

SPOTLIGHT ON CANADA SUMMER JOBS



Annual Canada Summer Jobs BBQ in Davenport

Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) is an essential initiative for Davenport youth. By providing wage subsidies, CSJ allows employers — especially our local small businesses and community organizations — to **hire young people during the summer months**, to help support them to be able to pay for post-secondary education and gain important job experience. Davenport received \$840,834 in 2024 CSJ funding, which created 155 new jobs for youth in our community.

In the past, Davenport received less CSJ funding compared to other constituencies, limiting the opportunities available to our youth and businesses. Despite cuts to the CSJ program after the pandemic, I fought hard to maintain Davenport's funding. Cutting this funding would have been a major setback for our local economy. I'm proud to say that as of 2023, Davenport's CSJ funding doubled. The CSJ Program continues to provide essential support for both employers and youth.

Read on to see the impact that CSJ has had on some of our wonderful Davenport organizations!

TESTIMONIAL 1: Theatre Gargantua

"This summer, we had three Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) placements: two in production and one in marketing. Our students gained hands-on experience in running a professional theatre under the supervision of our General Manager and Artistic Director. They were vital in organizing our "Memories: Voices from the Trojan Horse" presentations, funded by the New Horizons for Seniors Program. They also contributed to pre-production for our fall Main Cycle production, the TD Emerging Artists Roundtable program, and grant writing. Finally, our CSJ students produced the Unfinished Cabaret, coordinating an evening that showcased new cabaret acts by local artists.

This event drew a packed audience at St. Anne's Parish Hall. **Their contributions are crucial for a small organization like Theatre Gargantua to achieve its programming goals."**

Mike Scott, General Manager

TESTIMONIAL 2: R&T Tax Management Inc.

"Participating in the Canada Summer Jobs program for the past four years has been an incredibly rewarding experience for our firm. Through this initiative, we've welcomed high school and university students from diverse backgrounds, each bringing unique perspectives and energy to our workplace.

By offering them firsthand experience in a professional accounting environment, we not only provide them with practical skills and knowledge but also aim to inspire the next generation of accountants. It has been truly fulfilling to see how exposure to real-world accounting challenges and day-to-day operations can spark their interest in pursuing a career in the field."

Sergio Ruivo, Managing Director, Tax, CA

WORKING HARD FOR DAVENPORT



Annual Native Child Family Services Pow Wow at Dufferin Grove Park



With Hon. Rechie Valdez, Vicky Saunders, Chenney Xia of Gotcare at the Coralus announcement in Davenport



7th Annual Picklefest Food & Drink Festival 2024 at Henderson Brewing Co.



St Clair Gardens BIA Oktoberfest



Remembrance Day Sunrise Ceremony at Prospect Cemetery with Maple Leaf Swansea Division members



Gladstone (aka Happy Rock) Block Party



IUPAT Summer Picnic with Business Manager, Bruno Mandic



Festa S. Martinho with Arsenal do Minho



Welcoming 44 new Canadian citizens at Earscourt Park on Canada Day!



Clay & Paper Theatre 25th Annual Night of Dread Festival



Grand Opening of the (first and only) Bhutan Dharma Centre in Canada



Casa do Alentejo at 55th Anniversary of Casa do Benfica



Dovercourt Boys and Girls Club Harvest Festival at MacGregor Playground



Hosting the 7th Annual Latin American and Hispanic Day on the Hill!



101st Anniversary of the Republic of Turkiye



JULIE DZEROWICZ
Member of Parliament
Davenport

DELIVERING FOR
DAVENPORT

WINTER 2024

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

Dear Davenport friends and neighbours / amis et voisins de Davenport:

It is my pleasure to provide you with the **fourth annual "Delivering for Davenport" summary** — an update on federal investments in Davenport. Previous editions, which cover milestones from 2015-2019, 2019-2022, and 2022-2023, are available on my website (juliedzerowicz.ca) under the Accomplishments section.

