

## **Don Summerville Employment**

Connecting TCHC tenants with employment is a goal of our revitalization work. TCHC, RioCan, Context Development Inc. and Applegrove Community Complex are collaborating with Woodgreen Employment Services and TDSB's Next Steps Employment Centre in order to leverage supports and services.

As of October 2020, six tenants have been employed (4 part-time, 1 summer seasonal, and 1 full time) through this working relationship and provided opportunities by the Canada Summer Jobs Program and the Ontario Summer Experience Program. We anticipate more opportunities to become available as restrictions due to COVID-19 are lifted and employers are in a position to hire more employees.

## **Don Summerville Community Action Plan**

Revitalization is not just about new buildings. It is also about people and facilitating a positive neighbourhood for all. The Community Action Plan (CAP) is a road map for incorporating neighborhood connectivity, social inclusion and economic empowerment into the revitalization process. The CAP will be created and implemented over the period of the revitalization by tenants, TCHC and local service providers. The first pillar in the CAP is the celebration of heritage.

TCHC, RioCan, Context Development Inc. and Applegrove Community Complex entered into a partnership with East End Arts in July 2020 to support a community-driven heritage project. The project aims to collect and share the stories and photographs of tenants in Don Summerville. As we approach the end of the relocation process it's critical that we can archive this history and share it with the broader community.

The heritage project has three main activities:

- 1) Build the capacities of tenants to take photographs with mentorship from a professional photographer
- 2) Provide the equipment and opportunities for tenants to take photographs and document tenant stories
- 3) Share these photos and stories with Don Summerville tenants and the broader community

In Don Summerville, three tenants have been employed to support the heritage project. They've launched these social media pages on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) to post these photographs and stories for the wider public.