

Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto

Building and Caring for the Community Since 1851

1648



The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph is founded in Le Puy-en-Velay, France. The Sisters' religious life includes service to and with the sick, poor, at risk and vulnerable.

1851



Four Sisters, including **Mother Delphine Fontbonne**, arrive in Toronto to care for orphans and teach in local schools. They minister in areas of **education, health care, social services and social justice**.

1854



The Sisters open St. Joseph's Academy. It continues today as **St. Joseph's College School**.

1857



House of Providence is founded in response to the need for more social services. It is known today as **Providence Healthcare**.

1892



The Sisters establish **St. Michael's Hospital**, a downtown teaching hospital.

1911



The Sisters offer university education and residency through **St. Joseph's College** at St. Michael's College, UofT.

1921 & 1925



St. Joseph's Hospital (1921) is founded in the west end. Our Lady of Mercy Hospital (1925) opens as a chronic care hospital. In 1980, they merge into **St. Joseph's Health Centre**.

1949



The Sisters build and open **St. Joseph's High School**, also in the west end of Toronto.

1960



The Sisters build **St. Joseph's Morrow Park High School**.

1974 & 1978



Sister Anne Marie Carey founds **St. Michael's Homes** (1974) & **Matt Talbot House** (1978) to provide services for men with addiction issues.

1982



Sister Marie Tremblay starts the **Daily Bread Food Bank**.

1985



Sister Mary Carol Lemire establishes **Nazareth House** as a supportive transitional home for women and infants.

1998



Sister Anne Schenck creates **Furniture Bank** to collect and distribute gently used furniture to clients in need.



From their arrival in Toronto to the present, Sisters campaign and advocate for affordable housing, fair wages and other areas of **social justice**.

Fontbonne Ministries

Founded in 2000, Fontbonne Ministries is the Sisters' response to current social needs through six individual ministries.

2000



The first is **Mustard Seed**, providing life skills programs and community for adults.

2001



In Good Company: A friendly visiting program.

2002



Fontbonne Place: Affordable apartments for single, older women.

2005



Faith Connections: A spiritual community for young adults.



Studio on the Hill: Pottery for all ages.

2009



Village Mosaic: A welcoming community space for seniors.

A tradition through history. A continuing legacy.