It can be hard to notice federal funding in action in our everyday life. Our federal government does a lot to provide much-needed support at the **individual level**, through programs such as the Canadian Dental Care Plan, Canada Child Benefit, and a national child care program. We also do a great deal to **support local organizations and small businesses** through vehicles such as the Canada Council for the Arts or FedDev Ontario. Every year, our federal government provided support to the City of Toronto house asylum seekers and end homelessness. Just recently, we bypassed the Province of Ontario to give funding directly to municipalities to clear encampments. from our local parks and ensure our most vulnerable have safe places to shelter. It is the City of Toronto that prioritizes which encampments to focus on.

The federal government also contributes funding to provincial and municipal projects. In the past we would typically contribute a third of the funding; but increasingly we are providing up to 60 per cent of the total funding for many priority infrastructure, transit, and housing projects. Finally, there are a few programs, such as **Canada Summer Jobs** and **New Horizons for Seniors**, that are funded 100% by the federal government.

This edition includes important updates on the work we are doing here in our community:

Davenport received significant funding for youth employment and senior wellness programs. The Canada Summer Jobs program alone created 155 new jobs in our constituency, through an investment of nearly \$900,000, while the New Horizons for Seniors program received a more than twofold increase in funding in 2024 than in the previous year.

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The **Investments in Davenport** section summarizes the federal funding given across Davenport, with a map showcasing the funding that Davenport organizations have received.

The **Creating a Better Canada** section focuses on how we continue to enhance some of the most progressive programs in Canadian history, which have been implemented by our federal government over the last 9 years.

Despite our tremendous progress, we live in a time of transition and change. There is a lot more work to do to increase housing affordability and to protect existing affordable housing, to build a more efficient and modern public healthcare system, to continue implementing \$10-a-day child care in Ontario, and to tackle crime so we are safer in our communities.

Looking ahead, I continue to put forward proposals for a productive, sustainable, and inclusive economy where (a) interprovincial barriers are reduced, (b) where labour moves easily across the country to where skills are needed and jobs are located, and (c) where government procurement is open to our small businesses and entrepreneurs, and to prepare Canadians to succeed and prosper in the Information Age.

Let me know what you think Davenport! **As always, it is a true honour and pleasure to serve you.**

My very best,

Julie
Julie Dzerowicz
Member of Parliament, Davenport



The Brick by Brick Magellan Community Charities Inaugural Gala with Ana Luisa Riquito, Consul-General of Portugal, and Jack Oliveira, Business Manager, LiUNA Local 183

CREATING A BETTER CANADA

Our federal Liberal government has continued to deliver the most progressive agenda in over 50 years. We are expanding existing benefits and adding new programs. These efforts continue to reduce poverty, decrease income inequality, and increase women's participation in the workforce.

CANADA CHILD BENEFIT (CCB)

One of the most progressive policies the Liberal government introduced was the Canada Child Benefit in 2016, which has supported over 6 million children, and nearly 3.5 million families have benefited. The amount that families receive under the CCB is prorated based on the number of children, their ages, and income of each household. Typically, the less a family earns, and the younger the children are, the more a family receives. **For the 2024-25 benefit year, families can receive up to 4.7% more than last year. At a time when costs are high, this benefit has been a lifesaver for families.**

In Davenport, during 2023-2024, there have been 7,481 total recipients (i.e. parents/guardians), impacting **11,057 children**, with an average amount of \$6,306 paid.

CANADA CHILD CARE PLAN

For 30 years, politicians across party lines have been talking about introducing a national child care plan — but it is **this federal Liberal government that is finally implementing the program with a transformative investment of \$30 billion. Today, 8 provinces and territories are offering \$10-dollar-a-day daycare with the remaining, including Ontario, having had a 50% reduction in the fees parents pay.** In Ontario, this is already saving parents up to an average of \$8,500 per child each year. **The federal government continues to push Ontario to move as quickly as possible to implement the \$10-a-day child care as promised.**



Saying hello to local resident at the Silverthorn Street Party

CANADIAN DENTAL CARE PLAN

The Canadian Dental Care Plan is now available to eligible seniors, children under 18, and Canadians with disabilities. **Over 2.7 million Canadians have applied for the program; in our constituency of Davenport, over 5,118 individuals have applied.** This program has been a game changer for uninsured seniors and children who are now able to access the dental care they need.

