



Annual Report

Council for the Advancement of
African Canadians in Alberta
2018-2019



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

The year 2019 has been a tremendous one for the Council for the Advancement of African Canadians (Africa Centre) as we have evolved through progressive phases and made significant changes. Much of this year has centred on organizational restructuring and planning. I started my role as vice-chair in January 2019 and officially assumed the role of board chair in August 2019, and I would like to thank the past team for their support that led to a successful year during a time of many transitions. I would also like to acknowledge the dynamic new board members who have demonstrated a high level of dedication and professionalism as we strive to ensure that all people of African descent have access to equal opportunities and are able to fully participate in the Canadian society.

We accomplished much, including the completion of 80% of the audit recommendations from the City of Edmonton auditors. We also coordinated a transparent and fair process that led to the election of the new Executive Director for the organization. We maintained strong relationships with existing funders and partners and continue to work collaboratively with stakeholders in our very diverse African community.

The Africa Centre remains well-positioned to serve the African Community in Alberta by providing services and programs that aim to advance, empower, support integration and build cultural identity among the diverse African communities. The board has started working with management and staff to engage in strategic planning that identifies new priorities and is inclusive of women and Francophonie initiatives.

I appreciate and thank our partners and funders for their esteemed support and cooperation throughout this year. I would especially like to thank, the City of Edmonton Council and Administration for their unwavering support.

Africa Centre's success is the community's success. With the ongoing support of our funders, partners, board, staff, and volunteers, we are ready for the challenges and achievements ahead in 2020.

In community,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Hilda', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hilda Fankah-Arthur,
Board Chair

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WHAT WE DO

The Council for the Advancement of African Canadians in Alberta (CAAC), operating as The Africa Centre, is a nonprofit charitable organization that serves the interest of the African community in Edmonton.

Incorporated in 2006, the Africa Centre offers programs and services that address the needs of African Canadians in Alberta. The mission of the Africa Centre is to create opportunities for access and full participation.

How We Make An Impact

We are a dynamic community hub. We enable full participation by building community capacity and engagement through:

- Spearheading initiatives and services that facilitate a sense of belonging and celebrate cultural heritage and diversity.
- Strengthening capacity-building and support for the city's African cultural communities.
- Facilitating culturally relevant affordable Early Learning and Child Care programs that enables family participation.
- Providing quality programs and services that provide inclusivity and strengthens resilience among african canadian youth
- Reducing social isolation among African-descent seniors while facilitating intergenerational knowledge transfer and strengthening cultural identity.



OUR BOARD AND STAFF

The Board of Directors of the Africa Centre (Board) is a governance board with plenary authority over the business and affairs of the organization. Each Board member is elected for a 3-year term by members of the Africa Centre at the Annual General or General Members Meeting.

Board members have a unique opportunity to drive the success of the African community by developing policies and strategies that drive the direction of the Africa Centre.

This year, our Board and staff members have undertaken significant efforts to carry on the mission and strive to making progress towards our vision. Thank you for the time and resources you have dedicated to improving our programs and services.

BOARD

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- **Naadenswa Smith**
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- **Elvire Yagoun**



OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

22

22 recipients were awarded EREC scholarships totalling \$50,000!

20,000

Our programs/services were accessed more than 20, 000 times!

978

978 African, Caribbean, and Black youth participated in our Youth Mentorship and Leadership Program.

250

Over 250 African, Caribbean and Black youth attended our 2nd youth-led weekend conference.

10

An additional 10 children were registered in the Early Learning and Child Care Program

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Our Programs & Services

In 2018-2019, The Africa Centre proudly served the interest of the African community in Edmonton, AB, through 9 different programs and/or services, including:



Summer Job Program



YEG The Come Up



Youth Mentorship and Program Leadership Program



Emerging Refugee and Emerging Communities Scholarship (EREC)



Boost - Pathways to Success Program



Civil Forfeiture (ASE) Program



Seniors Program



Out of School Program



Day Care Program

AFRICA DAY GALA

Africa Day is a global annual commemoration of the foundation of the Organization for African Unity, now known as the African Union. It is celebrated in various countries on the African continent, as well as around the world.

