



Ottawa

# TOMLINSON FAMILY FOUNDATION CLUBHOUSE 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

REPORT TO THE OTTAWA POLICE SERVICES BOARD



# OVERVIEW

2021 brought its fair share of challenges, ups and downs for our Members, families, community. At the Club, we felt the challenge of helping our young people return to a new sense of normalcy. We are constantly working to create spaces and opportunities for children and youth to feel connected, empowered, and safe.

We do this work by deepening our staff and volunteer understanding of Anti-Black Racism and Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. We still have more learning, but our commitment to the communities we serve is strong.

The virtual clubhouse which was established in 2020 continued to play an important role in program delivery and maintaining connections with of members during periods of closure, and subsequently as a second option for those who were unable to be at the clubs in person during reopening. A wide range of programs were delivered virtually, including fitness, science, homework help, game night, Art Now, and Dance.

Overall, Tomlinson Family Foundation Clubhouse members and all BGC Ottawa members benefitted from a rich variety of free programs across BGC Ottawa's four programming pillars: Education, Creative Arts, Physical Activity and Healthy Lifestyle, and Leadership and Social Skills.

Adam Joiner,  
Chief Executive Officer

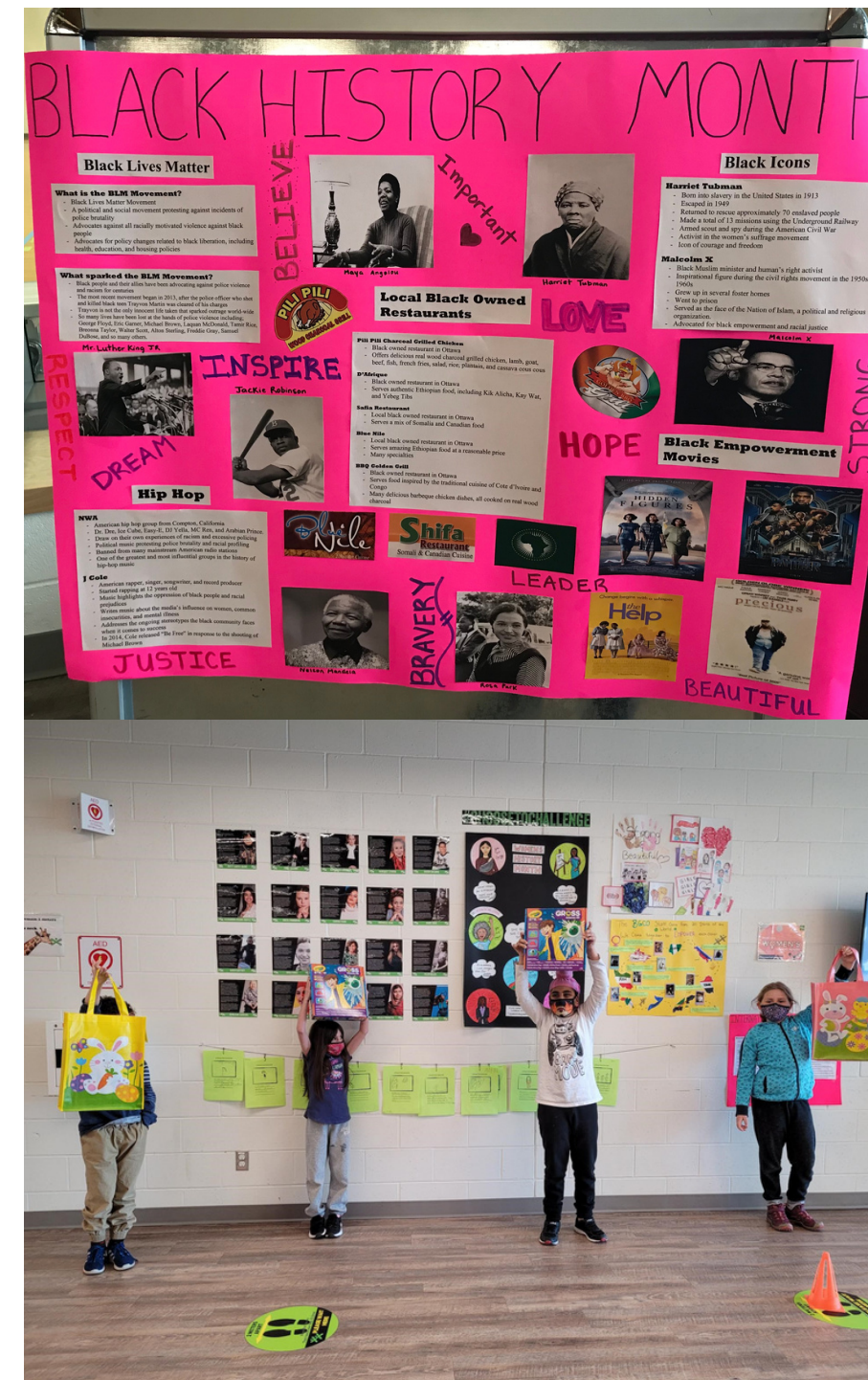
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# 2021 STATISTICS

