

the Dam UPDATE

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13 GOING ON 30...

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Turning thirteen is a milestone. You're officially a teenager—no longer a kid—and high school is either just beginning or right around the corner. It's also the age when you're finally old enough to walk through the doors of The Dam! (Plenty of eager Grade 8s have tried to sneak in early, having heard the buzz from older siblings or through our middle school outreach programs).

A lot has changed since those early days, when the very first wave of thirteen-year-olds poured into our first drop-in space in the old Meadowvale Mall. Yet the heart of The Dam has always remained the same.

We've always been guided by an asset-based approach to youth work. We've always stood alongside youth labelled "high-risk," "marginalized," or "troubled"—not as saviours, but as allies. And we've always been grounded in the core values of Love, Dignity, and Respect—for every young person, every staff member, every volunteer.

As we celebrate 30 years, we look back with deep gratitude for everyone who helped build this place. What started as a youth drop-in has grown into something more: a vibrant, resilient, ever-evolving community.

Happy Birthday, Damily! At 30, we've officially aged out of our own programs—but our doors will always be open to future generations. ❤️

LET'S CELEBRATE!

- 📅 Friday May 30 @6:30 pm
- 🍽️ Delicious Dinner
- 🏆 Inaugural Dam Distinction Awards
- 🍰 Dessert Auction



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30th Damiversary
DEVELOP • ASSIST • MENTOR
DINNER & DESSERT AUCTION!





TOGETHER, WE RAISED
\$60,705
 FOR YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

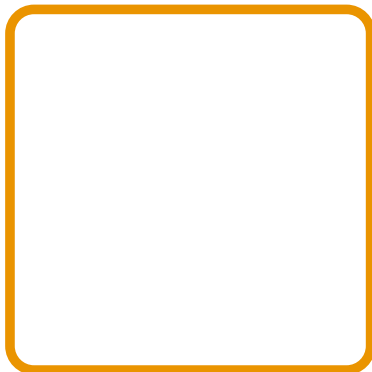
Our Mission

Partnering with youth in Mississauga to create inclusive community where all are welcome, valued, and respected.

Since 1995

GUESS THE ORDER OF OUR FIRST 3 LOGOS

Design our next logo



WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO TOGETHER?

Please email info@thedam.org if you would like to help in any of the following ways!



Shop our Current Needs & Wishes registry



Volunteer as a Rama Gaming House Host.



Become a monthly donor



Donate a Dessert for our auction on May 30th

THE *Thirty* SOMETHING GROUP Give \$30 or whatever you can give

30 years of impact: The Dam has been committed to providing youth with all the tools they need to succeed through our mentorship program—mental health support, safe housing, access to food, and career opportunities.

Be part of the next 30 years of positive impact!

Hero Level: \$30/month (Provides lunch for one month for one youth) 🍽️🥗

Champion Level: \$60/month (YEP monthly cost for one youth) 💰

Legend Level: \$100/month (monthly cost to mentor one youth) 🤝