Here in Edmonton, Africa Centre enables a platform that brings together the African descent people in Alberta, along with friends and well-wishers from across Alberta and other provinces. The Africa Day Gala event is intended to promote diversity and celebrate the contributions of African descent Canadians in our province. It is also an opportunity to demonstrate unity as one community and presents a networking opportunity among African Canadian communities and residents of Edmonton and Alberta. The occasion also presents an opportunity for Africans to showcase their heritage through various performances and speeches that recount the many contributions of the African Community in Alberta.

Accomplishments & Highlights

- This year, at the Africa Day Gala, we saw at least 500 people in attendance to demonstrate their sense of community, present their achievements and showcase the richness of their heritage through performance.
- The theme of our Africa Day Gala focused on unity and economic empowerment.
- Entertainment included live drumming, singing, and dancing, numerous vendors and great food all night long!

CREATING A SENSE OF BELONGING

Throughout the year, the Africa Centre hosts a series of events dedicated to fostering community, capacity building, meaningful dialogue and creating a genuine sense of belonging. This year, our events featured the Africa Day Gala, Soccer Tournament and our Community Dialogue on Anti-Racism.

Objective: The objective is to enable unity in diversity and a sense of belonging while celebrating cultural heritage and diversity.

Next Steps



1. Foster greater inclusion by engaging with more Francophone community organizations.

2. Dedicating more time to advertising and marketing to sustain a strong turn out.

3. Increase youth involvement and turnout in the Gala.

4. Stengthen our planning strategies to ensure an even better Gala next year!





CREATING A SENSE OF BELONGING

Soccer Tournament 2018

Africa Centre has always strived to celebrate multiculturalism and diversity in our local African population. Our aim has always been to bring communities together, so we use the tournament as a platform.

Objective: The goal of the Soccer Tournament is to promote active and healthy lifestyle choices while creating a greater sense of tolerance, collaboration and understanding among diverse communities. Each year, our Soccer tournament succeeds in modelling healthy cooperation, supportive relationships and a greater sense of belonging.

Accomplishments & Highlights

- There was a total of 4000 people over the two days! Attendees included community members from all 14 country teams, as well as other community members from Edmonton and other cities such as Calgary and Vancouver!
- We had a bustling children's section! Entertainment included a very lively jumping castle, which brought together many families who watched games while kids played.
- This year, South Sudan emerged victorious, with Namibia close behind and South Africa taking on 3rd place

Next Steps

1. Foster a greater inclusion of female players by creating a full tournament section for females.

2. Dedicating more time to advertising and marketing to sustain a strong turn out. This will be done through the creation of various committees.

3. Have a greater focus on volunteer care and management.

SENIORS PROGRAM

With the growing African descent Canadians, seniors demographics among African Canadians are on the increase. African Canadian seniors are diverse and come with different experiences that require community rooted seniors programming. Over the year, Africa Centre has been in partnership with Seniors Association of Greater Edmonton (SAGE) to deliver services geared to African descent seniors.

Objective: The Seniors Program aims to enhance and maintain the health and social support of seniors through social and recreational activities.

Each year, we host workshops that allow for seniors to meet new friends from different African countries and share knowledge and skills with volunteers from younger generations.

Overall, the Seniors Program facilitates intergenerational knowledge transfer and provides an avenue for seniors to maintain or improve community engagement and social wellness.



“The Seniors Program] has boosted me morally, physically and mentally especially when interacting with other seniors from different nations from Africa. Secondly, in mentorship, games, cookery, crafts etc. I love the social gathering, because I feel very much at home and would always be happy and have a good time with the group every time.”

