

CELEBRATING REGENT PARK'S REVITALIZATION



The Journey is performed at the Daniels Spectrum in Regent Park.

As Toronto's **Regent Park** undergoes the most ambitious urban renewal project in Canadian history, its dramatic story is being brought to the stage.

The Journey – A Living History of the Regent Park Revitalization is an 80-minute musical, which played for two sold-out nights in November at the **Daniels Spectrum**, the community's new 60,000-square-foot

cultural hub.

Using a powerful combination of spoken word narrative, song, film, still images and dance, *The Journey* documents Regent Park's nearly 70-year history.

The show was not only inspired by the real-life stories of its residents, it was mounted by their collective talents, on stage and off.

These include award-winning Regent Park spoken word artists **Trevlyn Kay** and **Britta B.** (2013 Toronto International Poetry Slam Champion), Regent Park R&B singer-songwriter **Steve Harmony**, the **Regent Park School of Music** graduate **Charlotte Siegel** and Dixon Hall alumnus and pianist **Thompson Egbo-Egbo**.

Two world-class performers – award-winning jazz and blues vocalist **Jackie Richardson** and Dora Award-winning singer/actor **Sterling Jarvis** – back

these future stars.

"The audience will feel the emotion, anger and frustration, but also the steadfast determination that finally leads to change," said **Mitchell Cohen**, president of **The Daniels Corporation**, before the performances. Cohen also wrote the script and composed the songs for the musical. "They will experience the anxiety and sadness as the wrecking ball demolishes a lifetime of memories and feel the hope and exuberance as a bright new future emerges."

The Daniels Corporation will donate the show's musical soundtrack to Toronto's **Artscape Foundation**, which will use it to raise funds for youth programming such as **ARTSPARK** at the Daniels Spectrum.

The complete soundtrack can be downloaded at giveagiftgetasong.com for a minimum donation of \$15.

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GERANIUM DONATES RED MITTENS TO SHELTERS



From left, Tina Kargovski and Mel Aruta, PACE Credit Union; Lorris Herenda, Yellow Brick House; Lina Benincasa, PACE; Boaz Feiner, Geranium Homes; Patti Bell, Blue Door Shelters; behind from Geranium Homes, Brent Purkess, Farrah Ward, Sue Webb Smith, and Lucy Feherpataky.

Just in time for the cold weather, **Geranium Homes** and **PACE Credit Union** joined together in December to donate 300 pairs of the **Canadian Olympic Team Red Mittens** to York Region area shelters.

Recipient agencies are **Blue Door Shelters**, **Yellow Brick House** and **Sandgate Women's Shelter**.

Patti Bell, executive director of Blue Door Shelters, and **Lorris Herenda**, executive director of Yellow Brick House, received their donations at the sales centre of the **Neighbourhoods of Cardinal Point**, where Geranium Homes is now selling the sixth phase of this master-planned ravine community in Stouffville.

"This gift is quite unexpected and we are grateful to Geranium Homes and PACE for this practical and timely donation," said Bell.

"At Yellow Brick House, the women and children that flee violent homes, often do not have any possessions," said Herenda. "As the cold winter months approach, we turn to our community for support. This donation will be very special to our

clients as they not only provide them with warmth, but will also give them a sense of belonging to this community. That is a gift straight from one heart to another."

For Geranium Homes and PACE, the opportunity to support Canadian athletes through the purchase of the mittens and also provide these winter clothing items to York Region-area shelters, was truly a win-win.

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