CANADA DISABILITY BENEFIT – PHASE 1

In 2023, we introduced the policy and the laws for a Canada Disability Benefit— one that would provide a monthly federal income supplement to low-income, working-age Canadians with disabilities. In April 2024, we introduced Phase One of the benefit, which provides \$200 a month for 12 months to Canadians with disabilities and we expanded the eligibility criteria so more Canadians with disabilities can benefit. **This was the largest program investment delivered in Budget 2024, totalling \$6.1 billion.** Eligible Canadians will begin receiving payments in July 2025.

PHARMACARE – PHASE 1

Canada's *Pharmacare Act* aims to give all Canadians affordable access to essential medications. The first phase was introduced this year and will provide universal, single-payer coverage for contraceptives and diabetes medication, in agreement with provincial and territorial governments. Again, this is a game changer for those who have diabetes, eliminating the risk of not being able to afford their medications. It will be especially helpful to low- and middle-income families who have struggled to make ends meet. Making contraceptives available to all is a critical step forward in ensuring women in Canada have reproductive freedom and choice.

ARTS AND CULTURE IN DAVENPORT

The Canada Council for the Arts provided Davenport artists and artistic organizations with \$9.2 M in grants that are critical to supporting our community. Our constituency of Davenport has one of the largest concentrations of artists, creators and cultural organizations in Canada, and so we receive significant funding from many federal government sources.

Local publishers in Davenport, including Anansi Press and Groundwood Books, have collectively received approximately \$615,500 from the federal Canada Book Fund.

Our theatres and film organizations received \$1,828,851 through a variety of funds, so they can continue sharing their incredible art. The Department of Canadian Heritage provided \$64,800 to Davenport arts and culture organizations for festivals and cultural programming that bring us together. FedDev Ontario's Tourism Growth Program also provided \$930,000 to organizations such as MOCA Toronto and the Toronto Biennial of Art to develop local tourism experiences.

PUBLICATIONS & JOURNALISM

Journalistic organizations based in Davenport received \$349,534 in funding to overcome financial barriers.

As part of this, Teach Magazine, an incredible print and online magazine that provides tools and resources to educators, received \$175,000 through Canadian Heritage to deliver hands-on bilingual resources for teachers and students.

VOLTA RESEARCH INC.

Volta Research Inc., a Davenport-based non-profit focused on reducing emissions from buildings and vehicles, received \$640,000 in funding from Natural Resources Canada (NRCAN). This funding will support Volta's latest project, "Rising to the Upper Tiers: Affordability and Emissions-Driven Energy Code Compliance," which will help the home building industry find the most cost-effective ways to create energy-efficient homes. NRCAN's Toward Net-Zero Homes and Communities Program, supports Canada's goal of creating sustainable, affordable housing that reaches net-zero emissions by 2050.

NEW HORIZONS FOR SENIORS

New Horizons for Seniors provided \$509,070 to Davenport organizations to create programs for our seniors — more than twice the amount provided in 2023. This has been a lifeline for seniors to bring them out of isolation into the community, while helping them stay active and happy.

