AMADEUSZ • TORONTO, ONTARIO

2025 Annual Report

01 · OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

Amadeusz is a charitable organization that has been operating in Toronto since 2009.

Our Mission: Amadeusz supports young people who are incarcerated to create positive change in their lives through access to education, community programs and supports, mentorship, and exceptional care.

Our Vision: To create a future with equitable access to education and community support.

2025 Leadership, Staff & Board of Directors

Leadership & Staff	2025 Board of Directors
Joyce Chua Director of Operations	**Ayman Barr** Board Chair
Sheena Blake Brown Director of Prosper	**Annie Ayn** Secretary & Policy Development
Megan Macdonald Director of Education	**Aysha Watson** Human Resources
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Lorraine Lam Prosper Case Worker	
Tysha Henriquez Prosper Case Worker	
Kamoy Williams Community Reintegration Planning Table Coordinator	

02 · LEADERSHIP REFLECTION

Message from the Interim Executive Director

As I reflect on 2025, I am filled with gratitude for the people, partnerships, and shared commitment that continue to shape Amadeusz.

It is both an honour and a privilege to serve as Amadeusz's first Interim Executive Director. Having grown within this organization, I have had the opportunity to witness firsthand the dedication of our team, the strength of our participants, and the transformative possibilities that emerge when people are given meaningful opportunities to pursue their goals.

Throughout 2025, Amadeusz remained committed to increasing access to education and community supports, recognizing that meaningful opportunities, strong relationships, and equitable access to resources are essential to helping individuals shape their own futures. Our work continued to demonstrate the importance of meeting people where they are, recognizing their strengths, and challenging the systemic barriers that limit access to opportunity.

Through our Education Program, we continued to support individuals in pursuing their educational aspirations, recognizing education not simply as an academic achievement, but as a pathway toward greater autonomy, opportunity, and self-determination. Our partnerships with educational institutions remained central to expanding access to meaningful learning opportunities.

Through our Prosper Program, we continued providing individualized plans of support, recognizing that success requires more than access to services. It requires relationships, community, stability, and opportunities for individuals to envision and pursue the futures they desire.

Our continued Co-Chairing of the Toronto Regional Community Reintegration Planning Table, reinforced our commitment to advancing systemic change through partnership, knowledge sharing, and collective action.

As we reflect on the year, I am reminded that the true impact of Amadeusz cannot be measured solely through program statistics. Our impact is also reflected in the confidence someone develops when returning to school, the opportunities created through meaningful relationships, and the possibilities that emerge when individuals are supported in defining their own futures.

These accomplishments belong to our entire community.

To our staff, thank you for the compassion, expertise, and dedication that you bring to this work each day.

To our Board of Directors, thank you for your continued leadership and stewardship. To our funders and community partners, thank you for your investment in our mission and your belief in the importance of this work.

Most importantly, to our participants, thank you for allowing us to be part of your journeys. Your experiences, perspectives, and aspirations remain at the heart of everything we do.

As we move forward, our focus is on strengthening the foundation upon which Amadeusz has been built.

This means ensuring that our organizational structures, systems, policies, and practices are aligned with our mission and capable of supporting our team and the communities we serve.

It means investing in our people, strengthening accountability, deepening relationships, and building the organizational capacity necessary for sustainable growth.

We recognize that meaningful change requires both vision and intention. Our responsibility is not simply to expand our reach, but to ensure that the work we do remains effective, responsive, equitable, and sustainable.

As Amadeusz's first ever Interim Executive Director, I am committed to leading this next chapter with care, transparency, collaboration, and a deep respect for the people who have made Amadeusz what it is today.

I believe that strong organizations create the conditions for people to thrive. And when we strengthen our organization, we strengthen our ability to create opportunities, influence systems, and contribute to meaningful change.

I look forward to all that we will continue to accomplish together.

Sheena Blake Brown
Interim Executive Director

03 · CORE MANDATE

Programs & Services

Amadeusz offers a variety of programs and supports with a focus on education, community support, research, and case management.

Education Program

The Amadeusz education program supports young people aged 18 to 35 in working towards their educational goals. The goal of this program is to provide young people who are incarcerated with the opportunity, resources, and support to complete their high school education, and prepare for, and enrol in, post-secondary schooling.

Ontario Secondary Diploma (OSSD) Completion

The OSSD programming stream provides participants access to high school credit courses through our various partnerships. Participants are given access to PLAR assessments and print-based high school credit courses that help them work towards obtaining their OSSD.

