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# House to House

MAY 2010 SPECIAL ISSUE ON NEIGHBOURHOOD CHANGE IN WEST CENTRAL TORONTO



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# The most inclusive neighbourhood in Canada?

**W**ant to see one of the most inclusive neighbourhoods in Canada? Just look around! If you live in West Central Toronto, chances are you are surrounded by people who are different from you.

■ This issue of *House to House* will talk about why inclusive neighbourhoods such as West Central Toronto are worth protecting, and the things we can do, on our own and together, to keep our neighbourhoods inclusive.

In your building or on your street, there are probably people who have come from countries all over the world, with many ethnic origins. In fact, our neighbourhoods in West Central Toronto are home to people from 166 distinct ethnic backgrounds – that's three-quarters of all the 222 distinct backgrounds found in Canada today.

On the street and the TTC, you hear many languages. The businesses on your main streets such as King, Queen, Dundas, College, Bloor, Roncesvalles and Ossington provide shopping, food and entertainment for many different communities.

And this ethnic and immigrant diversity is only one aspect of the richness of West Central Toronto. Households in your neighbourhood include all ages – young single people, couples and families, and seniors. The high-rise buildings in your area are occupied by both owners and renters. In your local parks and schools, there are children from two-parent families, single-parent families, extended families, and lesbian and gay families. Your neighbours may be working in the trades, the professions, the arts, services, or they may be full-time parents, retired, or unemployed. Many are also volunteers.

Many people are aware of the incredible diversity in our neighbourhoods – in fact they choose to live here because West Central Toronto is so inclusive of this tremendous diversity. Perhaps you are here to be close to your family and your community, because the neighbourhood is near your work, because you found a home you could afford, because the schools are good, because services are available in your language, or because your family feels accepted and included here.

### WHAT MAKES AN INCLUSIVE NEIGHBOURHOOD?

An inclusive neighbourhood is one that contains a variety of households from diverse communities and with different income levels. It is a place where residents of all incomes and backgrounds are able to stay in the neighbourhood and new residents of all incomes and backgrounds are able to move there because there is a mix of good-quality houses and apartments available. People choose to stay in or move to these neighbourhoods because local services, transit, shopping, activities and housing are affordable and cater to diverse communities and interests. And, because they feel safe and welcome.



### **ARE THERE MANY INCLUSIVE NEIGHBOURHOODS LIKE OURS?**

Research by St. Christopher House and University of Toronto shows that 30 years ago there used to be many inclusive neighbourhoods in our city. But today there are fewer and fewer neighbourhoods in Toronto, or even in Canada, where people of all income levels and backgrounds can choose to live in good-quality housing, close to transit, workplaces, shopping and services (see pages 12–13 for more information).

This research also tells us that our neighbourhoods are changing. In some parts of West Central Toronto, average incomes are now much higher and affordable homes are harder to find. In other parts of our area, incomes are getting lower, and many residents are stuck in rooms and apartments that are in poor condition with few other affordable options. These trends create greater divisions in our neighbourhoods, and may diminish the inclusive qualities that many of us value so much.

### **PROTECTING INCLUSIVE NEIGHBOURHOODS**

Our West Central Toronto neighbourhoods are at risk of losing their ability to be a welcoming and sustaining home for a diverse range of people. If these changes continue, our neighbourhoods will no longer be the kinds of inclusive communities we want to live in.

This issue of *House to House* will talk about why inclusive neighbourhoods such as West Central Toronto are worth protecting, and the things we can do, on our own and together, to try and keep our neighbourhoods inclusive.

Pages 7–9 give you a more detailed picture of how our West Central Toronto neighbourhoods, and your specific neighbourhood, have been changing over the last 40 years.



## here's what you can do

# Making our neighbourhoods great places to live

### WHAT MAKES YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD GREAT

"Fun/interesting neighbours who care about people and the neighbourhood. Lots of kids, green spaces and people who volunteer for everything!"

- Adult, Roncesvalles

"There are always people on the street, making the streets come alive. A strong sense of community among neighbours, people stopping and taking the time to have a short conversation when they meet someone they know".

- Adult, Little Italy



when was the last time you smiled because of something delightful that happened in your neighbourhood? When was the last time that you helped a neighbour or a visitor to your community?

### ON OUR OWN

These "random acts of kindness" between individuals of all colours, creeds, and ages are a big part of what makes our neighbourhoods so special. Your actions are part of the reason why people feel they belong, and that they live in a fun, safe and interesting place.

### TOGETHER

Our everyday generosity is important but it's not all that goes into creating a welcoming community. It also takes the effort of engaged residents acting together to make neighbourhoods like ours come alive, and to make them truly inclusive for all who live and work here.

