



Impact Report 2013-2014

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Creativity**

**Creating
Community**



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“Working with AFCY has not only given me first-hand experience in arts-based education, it has also served as a bottomless well of inspiration. I am often as inspired by the creativity and enthusiasm of the staff and volunteers, as I am by the amazing children, youth, and communities that they work with. The time spent painting, building, drumming, singing, and creating in the classrooms with AFCY will stand amongst the most memorable and valuable of my post-secondary education.” - AFCY Volunteer, Bradley Davis

ABOUT AFCY

Established in 1995, Arts for Children and Youth (AFCY) is an award-winning charitable arts organization committed to providing children and youth in under-resourced communities with high quality community and school based arts education. With a 20-year trajectory, AFCY has become one of the most celebrated community arts organizations in the

Mission

Working with community partners, we provide opportunities for children and youth in under-resourced communities and schools to engage meaningfully and actively in hands-on, high quality arts education.

Vision

That children and youth develop their potential through meaningful engagement with the arts.





Dear Supporters,

It is with great pleasure that I share with you our annual Impact Report for 2013-2014. At AFCY, our biggest strength is connecting and engaging young people through the arts. The efforts of our wonderful and dedicated team of board members, staff, artists, volunteers, community partners, donors and supporters help AFCY achieve our mission of providing accessible and sustainable art education programs. Established nearly 20 years ago, AFCY has become one of the leading and most celebrated community-engaged arts organizations in Toronto.

We are incredibly thankful for your continued support of AFCY, the work that we do would not be possible without YOU. With you, we are able to provide free art programs that not only engage young people, but also help them develop skills, gain confidence in their artistic abilities and inspire them to give back to their community using the arts.

Thank you for contributing to our growth, achievements and success. We look forward to working with each of you in the year ahead as we continue to deepen our impact on Toronto communities.

John Armstrong
Chair, Board of Directors



Dear Friends,

AFCY's 2013/14 program year was ripe with innovation and creativity - the result of having engaged over 8,000 talented children and youth in over 190 unique arts educational programming. Our reach this year was astounding – from the remarkable 54' public mural we created at Toronto Pearson Airport T3, that brought together youth from a school and a shelter in Rexdale, and airport staff; to the spectacular Aboriginal puppet pageant that engaged First Nations youth in Toronto's east end. These successes, though just a sampling, represent the impressive artistry, ingenuity and commitment of our young program participants.

We definitely raised the bar this year; our organization grew along with our programs and we couldn't have done it without the extraordinary work of our staff, artists and community partners, as well as our dedicated volunteers and generous funders. Your involvement was vital, your contribution greatly appreciated.

Thanks for making our year, a year filled with imagination, growth and transformational learning!

Julie Frost
Executive & Artistic Director

Program Overview

All of our programs offer...

Mentorship

Employment

1755 collaboratively developed outreach programs for children and youth

Leadership

Programs in both community and school locations are strategically and educationally linked

Engagement

High-quality arts education in visual arts, video, digital art, dub poetry, dance, drama, music and beat boxing

