

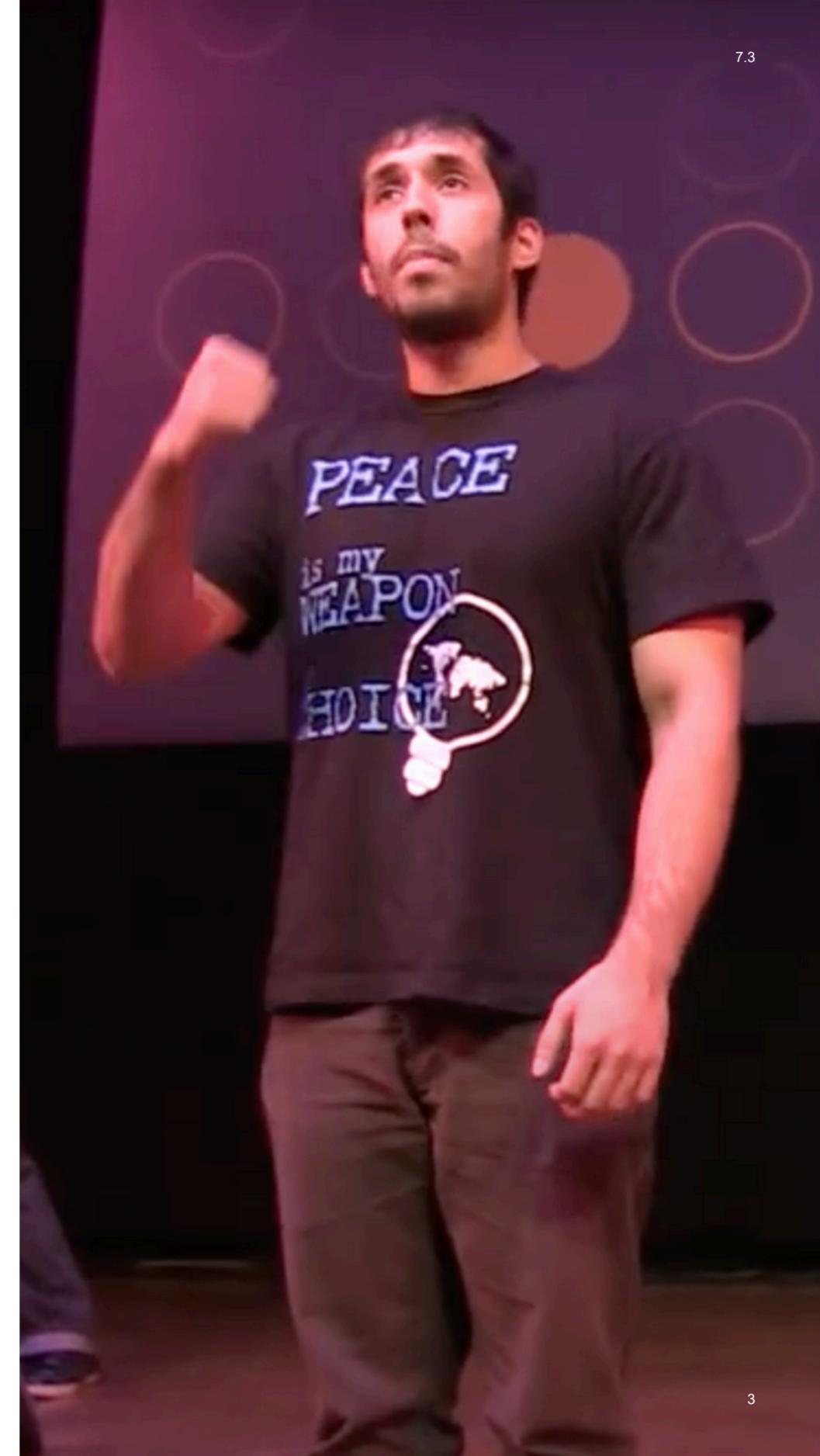




- Youth worried about local and global issues
- Grassroots arts organization focused on social and env impact
- Using art and culture programs
- Free mentorship from Toronto based groups
- Youth were addressing racism, human trafficking, mental health and much more



- Need for a free community space
- To host workshops, events and programs
- Studio.89 fair trade, eco cafe and community hub
- Planned a 7 room community center in the heart of Mississauga (cute)
- Launch a two room space in 2014





Cafe community space



Upstairs shoe-free community space

- Soaring before the pandemic
- 670+ bookings of events in one year
- 80+ active community partners
- Initiated countless youth initiatives



- Word of mouth - no marketing budget



- Surviving after COVID
- Haven't tallied new partners
- Fully sponsored by Daniels Corporation





- More funds means more programming, what we originally set out to do
- Support for youth with disabilities, isolated seniors, youth-leadership and environmental initiatives and so much more
- Empower youth
- Compassion through the neuroscience of empathy

- Spend most of our energy on dealing with money issues and issues born of not having enough money
- Youth theater - busy fundraising to pay for pastry case repairs
- Our capacity is severely stunted
- Youth empowerment through the arts programs
- Scale across Mississauga



- Community weekly digest connecting service providers and community groups
- Provide Mississauga residents with comprehensive support
- Instead of struggling in silos





- Latest culture plan has community hubs in every ward
- Studio.89 is the very essence of culture



- Debt is only part of the story
- Volunteered for 17+ years to build this organization
- On track to pay off entire 90k debt in two months
- Spreadsheets don't speak to resilience
- Persevered without adequate resources and support

- Nice words and good intentions don't help make payroll
- Run completely by volunteers and youth (eldest 24), others under 22
- Youth mentor other youth while dealing with challenges of being public space
- We do the work
- Community hub that is open 7 days a week, morning to night
- Please visit [Studio.89](#)





- Won't survive without Daniels Corporation
- Rent will likely increase to about 20k per month
- Average rent in the city
- That's an increase of \$240,000



- Funds and introductions
- Perfect fit for corporate sponsors
- Amazing marketing opportunities
- Positive association

- We all want a thriving, cohesive, compassionate community
- Incredible programming in our city
- We appreciate you





- Arts and culture turns cities into communities
- Thank you

Meme: I was going to change the world but I didn't get the grant