to God. Amen.



## **Trevor Mugerwa**

Thanks to Christian Faith Outreach Centre (CFOC), since arriving in Canada last November, my life has seen significant positive changes through evangelism. I have rediscovered my purpose and meaning in life. CFOC has played a crucial role in my self-improvement journey, guiding me towards greater spiritual heights. Although there is still a long way to go, with consistent daily steps, I will continue to grow and reach higher levels in my faith journey.

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## Marg Parr

Throughout my life, I've always had a great desire and passion to commit myself to the work of the Lord. At first, I thought my calling was in the area of healing. But as I continued to serve the Lord and listen to Him, it became clear to me that my calling is to help people by bringing awareness and understanding of the spiritual realm. Many people do not understand the power of Holy Spirit and the power of the word of God. Our situations and our bodies respond to our words, so we must speak the Word over our bodies, our lives, and our situations. I feel blessed to be able to help people understand the spiritual realm and the power of the Word of God.

At just about 91 years of age, it makes me very happy when I have something to share and an opportunity to inspire others through the word of God. Thank God I continue to be useful and of value to others. I still have a monthly Bible class with four students, and it is my delight to teach them the word of God. They are always amazed that at my age, I can still recall exact passages from the Bible, with precise references, from memory. I thank God for this gift, and I know it's given to me because of the calling on my life and because I honour God.



## Ruth Mukoya

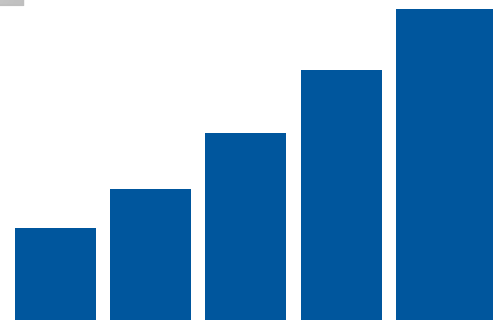
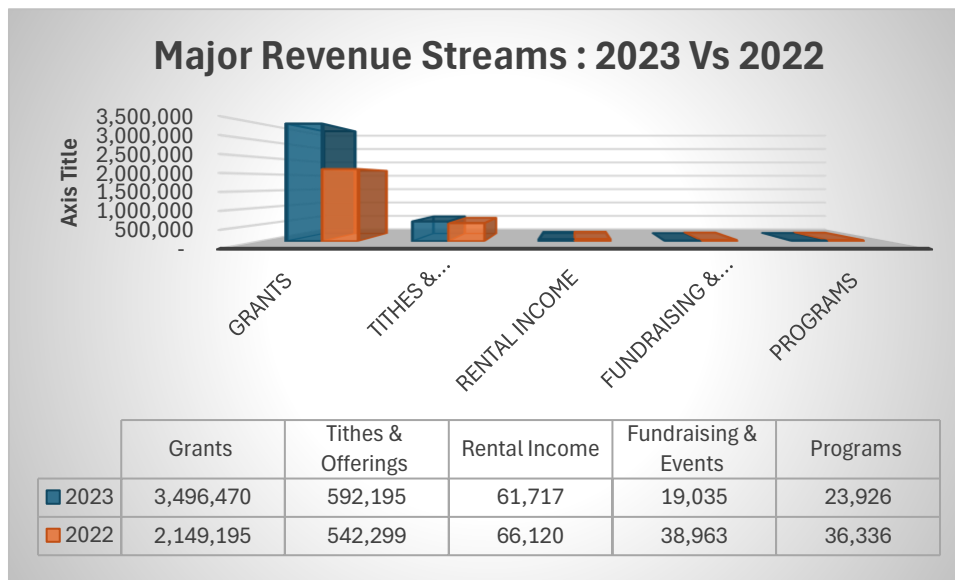
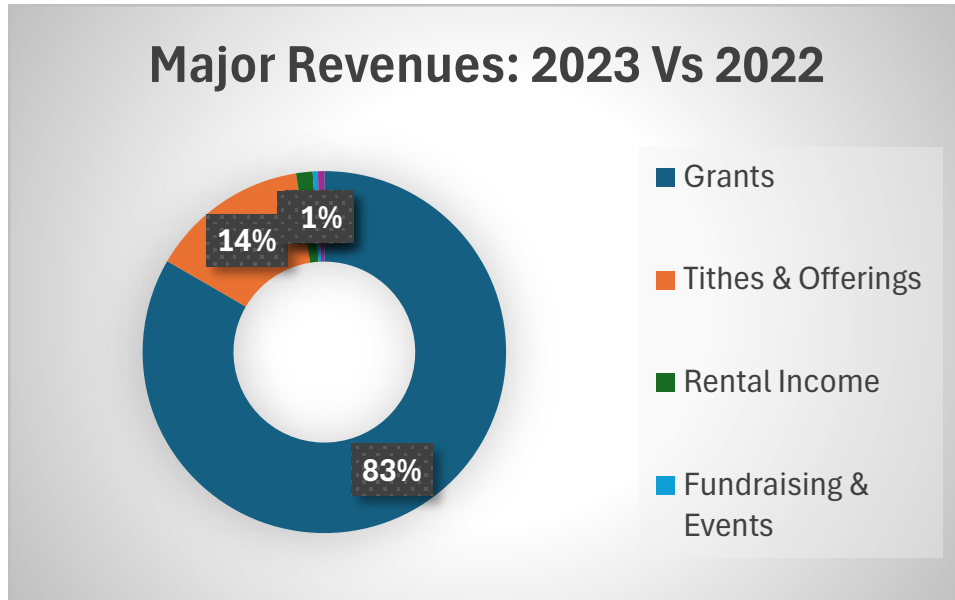
My Name is Ruth Mukoya and I come from Uganda. I am a mother of seven children, and I came to Canada in November 2023. My bible verses are Psalms 144:1-2, and Judges 3:1-3. As an immigrant to Canada and travelling for the first time, I feared coping with life in the new country. But my God, who never fails, miraculously connected me to Christian Faith Outreach Center for a purpose. God has been so faithful; He has shown me so much love through CFOC.