Community groups are the building blocks that make this possible. In our communities there are many resident groups, sports teams, businesses, schools, faiths, cultures and civic groups. These groups help to focus our general acts of goodwill into something much more than the sum of its parts.

Many problems we encounter in neighbourhood life can be tackled by strengthening our communication with each other and building trust. If we decide something is important, we can often get beyond the apparent challenge of not having enough money to make a difference. And by working together, we are smart enough to come up with good solutions.

But we also have different ideas about what's most important and the best way to make something happen. Things can get bogged down when we don't have shared will and leadership – from community members and from our politicians. Good changes happen when we can join with others to take on common challenges and figure out how we can improve things together.

### WITH OUR GOVERNMENTS

From time to time community groups will also work together with our governments to develop programs and policies that strengthen our neighbourhoods. Urban planning, emergency services, public transportation, business development, health care, education, affordable housing, affordable childcare, settlement services, sustainable environment services – these are just some of the public services that have a big impact on our quality of life.

It is good to get to know your elected representatives. If politicians share your views, you can help them overcome obstacles to making a difference. And if they don't share your views it is important to inform them about things they might not be aware of.

### WITH TARGETED EFFORTS TO KEEP NEIGHBOURHOODS INCLUSIVE

We need to do more if we want to make sure our neighbourhoods will have a good mix of housing types and business sites, and that they are affordable and welcoming to all. To make sure this happens over the longer term, we need to join with leaders across our city and urge our governments to be more involved in shaping how urban development happens.

One idea we can advocate for is called "inclusionary housing", which would ensure that development in our neighbourhoods is planned to create well-mixed housing types. This also needs to be combined with adequate investment in social housing and programs to make sure our housing stays affordable.

Without this kind of government action we will continue to see more and more neighbourhoods in our city turn into isolated high income and low income areas, instead of the well-mixed and inclusive communities we desire.

### GETTING STARTED

If you don't know where to start, call your local elected representatives. They can tell you about local citizen groups and organizations and what they are doing. And you can read your community newspapers or ask organizations like St. Christopher House to give you a "who's who" of the neighbourhood.

Once you have identified interesting groups and organizations, check out their websites, subscribe to their phone, e-mail, or snail mail lists, and follow the issues that are important to you. Also look for public meetings and consultations where local issues will be discussed.

Share your ideas, experiences and hopes. Write them down and send them to newspapers and blogs. Talk to your neighbours about things more important than the weather – unless you are talking about global warming.

### WHAT MAKES YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD GREAT

**"Parkdale became 'home' for me the first time I went to my nearest grocery store, and the lady there recognized me and suggested some new spiced roasted lentils she had on offer. Next time I came in, she insisted I come by earlier in the day to meet her children. This never happened when I lived uptown. Another big factor in making me feel connected to my neighbourhood was volunteering with the Parkdale St. Christopher House. Many of the children I see there live in the area and have taught me about local schools, and have given me a warmth and sense of community I never expected in Toronto."**

**- Adult, Parkdale**

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# here's what you can do

## WHAT MAKES YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD GREAT

"I think it's the diversity. You have so many different cultures to learn about. Restaurants, stores and each of them bring a piece of their old country and their culture."

- Adult,  
Little Portugal



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**I love the diversity and the access to affordable cultural events. We are within walking distance of Kensington Market, Chinatown, and Harbourfront. I love walking to the lake and crossing Trinity Bellwoods Park."**

- Adult, Trinity  
Bellwoods

## LET'S GO!

There are thousands of ways you can meet your neighbours and contribute to building your community.

- Support a farmers' market.
- Attend an all-candidates meeting.
- Check out cultural festivals or parties.
- Volunteer in one of the community services in your neighbourhood.
- Check out what's in your local library or recreation centre these days.
- Sign up for Environment Day.
- Join a sports team.
- Support a school fundraiser, even if you don't have kids.

You can join any of these groups. They need your talents, time, and commitment. You'll be exposed to other ideas and

learn new skills. You'll find new energy. You'll meet new people and develop new friends.

We know that prosperous, healthy, and inclusive neighbourhoods are not brought about by a few people making things happen. They are created by many people working together, and by making sure that everybody is invited and able to play their part in our community. And we all need to keep up those random acts of kindness as well.



## profile: little portugal

# Your neighbourhood is changing!



■ Little Portugal is home to many older adults, and most residents have a language other than English as their mother tongue.

Every five years, the federal government department, Statistics Canada, conducts a Census – a survey of everyone in the country. The Census collects all kinds of information about people, such as their age, their income, what they do for a living, what kind of place they live in, their ethnic and cultural background, and what languages they speak.