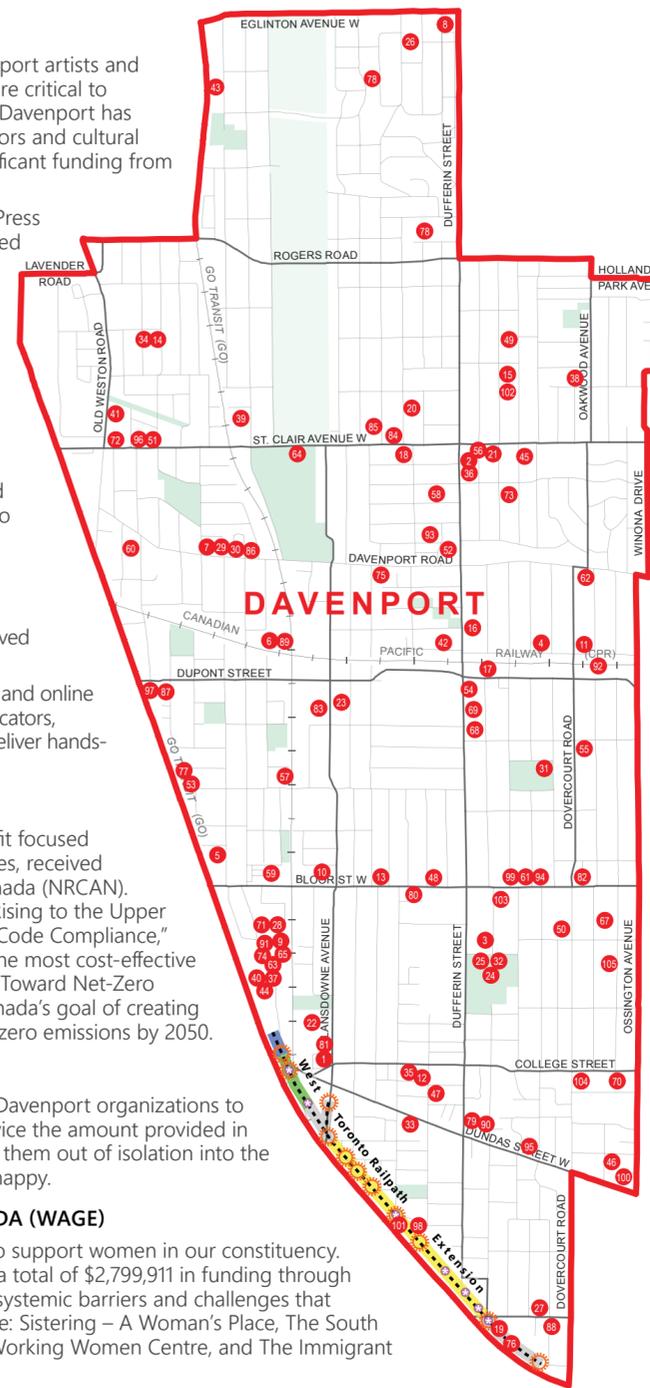
WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY CANADA (WAGE)

This department has delivered historic funding to support women in our constituency. This year, five Davenport organizations received a total of \$2,799,911 in funding through the WAGE Program, which seeks to address the systemic barriers and challenges that women face in Canada. The five organizations are: Sistering — A Woman's Place, The South Asian Women's Centre, Theatre Direct Canada, Working Women Centre, and The Immigrant Women's Information Network.

FEDERAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR SOUTHERN ONTARIO

FedDev Ontario works with businesses and organizations to create opportunities and economic growth across southern Ontario. 22 Davenport organizations received a total of \$1,927,952 in funding. An additional 15 businesses and BIAs received \$247,952 through the My Main Street 2.0 Program designed to revitalize main streets.

INVESTMENTS IN DAVENPORT



DUFFERIN GROVE RINK

Through FedDev Ontario, our federal government gave the City of Toronto \$750,000 to improve the Dufferin Grove Park's north-west corner, including the Clubhouse. It was a much-needed investment to support one of the most active parks in our constituency!

INDIGENOUS WOMEN'S SHELTER

The first Indigenous shelter for women opened in Davenport this year. Our government provided \$6.3 million in federal capital contribution and \$1.35 million for ongoing operations through the Affordable Housing Fund. This space is run by Anduhyaun Inc., which has been providing Indigenous women fleeing violence and their children with shelter and support in Toronto for over four decades.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOMES

Habitat for Humanity GTA completed the construction of 20 affordable homes in Davenport on Old Weston Road. Our federal government contributed \$1.3 million through the Affordable Housing Fund.

MYO PALATE

Myo Palate received \$1,971,084 in funding from the Food Innovation Challenge, which is administered through the Canadian Food Innovation Network. This funding will support Myo Palate's work to produce meat directly from cells, allowing food to be produced in a more environmentally conscious way.

