

#### A New Beginning Mission Newsletter

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me. Matt 25:35-36









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#### Jesus said, "Don't stop children from coming to me! Children like these are part of the kingdom of God."

## Pack a Back-Pack Drive Giving Back To Our Community

The Pack a Back-Pack Drive was held from August 1st - August 24th. To our delight we collected approximately \$3500 in monetary donations and 300 back-packs customized with school supplies for young scholars and appreciative parents.

The back-packs were given out at warp speed during our Regent Park Children's Fun Day on September 3, (just in time for school). Our second annual event was hugely popular as approximately 300 people attended. Two hundred children enjoyed refreshments, arts and crafts, face painting, games and the designer back-pack giveaway. It was a wonderful day!

Special thanks to our corporate and non-profit sponsors: Walmart, Staples, Ontario Nursing Association, Centre of Hope Ministry, colleagues, and all our friends and families who contributed and supported the Drive and event.

Thank you for taking the opportunity to give back to the community!

# Regent Park Children's Program Registration Day

The Children's Program Launch was held on Saturday, September 17 at 246 Sackville Street. Once again, over 200 families turned out for registration. Children participated in a variety of games, activities and movies as they waited for their parents to register in the program.

The Children's Program for ages 7-13, will teach Christian principles and values using fun interactive methods. Music, dance, reading, sports, crafts and play will all be included in the program. We are scheduled to begin on Saturday, October 8 from 11:30-1:30 pm.











Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> marked our final Saturday program at Follower's Mission. However, our outreach to the Moss Park community continues every Monday with prayer, praise and worship, food and clothing giveaways. Our committment to this community remains focused and steadfast.



### A New Beginning for Regent Park Revitalization Called For Such A Time As This...

It is no coincidence that the vision of our church is that 'through the love of Jesus Christ people will be given a New Beginning' and that we have been positioned to start a children's program right in the middle of the Regent Park Revitalization. To revitalize means to restore strength or give new life or vigor.



Fifty years ago, Regent Park was built to accommodate low income families but over the years this community has been severely stigmatized. This has created barriers to employment, education and advancement. The purpose of the redevelopment project is to transform Regent Park into a vibrant community with new streets, homes and businesses. We at a New Beginning appreciate the process required to bring about meaningful change and we look forward to being a part of this transformation.