Skill Development

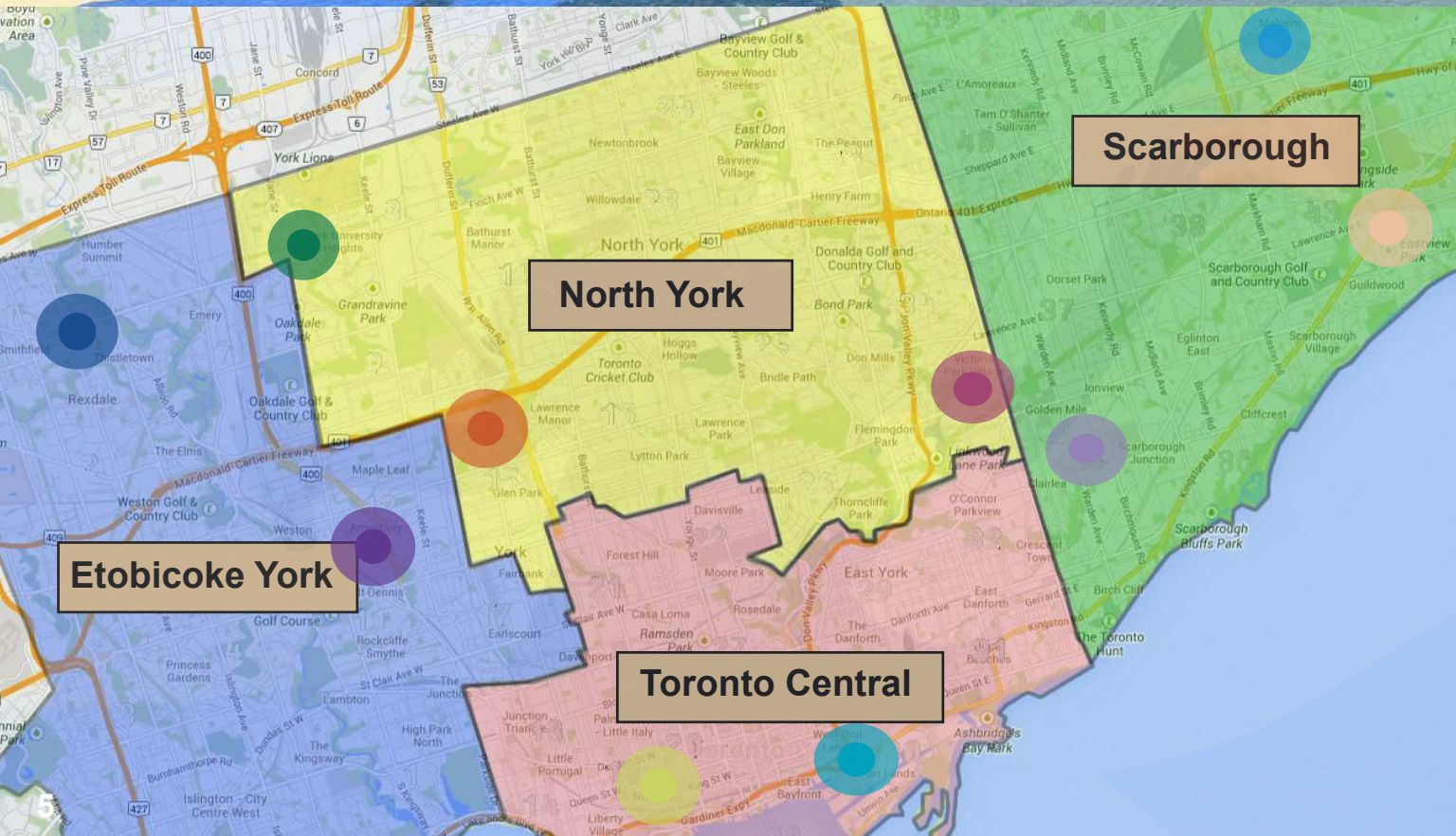
...opportunities.

Our Impact

AFCY Works Primarily in 10 Neighbourhood Improvement areas:

**Jamestown
Jane/Finch
Kingston-Galloway
Lawrence Heights
Malvern**

**Regent Park
Toronto Central
Victoria Village
Warden Woods
Weston Mt. Dennis**



Performance Metrics

ARTISTS

38 professional

24 emerging

VOLUNTEERS

57 on roster

2,300+ hours
committed

1,755 arts-based workshops in 2013-2014
facilitated by professional artists and
emerging youth artists

7 Arts Educators Institute
workshops

49 programs in 66 schools

66 programs in 53 community venues

6 Youth Artist Residencies

Program Highlights

In a Community Site:

Rexdale Community Gateway Mural (west side) - With the support from our generous funders, sponsors and in-kind partners, the gateway to Rexdale was completed with the second of two remarkable public murals that collectively represent the community's natural and human stories. The impressive 370-foot long mural is located on a retaining wall connected to a large underpass.



Youth muralist adding final touches to mural



Lead artists Emilia Jajus, Sean Martindale and youth artists

In a School:

First Nations Junior and Senior School of Toronto - AFCY partnered with Jumblies Theatre and Nagamo Collective on a school-wide art and performance piece. Students JK-8 worked to develop a story about the dance of winter and spring. The final puppet pageant featured dance, song, drama, and large-scale papier mache puppets.



