



## PAYING IT FORWARD... WITH “LEMON-AID”

Many of us recall hot summer days as children, setting up lemonade stands and selling the refreshing beverage to neighbours and passersby. What would you do with the money you earned? For myself, it usually entailed a trip to the candy store.

Not so for Brady and Jesse Dutra.

Brady, 10, and his sister Jesse, seven, spent much of their summer across the street from Indwell’s Rudy Hulst Commons in Hamilton where their mother owns Ward IV Coffee Bar. Over the weeks they met Indwell staff and tenants and began to notice the strong sense of community in the area. Brady and Jesse had never run a lemonade stand, but on a hot day in July they decided to give it a go. With some great sidewalk traffic, they and their childcare provider Hannah Froese set up outside the coffee shop and sold a cool \$200 worth of lemonade in just a few hours.

Instead of pocketing the money they earned, they walked across the street and donated it—all of it—to

Indwell. Well, generosity has a way of multiplying, and in Brady and Jesse’s case, it did so in a way they didn’t see coming.

In honour of their generosity, their parents each matched their donation with gifts from their businesses, Dutra Landscape and Ward IV Coffee Shop. Following this, a “secret investor” friend of the family was inspired to do the same, and, when the owner of Rony’s Restaurant in Stoney Creek caught wind of the generosity on social media, he matched it, too.

All in all, Brady, Jesse and Hannah’s simple—but brilliant—lemonade stand resulted in a \$1,000 donation for Indwell. Most importantly, though, these kids taught us all a lesson about values and what it means to love our neighbours.

- Matt Breimer, Communications Specialist

Read Brady and Jesse’s story in The Hamilton Spectator at [indwell.ca/lemonade](http://indwell.ca/lemonade)





Mackenzie (l) continued the weekly baking group with Perkins Centre tenants while the regular volunteer took a summer break.



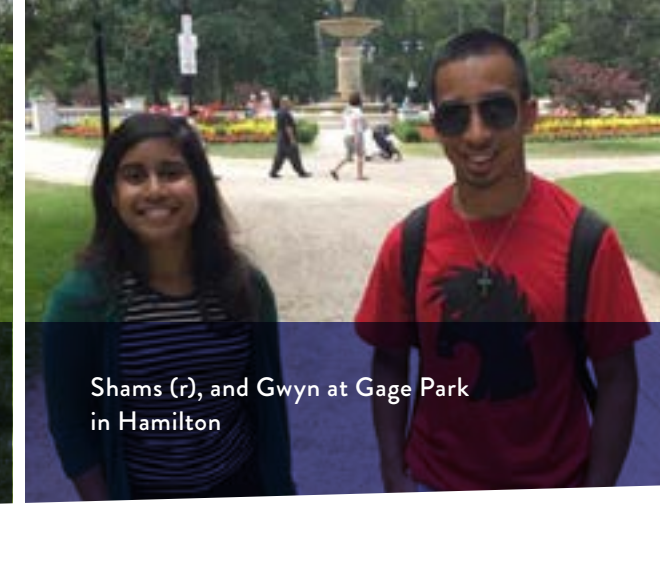
Gwyn (r) and tenants from Strathearne explore Hamilton's Art Crawl



Liam (l) dances with other staff and tenants at our Wentworth program's annual BBQ



Lauren (r) and tenants on a day trip picking strawberries. Lauren is continuing to work with Indwell as a part-time support worker while she continues her studies at Ryerson University



Shams (r), and Gwyn at Gage Park in Hamilton

## SUMMER PROGRAMS FOSTER COMMUNITY AND TRANSFORMATION

It may have helped with next semester's tuition, but for those we hired, their summer positions were much more than a job. With grants through the Canada Summer Jobs program, Indwell employed eight young people for eight-week stints across several of its programs.

Most were Community Coordinators, running daily activities with Indwell tenants. While having a positive impact on our programs, many of them also discovered new directions for themselves.

### Gwyneth Dias and Shams Siddiqi Program: Hamilton's Parkdale Landing and Strathearne Suites

"Indwell is an uplifting community that I was so fortunate to be a part of. The staff and tenants welcomed me immediately, and together we worked to create a meaningful community. I am thankful for the people, the kindness, and the spirit I witnessed."

- Gwyn

"Gwyn was a great addition to the Indwell team and jumped right in! Her energetic spirit was contagious. She built strong relationships with many of the tenants. We are happy to hear that she will be staying on as a volunteer."

- Stephanie McAulay,  
Recreation Therapist & Housing Support

"These activities helped to encourage a sense of community and belonging for the tenants which contribute to their overall well-being. I came to this job with the mindset that I wanted to help bring joy and hope to the tenants, but it has been the tenants who have changed me and brought joy and hope into my life."

- Shams

### Lauren Galenkamp and Liam McGibbon Program: Hamilton's Wentworth Program

I am so glad to have had the opportunity to work this position because of how much my world opened up. This job taught me about loving people well and how to do that on both a large and small scale. One of my favourite things about Indwell is the high standards of how people are treated."