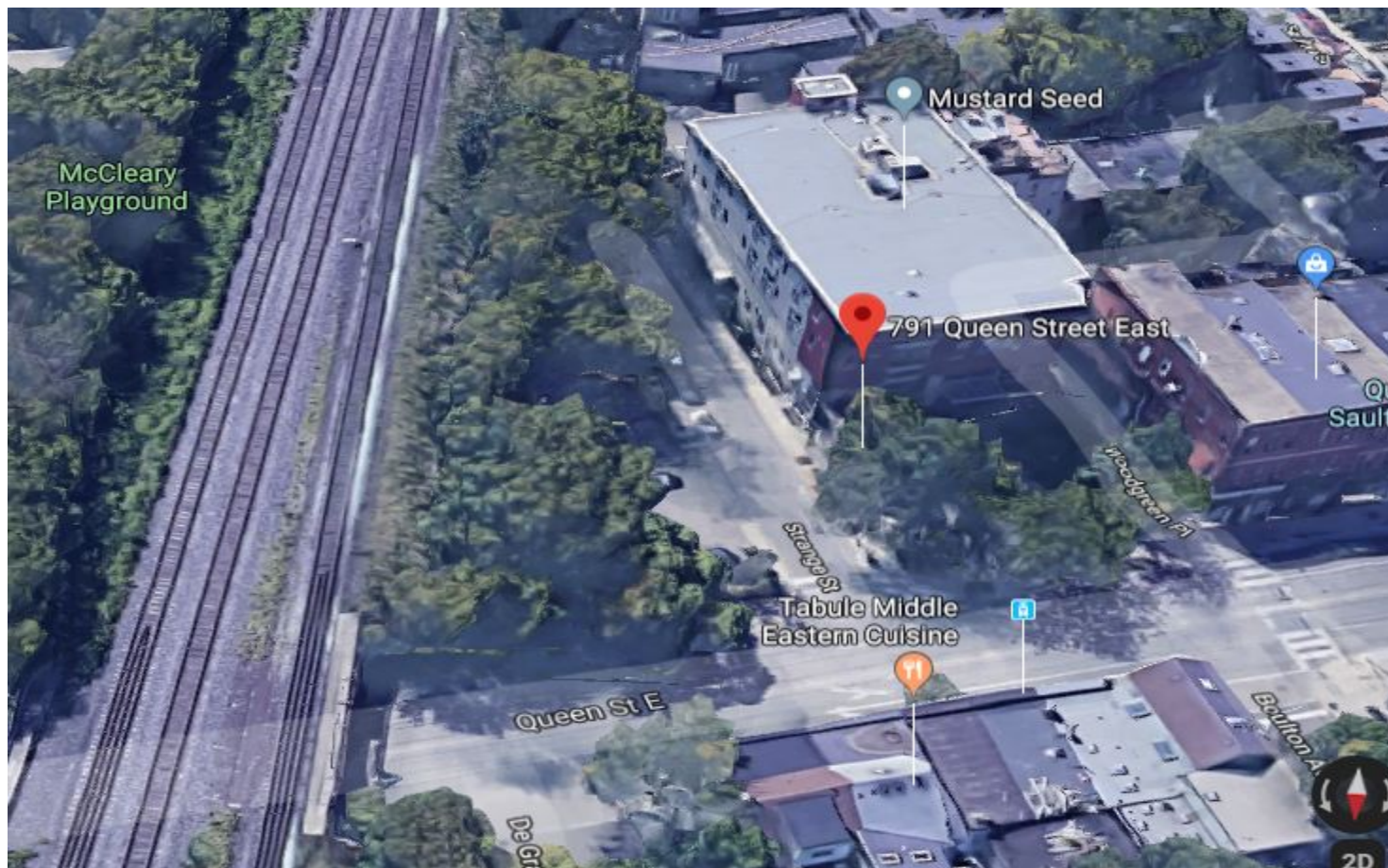


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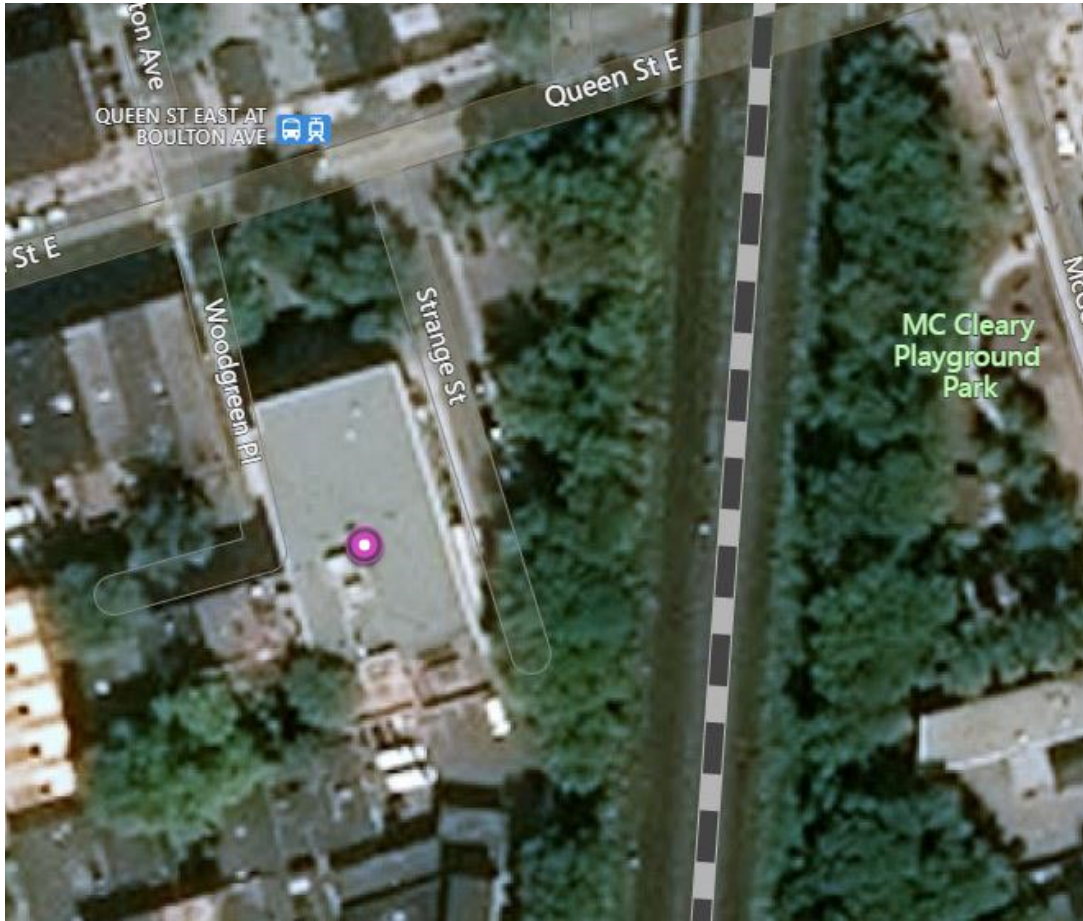


