

# SIIP Collective Impact Activity Report

## Q3 2021-22



### Program reach



### Positive Impacts

- Hosting first in-person events
- Some older adult participants are becoming more independent with daily living tasks
- Participants are building self-confidence
- Older adults and youth continue to enjoy programs and develop meaningful relationships
- Youth participants learning more about dementia through the LDJ for Young Adults course and feel more confident in their engagement with older adults living with dementia
- Youth participants reporting an interest in careers working with older adults
- Older adult participants are enjoying meeting new people through the programs
- 19 new community connections or partnerships made
- Cross-project engagement between AFRO, ASWW, and YMCA
- Semi-annual update meeting with the SIIP Community Advisory Group

*“One PLWD shared that her participation in Sharing Our Voices has led her to do more crafts with her grandchildren and this shared participation has helped them to grow their relationship.”*

*“The older adults noted that participating [in the Virtual Village program] with the students virtually challenged them to stretch outside of their comfort zone but it was a good experience and they were surprised how much they learned about themselves and others.”*

*“The [TIP-Bridge] student was pleasantly surprised that something as small as playing a song could bring this resident so much joy. This highlighted the impact even a small engagement can have for a person living with dementia.”*

*“Youth [in the Support through the Generations project] are reporting being empathetic, feeling connected to elders. One reported that he has a growing sense of gratitude for life due to relationships with older adults.”*



## Challenges & Opportunities

Challenge	Opportunity
Emotions and well being of older adults can vary from day to day which can be unsettling for young adult volunteers	Encourage youth volunteers to complete the LIVING the Dementia Journey for Young Adults to better understand the impacts of living with dementia and gain practical tips to confidently interact with older adults living with dementia
Recruiting older adults living with dementia to volunteer for advisory committee proving to be difficult	The Volunteer Action Centre can support members to access CKWR radio spots for advertising volunteer opportunities. These tend to be popular with older adults and different cultural groups. Their newsletter also goes out to many local businesses who may be caring for older adults and could include a specific opportunity.
The SIIP Community Advisory Committee has been less engaged in the project than anticipated.	SIIP backbone team to provide more regular updates to the Community Advisory Committee and encourage their participation through specific opportunities (e.g., helping to promote events, the LDJ for Young Adults course, participating in sub-committees)



### Plans for next quarter

- The SIIP technology lending library will launch in partnership with the Waterloo Public Library. SIIP participants will be able to borrow iPads and internet hotspots in order to connect to virtual programming.
- The LIVING the Dementia Journey for Young Adults course will be officially launched. Promotional materials will be distributed to funded projects, community organizations and on social media.
- The Isolation 2 Inclusion Challenge will take place February 5 and 12. This event will bring together youth and older adults to co-design and test solutions to address factors that impact social isolation.
- Key informant interviews and community consultation sessions will be held to develop a community conversation guide for the Township of Woolwich. A draft of the guide will be developed based feedback from participants.