Artist Pamela Schuller and program participants creating papier mache puppets



Finished large-scale papier mache puppets

Impact Statement

Sue and Harvey Griggs

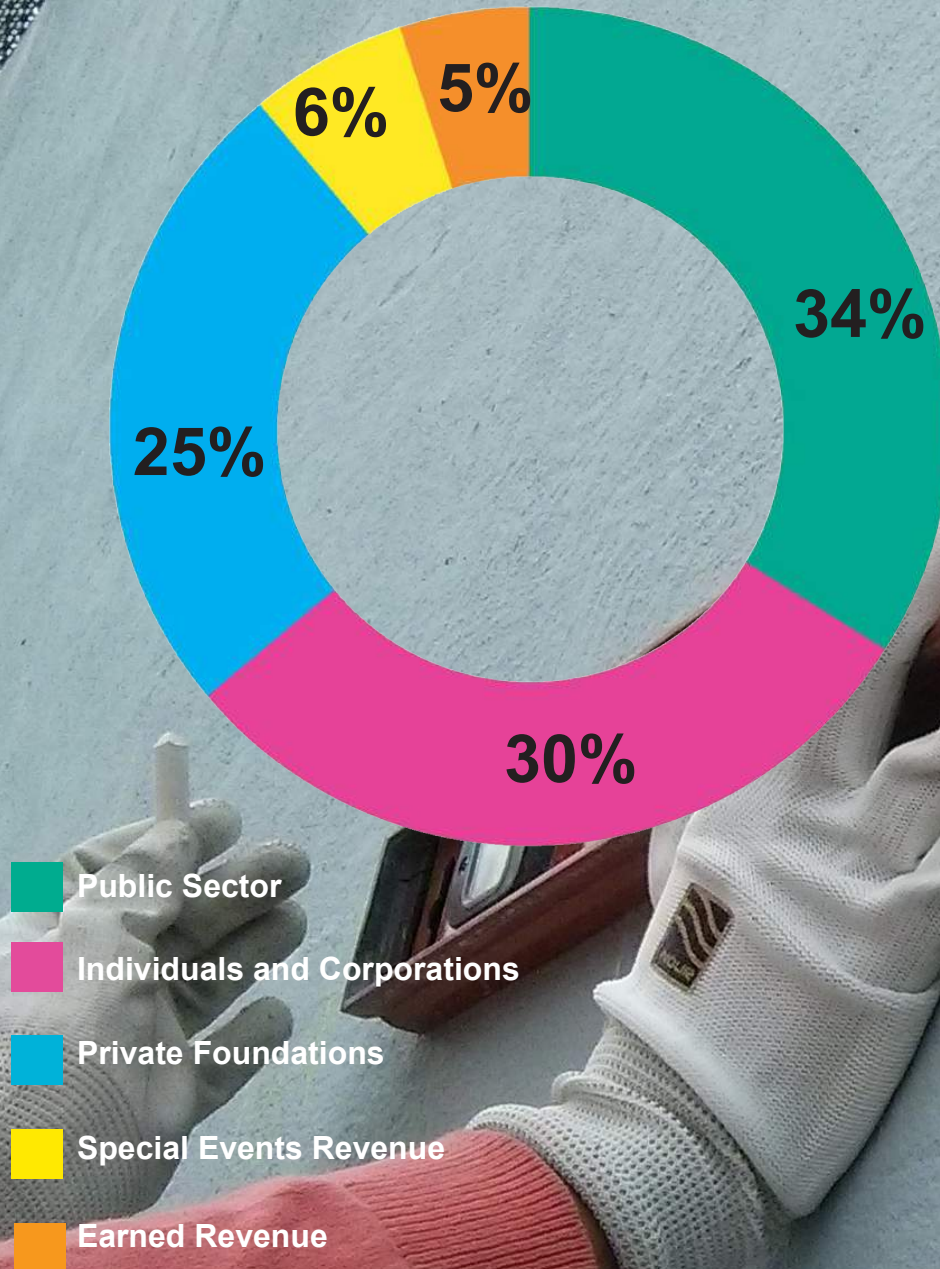
Griggs Family Foundation at the Toronto Foundation

“We are proud to support the innovative work of Arts for Children and Youth in giving young people, living on the margins, opportunities to use their creativity to benefit their own communities and Toronto as a whole. We are thrilled to have been a partner in the creation of the Rexdale Community Gateway Mural (west side), where 13 local youth artists and 2 professional artists turned a grey underpass into a vibrant cultural landmark that will inspire local residents and visitors to the Rexdale Community for years to come.

Investing in agencies like AFCY, makes sense to us, as we both believe in the transformational power of the arts, especially when children and youth are given the agency to use their knowledge, imaginations and leadership to produce art that speaks to what is significant in society.”

