

Message from Andrea Barrack

Global Head, Sustainability
and Corporate Citizenship



Liveability. This is a topic that is becoming increasingly important for all of us as the cities and communities we live in are changing – and changing quickly. In 2018, Vienna, Austria was named the Most Liveable City in the world by The Economist's Intelligence Unit. What brought it to the top?

Their Global Liveability Index looks at factors such as inequality, healthcare, culture and the environment, as well as infrastructure like affordable housing and transit. These issues are among some of the most important factors that influences one's ability to participate in society and feel confident that they can meet their personal goals. They are signals of how well we can live today and in the future.

And they are some of the issues that we hope to help address through The Ready Commitment as part of Financial Security, Vibrant Planet, Connected Communities, and Better Health. In our first quarterly issue for 2019, I'd like to look deeper at how the four drivers can work together to help open doors for a more inclusive and sustainable tomorrow.

In many ways cities are the heart of commerce, culture and innovation. They are where we live, work and play – and they are home to most of the world's population. According to the United Nations, today North America is the most urbanized region in the world with 82% of the population living in urban areas – but only a handful of Canadian and U.S. cities ranked within the top 10 and 20

(respectively) on the Global Liveability Index. As cities grow rapidly, they are tackling challenges with affordability, climate change and community dynamics. But I believe that cities hold some of the greatest opportunities to help foster inclusive, sustainable and equitable growth.

That's why we are supporting initiatives that we believe can help people today and provide the tools and opportunities they need to feel like they can meet their personal goals in the future. For example:

- **Financial Security:** Supporting financial literacy programs and helping improve access to affordable housing and services to encourage financial know-how and confidence.
- **Vibrant Planet:** Supporting the transition to the low-carbon economy and enhancing green spaces to help address the impacts of climate change.
- **Connected Communities:** Helping to amplify diverse voices in the arts and increase access to cultural events that bring more people together in their community.
- **Better Health:** Investing in innovative solutions to help improve access to, and quality of, health care.

Read on to learn about some of the organizations we supported in Q1 2019 that are helping to improve the liveability, and well-being, of cities and people.



November 2018 - January 2019

North American Issue

Q1 • 2019 | TD Corporate Citizenship Newsletter

Opening doors for a more inclusive and sustainable tomorrow

The Four Interconnected Drivers of Change



Financial Security

Early Learning
Income Stability
Affordable Housing
Financial Literacy



Funding approved for
94 organizations
in total, **in Canada and the U.S.**



During Financial Literacy Month in Canada,
TD and non-profits ABC Life Literacy and Community Living Toronto piloted
an introductory course on money management
for people with diverse abilities.



As part of **The Cooper Foundation's Housing Impact Program**, TD is supporting
workforce development and skills training services
for those in need in the Cooper Plaza Neighbourhood in Camden, NJ.



TD supported the **Indigenous Women's Leadership Summit in Ottawa**, bringing together **200 Indigenous women** to discuss and share

resources related to economic health and financial stability.



TD is supporting **Building Bridges Across the River** as they transform the 11th Street Bridge Park in Washington, D.C. to
improve quality of life for families

living east of the Anacostia River in southeast D.C., including services to support affordable housing.



Vibrant Planet

Green Spaces
Low-Carbon Economy



Funding approved for
7 organizations
in total, **in Canada and the U.S.**



In November 2018, TD helped establish the **TD Future Cities Centre** in Toronto with non-profit **Evergreen**, to be a **global hub for research, dialogue and innovation for building livable cities**.



TD Friends of the Environment Foundation published its **2018 Year in Review**; **642 local environmental projects were supported across Canada**.



Arbor Day Foundation and TD launched the **TD Green Space Grants Program**

to provide **up to 10 grants in both Canada and the U.S. to municipalities** working to grow and enhance green spaces for a more sustainable tomorrow.



Connected Communities

Shared Experiences
New Narratives
Local Needs



Funding approved for
308 organizations
in total, **in Canada and the U.S.**



In New York, TD is helping **Youth Philanthropy Initiative** reach
360 high school students
that will help direct a total of **\$20,000 to local charities** they identify by learning about community issues and the impact of philanthropy.



