

2023-24 Impact Report



A message from our Board Chair

Dear Re-Imagine Ontario Community,

It is my honour to present this year's annual impact report, reflecting on our vision to foster healthier communities for youth and their families facing socioeconomic vulnerabilities. At Re Imagine Ontario, we believe in the inherent value of every individual and envision a province where everyone can share in the Canadian dream, regardless of race, gender, age, religion, or politics. We aim to cultivate a culture of care, support the most vulnerable among us, and be a catalyst for positive change. Our mission focuses on improving the health, education, and employment of vulnerable individuals, particularly Black youth.

A year of unique opportunities

This year, our youth mental health programs addressed the critical gap where one in five young people in Ontario lack access to necessary mental health support. We also expanded our West of 55 Friends program, supporting isolated seniors.

Through mentoring and employment support initiatives, we are driving better educational and employment outcomes for vulnerable youth. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our shared vision.

Maria Zegarac- Board Chair

Impact Snapshot to Date

14

Youth and seniors
employed

6968+

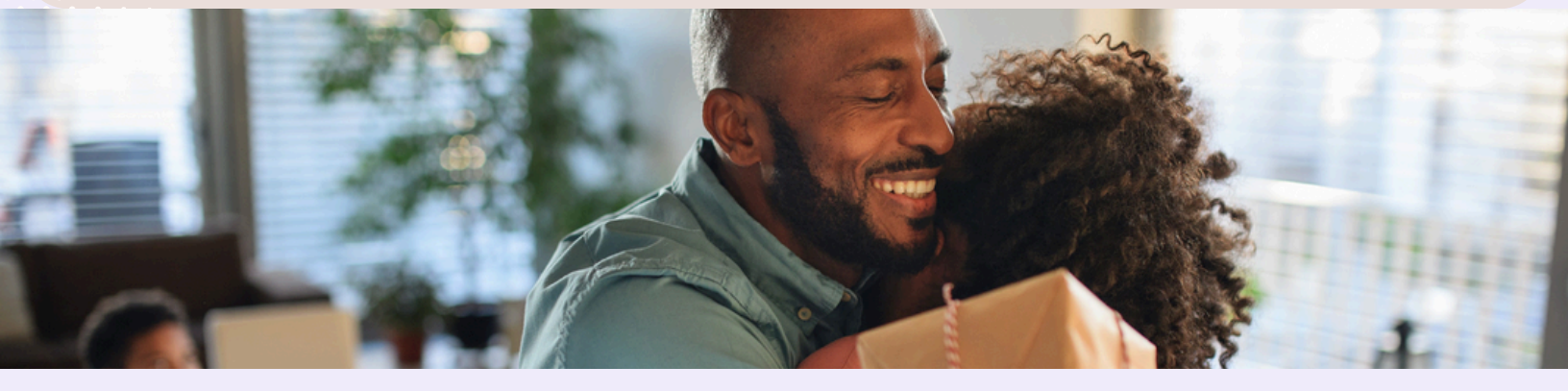
Volunteer Hours

37+

Amazing Volunteers

149+

Youth and Seniors
Served



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A message from our Executive Director

Throughout 2023-2024, Re-Imagine Ontario (RiO) maintained and enhanced our commitments and accountabilities to providing support in mental health, education, and employment to the most vulnerable among us. Our programs put each individual at the center of improving their own lives. Our principles are built on reliability, efficiency, selflessness, privacy, ethics, and trustworthiness. (R.E.S.P.E.C.T.)

Re-Imagine Ontario is fortunate to have a hardworking, committed, and caring team of volunteers and staff who serve clients and our communities. This annual report demonstrates our consistent financial management in using our very modest funding to support the many programs and priorities that we delivered. This year we delivered a summer camp, homework support, seniors friendly visiting, and seniors community connections. We also completed our 3-year strategic plan with the support of our board.

I would like to acknowledge and thank our wonderful board of directors, volunteers, staff, students, seniors, our funders, partners and the communities we serve for their collective effort in supporting our cause. We see you and we appreciate you. I look forward to the wonderful work that Re-Imagine Ontario will continue to do in the upcoming year and beyond.

A year with unique challenges

Over the past year, RiO has faced unique challenges, particularly in expanding the capacity of our youth programs due to limited resources stemming from a lack of funding. This constraint has made it difficult to fully meet the growing needs of our community, despite our unwavering commitment to making a difference.

However, we are immensely grateful for the support from new community partners like the Halton Regional Police and Seneca College, whose collaborations have been invaluable. Their partnership has enabled us to continue providing essential services and support to our community, underscoring the power of working together to overcome obstacles and drive positive change.

Monica Smith- Acting ED

Impact Snapshot to Date

4+

Programs

11+

Youth and Seniors
Employed in 2023

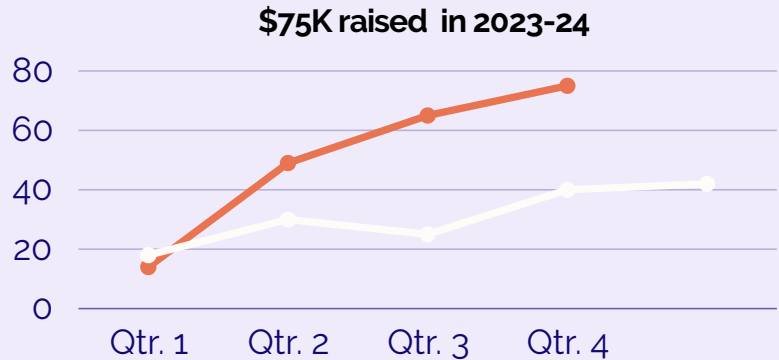
6+

Funders and Partners

Funds Raised to Date

\$104K

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS!



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS!

Projects

Details

Outcome

B.E.E.C.H. Summer Camp

Piloted a summer adventure and stem camp for 10-15 year old vulnerable youth

- 10 youth participated directly.
- Employed 4 additional youth

West of 55 Friends

Expanded our seniors friendly visiting program to include community events for isolated seniors 55+

- Reached 42 additional seniors
- Employed 7 additional volunteers

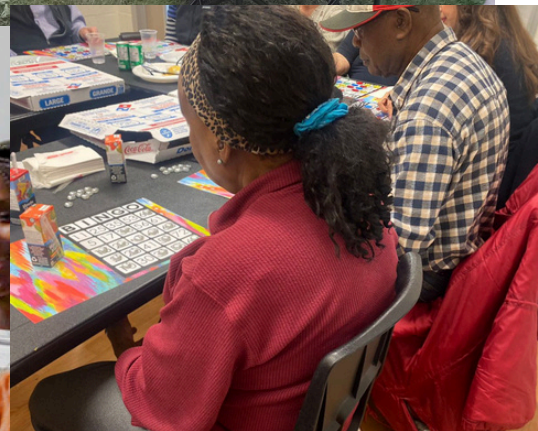
Strategic Plan

Received funding to undertake the development of a 3-year strategic plan

- Completed Plan
- Outlined Key targets.

Project Highlights

PHOTOS FROM OUR YOUTH AND SENIORS EVENTS



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We couldn't have done it without your generous support.

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Ontario Trillium Foundation



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Seneca
POLYTECHNIC

SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

An agency of the Government of Ontario
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EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO



Collaborators:
-VHA Home Healthcare
-Halton Regional Police

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