The Neighbourhood Change Project led by St. Christopher House and University of Toronto Cities Centre has studied Census information to understand what your neighbourhood is like now, how it compares with the rest of West Central Toronto and the City as a whole, and how it has changed over time.

The next two pages feature a few of the maps and graphs produced by the Neighbourhood Change Project for your specific neighbourhood. To find more please visit [www.gtuo.ca](http://www.gtuo.ca) or [www.NeighbourhoodChange.ca](http://www.NeighbourhoodChange.ca).



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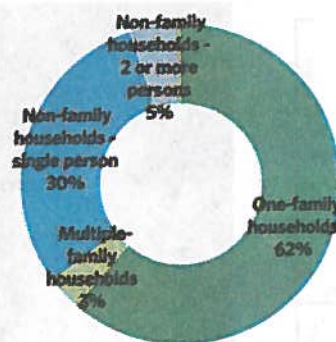
# Household types, incomes, and education

■ In Little Portugal, the average individual income has increased a small amount since 1970, but it is still lower than the average income in West Central Toronto, and much lower than in the whole City of Toronto.

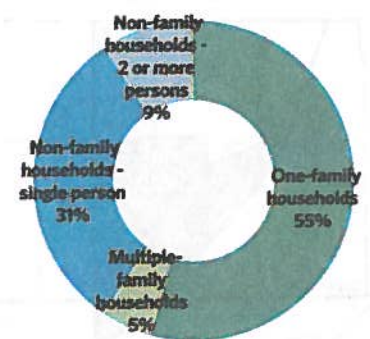
### TOGETHER OR ON OUR OWN

In Little Portugal, three out of five households (60%) are family households – that is, households made up of two or more people who are related. The percentage of family households in Little Portugal is almost as high as in the City as a whole (65%) and much higher than in West Central Toronto (52%). More than one in three households (38%) here include children, and one in twenty households (5%) are multi-family households – more than in West

City of Toronto



Little Portugal



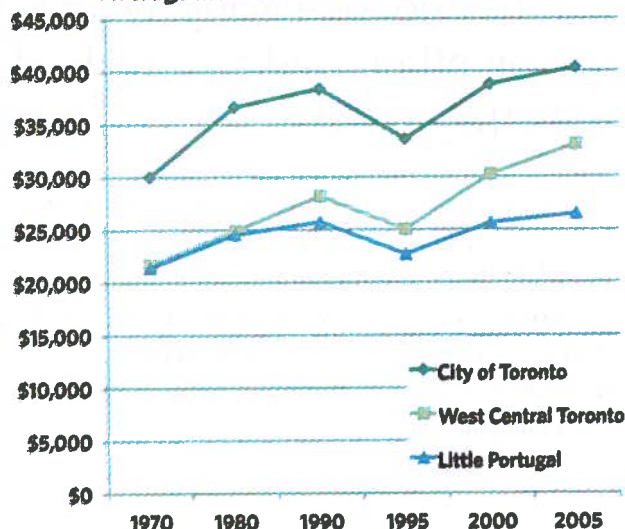
Central Toronto.

In Little Portugal about half (51%) of households rent their house or apartment, and half (49%) own. There are fewer renters here than in the whole of West Central Toronto (58%). The percentage of renters in Little Portugal has increased since 1951.

### FAMILY FINANCES

This graph shows average individual incomes for people aged 15 and over in 2005 "constant

Average Incomes in 2005 Dollars



Source: Statistics Canada

dollars" – meaning, what the incomes of past years would be worth today. In Little Portugal, the average individual income has increased a small amount since 1970, but it is still lower than the average income in West Central Toronto, and much lower than in the whole City of Toronto.

Almost one in four households (23%) in Little Portugal have low incomes, the same rate of low income as West Central Toronto as a whole. The rate of low income is higher here than the City's rate of one in seven households (14%).

Just over one third of adults in Little Portugal (39%) have completed some education above high school. This is much lower than the rates of higher education for West Central Toronto (54%) and the City (58%).



