

# OUR JOURNEY

1999

## Architecture for Humanity (AFH)

Architecture for Humanity (AFH) was founded aiming to seek architectural solutions to humanitarian crises. The organization helped usher in the participatory design movement by launching competitions for disaster relief solutions and hosting charrettes for projects in war-torn Kosovo, mobile health clinics in Africa, the Haitian earthquake relief, and responses to Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, among other initiatives.

2003

2015

## AFH Headquarters

AFH headquarters office closed. 59 chapters worldwide remained operating independently in pro bono services.

## AFH Toronto

The AFH Toronto chapter was founded to connect marginalized and underserved communities in Toronto with its local network of architecture and design volunteers.

2016

## Open Architecture Collaborative (OAC)

AFH was restructured and rebranded as Open Architecture Collaborative (OAC) with the aim to become a global network that serves as an intermediary between professional practitioners and systematically marginalized communities. By developing educational programming for designers and architects to grow as leaders and changemakers.

2017

The OAC Toronto chapter was incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation and worked as an exclusively volunteer-run organization to advocate and practice community-engaged design.

2020

## OAC Canada

OAC Toronto was legally transferred to OAC Canada (OACC) to expand its programs and services Canada wide. OACC is on transmission to become a mission-centric social enterprise focused on design for social impact.

2025

## The Future of OAC Canada

A self-sustained co-learning and practice hub for design for social impact.

Over the past few years, we have participated in numerous projects with local volunteers and we are growing ...