**--Elizabeth Oloo
(Kenyan)**

Accomplishments & Highlights

- Recently immigrated Seniors reported increased knowledge to better adjust to Canadian culture and systems.
- This year, we welcomed an additional 3 Senior Volunteers that mentored youth from the Africa Centre – this brought us to 5 Senior Volunteers in total.
- An Elder Abuse Workshop (51 Seniors and Volunteers in attendance) was held this year to raise awareness on risk factors for elder abuse, and help Seniors identify different ways to access support for themselves or those in need.

SENIORS PROGRAM



-Jane Wasike
(Ugandan)

We have been able to get exposure to people who are of the same age bracket and we've become friends. This kills the loneliness in us. We feel good because of the friendship, and the kind of strong relation we have built amongst ourselves. We end up sharing good news and challenging issues for advice

NEXT STEPS

1. Improve English and computer literacy.
2. Reduce social isolation.
3. Support health and wellness.
4. Increase volunteer engagement.

BOOST

PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS PROGRAM

The Africa Centre understands the life course impact of inequality that stems from access to employment opportunities. One of the few approaches of addressing the social barriers to employment in the African community, particularly youth unemployment is by organizing initiatives that create pathways to success. Boost is a program that creates pathways to employment and career development.

Objective:

The Boost - Pathways to Success program aims to improve the soft skills of youth who previously experienced barriers to employment. These skills are important for building relationships, gaining visibility, fostering adaptability and creating more opportunities for advancement.

The program enrolls 12 participants for 12 weeks of training and 10 weeks of work placement per quarter of the year. This year, the Boost program enrolled 36 participants who received training and job placement. The objective of the program is to enable placement, retention through coaching support or transition to career development. over 95% of the placement was successful by keeping the job or transition to career advancement.

Next Steps

Bring Jobs to People: Partnering with different companies to recommend job candidates who have completed our Skills Link Program.



BOOST – PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS PROGRAM

This year, Mussie Weldlassie has been one of our many success stories in our Youth Employment program at the African Centre. Read his Impact Story on the next page!

I'm Mussie Weldeclassie. I was born in Eritrea. I came to Canada in 2018. Being a new immigrant, it was quite challenging for me to find a job since I did not have any Canadian work experience. By word of mouth, I got to know about the Youth Employment program at the Africa Centre. I applied and was accepted into the program. Initially, when I signed up for the program, I was hoping to just get a job; but the program offered me much more than I envisioned. The program was so empowering it taught me more about my personal strengths and natural abilities than I ever knew. In addition to resume and interviewing skills, I also got to learn Canadian workplace communication skills and employment practices. The program was quite intensive, but it was also fun getting to meet new people and make valuable connections. Boost staff were so inspiring, and they went above and beyond to ensure that we had all the supports we needed to succeed. The Boost program also gave me the opportunity to gain some Canadian work experience, which helped me to practice the skills I learned during the program. Today, thanks to Africa Centre, I am fully employed and have been promoted to a supervisory role with a local business in Edmonton.



EARLY LEARNING & CHILD CARE PROGRAM

Being an immigrant working parent with a low-income can be very tasking for most families in Canada who are often by themselves. We at Africa Centre recognize the need for this gap to be filled, hence the Africa Centre daycare. The Africa Centre daycare aims at providing care and to promote early learning to African Canadian children. We use an evidence-based child care curriculum framework. Selected as one of the 22 Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Centres across Alberta which provides care at a subsidized rate, we empower and enable the African Canadian woman and family to have a career or pursue their educational and life goals by filling in the gap for childcare.

Objective: The Rotary Early Learning and Child Care Program is a partnership with the province to implement the new Early Learning and Child Care Curriculum Framework. This is part of a 3-year pilot program.

We offer full-time childcare (evenings and weekends included) for up to 44 children, starting from 19 months to five years old. Our main goal is to provide affordable childcare costs for all immigrant families – low-income families can also access the program through a subsidy.