# Age, race, ethnicity and language

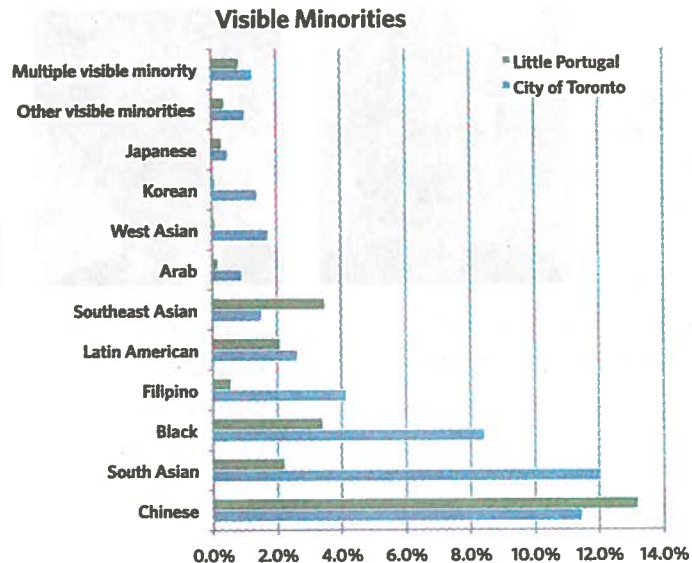
## A UNITED NATIONS NEIGHBOURHOOD

This graph shows the percentage of the population belonging to Statistics Canada's "visible minority" categories. In Little Portugal, only about one in four residents (27%) are visible minorities. This is lower than the rate for West Central Toronto (35%), and very low compared to the City of Toronto where almost half of all residents (47%) are visible minorities.

Statistics Canada also collects information about people's ethnic backgrounds. Little Portugal is home to people from less than one-third (29%) of the 222 distinct ethnic groups identified in the census – it is one of the least ethnically-diverse neighbourhoods in West Central Toronto. West Central Toronto as a whole includes people from three-quarters (75%) of all ethnic groups in the census.

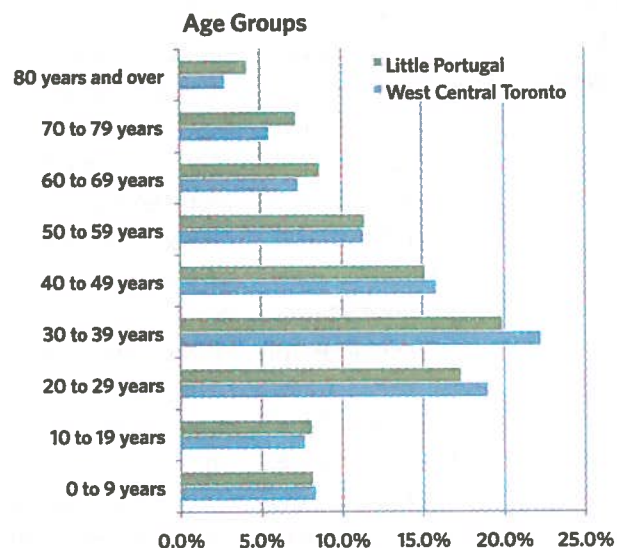
Most residents of Little Portugal (59%) have a mother tongue other than English. Portuguese is the mother tongue of one in three residents (33%). The top ten languages in this neighbourhood are English, Portuguese, Cantonese, Chinese languages (other than Mandarin or Cantonese), Vietnamese, Spanish, Italian, French, Mandarin, and Polish.

Just over one in twenty residents of Little Portugal (6%) are newcomers who immigrated to Canada between 2001 and 2006. This is low compared to the rate for West Central Toronto (9%) or the City (11%). The largest group of newcomers to Little Portugal (38%) came to Canada from countries in East Asia. Many others came from countries in Southeast Asia (14%), Europe (14%), South America (13%), and Africa (10%).



## AGES

Little Portugal has a higher percentage of people over age 55 than most other West Central Toronto neighbourhoods – there are more older people than children in this neighbourhood.



# In the words of our community leaders ...

■ "There's a school on my street so I see lots of children every day. Incredibly friendly. Quiet streets with little traffic, lots of gardens, trees and bright colours."

- Adult, Little Italy

■ "Diversity (cultural and economic). Good mix of young and old, families and singles. Walkability, always things to do, and down to earth (not too boutiquey, yet at least!) Dense population while maintaining a neighbourhood feel."

- Adult, Little Portugal



## OPEN AND ACCEPTING

"My experience is that the neighbourhoods around CAMH have been open and accepting of people who are "different" - whether newcomers to Canada or people with mental illness. I see how this area is changing physically but am confident that this wonderfully inclusive attitude will remain."

- Susan Pigott,  
Vice President,  
Communications  
and Community  
Engagement, Centre  
for Addiction and  
Mental Health  
(CAMH), former  
Executive Director of  
St Christopher House,  
local resident and  
parent



## POSITIVE CHANGES

"People who live here have much to be proud of. Trinity Bellwoods Park, with its 37 acres of green space, is a jewel in the heart of the neighbourhood. Let's enjoy it. How about proximity to downtown Toronto? Walking distance from jobs, restaurants and a tremendous variety of entertainment. The newly established "Little Portugal BIA" represents positive changes happening on the Dundas Street commercial strip. New energy, new opportunities. We could go on and on ..."