ALL BGC OTTAWA LOCATIONS	TOMLINSON FAMILY FOUNDATION CLUBHOUSE
<b>30,242 Member Visits</b>	<b>5,159 Member Visits</b>
<b>1,617 Unique Members</b>	<b>425 Unique Members</b>
<b>31 Active Volunteers</b>	<b>5 Active Volunteers</b>
<b>7,300 Volunteer Hours</b>	<b>1,800 Volunteer Hours</b>

# 2021 HIGHLIGHTS - CULTURALLY RELEVANT PROGRAMMING

- Downie Wenjack Foundation Truth and Reconciliation program teaching members about Truth and Reconciliation, as well as Indigenous Culture.
- National Day of Truth and Reconciliation activities including a visit by an Anishinaabe elder who spoke to members about truth and reconciliation.
- Black History Month activities featuring different posters and signs, along with a history board that was displayed in the main lobby.
- Womxn's History Month lobby wall with testimonials from members and staff, empowering posters, and mini biographies of important women in history.





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An 16 ft x 8 ft Indigenous Mural was designed by local artist Claudia Salguero in partnership with an Anishinaabe elder, and young members, and installed in the main foyer of the Clubhouse.

The mural features Mother Nature and tells a story about connectedness through nature.



# 2021 HIGHLIGHTS - REGULAR PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

- Summer Day Camps offered daily to children, ages 6-12, every week in the summer, helping many families during the break.
- Art Now: talent shows, paint nights, art projects, and more.
- Sports: In addition to weekly sports, the Ottawa BlackJacks professional team ran a summer outdoor workout for older youth.
- Leadership Programs: A fall leadership retreat was held for Leaders4Life participants. The program focuses on soft skills development in young people.
- Academic Programs: Hybrid format Homework Club and Raise the Grade programs were offered with the aim to increase academic skills, high school graduation rates and access to post-secondary education for youth.
- Senior Appreciation Barbeque held to recruit senior members to programs. There was food, music, games, and gift raffle. This event was a success as we hit the highest number of members all year while also gaining new members in the process.