Location: Toronto South Detention Centre, Toronto East Detention Centre, In Community

High School Equivalency Completion

The high school equivalency programming stream supports young people to write the Canadian Adult Education Credential (CAEC). Amadeusz works in collaboration with TVO ILC to offer this program stream.

Location: Toronto South Detention Centre, Toronto East Detention Centre, In Community

Post-Secondary Program

The post-secondary programming stream facilitates access to post-secondary college and university courses through our various partnerships with post-secondary institutions. This allows participants the opportunity to work towards post-secondary certificates through access to print based courses, or complete courses that can be transferred to their preexisting post-secondary education.

Location: Toronto South Detention Centre, Toronto East Detention Centre, In Community

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Programs & Services

Prosper

Using intensive case management, case workers work with young people aged 18 to 29 with firearm-related charges to create and execute an individualized plan of support based on their needs and goals. Case workers work with young people throughout incarceration and coordinate existing systems to support their transition to the community. The goal of this is to reduce the young person's involvement in future violence and crime.

Location: Prosper case workers facilitate continued support through transfers to varying institutions. Case workers also continue to provide support after a participant's release into the community.

Community Reintegration Planning Table

Amadeusz co-chairs and coordinates the Community Reintegration Planning Table, streamlining multi-agency service delivery and strengthening wrap-around support pathways for individuals transitioning out of custody.

Location: Toronto South Detention Centre (TSDC), Toronto East Detention Centre (TEDC), and Vanier Centre for Women.

Research

Amadeusz engaged in research initiatives that are closely aligned with our mission and vision. You can explore our research publications by visiting our website at www.amadeusz.ca/research/.

Community Recognition, Philanthropy & Research

Transformative $250,000 Gift

K2 & Associates made a landmark $250,000 investment in Amadeusz to sustain and expand our programs and services.

Community Volunteer Action

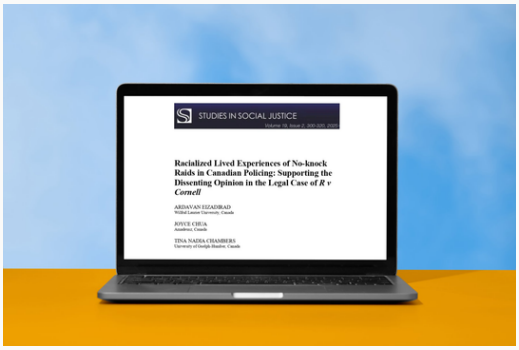
On May 27, 2025, volunteers assembled 24 essential living kits and 24 school supply kits at our office to support participants returning to the community.



Published Justice Research

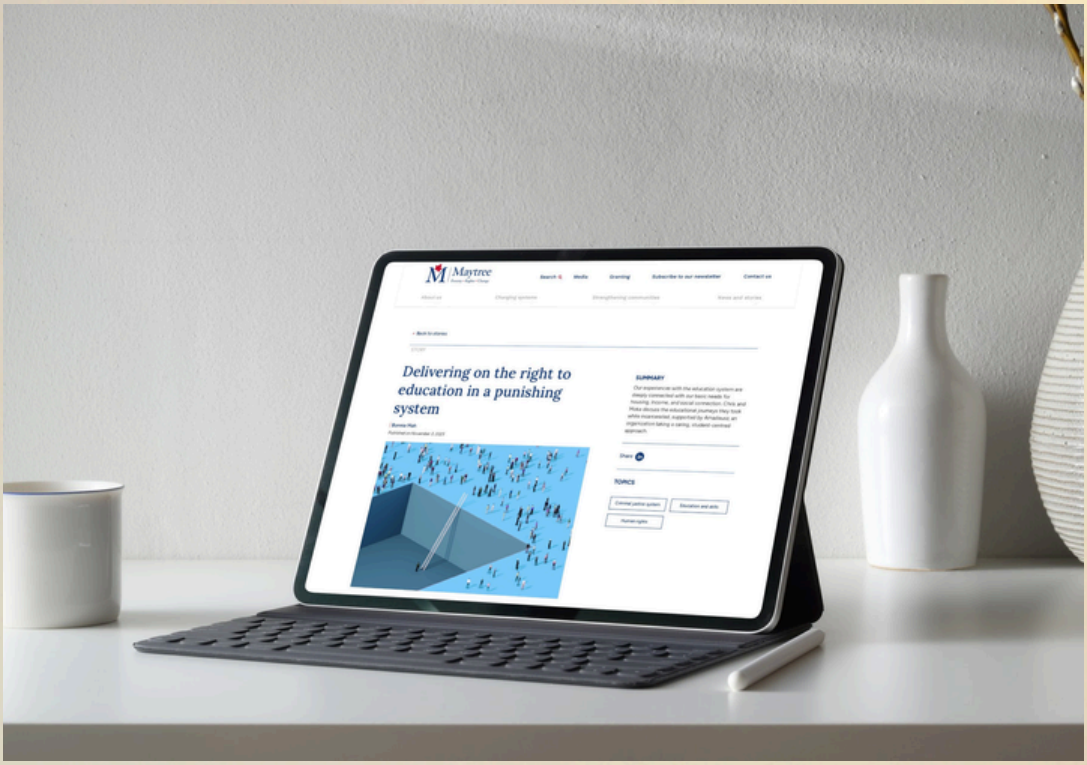
Amadeusz co-authored the peer-reviewed study “Racialized Lived Experiences of No-Knock Raids in Canadian Policing: Supporting the Dissenting Opinion in the Legal Case of R v. Cornell” (Studies in Social Justice, Vol. 19, No. 2, pp. 300–320).