- Lauren

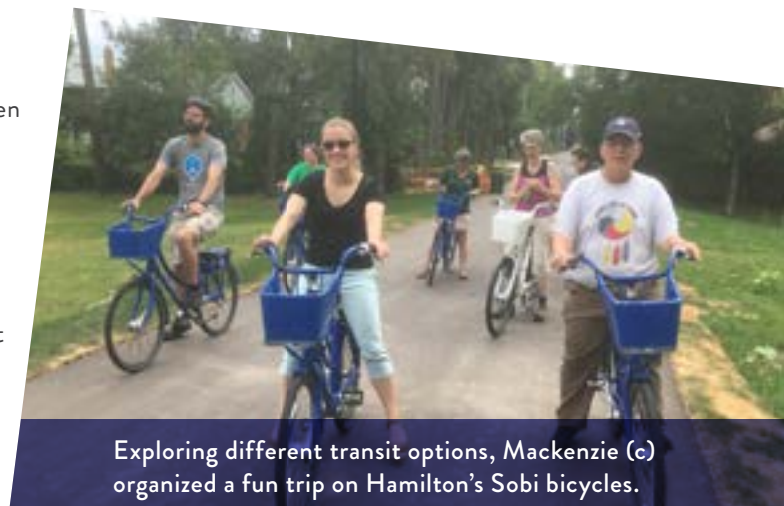
"I've been completely changed by the relationships I've made this summer, not only with residents and tenants but also with the staff. My experience working for Indwell has opened my eyes to a new path that God has now set before me that's completely different from the path I had originally thought I was on."

- Liam

### Mackenzie Green Program: Hamilton's Perkins Centre and Rudy Hulst Commons

"Mackenzie was a steady presence at Indwell for her third summer now! She even volunteered during her busy school year. This summer, she organized a partnership with A Rocha's Cedar Haven Farm, which all of the Hamilton programs were able to enjoy through many visits."

- Brian Dexter, Apartment Support



Exploring different transit options, Mackenzie (c) organized a fun trip on Hamilton's Sobi bicycles.



A well-attended community meeting in Mississauga earlier this summer.

## INDWELL'S COMMUNITY-BASED APPROACH WELCOMED WITH EXCITEMENT FROM MISSISSAUGA NEIGHBOURHOOD

Thank you for your continued prayers for our first program in Mississauga. In 2017, after four years of searching for a property, Indwell bought the lands at 425 Lakeshore — an old Firestone/Bridgestone retail location. In July 2018, Indwell was awarded \$21.5 million from the Region of Peel to construct a four-storey, 68-unit development built to Passive House standards. This is the first time we've received 100% of the capital funding from a municipal partner. Praise God!

The development process continues to move forward with strong community support. On July 10, Indwell hosted a community meeting, and over 50 people came out. By end of the night, apprehension turned into excitement for what Indwell hopes to achieve with the community.

**"Thank you for coming to our community. As a volunteer and board member at The Compass, so many of our clients are homeless, or nearly there. I'm so so excited. One person at a time, we can help so many!"**

**"Wonderful. Hope restored. People are needing reasonable housing. Thank you!"**

The community meeting laid the groundwork for a successful application at the Committee of Adjustment in August, with unanimous support from the Committee. Both the Lakeview and Town of Port Credit Rate Payers Associations support our community-based approach to development — a unique experience for them compared to their typical applications.

In addition to affordable, supportive housing, Indwell is working with The Compass, a local food bank and outreach centre, to become the anchor tenant on the main floor.

God continues to move in powerful ways to open doors for this project to be a success. Provided environmental testing this fall is approved, the building is scheduled to open early 2021, with homes for 68 people.

- Sylvia Harris, Project Developer

**Please support our expansion into the Peel region. If you know of a possible second property that's close to amenities, let us know!**  
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# COMMUNITY COMES THROUGH AROUND NORFOLK INN PROJECT

Nine months ago, Indwell became the proud owners of the Norfolk Inn in Simcoe. The building had once been the beating heart of Norfolk County's social scene, but for more than a decade, it's been in decline. Over the years, numerous plans for converting the property had come and gone, leaving Norfolk County and downtown businesses carrying the costs of unpaid taxes, decrepit conditions, and the social fallout of tenants living with unaddressed addictions, mental health, and other personal challenges.

After eight months, we have successfully found alternate housing options for all 41 tenants who were living at the Norfolk Inn—no easy task given Norfolk County's very low vacancy rates and skyrocketing rental costs (one-bedroom apartments are now over \$1,000 almost everywhere in the county).

Alongside the rehousing process, our development team has been working out renovation plans in response to the community's expressed needs for new supported housing.

The designs reimagine the existing building to include 32 one-bedroom and studio apartments, along with a range of tenant amenities, staff offices, and new commercial rental space.

Like with every Indwell project, success comes through a community working together—including a sustainable funding model. After much discussion, Norfolk County Council took the bold step of committing to a 20-year funding formula that underpins the project's long-term sustainability. This will be an important catalyst for leveraging additional funding from other levels of government.

**We also need people like you to join us in financially supporting and demonstrating community commitment for this project.** The end result will provide residents of Norfolk County with permanent access to a supportive housing community, while transforming this downtown landmark from a blight to a beacon of possibility.

- Graham Cubitt, Director of Projects & Development

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