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**RE: 365-367 SPADINA AVENUE**

Dear neighbours,

We are happy to share some important and promising news with the community. *The Yonge Street Mission Evergreen Centre for Street Youth* will open its doors by the end of 2017 in our new location at 365-367 Spadina Avenue. The new Centre will be situated on the east side of Spadina Ave., south of College St., between Cecil St. and Baldwin St. and will offer programs and services during the day.

The site includes two adjacent three storey buildings, facing Spadina Avenue, with a connected six storey warehouse behind. All these buildings will be renovated inside and restored on the outside. No additional height will be added.

By way of background, The Yonge Street Mission has been operating as a non-profit organization since 1896, reaching out to meet the needs of the city's most vulnerable populations. YSM has six different locations in Toronto's downtown core that serve children, youth, families, seniors, and those who experience chronic poverty. Our mandate has always been to break down the cycles of social, spiritual, and economic poverty and create better outcomes for those we serve.

The decision to move from our current location was taken after much research and consultation with youth. When asked, the majority said that shifting to a spot further west, such as Spadina Avenue, would be closer to them and more convenient. This new downtown location therefore, enables us to grow, and offers us considerable potential to design appropriate spaces for expanding programming and service. The site also empowers us to work collaboratively with agencies who share the same goals.

Over the coming months, YSM will provide multiple opportunities for our neighbours to learn more about our work in the community. Several events, including several open houses, have been planned throughout the design and build phase of the project to ensure you are kept abreast on progress.

We look forward to being part of this rich and vibrant community; we are committed to investing in this neighbourhood and being an active contributing member for years to come.

We invite you to reach out to **Brent Mitchell**, Mission Program Officer at: [bmitchell@ysm.ca](mailto:bmitchell@ysm.ca) or 416.910.1812 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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**Angela Draskovic**  
President & CEO,  
The Yonge Street Mission

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**William Onuwa**  
Chairman of the Board of Directors,  
The Yonge Street Mission