Hats off to everyone who helped sustain the YouthLink puzzle for another great year!

In 2016-17, with us, more than 8,700 Scarborough youth achieved what was important to them.

Through ours strengths, they discovered theirs.

In all, we delivered to these youth and the Scarborough community the following supporters, programs and assets:

Our Board of Directors:
President Chilton Ng; Treasurer Doug Lamb; Rick Owens; and Directors Jason Balgopal, Michel Lozier, Deborah Nurse, Jennie Pickard, Dawn Sancho and Karl Smith

Our President’s Advisory Committee: Andrew Arifuzzaman, Malini Giridhar, Paul Lenneard, Jennifer McKelvie, Roshni Mukherjee, Prashanth Srichandramohan, Anne Beswick and Jamie Lamont

Our Staff Complement: Directors Rick Dybvig (Finance and Administration), Michael Tross (Client Services) and Denise Chan (Human Resources); and a frontline of 66 employees

Our volunteers, community partners, donors, BluesLink ticket purchasers, and these funders:
- Bell Media
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- Neile Chowbay
- Val Chowbay
- City of Toronto
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- Sunlife
- TD Bank
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- United Way of Toronto and York Region

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Lived Experience: From a card to YouthLink Executive Director Janice Hayes
From Big Sister Betty Van Wyck

June 4th, 2017

Dear Janice:

Recently I received the Spring edition of the YouthLink Connector, which I found very interesting, particularly the item on the selling of all YouthLink properties and the buying of others in Scarborough. What an exciting time for the Board and staff.

I remember some of the difficult decisions the Board had to make, back in the '60s and '70s – such as raising the money for the house on Madison Ave, setting it up and learning how to run it. Not long after, we opened the Thrift Shop on Avenue Road. Some other major changes included men on the Board – male staff – male clients - changing the agency's name twice and an office in Scarborough for a few years.

I've always felt that the staff and Board were willing to look at new challenges and seldom turned them down. I had to tell you how pleased I am that the agency still rises to its many challenges. It makes me very proud to have been a Big Sister for so long and to have been a part of the history since 1943.

I am one of the three members of the Hope Page Circle still alive, the other two are both 100 years old.

Keep up the good work!

Kindest regards,

Betty