

# The Door News

## THE DOOR LA PORTE

YOUTH CENTRE JEUNESSE

January - April 2024

ANNUAL REPORT COMING SOON...



A cartoon illustration of a man with brown hair and a blue shirt shouting into a blue megaphone. The background is a bright blue sky with a large yellow sun, white clouds, and green trees. A large yellow starburst shape is behind the main text.

**BY POPULAR**

**DEMAND...**

**Our Newsletter will be  
sent monthly**

The change will keep you updated on  
news and upcoming events at The  
Door.

**Stay  
Tuned!**

# January

## 2024

We're back in action after the holidays, and January was a blast! This month was packed with fun and rich programs. The month opened with a Welcome Back celebration, a delightful evening of food and bonding provided by the McPhail Church Group. Staff and youth expressed joy at being back, creating a dynamic and enriching environment in our first month post-break. The team and the youth look forward to what this year has to offer.





# February

February was filled with celebrations including Valentine's Day, Black History month and the Lunar-New Year. Lunar New Year brought festive decorations and candy, with a cultural presentation from volunteer Yiming. Valentine's Day set a loving mood in the center as staff and youth created candy grams to send to each other and their loved ones. This year, youth exchanged heartfelt letters to seniors from a retirement residence. The seniors provided youth members with life advice and guidance while the youths shared their current status in life and aspirations for the future.



Lots of learning occurred this month. We kicked off the "Let's Learn" series, teaching essential skills like email etiquette, citations, and debating, which the youth eagerly embraced. Creative Baking workshops flourished with Shanecia's baking class on Dominican "Coconut Kisses". The month ended with a Career Day with Teacher Antoinetta offered valuable insights on working with children with disabilities. Youth were taught sign language, tools and equipment used to help children with disabilities and education. We are grateful for having Teacher Antoinetta in the center to end this festive and informative month.





# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

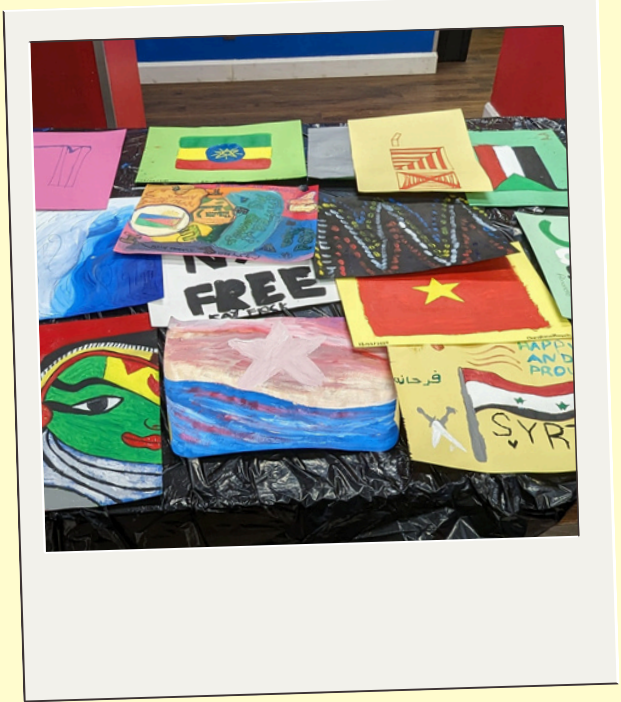


February was all about celebrating Black History Month in fun and engaging ways! We kicked things off with an informative session on the significance of Black History Month and the impactful contributions of African Canadians. The highlight was our interactive Jeopardy game, "Exploring Black Canadians," which made learning about significant Black figures a blast. Our collaboration with Actua for the Black Youth in STEM event was a hit, combining music and math to spark a newfound appreciation for STEM among our youth, complete with delicious treats!

To wrap up our Black History Month festivities, we took an exciting field trip to watch a Bob Marley movie. It was a fantastic experience, filled with popcorn, drinks, and an inspiring look at Marley's dedication to equality and peace. The youth were captivated, gaining deeper insights into the life of this iconic Jamaican pioneer. With around 20 enthusiastic attendees, the movie outing was a heartwarming and educational success, leaving everyone inspired and eager for more!







# STRATEGIC PLAN

Click here for more information  
about our Strategic Plan



## 5 Key Areas

1. Human resources
2. Fund development
3. Program development
4. Public awareness/branding and outreach
5. Community partnerships

We're beyond excited to announce the launch of The Door Youth Centre's first-ever five-year strategic plan! This huge milestone is a testament to your steadfast support over the past 30 years. Crafted with input from our Board of Directors, staff, and community supporters, our strategic plan will focus on 5 key areas. These initiatives are designed to empower our youth with the skills and resources they need for a bright future.

We want to thank everyone who has been part of our success. Your unwavering commitment has made a real difference in the lives of our community's youth.

# MARCH



March was a vibrant month at our center, bursting with activities that catered to our youth's diverse interests. Our Affirmation Night sparked creativity and positivity, while Fancy Night brought a touch of elegance with etiquette lessons and classical music. As the weather warmed, outdoor activities like basketball gained popularity, blending learning, creativity, and fun-filled moments for everyone. The fun didn't stop there! Our Indoor Beach Party brought summer vibes indoors with mocktail piña coladas, beach games, and wavy music, creating a festive escape.