In collaboration with TD,
Indigenous artist Rebecca Belmore shared her artwork

that was crafted to **inspire people to reflect on the value of water and the environment.**
[Click here to watch the story behind her piece, Nibi \(Water\).](#)



TD provided **\$60,000 to food kitchens that served impacted government employees**

during the **U.S Federal Government shutdown**, in PHL, NYC, D.C and Miami



Better Health

Innovative solutions for more equitable access



Funding approved to
45 organizations,
in total, **in Canada and the U.S.**

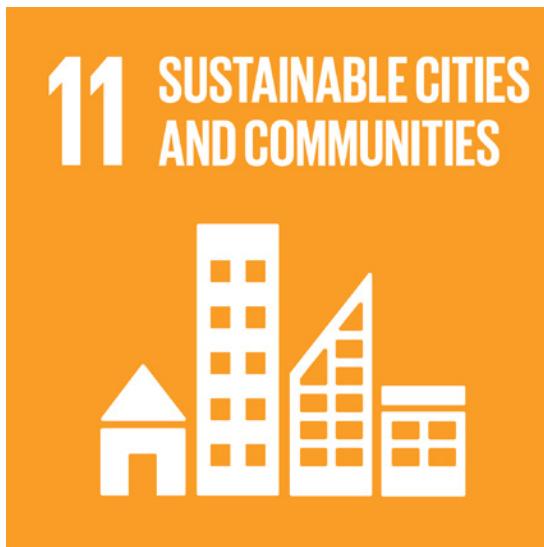


TD provided its annual
\$1 million donation to the Children's Miracle Network
in support of **adolescent health** at its 13 children's hospitals across Canada.



A TD grant will help **Englewood Health Foundation** develop one of a handful of **programs in New Jersey that provide mental health care services**, focusing on **prevention programs for the public and at-risk groups**.

Supporting the UN Sustainable Development Goal #11: Acting Locally for Global Impact



In January, TD worked with GlobeScan – a public opinion research organization – to host a North American conversation around the 11th United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) and the role of green spaces. Experts in government, academia, non-profit, and the private sector shared their experiences and thoughts on this topic. What stood out from the conversation is how local green spaces like parks provide benefits that are borderless. What are the SDGs? In 2015, the United Nations created a plan of action to help transform the world by 2030. They set out 17 goals with ambitious targets, from reducing poverty and inequality to tackling climate change. While in some way TD is contributing to all of them, we have prioritized the nine where we feel we can make the greatest contribution through The Ready Commitment. Among the nine is SDG #11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

There is a strong link between the quality of life in cities and how natural resources are used and accessible to people. That's why one of the goals of this SDG is to harness the power of green spaces to address the impacts of climate change, while creating more opportunities for people to connect to nature and each other through their local outdoor spaces. It may seem easy enough, especially for countries like Canada and the U.S which are known for their national and local park systems. But as more and more people move to cities and building towers rise, how do you balance financial and social needs with the underlying importance of green space? How can healthy, local green spaces help improve the health of the planet?

[Answers to these questions and more in this summary of the GlobeScan SDG Leadership Forum.](#)



Awards and Recognition

- For the second year in a row, [TD was included in the Bloomberg Gender-Equality Index](#), which showcases organizations that have made a strong commitment to gender equality
- For the fifth consecutive year, TD maintained an A- in the **CDP ratings** for 2018, and was the top scoring FI; CDP supports and encourages companies in disclosing their environmental impacts and performance.
- TD's 2017 Corporate Responsibility Report was awarded **Best Sustainability Report in the Financial Sector** by the Financial Sustainability Initiative.

In the Media:

- Andrea Barrack in the [Globe and Mail: Forging careers to endure the Fourth Industrial Revolution](#)
- The [TD Sustainable Future Lab](#) opens in Waterloo, Ontario; the only incubator dedicated to sustainable technology development in Ontario
- [TD Charitable Foundation](#) Awards \$3.125 Million in Affordable Housing



Coming up next quarter

The first external events calendar for The Ready Commitment launched.
For community events taking place across Canada visit www.communityevents.td.com.

Opening doors for a more inclusive and sustainable tomorrow
To learn more visit td.com/thereadycommitment