




**Annual Report 2011**



Art Starts uses the arts as a vehicle to encourage social change in Toronto's underserved neighbourhoods.

We bring professional artists and communities together to work in and across all artistic disciplines.

We ask. We listen. We Create. Together.



Building  
healthier  
communities  
through the  
arts

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Participants

5  
Sites

1193  
Audience  
Members

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Programs



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## Eglinton / Oakwood PROGRAMS

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- Rawlinson School Fair
- Vaughn Road Academy Mural
- New Noize
- Program Without Walls
  - Creating Memories Creatively
  - Creative Expressions
  - Dramatic Expressions
  - Greetings from the Motherland
- In The Hood
  - Breakdancing
  - Fall crafts with Douglas Hurst
  - Spring crafts with Douglas Hurst
  - Slam I am
- Oakwood Village Library
  - Winter Solstice Festival
  - Arts Festival
  - Summer Puppet Show
  - March Break Arts Program





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 – Librarian at the local library

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# Eglinton / Oakwood

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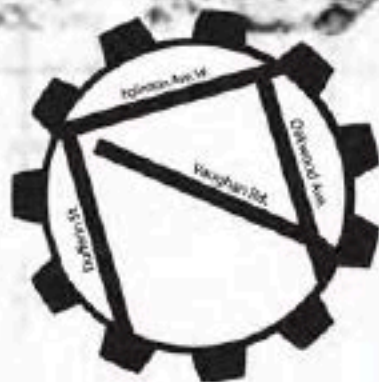
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# Glendower

## PROGRAMS

*Black History Month Event  
Glendower Community Arts Fair  
Glendower Jr. Arts Club*



"The impact Art Starts has made on my life in such a short period of time is unbelievable. I use to be a youth that attended programs Art Start provided in my community, and now I'm a manager of a music program... I feel so empowered to know that I have people who believe in what I could do, as a youth leader and youth worker."

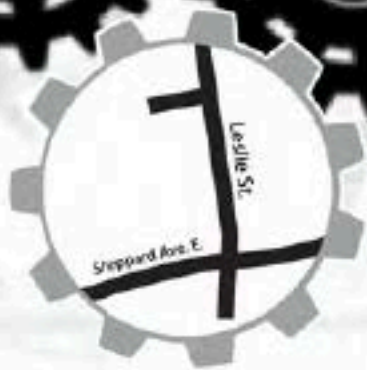
**- Sean C.**



# Villaways

## PROGRAMS

*Drug Prevention  
Art In XS at Lescon Public School  
Transportation Workshop  
Through the Lens  
Women's' Health Circle  
Kids Drop-In  
Upper Toronto Project  
Canada Day Celebration &  
The Peanut Town Festival*



"Art Starts has shown it can help break down the stigma experienced by many community members and create new opportunities that can result in community relationships, decreased isolation and growing confidence."

- Ann Fitzpatrick, Children's Aid Society





# Neptune / Lawrence Heights

## PROGRAMS

*Supernova Arts*

*Canada Day Celebration - Neptune*

*Talking Brushes*

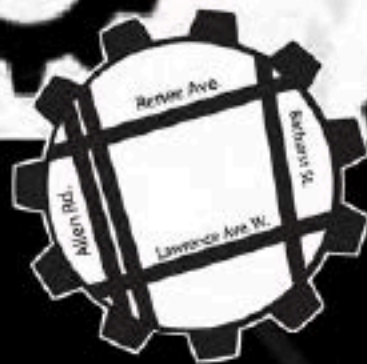
*Feisty Seniors Theatre Program*

*The Element - After School Program*

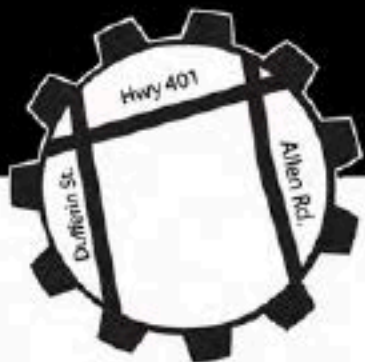
*The Element - Summer Intensive*

"Everyone came to our program after the shooting. We cried, we talked and some of the kids prayed. They thought we'd leave after the shooting but we didn't. Now they trust Art Starts. It's a safe haven."

- Alicia Clarke, Program Manager



# Yorkdale & Citywide



## PROGRAMS

Dusk Dances

To the Beat of my Art

Unity Drop in Breakdancing

Youth Street Art Mentorship

Raising Voices - Unity Art Exhibit

"The youth worked with professional artists and what is allowed was for the young people to have a direct mentorship from an artist who has a lot of experience."

- Joshua Barndt, Program Manager



# Trustee Projects



Simply Swagg

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One Community Festival


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Neighbourhood Arts Network

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 One Community Festival