Read the full study on our website at https://amadeusz.ca/research.



Community Recognition, Philanthropy & Research

Maytree Feature: Delivering on the Right to Education in a Punishing System



n October 2025, Maytree featured two Amadeusz participants in its publication *Delivering on the Right to Education in a Punishing System*, highlighting the critical role of educational access during incarceration.

Read the full publication: https://maytree.com/publications/delivering-on-the-right-to-education-in-a-punishing-system/

"In Canada, we see our education system as being really strong... We think that everyone has a right to education—to free, accessible elementary and secondary school education. But a lot of people don't think about this population. They're behind walls. Their voices are not heard. They are forgotten."

— MEGAN MACDONALD, EDUCATION PROGRAM DIRECTOR, AMADEUSZ

"There's always going to be hope. We're still alive, we're still breathing, we're still capable. You can always turn things around. It's never too late."

— CHRIS, AMADEUSZ EDUCATION PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

"I want my voice heard. We can overcome these challenges. We can form a community around us that will support and uplift us. I don't want people to feel like that's not possible for them, because it really is."

— MOKA DAWKINS, AMADEUSZ EDUCATION PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

05 · PROGRAM OUTCOMES

2025 Education Program Impact

In 2025, Amadeusz supported a total of **834** individuals.

2025 Education Program Indicator	2025 Result	2024 Reference
Enrolled Participants (147 OSSD, 6 Equivalency, 75 Post-Secondary)	226	276
Additional Individuals Supported (Transcripts, Guidance & Referrals)	608	757
Total Individuals Served	**834**	**1,033**
High School Courses Registered / Completed	315 / 242	354 / 269
PLAR Credits Granted	651.75	1,153
Ontario Secondary School Diplomas (OSSDs) Achieved	60	67
CAEC High School Equivalency Certificates Achieved (Pass Rate)	4 / 4 (100%)	—
Post-Secondary Courses Registered / Completed	94 / 103	134 / 92
Post-Secondary Certificates Completed	7	9







High School Equivalency Stream: CAEC

Amadeusz established a vital partnership with TLO IVC to deliver the Canadian Adult Education Credential (CAEC) in an accessible, paper-based format for participants at the Toronto South Detention Centre (TSDC) and Toronto East Detention Centre (TEDC). This initiative provides an alternative, supportive pathway for individuals featured through high school education while incarcerated.

Graduation Ceremonies & Milestones

Throughout 2025, Amadeusz proudly celebrated 42 Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) graduates and three post-secondary graduates across six inspiring graduation ceremonies held at TSDC and TEDC. Ceremonies included speeches, a meal, presentation of diploma, and cap and gown photos.

2025 Education Program Impact

Amadeusz Scholarships

In 2025, Amadeusz awarded ten $2,000 scholarships to young people who have transitioned from incarceration into the community and are enrolled in full-time post-secondary studies. Full details are published in the 2025 Amadeusz Scholarship Report at amadeusz.ca/scholarship.