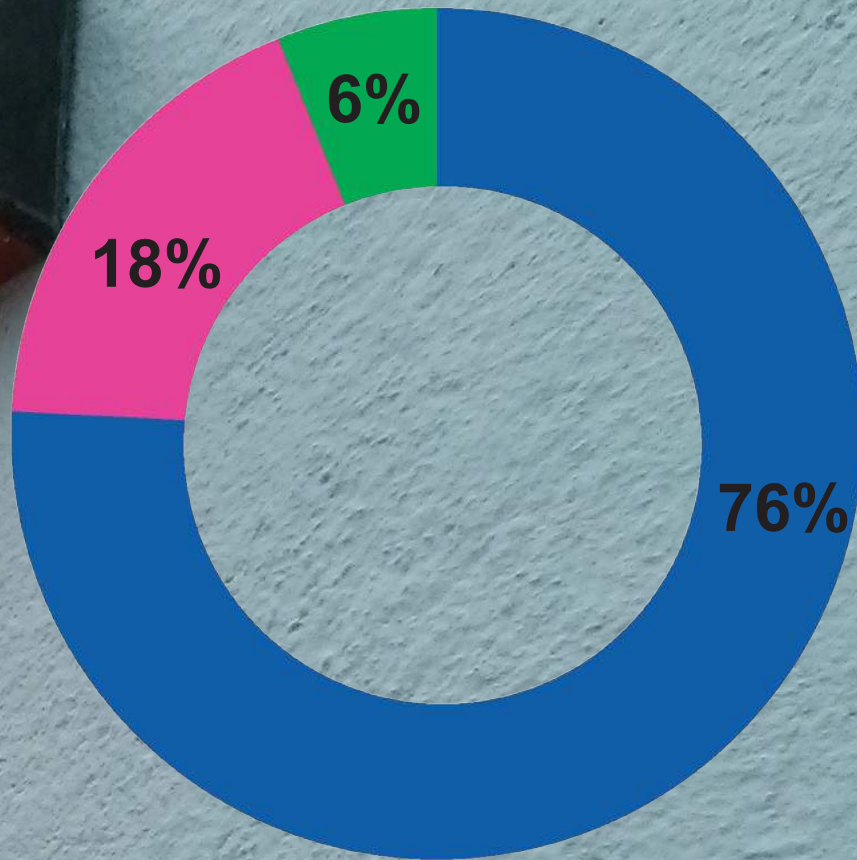





Financial Overview



REVENUE

SEPTEMBER 2013-AUGUST 2014



-  Program Expenses
-  Administrative Costs
-  Fundraising Costs

EXPENSES

SEPTEMBER 2013-AUGUST 2014

A Message from Fitzroy Facey

AFCY Emrging Youth Artist and Youth Advisory Council Member



Fitzroy is a self-taught painter and photographer and is determined to transfer these skills to the medium of film.



Fitzroy taking pictures at the Toronto Pearson mural unveiling



Fitzroy assisting in program at HJ Alexander Community School

“AFCY is a cultivator of future leaders, teachers and creative minds. This is a place where, as a youth, it is expected you will make mistakes and grow from them. You are encouraged to explore and turn the box upside down and look at every angle. AFCY teaches that you are an individual artist living within a community of open minded people and artists who are more than willing to support you and help you reach the next level.

Choosing to support AFCY means that you are supporting young artists who have given their lives to create, teach, learn and be leaders of tomorrow. AFCY is a shining example of what a non-profit organization should be; genuine, honest and true. Thank you for supporting and working with AFCY. Your faith in this organization helps support young artists like me.”

Our Team 2013/14

AFCY STAFF

Julie Frost
Gufran (Dan) Sallay
Ester Pugliese
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Executive & Artistic Director
Financial Manager
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Development Associate
Program Director
School Program Coordinator
Community Program Coordinator
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Operations Manager
Artistic Resource Coordinator
Youth-Led Program/Outreach Coordinator

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Community Partners

Access Alliance
Agincourt Youth Centre
Art Gallery of Ontario
Artscape - Daniels Spectrum
Baycrest Senior's Residence
Black CAP
BOOST Child Abuse Prevention & Intervention
CBS Media Outdoor
Children's Peace Theatre
City of Toronto
Community Microskills United Way
Consulate General of Jamaica
Covenant House
Driftwood Community Centre
Evergreen Brick Works
Aboriginal Education Centre – Toronto District
School Board
Fairview Nursing Home
Gabian Way
George Brown College
Goodwill
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Harmony Hills Care Community Center
HUB @ Victoria Park & Eglinton
Jewish Vocational Services Toronto
Lakeshore Arts
Leisureworld
Malvern Family Resource Centre
Martha Eaton Way
Meals on Wheels
Mt. Dennis Community Association
Mt. Dennis United Church
Native Child and Family Services of Toronto
North West Scarborough Youth Centre

North York Women's Shelter
O'Connor Focus
Ontario Institute for Studies in Education
PATTISON Onestop
Parents for Better Beginnings
Parma Court
Pathways to Education
Peacebuilders International
Queen West Art Crawl
Ronald McDonald House
Royal Ontario Museum
Scarborough Support Services
Second Base Youth Shelter
Secord Community Centre
St. Alban's Boys and Girls Club
Stanchester Eco Pirates and Arts and Crafts Club
The S.P.O.T.
Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office
Today's Parent Magazine
Toronto Catholic District School Board
Toronto Community Housing
Toronto District School Board
Toronto Foundation for Student Success
Toronto Intergenerational Partnerships
Toronto Public Library
Toronto Transit Commission
Trethewey Club
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Warden Woods Community Centre
YMCA
YMCA Toronto East York Kickstart
Yonge Street Mission
Youth n' Charge San Romanoway Youth Centre

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A group of children and adults are performing on a stage. They are wearing green t-shirts with the AFCY logo. Some are sitting on chairs, while others are standing and playing large drums. The background is dark, and the stage is lit.

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