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*Welcome to Manantial
Neighbourhood Services!*

We are a non-profit charitable organization focusing on the development and implementation of programs and services that cater to the local Jane / Finch, Sheppard / Keele community and neighboring areas.

Our organization is designed to provide assistance to youths, families and new Canadian immigrants in a variety of areas with the objective of promoting their self sufficiency and personal growth within the community.

We believe that our services can play a major role in helping to change many lives, and in steering them to a more rewarding and fulfilled life style.

Our success depends greatly on the services we provide and their benefit to the community.

Please contact us. We are very excited about our accomplishments and look forward to expanding our outreach.

Belkis Fernandez
Chief Executive Officer
2007



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Who is Manantial?

The Board of Directors, Program Committees, volunteers and group of professionals who form Manantial demonstrate their constant commitment to the local community. Each Board Member is focused on making the Manantial a strong organization that would strengthen and revitalize its surrounding neighbourhoods.

Carlos Vicente Coloma
Chairman of the Board

Belkis Fernandez
Chief Executive Officer

Rossana Lopez
Secretary

Carlos Perez
Community Representative

Felix Zano
*Fundraising & Special
Events*

Ramona Marte
Treasurer





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Our Leadership



Belkis Fernandez started working with the needy in her native Dominican Republic when she was 17 years old.

While studying social work at university, she traveled across her homeland assisting those in need and emphasizing the development of programs to assist abused and abandoned women and other areas of social impact.

For 10 years she worked with the Ministry of Agriculture, after which she became involved in development projects for communities along Dominican-Haitian border.

She completed her Master's Degree in Advanced Education at the Autonomous University of Santo Domingo in 1995 and became Director of the School of Rural Development at the National Evangelical University.

Belkis traveled across Central and South America as part of her work for World Vision and Food for the Hungry Dominican Republic.

In Canada, she worked for Canadian Food for the Hungry for 9 years. Belkis has been employed at the Yorktown shelter for abused women in Toronto since 1998. She is also the Pastor of the First Spanish Church of the Nazarene in Woodbridge and the main founder of Manantial Neighbourhood Services.



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Belkis Fernandez is a rare gift to any organization. She is passionate about the ways of God. She invested her life into communities of people who suffered from both malnutrition and poverty. That longing and commitment have remained in her. She continues to find the marginalized and invests herself fully into the lives of those in need. She has been able to bring together politicians, police, public servants, the business and church communities to collaboratively work to improve the lives of many less fortunate. She is a friend, a prayer warrior, and a source of wisdom. I highly support her efforts.

David Collins
Founder

Canadian Food for the Hungry International

“I have known Belkis Fernandez since 1991...she is a person who has earned considerable respect and admiration for her professional qualities and education and for her dedication ...she is tenacious, persistent and fights hard for what she believes in... she gives much to those who have the opportunity to work with her.

Claudio Doñé C.
Executive Director, World Vision
Dominican Republic

“Belkis served with Food for the Hungry Dominican Republic. During her time with us, Belkis stood out as a result of her initiative, creativity, perseverance and professional capacities. The most remarkable aspect of Belkis was her commitment to people and to personal relationships, regardless of the role or social status of the people around her. While with FHI-DR she developed strong relationships with co-workers, beneficiaries and donors. Those relationships were always enhanced by her sense of humour and her spontaneity... Underlying all is Belkis’s commitment to people...”

Luis Sena
Executive Director, Food for the Hungry- DR



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But more importantly, Manantial is You

At Manantial we firmly believe that together we can work to improve the social and economic conditions of our local community. We can bridge the socio-economic and cultural gaps that separate us and create a foundation of support for our families, our youths, and our children.

The sense of community is all of us working together, improving our way of life and reaching out to others who need our support.

Manantial is also “you” and you can help us reach our goals.

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