



Ottawa

# TOMLINSON FAMILY FOUNDATION CLUBHOUSE 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

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# OVERVIEW

2022 showed clearly that the pandemic continued to take a toll on young people – not just in the communities we serve, but throughout the city. As we look to breathe new life into each clubhouse and deliver our impactful programs and services, creating social cohesion and harmony has been a challenging task.

Our clubhouses saw a growing need for mental health resources, while also striving to fill significant learning gaps. At the same time, our community continued to deal with added repercussions from a time when children and youth were isolated. The pandemic has shed light in our community and around the world on many systemic issues BGC Ottawa has been tackling for years. Our team remains more determined than ever to create safer spaces where everyone can come together, socialize and embrace new experiences.

Despite challenging times, we have many reasons to celebrate. BGC Ottawa opened the Taggart Parkes Family Clubhouse – a fully functional 15,000 square-foot facility in the south-end of Ottawa, serving thousands of young people living in Ottawa’s south end. The Neighbourhood Ambassador Program, an initiative that started as a pilot project during the pandemic with Ottawa Public Health and the Integrated Neighbourhood Service Team, has seen significant growth, allowing BGC Ottawa to reach 19 areas throughout the city and continues to grow.

Tomlinson Family Foundation Clubhouse, despite starting the year in lockdown, saw members returning to the clubhouse in strong numbers demonstrating that the need in our community is stronger than ever. Our dedicated staff team delivered several thousand hours of impactful programs across BGC Ottawa's four programming pillars of Education, Creative Arts, Physical Activity and Healthy Lifestyle, and Leadership and Social Skills.

Your investment in the Club is providing young people with countless opportunities to obtain skills for life in a safe, supportive and barrier-free environment. They are our leaders of tomorrow, and can thrive thanks to your support today.

**Adam Joiner,**  
Chief Executive Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam Joiner', is positioned below the name and title.

# 2022 STATISTICS

ALL BGC OTTAWA LOCATIONS	TOMLINSON FAMILY FOUNDATION CLUBHOUSE
72,692 Member Visits	13,271 Member Visits
3,406 Unique Members	604 Unique Members
70 Active Volunteers	11 Active Volunteers
7,500 Volunteer Hours	1,850 Volunteer Hours

# HIGHLIGHTS - CULTURALLY RELEVANT PROGRAMMING

- Black History Month celebration featuring a variety of activities, including creating “Black Hero” posters where members drew their hero and wrote a few words about that person, and art based on Jean Michel Basquiat’s work.
- National Day of Truth and Reconciliation observed to remember and honour victims of the Residential school system. Members wrote a letter to the Prime Minister about what Orange Shirt Day means to them.
- Purchased approximately 100 books, with member input, to build a Diversity Library for all ages. A new reading area was created with comfortable furniture and our new bookshelves for the diversity library. It has been a hit with members.



# 2022 HIGHLIGHTS - CULTURALLY RELEVANT PROGRAMMING



- Members planned a Culture Day with the help of a University Ottawa Nursing placement group. Activities included a “World Cup” soccer tournament, and diverse food from numerous cultures like hummus and naan/pita, chicken fried rice, and salads, was served.
- Workshops delivered by Somali Centre for Family Services: *Being Kind and Beautiful* for younger members and *Let’s Be Anti-Racist & Celebrate Our Differences* for our intermediate ages. Sessions were led Psychotherapist, Samoon Tasmim.
- First ever Eid celebration was held for 102 members with decorations, shawarma dinner, loot bags, and fun activities. Many members said it felt special to celebrate EID at the club.

# 2022 HIGHLIGHTS - PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

- Summer Day Camps offered daily to children, helping to keep members engaged families during the holidays.
- Art Now: talent shows, paint nights, art projects, and more.
- Sports: Open gym, Sports and Leadership League and many more activities took place during the year.
- Leadership Programs: Leaders4Life which focuses on soft skills development was offered.
- Academic Programs: Homework Club and Raise the Grade programs were offered to increase academic skills, close the pandemic learning gap, and improve high school graduation rates and access to post-secondary education for youth.
- Guardians of the Children (a Biker Organization dedicated to protecting the victims of child abuse) visited. Members got to see their custom motorcycles and get a picture.
- Hosted Reptiles Rock as a special treat for members who enjoyed meeting and learning about snakes, lizards, tortoises, etc.



# 2022 HIGHLIGHTS - COMMUNITY & SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

- Offered PACT (Park Animation Community Team), in partnership with the City of Ottawa and other partners. Staff set up in Ottawa parks over a number of weeks connecting with the community and offering activities to children and youth.
- In the aftermath of the Derecho storm, the Clubhouse came together to create meal packages to feed families who identified food support as a need. Over 320 meal packages with sandwiches, drinks, vegetables and snacks were distributed to people in the Prince of Wales/Debra-Dynes area.
- Community Open House held with a free BBQ, raffle, carnival games, cotton candy, popcorn, music, and a performance by Junkyard Symphony. The event was a huge success with ~400 community members attending and over 50+ new member registrations.
- 50 hampers provided to families in need during the holidays - food, toiletries, gifts and small luxuries included.



## MEMBER PROFILE:

# DOMAC DOMAC (REGIONAL YOUTH OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENT)

Domac, was a Regional Youth of the Year recipient from BGC Canada. He was nominated based on his exemplary leadership and dedication to the Club.

Youth of the Year is BGC Canada's national initiative to recognize and celebrate exceptional youth who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, service, and achievements within their communities. The award encourages young people to become active role models and a voice for young people across Canada. Each year, seven youth receive post-secondary scholarships, laptops, prize packages, and development and media training. Domac was one of 7 national recipients!

Domac has been a member of Tomlinson Family Foundation clubhouse for about 8 years. He transitioned from from member to volunteer to staff. Domac started his post-secondary studies in 2023 at Carleton University. Throughout his time at the Club, he has contributed to many programs, including Youth Led Mentorship, Walk This Way, Tomlinson Spartans Basketball, League Night, Thunderbolts Basketball, and Homework Club. Domac has been an exemplary leader among his peers.







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