Our staff is composed of 9 employees distributed as follows:

- 3 Child Development Supervisors
- 2 Child Development Workers
- 4 Child Development Assistants



Story time with Edmonton Public Library



Story time with Edmonton MLA Chris Nielsen

Early Learning & Child Care Program

This year, children participated in a variety of activities including French Class, Story Time, Dramatic and Free Play, Physical Activity, Opening and Ending Activity, and Cooking Class.

Some activities in 2018-2019 are pictured below:



DAILY OPENING AND ENDING ACTIVITY



FIELD TRIP IN TREE HOUSE

OUTSIDE PLAY (WINTER)

EARLY LEARNING & FAMILY PROGRAM



Toddler Painting



**Preschoolers
Science Class**

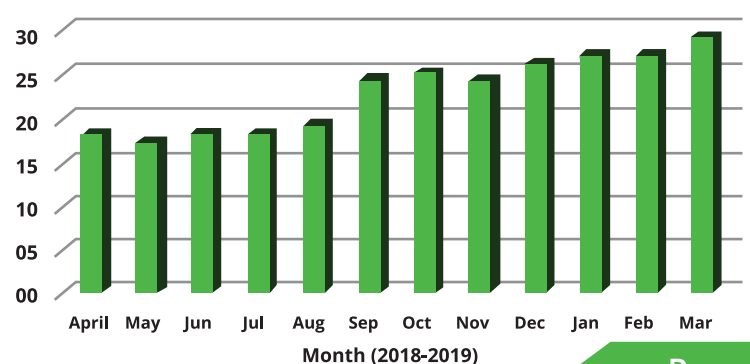


**Cultural day: Ethiopia, Nigeria
and Senegal Day January 25, 2019**

PRIMARY ACCOMPLISHMENT & HIGHLIGHT

From April 2018 to March 2019, an additional 10 children were registered in the Early Learning and Child Care Program.

Enrolment Information 2018-2019



YOUTH MENTORSHIP & LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

After consultation with our community leaders and youths, the need to minimize the involvement of youth in high risk-activities, enhance their protective factors and increase their circles of support was identified. Africa Centre's Mentorship and Leadership Program work towards the empowerment of African and Caribbean youth through building healthy relationships. The program strives to create and sustain strong relationships that encourage personal, professional and social development for our youth. Our leadership initiative works hand in hand with our mentorship project to provide opportunities for our African and Caribbean youth.

Objective: The purpose of this program is to create mentorship opportunities that enable success pathways in education and employment opportunities.

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Program Statistics:

Total number of population served:	978
Number of participants:	374 (Ages 13 - 17)
Number of participants:	604 (Ages 18 - 24)
Number of workshops:	6

Accomplishments & Highlights

- The youth-led Leadership Conference brought together over 400 youth of African Caribbean and Black backgrounds.
- In the Winter of 2018, we widened our target population to include high-risk youth.
- We began collaborating with our ASE Community Safety Program to support young people facing suspension or expulsion at their schools as well as those who have had occurrences with the judicial system to complete their community service/probation hours.

IMPACT STORY

A mentee in our mentorship program was referred to our program by a worker at their school. The school was concerned that the mentee was not yet socially mature and thus unready to graduate. We immediately matched them with a mentor who worked with them to expose them to interesting parts of the city and worked on their independence and socializing. In only 5 months of being in our program, their school cleared them to graduate stating that they had improved tremendously and had become much more confident and independent. They have since then also moved on to post-secondary schooling and has also joined YEG The Come Up as a general member, attending workshops and volunteering at events. Mentee's parents regularly express how glad they are to see the relationship formed with the mentor and how trusting they are of each other.