# ***BLACK . YOUTH . EXCELLENCE***

March marked the beginning of the Black Youth Leadership Program, where 10 of our youth members participate in thought-provoking discussions and activities designed to foster empowerment and critical thinking. Referring to themselves as B.Y.E (Black Youth Excellences), the group has engaged with key historical and contemporary issues impacting Black communities, sparking insightful conversations & reflections. Additionally, the youth have channeled their creativity into brainstorming innovative ideas for their upcoming podcast recordings, photo voice project, empowerment basket and cook book. These projects aim to amplify their voices and share their perspectives with the world. We are thrilled about the potential for growth and meaningful connections in the sessions ahead!

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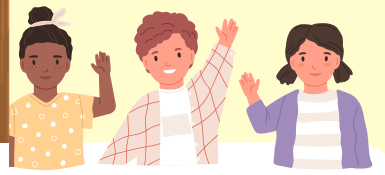


# APRIL 2024

April was bursting with fun and educational activities at The Door! We've started the month with an exciting Easter Egg Hunt, followed by an engaging Math Trivia Night and an Active Listening session in our Let's Learn series. Mid-month, we enjoy creative events like a Fire Station Tour, a Vinyl Cutting workshop, and an impactful Earth Day Capital Clean Up. Every week was packed with something special, ensuring there's always a reason to join the fun! The excitement continued with a special Iftar and Eid Dinner to close out Ramadan. With activities tailored to encourage learning, creativity, and community, April at The Door was a month full of memorable moments and enriching experiences for all our youth!



# GOODLUCK



We've bid farewell to our wonderful placement students: Shanecia, Alexandra, Christina, Hyatt, Malleree, and Mark. Each one of them has left an indelible mark on our hearts. Their contributions have been nothing short of extraordinary. They've led programs with passion, participated in activities with enthusiasm, and have been a source of unwavering positivity and support for our youth. Their presence has enriched our center in countless ways, and their departure leaves a void that will be deeply felt. We will miss them dearly and wish them nothing but the very best in all their future endeavors.

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# Spring wishlist

## EDUCATIONAL

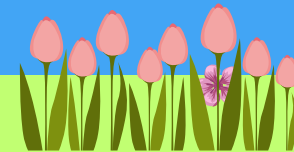
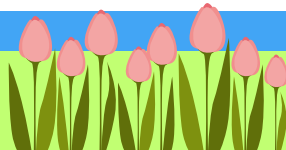
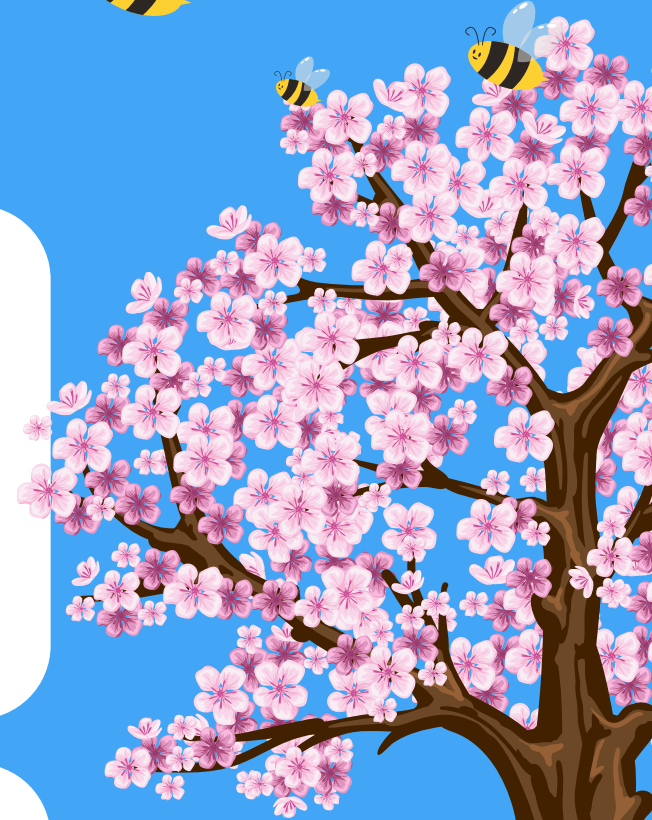
- Homework:
  - Notebook
  - Pens
  - Pencils
  - Calculators

## RECREATIONAL

- Media/Tech
  - Video Games (WII, Ps3, Ps4, Ps5)
  - Ps4, Ps5 controllers
  - Phone Chargers
- Pool (Billard) Sticks

## SOCIAL

- Hygienic Products
  - Liquid Soap/ Body Wash
  - Toothpaste/ Toothbrushes
  - Deodorant
- Clothes:
  - Rain boots
  - Short
  - Jackets
  - Sneakers







# Thank You



The Door always accepts donations from our supporters. All donations received help benefit the youth in the centre everyday! We also accept money donations. Information on how to donate money can be found on [CanadaHelps](https://www.canadahelps.org)

Thank you to all of our supporters  
who have donated to The Door!