- Bento Martins,  
Manager CIBC Dundas  
And Ossington



## A GOOD PLACE FOR YOUTH

"Having grown up here, I know it's a good place for youth. It's safe and there's lots to do within walking distance of home."

- Aziza Elwin  
Carrington, local  
resident, volunteer  
and community social  
services worker



## EVERYTHING GOES

"I love living in Parkdale because everybody belongs and feels comfortable living here. Poor, rich, straight, narrow or around the bend, everything goes. Sometimes it takes me an hour to get to the fruit and vegetable store, which is only a block away. There are just so many people with interesting stories to tell. Parkdale is an even mix of tragedy, eccentricity, hope and freedom. Parkdale is intensely local, yet pulsing with international influence. Parkdale is just about right for me."

- Dirk Townsend,  
President, Parkdale  
Residents Association



# Our community programs – what we do at St. Chris

## **ALL AGES PROGRAMS**

- Bang the Drum computer access and training
- Community development and local planning
- Financial Advocacy and Problem-Solving, income tax clinics
- Parkdale Focus health promotion
- Music School individual instrument lessons, community choir
- Volunteer and student placements

## **PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS**

- Parkdale-High Park Ontario Early Years Centre
- Drop-in activities for families with pre-schoolers
- Parent workshops and parent networks
- Community Parents Outreach Project for newcomer families with accompaniment, workshops, community kitchens
- Portuguese Fathering Project

## **CHILDREN AGED 6 TO 12 PROGRAMS**

- After-School Programs including homework support
- Vietnamese After-School Tutoring
- Winter break, March break, and summer day camps
- Woman Abuse Children's Program
- Parent Advisory Committees
- Music School After-School Opera Program

## **YOUTH PROGRAMS**

- Parkdale Youth Space
- Youth After-school Tutoring
- Drug Abuse Prevention and Awareness
- Graffiti Transformation Project
- Youth Advisory Committee

- Youth HOST mentorships and activities for newcomer youth
- Toronto Youth Job Corps (pre-employment training)

## **ADULT PROGRAMS**

- Adult Literacy
- Academic upgrading and GED preparation
- Employment Preparation Program
- English as a Second Language classes
- Meeting Place Adult Drop-In with community kitchen, urban Aboriginal activities, support for people with mental health issues and addictions
- Parkdale Meeting Place evening drop-in
- Immigrant and Refugee Services
- Woman Abuse Program

## **SENIORS PROGRAMS**

- Client and Family Services information and referrals, crisis intervention, income tax clinic for seniors
- Alzheimer and Frail Elderly Day Program
- Caregiver support and training
- Elderly Persons Centre drop-in, health promotion and community development activities
- Friendly Visiting and Security Check
- Health Action Theatre for Seniors
- Home Support Services
- Meals on Wheels
- Supportive Housing

## **MISSION**

### **STATEMENT**

**St. Christopher House has as its central purpose the enabling of less-advantaged individuals, families and groups in the community to gain greater control over their lives and their community.**



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# Toronto is becoming a city of

The City of Toronto is becoming increasingly divided by income and status. Research by the Cities Centre at the University of Toronto has found that Toronto is not the “city of neighbourhoods” that it has been considered for so long, but is now a “city of disparities.”

■ **The city's neighbourhoods have become polarized by income and other characteristics. Wealth and poverty are concentrated in distinct areas.**



In 1970 about two-thirds of all neighbourhoods in Toronto were middle-income and only a small fraction were poor. Today the number of middle-income neighbourhoods is falling, and the number of very poor neighbourhoods is increasing.

In fact, Toronto is so polarized it could be described as three distinct cities within a city. The first is a city of affluent neighbourhoods. The second is made up of middle-income neighbourhoods, of which there are fewer in number every year. Finally, there is a growing city of very poor neighbourhoods.

Researchers analyzed income and other data from the 1971 and 2001 censuses (they later updated the study using the 2006 census). They grouped the city's neighbourhoods based on whether average income in each one had increased, decreased, or stayed the same over that 30-year period. They found that the city's neighbourhoods have become polarized by income and other characteristics and that wealth and poverty are concentrated in distinct areas.

**City #1 (high-income)** is clustered around the two main subway lines, and takes in much of the area south of Bloor/Danforth, some of the waterfront, and central Etobicoke. It includes about 17% of Toronto's residents. In this “city,” incomes increased by 71% over the

30-year study period. The ethnic origins of the residents of City #1 are mostly White (84%), a small minority are immigrants (12%), and their occupations are mostly white-collar (60%).

