



2025 Annual Report

Message From Our Executive Director and Board Chair

“Greenway–Chaplin aims to build neighbourhood spaces where our community members can receive the services and support that they need.”

Greenway–Chaplin Community Centre’s (Greenway–Chaplin) Board of Directors and Executive Director are thankful for all the programs and events that took place in 2025.

Our recreation programs and summer camps were a highlight for us this year. We are grateful for continued funding support from the City of Cambridge, Region of Waterloo, Government of Canada for our Canada Summer Jobs Grant, Government of Ontario Ministry of Sport Grant for our After School Program, and the Waterloo Region Community Foundation.

In 2025, Greenway–Chaplin collaborated with Kinbridge Community Association (Kinbridge) to strengthen partnership our recreation programs and summer camp programs where we shared our summer camp training and staff across our sites. In the fall of 2025, Kinbridge shared their staff to facilitate and expand our adult and youth programs. We look forward to continuing this partnership in 2026.

Greenway–Chaplin is grateful to partner with the House of Friendship – Family Outreach Program, Region of Waterloo – Employment Services, Family & Children’s Services of Waterloo Region, and the Cambridge Food Bank – Mobile Food Market to provide opportunities for our neighbours to connect with additional services. Greenway–Chaplin aims to build neighbourhood spaces where our community members can receive the services and support that they need.



Emily Jaarsma Executive Director
Tanya Costello Board Chair



Who We Are:

Mission

Greenway-Chaplin Community Centre connects community residents by offering neighbours and friends the opportunity to thrive by providing recreational, educational, supportive programs and volunteer opportunities.

Vision

Empowering strong community!

Values

1. Community
2. Respect
3. Inclusion
4. Fun
5. Responsive reactions



Overall Achievements of 2025



Greenway-Chaplin's community programs provide welcoming, place-based opportunities for children, youth, adults, and families to connect, learn, and belong. In 2025, Greenway-Chaplin began a new partnership with Kinbridge Community Association to deliver more cohesive programming across three neighbourhoods, strengthening collaboration and improving access to community-driven supports. This year was one of learning and growth as both organizations worked together to align programs, share resources, and respond to emerging community needs.



Neighbourhood Day



Emily Jaarsma with Volunteers Andrea and Lacy at CNO Event



We are **HIGH FIVE** Accredited!



Support Spotlight

Muslim Empowerment and Unity Project

Greenway-Chaplin is proud to support the Muslim Empowerment and Unity Project. Financially supported through a Trillium Foundation Grant, their Mission is: Raising the Next Generation of Black Muslim Youth, Embracing Growth, Creating Safe Space in the Waterloo Region. This project provides monthly programs for black muslim youth to get together, build skills, and develop friendships.



Expanding Greenway's Reach

Greenway-Chaplin's community programs provide welcoming, place-based opportunities for children, youth, adults, and families to connect, learn, and belong. Greenway-Chaplin connects community residents by offering neighbours and friends the opportunity to thrive by providing recreational, educational, supportive programs and volunteer opportunities. Through recreation, youth, wellness, leadership, and community connection initiatives, Greenway-Chaplin supported roughly **1,425 individuals** and **757 households** in 2025, reflecting the ongoing need for accessible and welcoming community spaces. As a HIGH FIVE accredited organization, Greenway-Chaplin showcases that what children learn at play provides a strong foundation that will help prepare them for future life experiences and provides activities and environments where children feel safe, welcome, competent, connected, empowered and special.

🗨️ **Greenway-Chaplin and Kinbridge Community Association have built a relationship based on trust and collaboration. We look forward to expanding this partnership as the more connected our neighbourhoods become, the stronger and more supportive our community will be.** 🗨️

– Taylor Bulstrode, Co-Executive Director, Kinbridge Community Association



Basketball at After School Program



Taylor Bulstrode (back centre), Emily Jaarsma (back centre right), and Breakfast With Santa Volunteers

Our Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall programs served a total of **823 participants** across all programs.

Locations

Three (3) key locations for programming



Greenway-Chaplin Community Centre



Kinbridge Community Association



Avenue Road Public School

Events & Programs

Neighbourhood Day

Welcomed **928** community members, alongside **29** community resource booths and **42** volunteers. More than **2,000** complimentary food items and beverages were distributed, while **110** residents accessed the event through the complimentary bus service.



Neighbourhood Day

Breakfast with Santa

With **615** guests, **32** volunteers and **18** staff members helped bring the community together to enjoy **1,070** pancakes, share **326** gifts, and capture **976** moments with Santa.