YOUTH MENTORSHIP & LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



2018 Youth-Led Conference

Mental Health First Aid 2018



OUTREACH AT M.E. LAZERTE SCHOOL

ASE|CONNECT: A CULTURAL ENRICHMENT PROJECT

Looking forward:

1. An increased community participation in the mentorship program (mentees and mentors)
2. Active involvement/volunteering of African professional in the professional mentorship program
3. Women and Girl's centered mentorship

ASE|Connect: A Cultural Enrichment Project

Africa Centre's youth project, ASE, worked with youth 12-25 to enhance their protective factors and increase their circles of support by establishing secure community connections and cultural identity to prevent youth crime. This program operated through four cohorts, depending on the youth's needs, identified goals, and aspirations.

music as areas of keen interest. This need for supportive or empowering spaces for youth to practice and grow their talents, express their thoughts, and emotions spurred the development of the Africa Centre's Youth Basketball League. We hope to use this as an avenue to teach youth how to develop:

- Healthy and trusting relationships
- Communication, conflict resolution and anger management skills
- Time management and organization
- Teamwork
- Leadership skills
- Self-care



ASE | CONNECT: A CULTURAL ENRICHMENT PROJECT

Our first cohort involved using restorative practices in schools and the justice system. This program also allowed us to support our young peoples by engaging them in various recreational activities and cultural workshops that introduce them to relatable, positive connections as well as strengthen their cultural identity and sense of self and place. Our third and fourth cohorts respectively were engaged through sports and music.

Objective: The ASE program aimed to build trust and working relationships between the African community and representatives of the Justice system, support African youth to enhance their cultural identity, and provide youth with access to alternative/restorative justice measures



Basketball

The Africa Basketball program supports our young people by engaging them in culturally sensitive and appropriate recreation that fosters positive connections as well as strengthens their cultural identity and sense of self and place. Most of our youth have identified either sports or music as areas of keen interest. This need for supportive or empowering spaces for youth to practice and grow their talents, express their thoughts, and emotions spurred the development of the Africa Centre's Youth Basketball League. We hope to use this as an avenue to teach youth how to develop:

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SUMMER JOB PROGRAM

Program Objective: The Summer Job Program was designed to provide employment opportunities to secondary and post-secondary students in Edmonton, AB.

In partnership with other community agencies such as the Boys & Girls Club Big Brother Big Sisters (BGCBigS), we are committed to improving youth access to opportunities that grow their personal strengths and promote work-readiness.

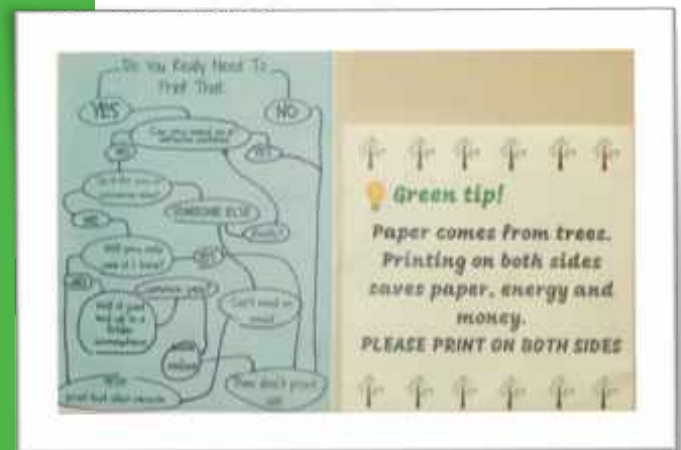


Accomplishments & Highlights

- This year we welcomed 20 summer staff to support our summer camp for children ages 6 to 17 – for the first time, ALL staff were of African and Caribbean descent.
- In collaboration with the Boys & Girls Clubs Big Brother Big Sisters (BGCBigS), summer jobs were created to support our summer camp in North and South Edmonton.
- A summer intern, Amanda Nsofor, was hired this year to support our camp initiatives. She helped Africa Centre assess different ways to be more environmentally conscious and adapt sustainable practices.