**City #2 (middle-income)** sits between the other two cities, with some neighbourhoods in the core and south of Bloor-Danforth, and others in the former North York. Forty-two per cent of Toronto's residents live in City #2. Average incomes changed little over the study period (a slight decrease of 4%). The ethnic makeup of City#2 is 67% White and 21% Black, Chinese or South Asian, 48% are immigrants, and their work is 39% white-collar and 18% blue-collar.

**City #3 (low-income)** comprises much of northern Toronto, outside the Yonge Street subway corridor, as well as large parts of Scarborough. It holds 40% of the city's population. Incomes in City #3 decreased by 34% between 1970 and 2000. Its residents are 43% Black, Chinese or South Asian in origin (40% are White). Sixty-two percent were born outside Canada. In City #3, 32% of the residents work in white-collar and 25% in blue-collar jobs.

Toronto's “inner-city” used to be the location of much urban poverty located south of Bloor-Danforth or clustered around the downtown core. But gentrification, the process



# 'disparities', not neighbourhoods

of concentrating more expensive housing in particular communities, has changed the southern neighbourhoods. Urban poverty has now moved mostly north of the 401, and east to Scarborough.

These economic and cultural divisions will continue unless governments take steps to intentionally promote mixed neighbourhoods. It is especially important that we find ways to maintain and increase affordable housing in our communities. Each level of government has a role to play:

- Locally we can adopt "inclusionary housing" policies that use municipal planning tools to influence how development happens. Such policies could require that any medium-to-large residential developments must include 15-20% rental and affordable units.
- The province could end "vacancy decontrol" – that is, the right of landlords

to charge whatever they wish for a rental unit when a tenant moves. This would prevent the displacement of low-income residents in gentrifying areas.

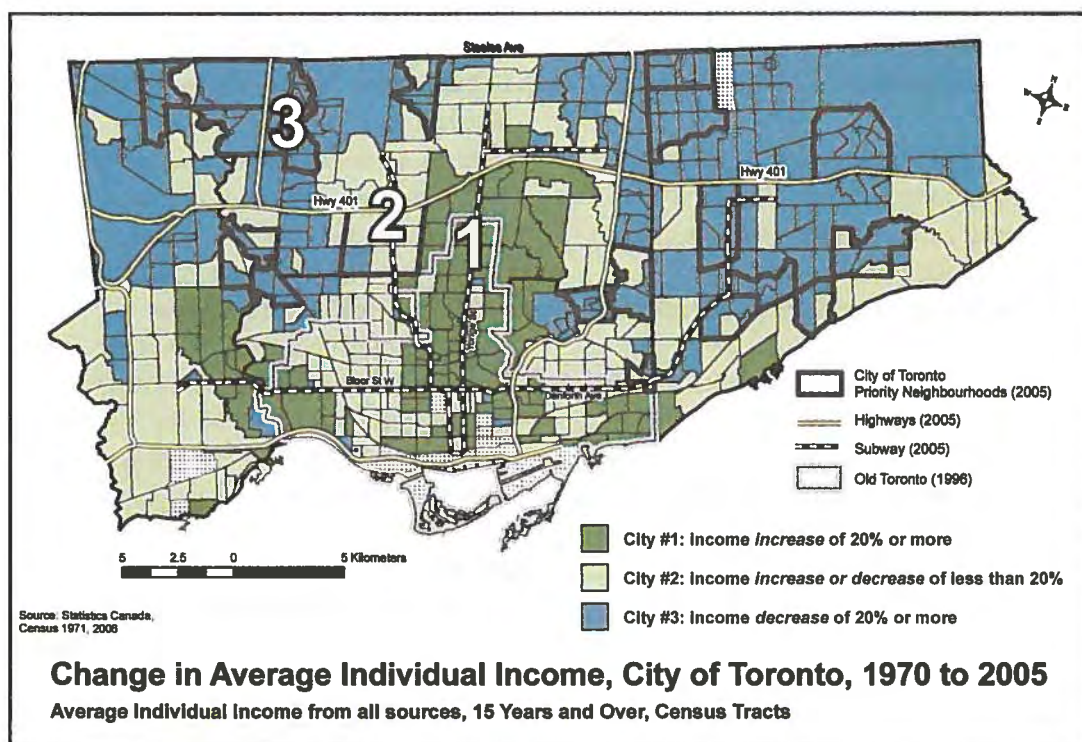
- Additional federal and provincial policies that could reduce income and neighbourhood polarization include income support programs that keep up with inflation and are based on the cost of living, and tax relief for low-income households. Low-income earners also need help with their biggest expense, housing, in the form of social housing and rent supplements.

