

# Your gift at work



Dear Closer to Home,

It's hard to believe 2022 has come and gone – time flies! Regardless of the years passing by, we would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to you, our supporter and friend. With your generosity, we can help more and more kids, youth and parents/caregivers each and every day.

When you support Closer to Home, you truly support the entire family—we often say it takes a village to raise a child, and at Closer to Home, **alongside our donors**, we create the village for all families who need it most.

*Over the past year, you have made a significant impact in our community:*

## Kids and youth are at the heart of what we do...

135 youth were supported in learning about youth mental health and wellbeing, coping strategies and relationship building through our Viewpoints program. When youth participate in Viewpoints, they have the opportunity to join community programs like clubs, one-on-one mentorship, workshops and drop-in classes.



## Throughout the year, we ensure all families have a safe place to call home, but in June, we met a young mom, Kerri.

This summer, Closer to Home supported Kerri and her journey to safe and stable housing for herself and her daughter. Kerri was in an unstable and unsafe relationship and knew she needed to remove herself and her daughter from it, as she did not want her daughter to witness this relationship or be involved.

Because she decided to leave, Kerri faced obstacles she had never had to deal with before--getting a bank account, ID, a new apartment and more.

Closer to Home provided assistance to Kerri in finding a safe place to live so she and her daughter could move forward with new skills, safe surroundings and a new community of moms who can provide advice, friendship and support while she is navigating her new life and looking towards the future.

With your support, in the past fiscal year, Closer to Home was able to house 108 family members through Home Again



### In July, memories were made at our Summer In the City day camp



In July, 151 children from low-income families could participate in our Summer in the City day camp, free of charge, where campers learned positive mental and life skills. And, of course, an opportunity to make lifelong friends – and memories.

*"I enjoyed it because I met new people, made new friends, and went on different field trips."*

### When the holiday season came around, our community came together for CTH's Adopt-a-Family Initiative

This winter, with the help of new and long-time donors, 800 families without disposable income received gift cards to purchase basic needs and provide gifts for their children during the December holidays, giving them hope and empowerment at an often difficult time.

*"Thankful doesn't accurately represent what this gift means for my family and me. Because of Adopt-a-Family and donors' generosity, my kids will actually have a Christmas this year, and just for that, the word thankful isn't enough."*



*Because of your ongoing commitment and support of our mission, we can support more*

*families than ever in their journeys to become more resilient and grow stronger together.*

Warm regards,



Karen Olivier,  
Chief Executive Officer

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