"It is important to me to keep myself on a positive path and be able to do something I enjoy and can make a living from."

BREANNA



"It would empower me to continue rising above my circumstances and inspire others in similar positions to believe in their own potential."

STEPHEN



"It makes me feel great knowing I didn't give up and it's never too late to go to school."

CLAYTON



"Your generosity is making a real and lasting impact. Not just for me but for the next generation."

ABDULLAHI

2025 Prosper Program Impact

Throughout 2025, the Prosper Program supported 90 participants (52 active and 38 inactive), delivering 100% intake assessment, individualized Plans of Support, ongoing case monitoring, and wraparound referrals.

100% Wraparound Case Management

Every Prosper participant received:

- 100% Comprehensive Intake & Individualized Plans of Support
- 100% Ongoing Assessment & Case Monitoring
- 100% Information, Referrals & Wraparound System Navigation

Core Wraparound Access

44%

received court-related advocacy and legal support

42%

received essential technology support (21 participants)

21%

accessed culturally grounded psychotherapy & mental health services, including expanded Sankofa support and in-kind care for families impacted by violence (21 participants)

19%

received hands-on assistance completing tax filings

Education, Employment & Community Transition

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Participants (15%) successfully transitioned from incarceration into the community

27%

connected to education or vocational training pathways, including 3 participants enrolled full-time in post-secondary studies

19%

(9 participants) connected to the job market and secured employment

05 · PROGRAM OUTCOMES

2026 Prosper Program Impact

Qualitative milestones from the 2025 Prosper Program year.

Culturally Grounded Mental Health

Collaborated with the Sankofa Legacy Project to facilitate accessible, trauma-informed psychotherapy services delivered by licensed, specialized clinicians, supporting community healing and culturally responsive mental health care.

SANKOFA
PSYCHOTHERAPY & CONSULTANCY GROUP
"BUILDING A LEGACY"

Cross-Sector Coordination

Strengthened partnerships with the Ontario Ministry of the Solicitor General, Probation and Parole, and the Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee (HSJCC) to improve access to housing, education, employment, IDs, and income supports (Ontario Works/ODSP).

Transit Access (TTC Partnership)

Secured a new agreement with the Toronto Transit Commission to provide three months of PRESTO passes for up to 60 participants (launching February 2026).

Health & Wellness Access

Partnered with Planet Fitness Etobicoke to offer subsidized memberships ($15/month with waived enrollment and annual fees for one year).

Lived-Experience Leadership

Engaged participants directly in developing and delivering workshops to build staff competency in supporting justice-involved individuals.

06 · COMMUNITY REFLECTIONS

Voices of Impact

"I am grateful for Amadeusz to see me for my potential and not judge me for past mistakes."
— Scholarship Recipient

"Working with Prosper has been really helpful for me. It's made a big difference... when I need it most."
— Prosper Participant's Mom

"I have had plenty of time to go over & re-think my situation and re-valuate what is most important to me. Education will change my life."
— Education Program Participant

"Together, we work with incarcerated men to rebuild self-identity, set meaningful life goals, and reconnect with culturally grounded supports."
— Sankofa Psychotherapy & Consultancy Group

"Every step I take, it empowers me, knowing that I am making a difference in my life and keeping at it."
— Education Program Participant

"I was very surprised to learn I had won this scholarship. Not having a high school diploma I thought education and all the doors that it opens would not be available to me. Now I have hope for my future and see that people who make mistakes can reach their goals."
— Scholarship Recipient

"Receiving the 2025 Amadeusz Scholarship award is more than financial support. It's a powerful affirmation that my voice, my work, and my dreams matter."
— Scholarship Recipient

"With Amadeusz's support, I am one step closer to standing in front of a classroom, empowering the next generation to acknowledge their potential, own their future, and know that their story does not end where it began."
— Scholarship Recipient

"Everything has changed for me. No more saying 'I can't.' I knocked on the door and welcomed me in happily."
— Education Program Participant

"Working with Prosper has truly been life changing for me. It has shown me what it means to be part of a team that genuinely cares."
— Prosper Participant

"The Amadeusz program has helped me quite significantly in terms of making a stable plan for the sake of a better future."
— Education Program Participant

"Receiving the 2025 Amadeusz Scholarship would be life-changing for me. As someone who has faced homelessness, addiction, and incarceration, this support represents more than financial relief—it's a vote of confidence in my future and the work I am doing to rebuild it."
— Scholarship Recipient

08 · LIVED EXPERIENCE FEATURE

Participant Spotlight: Zaire







ZAIRE · PROSPER PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

Q: How has your involvement with Amadeusz influenced your personal growth, mindset, or goals?