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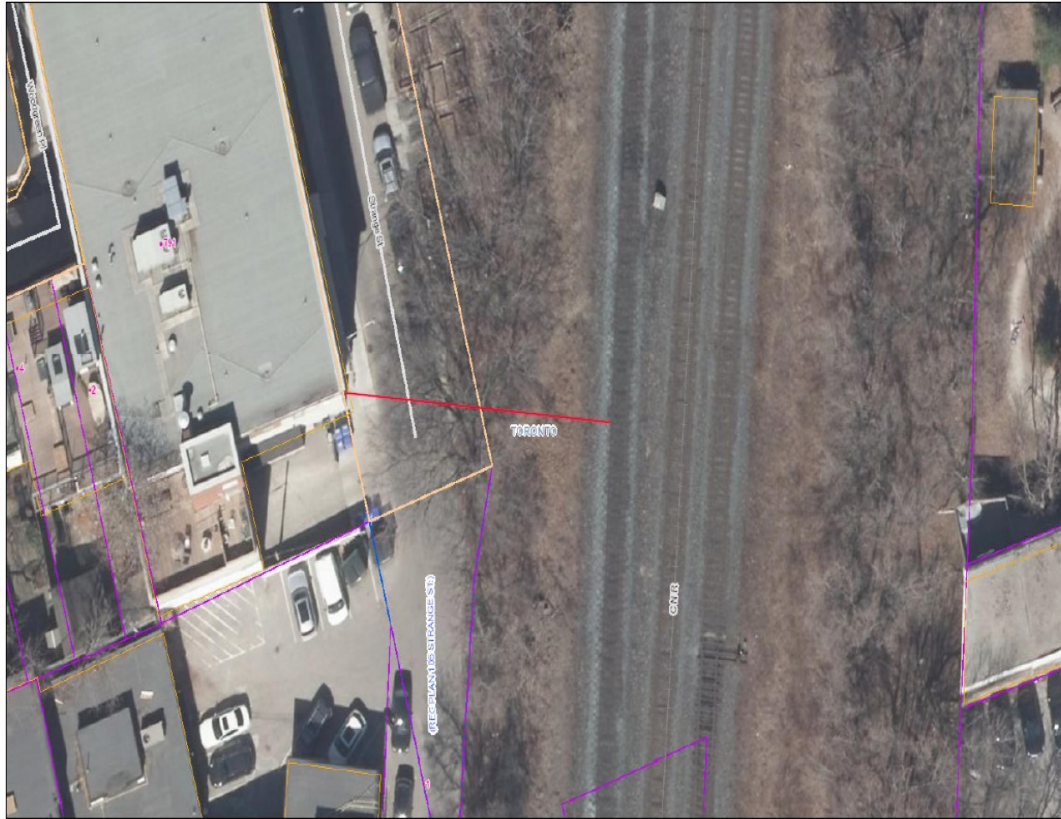
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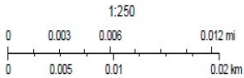
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Doing the ordinary with extraordinary care

Fontbonne Place opened in 2002, and provides 18 rent-geared-to-income apartments for older, single, vulnerable women.

We address issues of growing isolation & loneliness in a fast-paced urban centre through diverse programming and a friendly visiting service.

We are committed to helping those in need address personal and systemic hunger through a variety of food programs.

Affordable
Housing

Wellness

Social
Engagement &
Community

Programs located at
791 Queen Street East:
Fontbonne Place;
In Good Company &
Mustard Seed

Resources

Food Access &
Security

Collaborative &
Partnership Hub

We work with local providers and an onsite dental clinic to meet service gaps including foot care for those living in poverty.

We meet people's needs where they are. This is achieved in part through providing clothing, reading material, and classes in sewing and computers.

We share our space and connect with community groups who host special events, talks, activities and meetings.

Fontbonne Ministries, Sisters of St. Joseph, Toronto, offers diverse programs that are welcoming and inclusive. The charity was founded in 2000 by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto, a community of women who, through their compassionate presence, respond to various needs.

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