Our city does not have to become more and more polarized. Our federal and provincial governments have the power and resources to reverse these negative trends.

For more information and additional maps, visit [www.gtuo.ca](http://www.gtuo.ca).

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The Cities Centre encourages and facilitates research, both scholarly and applied, on cities and on a wide range of urban policy issues, in the Toronto area, throughout Canada and internationally. It provides a gateway for communication between the University and the broader urban community. The community-university research partnership on neighbourhood change with St. Christopher House is one example ([www.NeighbourhoodChange.ca](http://www.NeighbourhoodChange.ca)).



# Free community events in your neighbourhood

### MAY

**May 23** Annual Holy Spirit Festival and Senhor Da Pedra Festival at St. Agnes Church, Dundas Street West and Grace St.

**May 27 - 30** Doctors Without Borders (Médecins Sans Frontières) Refugee Camp Exhibit at Christie Pits Park, 750 Bloor St.W  
*An outdoor reconstruction of a refugee camp with an hour-long interactive tour explaining the challenges refugees face.*

**May 29, 10 am - 2 pm** Community Environment Day for Ward 19, Trinity-Spadina, Shaw Street, along Fred Hamilton Park (south of College St).  
*Free compost for your gardens, rain barrels and green bins to purchase, and drop off items such as clothing, electronics, books, tires, batteries and paint for proper disposal and reuse.*

### JUNE

**June 5-6** Portugal Day Parade and ACAPO Portuguese Festival in Trinity Bellwoods Park.  
*Celebrating Portuguese culture through floats, music and dance. The Saturday parade starts at Dundas and Lansdowne and moves east to Trinity Bellwoods Park.*

**June 4-5** Korean Dano Spring Festival at Christie Pits Park, 750 Bloor St.W.  
*This festival celebrates Korean culture through live music, Korean cultural shows (Taekwondo, Korean instruments, dances etc.) and great food.*

**June 18-20** Taste of Little Italy 2010  
*Celebrate Little Italy by strolling along College between Bathurst and Shaw and taking in some food, music, artisans and children's activities.*

**June 19** Inti Raymi Festival at Christie Pits Park, 750 Bloor St. West

*This Latin American festival, held during the summer solstice, is based upon the sacred Incan celebration in honour of the Sun God, Inti.*

**June 25** World Cup Soccer Portugal vs. Brazil

### JULY

**July 11, 10 am - 2 pm** Community Environment Day for Ward 18, Davenport, Dufferin Mall Parking Lot, 900 Dufferin St.  
*Free compost for your gardens, rain barrels and green bins to purchase, and drop off items such as clothing, electronics, books, tires, batteries and paint for proper disposal and reuse.*

**July 12-18** MAD Pride Week!

*Mad Pride is a movement that celebrates the human rights and spectacular culture of people considered very different by our society. Activities occur through the week at various locations including Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) and Parkdale Activity and Recreation Centre (PARC).*

**July 24, 1-9 pm** The New Bloor Street Festival

*Bloor St. between Dufferin and Lansdowne will be closed to vehicles and the street will be filled with all kinds of arts, crafts, and fun activities for children, adults, and families.*

**July 31** Toronto Caribana Parade

*The largest Caribbean festival in North America. Come enjoy calypso, steel pan and elaborate masquerade costumes. The Parade starts at Exhibition Place and moves along Lakeshore Boulevard.*

### AUGUST

**Aug 7-15** Queer West Arts Festival

*Celebrate Queer Culture. See [www.queerwest.org](http://www.queerwest.org) for events.*

**Aug 14** Bloorcourt BIA Festival

*Street festival along Bloor St from Dufferin St. to Montrose Ave.*





**Aug. 15, 1-5 pm Samba on Dundas**

*Be Brazilian for a day! Come and join the dancing fun and great samba music. The samba parade will start at Dundas and Gladstone and then moves west.*

**SEPTEMBER**

**Sept. 4-6 Fiera on College Street**, College St between Bathurst Ave and Shaw Ave.

*Festival of live music and authentic Italian cuisine.*

**Sept. 17-19 Queen West Art Crawl** is an annual festival celebrating Queen West arts, businesses and residents. Centred around Trinity Bellwoods Park, the Crawl has a number of events along Queen St. from Spadina to Roncesvalles.