Breakfast With Santa



133 Winter Program Participants

98 Spring Program Participants

418 Summer Program Participants

174 Fall Program Participants



Event Funders



Child and Youth Programs

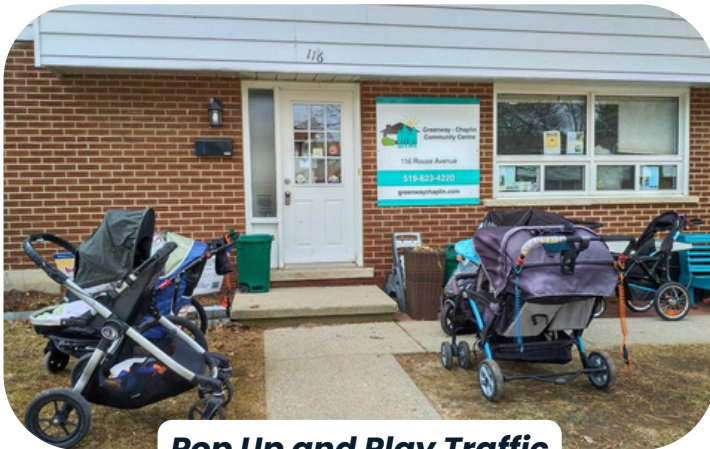
Before School Care

2025 was our first year offering Before School Care and, so far, it has been a successful program. We are able to provide participants with a safe space to connect in the mornings, a nutritious snack to fuel their morning, and provide HIGH FIVE accredited programming to set them up for success in all aspects of their day.

This year we welcomed **6 before school care participants**, with numbers growing in 2026.



Creative Kids Program



Pop Up and Play Traffic

Summer Camp

Greenway-Chaplin Summer Camps were held at Avenue Road Public School and Calvary Church. Camp trips included the African Lion Safari and Bingemans Water Park, plus special guest appearances including Crash Rhythm and Hands on Exotics.

Each week camp celebrated Fun Fridays with special activities and a pizza day. Campers and staff stayed cool and hydrated through water activities and cool treats. Thank you to our **Leader in Training youth** who volunteered at camp in 2025!

After School Program

"Dylan" felt that they were too old for After School Program (ASP), but were too young to become a Leader In Training volunteer.

ASP staff prioritized making him feel welcome and included and throughout the year he stepped into leadership roles like supporting at snack time, running games, and encouraging positive interactions with younger participants. "Dylan" connected with other participants and created friendships that allowed him to feel more comfortable at ASP. The change and growth that has occurred in him this year has been very heart warming and he is exploring the possibility of returning as a volunteer.



Summer Camp Fun

Financial Audit

Assets:

Cash	492,624
Short-term Investments	59,330
Accounts Receivable	14,149
Prepaid Expenses	7,095
Capital Assets	30,215

TOTAL:

603,413

Liabilities:

Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	33,889
Deferred Revenue	279,964

TOTAL:

313,853

Net Assets:

Net Assets beginning of year	627,256
Net Assets end of year	603,413



**Baking Cupcakes at
PA Day Camp**



**Youth Basketball
Tournament**



**Summer Camp
at Bingemans**

Thank You to Our Community Partners & Funders

Funders and Community Partners

- Astley Family Foundation
- Calvary Church
- Cambridge Food Bank
- Cambridge Muslim Women
- Cambridge Public Library
- Camino Wellbeing + Mental Health
- Canadian Tire Jumpstart Foundation
- Children and Youth Planning Table
- City of Cambridge
- Employment and Social Development Canada - Canada Summer Jobs
- Family and Children's Services of the Waterloo Region
- House of Friendship
- Kinbridge Community Association
- Lyle S. Hallman Foundation
- Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services
- Ministry of Sport
- Rangers Reach
- Region of Waterloo
- Rhythm and Blues Cambridge
- Somali Canadian Association of Waterloo Region
- United Way Waterloo Region Communities
- Waterloo Catholic District School Board
- Waterloo Region Community Foundation
- Waterloo Region District School Board
- Wallenstein Feed Charitable Foundation
- YMCA of Three Rivers



**Leaders in Training
Volunteers**



**After School Program
Circle Games Fun**

Muslim Women of Cambridge

Greenway-Chaplin is the fiscal sponsor and community ambassador for Muslim Women of Cambridge (MWC). MWC is a group of passionate women who came together in 2017 to bridge the gap between the Muslim community and the larger community by fostering open communication to better understand each other's values and beliefs.

MWC aims to bring together women in the Cambridge area who are Muslim and interested in social change, confidence building, and becoming active within our community for positive change. Our hope is to create a network of Muslim Women and create the foundation of a committed group of women. Decreasing isolation and increasing community development through inclusiveness and respect to all cultures.