SUMMER JOB PROGRAM

"I knew going into preparation for my internship that I wanted to work with my cultural community. Sustainability is an African ethic; however, we sometimes forget to implement it in our work lives as well. For my internship, I wanted to show different ways Africa Centre could practice sustainable development, through collaboration between programs but also through the implementation of practices that works in alignment with the UN's sustainable development goals # 3, 5, 11, 16, and 17 [good health and well-being, gender equality, sustainable cities and communities, peace, justice and strong institutions, partnerships for the goal, respectively]. I am thankful that Africa Centre gave me the opportunity and creative freedom to work on this project." **-Amanda Nsofor**



Examples of sustainable initiatives organized and implemented by our Summer Intern, Amanda Nsofor

SUMMER JOB PROGRAM

A special Thank You to our Summer Camp Staff – your enthusiasm and efforts are appreciated!

- Feven Semere
- Thelma Uzomba
- Daqo Abdulle
- Ernest Kotio
- Kabalisa Mariza
- Mahad Mohamud
- Nuurto Osman
- Selassie Drah
- Ujala Khan
- Amana Emra
- Vivian Mukanziza
- Arnold Nsengiyumva
- Belinda Kongolo
- Colombe Kanku
- Dulu Modi
- Abdulwahab Abdirahman
- Justine Kandolo
- Rebecca Bakangil
- Sadik Good
- Yasmin Ugas




Edmonton Refugee and Emerging Community Scholarship Awards

PROGRAM OBJECTIVE:

The Edmonton Refugee & Emerging Community Scholarship Fund was established at Edmonton Community Foundation to “enhance the quality of life for refugees and members of Emerging Communities living in the greater Edmonton. Africa Centre is committed to creating opportunities for access and full participation of the African descent community in Alberta. Objective: The Emerging Refugee Emerging Community Scholarship Awards were designed to enable success in post-secondary education by offering scholarships to emerging communities.

In 2018-2019, The Africa Centre awarded 22 recipients with \$50,000 in scholarships. Congratulations to our well-deserved recipients. We hope that this scholarship was valuable in advancing your academic prowess and community leadership.

2018-2019 Edmonton Refugee and Emerging Community Scholarship Award Recipients



Some scholarship award recipients pictured with Minister Amarjeet Sohi at the 2018 Awards Ceremony

- Abidat Akinboro
- Ameer Ali
- Gabriel Asongwe
- Keysel Alberto Besa
- Haja Bundu
- Joud Nour Eddin
- Winta Ghebremicael
- Sheraz Hassanien
- John Ntirenganya Hussein
- McNiel Keri
- Jenny Lam
- Chioma Obuekwe
- Alleson Mason
- Hannan Mohamud
- Zakiya Mubarak
- Faith Nasejje
- Robyn Taylor
- Bethlehem (Betty) Tesfay
- Fana Tesfay
- Luna Woldeabzghi
- Ewenet Yeman
- Chioma Obuekwe

Edmonton Refugee and Emerging Community Scholarship Awards

IMPACT STORY



Robyn Taylor
EREC 2018 Award Recipient

"Receiving the Edmonton Refugee and Community Scholarship was a really uplifting moment for me. It encouraged me to value the work I do in my community and motivated me to further build on my leadership skills, so that I can continue on that path. I am genuinely grateful for opportunities such as the EREC scholarship that allow me to advance my education, while still striving to make a difference in my community. Sometimes it feels like those goals are incompatible, due to the emphasis typically put on academic achievements, but I appreciate this award for showing me that this does not have to be the case. Thank you to the awards committee for granting me this award."

Program Objective:

YEG The Come Up is the youth arm of the Africa Centre, dedicated to empowering youth with a focus on leadership development and community building.

We aim to impact our community in five different areas: arts and culture, education and advocacy, social media and outreach, events and community wellness.

In 2018-2019, we catered to over 300 African, Caribbean, and Black youth in Edmonton, AB, through workshops, initiatives, partnerships, meetings, and a youth conference.

Accomplishments & Highlights

- Held our 2nd youth weekend conference that saw 250+ African, Caribbean and Black youth in attendance. Conference activities included panel discussions, workshops, networking opportunities, delicious food and more!
- Members were granted the opportunity to represent YEG The Come Up and the Africa Centre at the National Black Summit in Ottawa, Canada.
- With the Mentorship and Leadership Program, hosted multiple youth-focused workshops on the topics of self-care, professional development and community building.
- Strengthened relationships and collaborated with multiple organizations and initiatives within the City, such as the City of Edmonton Youth Council, the City of Edmonton, Black Arts Matter, La Connexional and more.