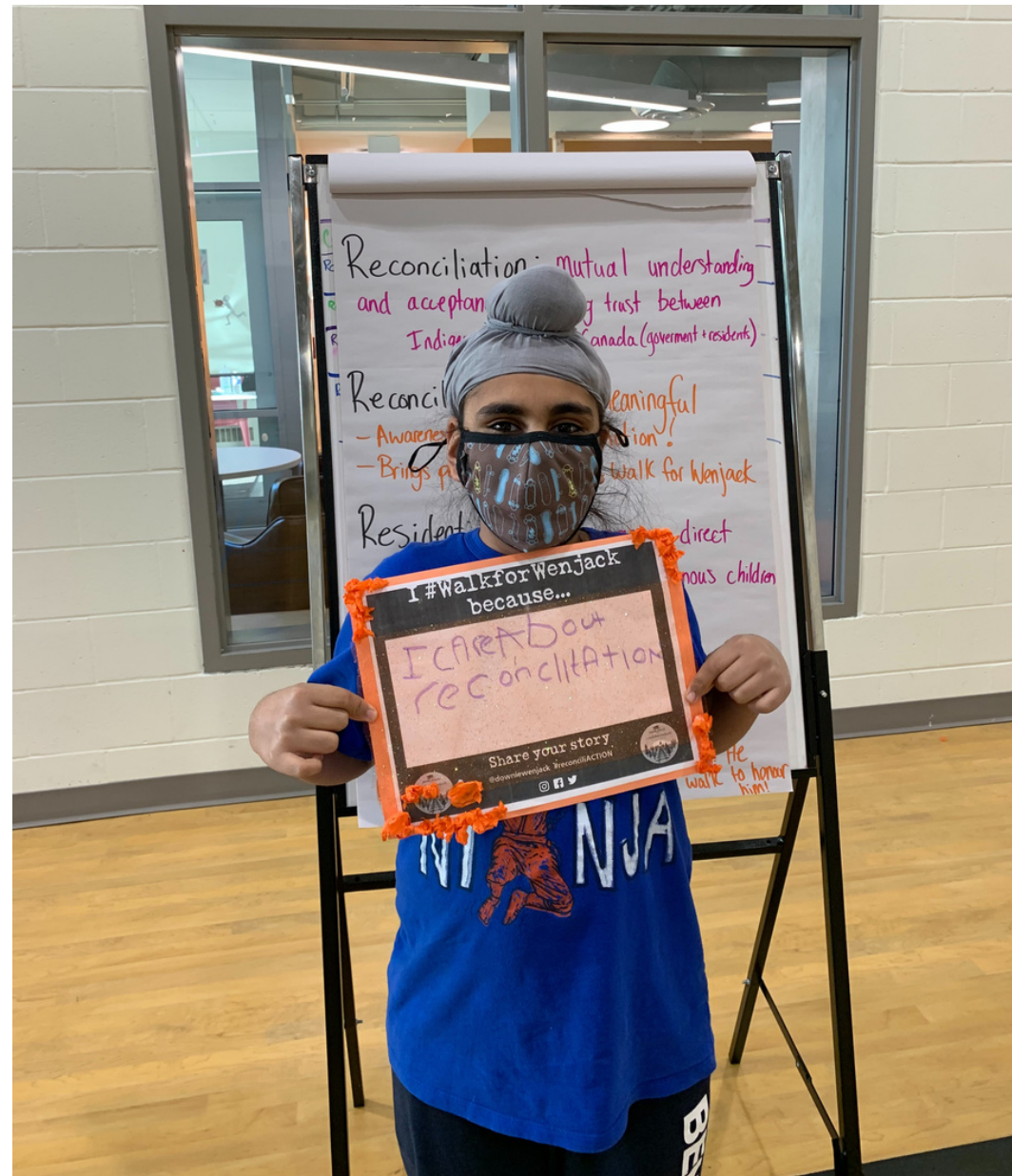
# 2021 HIGHLIGHTS - COMMUNITY & SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

- Offered Park Animation Community Team (PACT), a park programming pilot with the City of Ottawa and various partners. Staff set up in four Ottawa parks over a number of weeks connecting with the community and offering activities to children and youth.
- Hundreds of wellness checks conducted during the different lockdown periods. Individual members were called for check-ins and to relay information about community resources and virtual program options
- Approximately 120 activity packages delivered to homes, including food, coloring books, agendas, calendars, pens, Covid-19 PPE kits, hand sanitizer, winter gloves, hand cream, soap, tissues, and mental health and community resources.
- Over \$2500 worth of meal kits delivered to families, helping to feed 80 people (supported by North and Navy).
- ~ 50 hampers provided to families in need during the holidays - food, toiletries, gifts and small luxuries included.





# MEMBER PROFILE



**Nihal, BGC Ottawa Member** attends the Tomlinson Family Foundation Clubhouse (1463 Prince of Wales Dr) almost daily! He is 12 years old and enjoys many different activities such as Homework Club, Art Now, Truth & Reconciliation, and soccer. Specifically, Nihal participated in our 2021 Legacy School program through the Downie & Wenjack Foundation.

The Legacy Schools program helps students to learn about reconciliation. It engages them in activities to increase awareness and develop "reconciliACTIONS". One of Nihal's featured activities helped us prepare for our Secret Path Week.

Nihal and his friends created artwork and pledges for reconciliation throughout the week that concluded with our Walk for Wenjack on October 22, 2021. Nihal participated in the Tomlinson locations Walk for Wenjack because he cares about Truth and Reconciliation with Indigenous people.





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