St. Christopher House

Planning for the Future: A Profile of the Community

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St. Christopher House

- Multi-service nonprofit organization
- Works in partnership with the community
- Promotes personal and social change
- Enable less-advantaged groups to gain greater control over their lives and community
- Settlement house for new immigrants
### Services Provided

- Adult literacy programs
- Educational services for mature students
- Skills evaluation and training
- Family support programs
- Assistance for vulnerable populations

### Our Role

- St. Christopher is aware of significant changes occurring in their catchment area, and want to ensure their services still meet the needs of the population
- Utilizing 2001 census data and other sources, profile the catchment area and component neighbourhoods
- Identify and analyze emerging themes and trends expected to continue impacting area residents
Agenda

• SCH Community Analysis
  – Population and Age
  – Income and Employment
  – Education
  – Family Structure
  – Immigration and Ethnicity
• Neighbourhood Analysis
• Discussion and Recommendations

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Community Analysis
Study Area & Neighbourhoods

Population

- SCH study area population has increased 2% to 106,985 in 2001
- Less than the change in the City of Toronto population (4%) and CMA (10%)
- Slow growth across most neighbourhoods, but significant growth in Niagara

Density in Niagara is approaching the catchment area average
Age

- 25 – 40 cohorts are the majority and increasing
- Large proportion of 65+
- 19 and under cohorts are decreasing since 1996

Income

- Below average individual income
- Annual growth of 5.3% is faster than CMA (at 4.2%) and city (at 5.1%)
- South Parkdale income remains exceptionally low
Low-Income Households

- There are 5,090 low-income households in the study area.
- Low-income households are concentrated in South Parkdale.
- Pockets of low income households exist throughout.

Low-income households by census tract

Employment

- There has been a precipitous decline in unemployment.
- All neighbourhoods declined, but South Parkdale remains relatively high.
Occupations

- Rise of creative, more lucrative work
- City trends are amplified in the study area

Education

- Rising levels of educational attainment
- Large jump in people with trade certificates and diplomas
Family Structure

- There are 5,120 lone-parent households
- Average number of children per household is 1.1

Immigration and Ethnicity

- Explosion of Chinese immigration
- In 2001, Portuguese immigration does not make the top 10
Language

Top Unofficial Languages Spoken in St. Christopher Catchment Area

Distribution of Portuguese Speakers
## Neighbourhood Analysis

### Three Emerging Trends

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Palmerston-Little Italy  
Trinity-Bellwoods  
Dufferin Grove |
| Slow Improvement| Little Portugal  
South Parkdale |
Dynamic Growth

- Sharp increase in income
- Rapid population growth
- Accommodating residential development
- Vulnerable population remains

Stability

- Aging Populations
- Increasing Incomes
- Decreasing unemployment
- Moderately increasing population
Slow Improvement

- Slow income growth
- Largest proportion of recent immigrants
- Highest unemployment
- Stable population growth
- Continue demand for settlement services

Discussion and Recommendations

- Increase in population means more people potentially requiring SCH services
- Attention given to multi-family household due to potential stress on income
- Increased programs to service seniors
- Support services increased for lone-parent families
- GED programs
- Target youth to keep them motivated by school and learning
- Develop programs that encourage mixing between different cultural groups and different neighbourhoods through informal means
Further Recommendations

• Succession planning at SCH to ensure newcomers can be served in mother tongues
• ESL classes for newcomers
• Increase job training programs in Little Portugal and South Parkdale
• South Parkdale is neighbourhood in greatest need for above programs