Next Steps

1. Increase membership in our task forces.
2. Focus more on volunteer care and appreciation.
3. Create more networking opportunities for members and our youth communities.

YEG THE COME UP



Tarissa Woolaston
TCU Member

IMPACT STORY

"I've always had a passion for working with youth and giving my time to make an impact. The Come Up has enabled me to connect with my black community, while still fulfilling my passion for youth and community. I've found that passion is contagious.

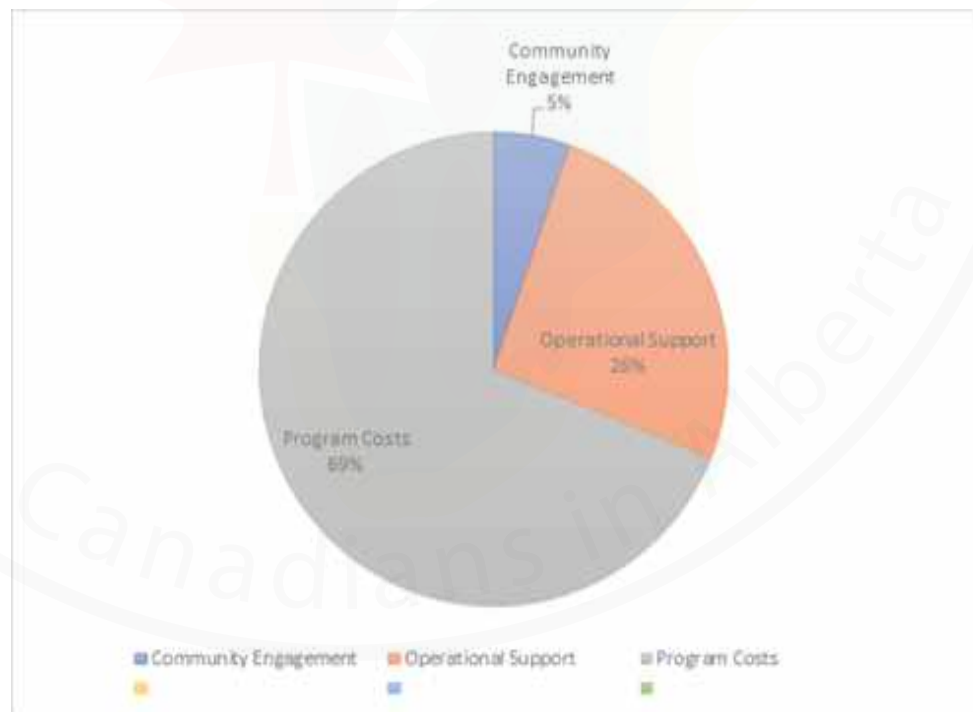
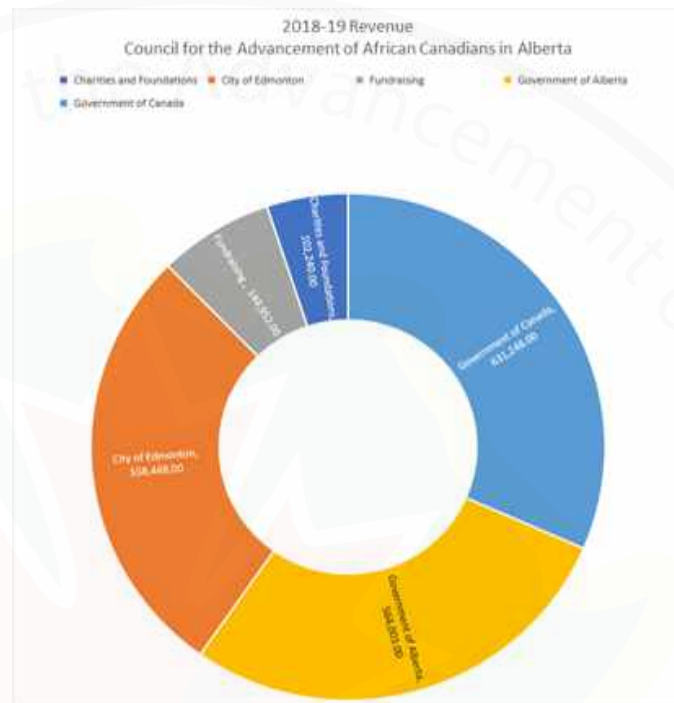
From the moment I started volunteering with The Come Up, I've felt every person's passion for change and progression for our black community. This passion is what drives every event, meeting, conference, social and person involved with The Come Up. This passion is now what drives me.

