

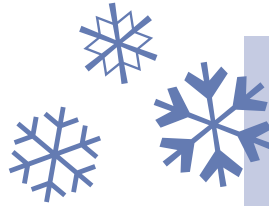


THE KENNEDY HOUSE Beacon



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Christmas Message of Goodwill



During this season of giving, we extend our heartfelt thanks to you—our supporters, donors, volunteers, and community partners. Your generosity ensures that youth facing homelessness, as well as those in our RIISE programs, community programs, and after-school care, receive the support they need to thrive.

As we move forward into a new year, we wish you peace, joy, and a renewed sense of hope. Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Diwali, another holiday, or simply enjoy gathering with family and friends, may your holidays be filled with warmth as we all continue making a difference for the youth and children who need it most.

Shelly Jaigobin, Executive Director

Cindy Bruce-Barrett, Chair of the Board of Directors



Afterschool Program Expansion: No Waiting List!

Our afterschool program continues to thrive, offering a safe space for children aged 5-12 from high-priority neighbourhoods. With homework help, recreational activities, and healthy snacks, it keeps kids engaged and energized. This year, our Store Front location expanded to meet demand, eliminating the wait list! We aim to extend this success to other high-priority areas. With continued support from community partners and donors, we hope to expand further in 2025, reaching more children in need of these supportive spaces to build confidence and social skills.

A Letter from Our Youth at the Kennedy House Youth Shelter

We're constantly inspired by the resilience and gratitude of the youth we serve. Recently, we received a letter that touched our hearts:

Dear all Kennedy House staff members,

First of all, thank you so much for the overall help and support. For being patient and caring with every youth that has walked through your doors. When I first came here, I was confused. I was going through a lot of struggles, misunderstanding, and feelings of hopelessness, but with your help, I'm becoming the person I want to be. Your help made me focus on my plans and dreams again. You've become a family for us youth. I'm so grateful to have been here. You are all so special to me, so inspiring that such warmth and love can come from such great people. I wouldn't be the person I am today if it hadn't been for the support, care, and love you gave me. I always appreciate and respect your hard work to change my life. Always in my heart.

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This letter captures the essence of why we do what we do.

Your support makes stories like this possible—thank you for making a difference in the lives of so many.

Thank You to Home Depot: Orange Door Campaign



We're grateful for the ongoing support of Home Depot and are excited to announce this year's **Orange Door Campaign**, running from **Tuesday, November 12, 2024**, to **Sunday, December 22, 2024**. Through this campaign, Home Depot stores are raising essential funds for youth experiencing homelessness at the Kennedy House Youth Shelter. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the following locations for their commitment to making a difference:

- 428 Ellesmere Road, Scarborough
- 7 Curity Avenue, Toronto
- 60 Grand Marshall Drive, Toronto
- 2911 Eglinton Avenue East, Toronto

Your partnership in this campaign helps provide vital resources to youth in need. Thank you, Home Depot, for helping create brighter futures!



Christmas Campaign 2024: What is Your Holiday Wish?

As the holiday season approaches, you can help make Christmas brighter for youth experiencing homelessness by supporting our **What is Your Holiday Wish? Campaign**.

How You Can Help:

Visit our online gift catalogue and choose a gift to donate to the youth in our care. You also have the option to purchase a gift in someone's name—perfect for those hard-to-buy-for individuals—and we'll send them a special Christmas card letting them know about your thoughtful gesture.

Together, we can make this holiday season extra special for the youth who rely on Kennedy House for a safe place to sleep and grow. Visit our [website](#) to participate in the campaign and help spread the joy of giving.



Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY)

Join us on **Saturday, February 22, 2025**, for the CNOY walk, supporting Kennedy House youth facing homelessness. Register at cnoy.org/location/torontodanforth.



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Thank you for being a vital part of our community. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact on the lives of the children and youth we serve.

