



WISE GROUP NON PROFIT ASSOCIATION

Increasing volunteerism to benefit our communities

Annual Report 2022

This year Wise Group organized a number of projects under the guidance of Adam Wiseman. We are thankful to all those who donated their time, money, and ideas to make the projects successful. We appreciate and like to recognize all the businesses and non profits that collaborated with us and made this year a success.

Wise Group was recognized in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly in August 2022. We thank MLA Rafah DiCostanzo for her statement in the house about our work to come together and benefit our communities!

Canada Summer Jobs:

We hired 4 youth to work during summer to plan and organize projects like Flower Day, Beach cleanup, and a few cultural events. Through this funding we were able to support youth in developing employment skills.

CEDNet Canada:

We were able to recruit one youth through the CreateAction Fund. The youth worked with us for 6 months to increase the organizational capacity to work toward Community Economic Development.

National Anti-Racism Fund:

With the support of Canada Race Relations Foundation (CRRF), our youth carried out a campaign to fight online hate and initiate anti-racism programs. Posters and online content was created to combat racism in our communities.



Some of the projects that we took on this year with help from volunteers

Stay Warm

Every year we work to help keep those on the street comfortable and safe. In the winter we worked to provide them with sleeping bags and winter clothing while in the spring/summer we worked to provide weather resistant clothing and things to help with the heat.

Fresh Look

First impressions are important when you walk into a job interview how you present yourself matters. But not everyone can afford to spend their money on haircuts, we have partnered with a local barber to give haircuts to those in need so they can present try and better themselves without having to worry about their appearance starting an interview off on the wrong foot. This year's free haircuts were again donated by FadeZone.

Community Cleanup

Household waste can be found laying on the streets, parks and beaches around Halifax. To help combat this we send volunteers out to help clean up the community to provide a safe and clean place for people and animals alike. This year we held two Community Clean up days with a total of 8 hours of cleanup and 7 volunteers who spent time cleaning up Clayton Park and Point Pleasant Park.

Community Yoga

To help promote active living we have partnered with Yoga teachers across Halifax to provide free yoga group yoga sessions to the public. We hold these events in a variety of venues to fit the weather and needs of the people.

Flower Day

Every year we organize a flower Day to uplift and bring cheer in the community. This year's flower donation was given at the St. Vincent's Nursing Home.

Chocolates and Mugs

Free chocolates and mugs were handed out to people living on the street. 34 people received the gifts bought by our volunteers.

Calligraphy Workshop

One of the community members proficient in Arabic Calligraphy technique helped us in holding a 3 hour long workshops to learn calligraphy. Approximately 30 people participated.

Community Sports Days

One of our longest running programs has been taking place since 2003. Weekly soccer days are scheduled for youth in the community. These community soccer days are arranged at the BMO centre. Usually 16 to 18 participants show up regularly. Volleyball tournament was held over 2 days with 40 people organized in 8 teams.

Annual Soccer Tournament

One of the biggest undertaking of the Wise Groups runs for a week with approximately 80 participants registering to play in one of the 12 teams. Participants are usually high school and University students. A partnership with the Ummah Mosque and Community Centre helped us with the gym and trophies.

Thank you!!!

We would like to thank Ummah Mosque, FadeZone Barbershop, Pizza Town, Halifax Tool Library, and My Mother's Bloomers Florist for their in-kind donations.

We are grateful to our 40 volunteers and 5 part time summer staff who made this possible!