CFOC has been a family I never expected to meet in Canada. The church provided for us during the winter and gave us a warm place to pray during the cold. We lacked nothing. I have no words to express my appreciation but to pray that God enlarges the territories of Christian Faith Outreach Centre. We are forever grateful.

# Financial Summaries

The following charts summarize both major revenues and expenses. Please refer to the financial report for further detailed information.

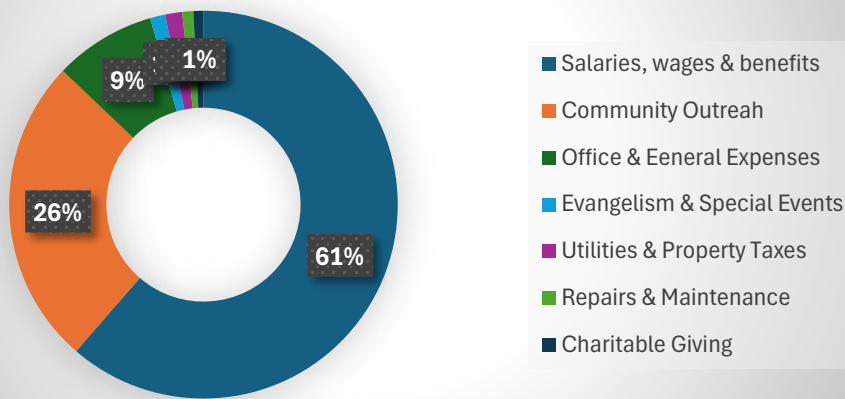
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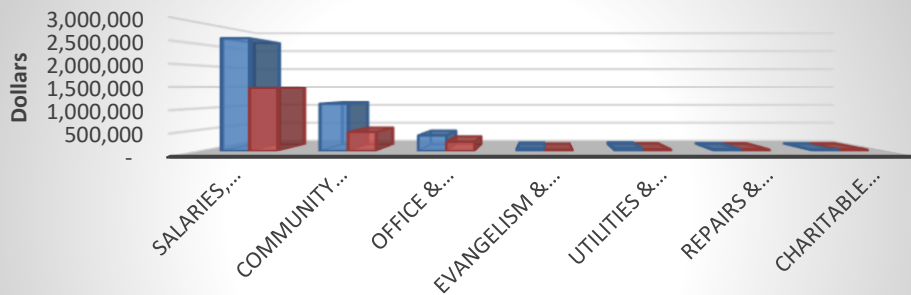
# Financial Summaries

## MAJOR EXPENSES

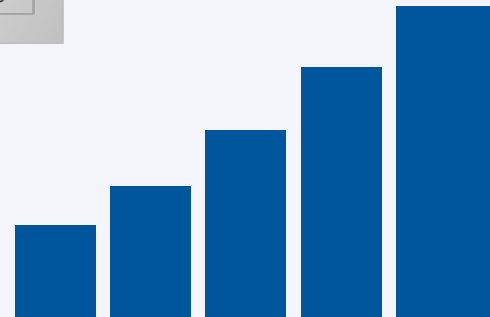
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	Salaries, wages & benefits	Community Outreach	Office & Eeneral Expenses	Evangelism & Special Events	Utilities & Property Taxes	Repairs & Maintenance	Charitable Giving
2023	2,641,236	1,108,368	363,903	54,578	60,294	39,566	36,092
2022	1,479,351	444,942	214,992	29,201	39,226	37,163	36,520



# Closing Prayer

## Prayer of Blessings

Heavenly Father, Creator of the heavens and the earth, we acknowledge Your perfect plan for each of us, desiring its complete fulfillment. Grant us courage as followers of “The Truth” to radiate our light into the world. Within our diverse communities, inspire us to foster connections that transform lives, fostering positive change wherever we stand.


Teach us to recognize Your provisions as instruments of blessing, urging us to care for one another deeply. May our endeavors bear fruit and find favor as we labour in Your service, mindful of the fleeting nature of time and the urgency to act. Guide us in stewarding all resources wisely, nurturing the well-being of fellow believers, families, communities, and employees alike.

Bless our interactions and partnerships, both within supporting ministries and alongside business allies. Let our organization be a sanctuary of respect, where collaboration thrives, and each person’s worth is honored. Remind us daily that our labour serves Your Kingdom above all else.

As we journey through this year and the next, strengthen us to meet the challenges set before us, both anticipated and unforeseen, according to Your divine wisdom. We declare these prayers in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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