ST. CLARE BLACK MOMS

Through our government's Black-led Philanthropic Endowment Fund, St. Clare Black Moms received \$74,500 in support of their "KidGlow: Nurturing Joyful Roots" initiative. This initiative provides Afro-centric dolls for kindergarten classrooms across the four Toronto District School Boards to challenge stereotypes and foster a positive and inclusive environment at an early age.

FRESHBOOKS

Scale AI invested \$1.2 million into a project partnership that includes FreshBooks, a local provider of invoice and accounting software. The goal of this project is to reduce risks for small- to medium-sized businesses by developing machine learning and AI models that strengthen their financial resilience.

MAP INDEX: This map shows some of the Davenport organizations and businesses that have received federal funding between 2023-2024. See the index for type of funding they received. **Note: Recipients are shown by funding application address.**



FUNDING RECIPIENTS (SEE MAP)

- 2671944 Ontario Inc.
- Abrigo Centre
- Adam House
- Adelheid Dance Projects
- Africa New Music
- Aluna Theatre
- Arts4All
- Associação Cultural do Minho de Toronto Comm. Ctr.
- Azure Publishing
- Bee Shop
- BIG on Bloor
- Bill McMurray Residence Inc.
- Bloodale BIA
- Bouchardanse
- Canada Black Music Archives
- Canadian Filmmakers Distribution Ctr.
- Casa do Alentejo Community Centre
- Cat's Cradle
- Centre for Mindfulness Studies
- Child Development Institute
- ChocoSol Traders
- CHOQFM 105.1
- Christie Ossington Neighbourhood Centre
- City of Toronto (Dufferin Grove Park)
- Clay and Paper Theatre
- Community Living Toronto
- Craft Ontario
- Dark Slope Inc.
- Davenport-Perth Community Ministry
- Davenport-Perth Neighbourhood & Comm. Health Ctr.
- Dusk Dances
- Elim Mission Centre
- Eritrean Canadian Community Center of Metropolitan Toronto
- Family Service Toronto
- FCJ Refugee Centre
- First Portuguese Canadian Cultural Centre of Toronto
- Groundwood Books
- Habitat for Humanity
- Harding Wood & Furniture
- Horizons For Youth
- House of Anansi Press
- Immigrant Women's Information Network
- Intermission Arts & Culture Group
- iRun
- Islamic Information & Dawah Centre Int'l (II&DCI)
- Keep People Houses in Toronto
- Korean Presbyterian Church of Paradise /// Paradise Korean Seniors Centre
- La Maison Macampagne de Musique et Danse
- Laura Heller Information Services
- Le Dolci Culinary Classroom
- Liaison of Independent Filmmakers of Toronto
- Liberty Movement & Wellness
- Lion Coffee
- Little Engine Moving Pictures
- Loretto College
- Loyola Arrupe Centre for Seniors
- MABELLEarts
- Maker Bean Café
- MILAL MISSION, The
- MOCA Toronto
- MUSE Arts
- Myo Palate
- New Hope Community Church
- Nova dance
- Oasis Dufferin Community Centre
- On the Map
- Our Lady of Good Counsel Caribbean Catholic Church & Centre /// Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish
- Pia Bouman School for Ballet & Creative Movement
- Pizza Pan
- Pollinator Partnership Canada
- Pride Toronto
- Primrose Housing Co-operative Inc.
- Propeller Art Gallery
- R&T Tax Management Inc
- Re-Seasoning Coalition, The
- Roseneath Theatre
- Safehaven Project for Community Living
- Sew-Rite Studio
- Sistering — A Woman's Place
- South Asian Women's Centre
- St. Clair Pets
- St. Clare Black Moms
- Stop Community Food Centre, The
- TEACH Magazine
- Theatre Centre
- Theatre Direct
- Theatre Gargantua
- Toronto Biennial of Art
- Toronto Community-Videotex
- Uma Nota Culture
- United Boxing Club
- Vietnamese Association Toronto
- Vietnamese Women's Association of Toronto
- Volta Research Inc.
- Wavelength Music Arts Projects
- WEST END PHOENIX
- West Neighbourhood House
- Why Not Theatre
- Word Media Group
- Working Women Community Centre
- YMCA of Greater Toronto
- Z FILMS INC.