Good organizations see unique skills in individuals and work to develop those skills. I have been able to grow and thrive in an environment that enables creativity, change and collaboration. All it takes is one person believing in you and before you know it, you're accomplishing what you never thought you could.

From my time here, I've developed stronger leadership skills, communication skills, and learned new outreach and collaboration strategies. I learned the value of strong relationships within a team, and I've learned how to cultivate those bonds. I've definitely become a better leader, and what's nice too is that I now have a support system and new friendships that I can rely on!"

2018 – 2019

FINANCIAL SUMMARY



Africa Centre had a 21.5% increase of revenue in 2018-19 from the prior year and a 19% increase in expenditure hence more funds for programming.

Our Donors and Partners

Investing in the African community goes beyond goodwill, but rather it is a responsibility to our people and society. We could not accomplish our goals and visions without the backing, involvement and support from our highly devoted donors and funders.

List of Donors and Partners



Sage Seniors Association



Edmonton Community Foundation



The Stollery Charitable Foundation



City of Edmonton



Edmonton Food Bank



Oilers Foundation



**Boys and Girls Club
Big Brothers Big Sisters of
Edmonton and Area**



Government of Canada



Government of Alberta



**Alberta Public Interest
Research Group**

OUR VOLUNTEERS

The Africa Centre thanks the exceptional Volunteers who selflessly devoted their time to improve the wellbeing of the African community in Edmonton.

Our appreciation goes out to the Senior Volunteers who take the time to mentor the youth of the Africa Centre, and the hardworking Volunteers at YEG The Come Up, who spend hours creating and organizing various youth programs.

We would also like to extend a personal thanks to all Volunteers that contributed to the success of the Africa Day Gala and our Soccer Tournament.

To everyone else who volunteers tirelessly with our programs, you have our highest appreciation for your kindness.

List of Volunteers

- Aimerance Ngalula
- Tom Ndekezi
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- Robyn Taylor
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- Belen Samuel
- Adama Bundu
- Melissa Magene
- Abigail Isaac
- Adrian Bruff
- Ejike Medos
- Robbie Ishimwe
- Dulu Modi
- Yar Anyieth
- Msgana Asefaw
- Sheila Tusime
- Adama Bundu
- Gallican Buki
- Fahad Suleiman
- Merlin Uwalaka
- Mursual Mohamud
- Laura Chinengundu
- Alleson Mason
- Deniese Taylor
- Robert Tyndale
- Ivan Touko
- Asimwe Oloo
- Ahmed Shehata
- Hassan Dube
- Murielle Ndahirwa
- Amaani Patel
- Ahmed Dube
- Eunice Gatama

**And so many more.
Thank you!**

SPECIAL THANKS

There is no doubt that the need is huge. However, the support from the community at large helps us make it possible to strengthen the cultural identity and improve overall well-being of the African community in Edmonton, AB. We are humbled by your compassionate support.

We would also like to recognize our volunteer authors, Roseleen John, Robyn Taylor and Fahad Suleiman. Thank you for your efforts and contributions.



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