**OCTOBER**

**Oct. 2 Nuit Blanche: Zone C**

*From sunset to sunrise, West Toronto will once again host a sleepless night of discovery and the unexpected in galleries, parks and the streets.*

**Oct. 23 Zombie Walk**

*See [www.torontozombiewalk.ca](http://www.torontozombiewalk.ca) for details on starting point.*

**BUY FRESH FOOD IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD!**

*Check out these local farmers' markets where you can buy locally produced fruits, vegetables and other foods.*

**Bloor-Borden Farmers' Market**

Green P parking lot, Lippincott and Bloor St., Wednesdays, 3 to 7 pm, June 2 – Oct. 27

**Dufferin Grove Organic Farmers' Market**

Dufferin Grove Park, 873 Dufferin St., Thursdays, 3 to 7 pm, Open all year

**Liberty Village Farmers' Market**

Liberty Village, Liberty St. and Atlantic Ave., Sundays, 9 am to 2 pm, June 6 to Oct. 31

**Sorauren Farmer's Market**

Sorauren Park, 40 Wabash Ave. at Sorauren Ave., Mondays, 3 to 7 pm, May 17 to Oct.

**Trinity Bellwoods Farmer's Market**

Northwest corner of Trinity Bellwoods Park, 1053 Dundas St. West, Tuesdays, 3 to 7 pm, May 11 to Oct. 26

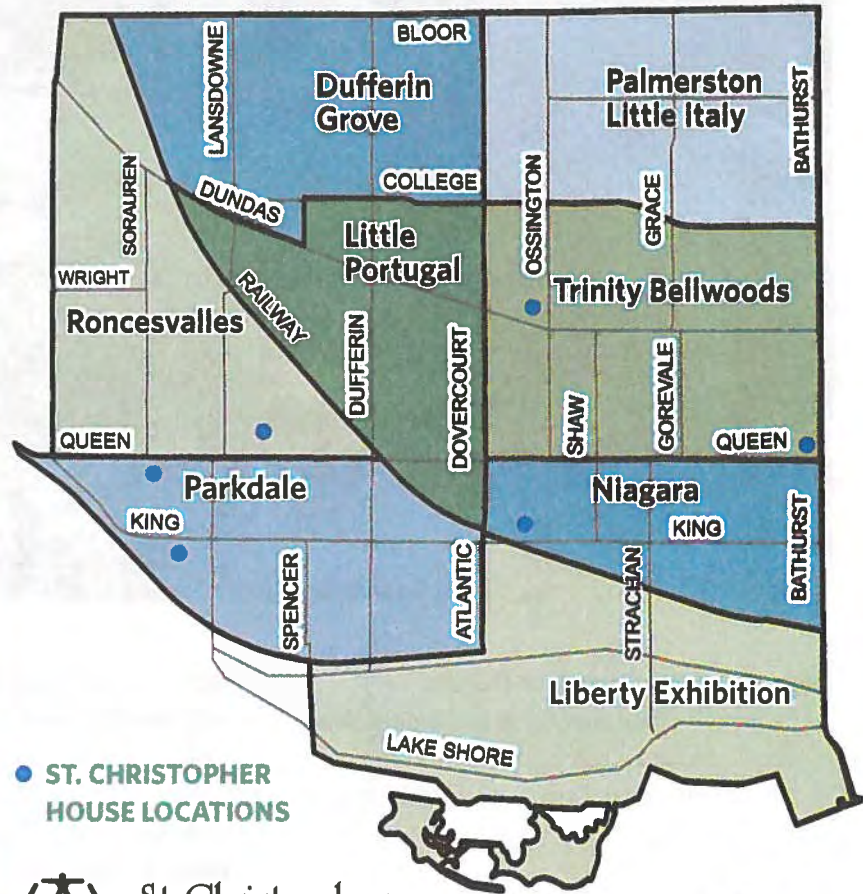
**St. Andrew's Farmer's Market**

St. Andrew's Park between Richmond Ave. and Adelaide Ave., Brandt St. and Maud St., Saturdays, 9 am to 1 pm, June 5 to Oct 30



# house to house: neighbourhood change

## West Central Toronto Neighbourhoods



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Please help support St. Christopher House and its work in your community. Here's how:

- donate to St. Christopher House - your dollars help us respond to our changing community now (to donate online please go to Canada Helps at [www.canadahelps.org](http://www.canadahelps.org))
- donate to the St. Christopher House Community Endowment - your dollars help to ensure future community work
- become a member of St. Chris

- volunteer for St. Chris
  - become a "Friend of St. Christopher House" on Facebook
  - let your elected representatives in government know that you support community social services such as St. Chris
  - include the St. Christopher House Community Endowment in your will for long-lasting impact.
- If you would like more information, please contact us at (416) 532-4828 or by email at [info@stchrishouse.org](mailto:info@stchrishouse.org) or at [www.stchrishouse.org](http://www.stchrishouse.org).