“My involvement with Amadeusz has changed how I set and execute goals in life. I never had a clear understanding of how to set goals before that; they also changed my mindset on asking for help and made me realize that I'm not a burden for asking for it.”

Q: What has changed for you personally, emotionally, or educationally since being part of this program?

“Personally, emotionally, and educationally this program helped me mature and navigate life as an adult. From speaking life into me and encouraging me in every step I take to helping me finish my GED and get into college. Amadeusz helped me learn to be different and not follow the crowd. They helped with so many major milestones in my life since I was released in 2020. They also have a hand in why I'm pursuing my social service worker diploma and wanting to help at-risk youth.”

Q: Is there one experience, lesson, or memory from the program that stands out?

“I remember after my release, Sheena would call or message me a few times a week and she'd tell me how I'm capable of everything and anything I want to do in life. She'd do breathing exercises with me to help me calm my mind and to think clearly, then ask me where I picture myself in the coming years—not just to picture it, but feel it too. This would continue for a year or two and this would be the push I needed to see the potential within myself.”

Q: If you could speak to someone just joining the program, what would you tell them?

“I would tell them to let down any barriers they have and be very open-minded. This program can help you, but you need to do the work for yourself first. Amadeusz will push you to be the best version of yourself; they want to see you win.”

2025 Audited Financial Statements

The full 2025 Audited Financial Statements are available online at amadeusz.ca/about/financial-statements.

AMADEUSZ
Statement of Financial Position

As at December 31	2025	2024
	$	$
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	**941,773**	785,472
Accounts receivable (Note 3)	**261,229**	27,847
Prepaid expenses	**5,415**	5,083
	1,208,417	818,402
Property, plant and equipment (Note 4)	**5,089**	6,361
	1,213,506	824,763
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 5)	**65,298**	33,585
Deferred contributions (Note 6)	**909,643**	603,759
	974,941	637,344
Net assets		
General fund - unrestricted	**-**	-
Reserve fund - internally restricted	**238,565**	187,419
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	1,213,506	824,763

See accompanying notes

Approved on behalf of the board:

Director

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AMADEUSZ
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

For the year ended December 31	2025 $	2024 $
Revenue		
Municipal	**353,675**	277,917
Provincial	**12,484**	2,171
United Way	**83,787**	110,478
Foundations	**605,443**	379,636
Corporations and banks	**107,705**	123,268
Donation and fundraising	**56,386**	8,899
Other agencies	**116,694**	24,334
Interest income	**12,569**	9,601
	1,348,743	936,304
Expenditures		
Salaries and benefits	**837,011**	575,008
Program related expenses	**336,295**	221,563
Professional fees	**65,420**	49,444
Office and general	**31,947**	22,765
Rent	**15,591**	14,344
Insurance	**6,032**	5,882
Telephone	**2,855**	2,618
Bank charges	**1,174**	968
Advertising and promotion	**-**	401
Amortization of property, plant and equipment	**1,272**	1,590
	1,297,597	894,583
Excess of revenue over expenditures	**51,146**	41,721

See accompanying notes

Circle of Support & How to Contribute

Amadeusz extends its sincere gratitude to our 2025 funders, whose generous support has been instrumental in advancing our mission. We are equally grateful to the donors, partners, and advocates whose belief in our programs and services enables us to keep making a meaningful impact. Most importantly, we thank the individuals we serve — our participants — who remain the heart and driving force behind all that we do.

CIRCLE OF SUPPORT

Catapult — Moving Learning Forward / Avançons l'apprentissage
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Toronto
Centennial College
ScotiaRISE
Toronto Metropolitan University
Ontario Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services
HSJCC — Human Services & Justice Coordinating Committee
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Northern College
Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General
Canadian Mental Health Association — Mental health for all
CIBC Foundation
Mohawk College
TELUS / TELUS Friendly Future Foundation
Maytree — Poverty • Rights • Change
Humber
United Way Greater Toronto
SANKOFA — Psychotherapy & Consultancy Group — "Building a Legacy"
Robert Kerr Foundation
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How to Contribute: All donations go directly toward Amadeusz programs providing opportunities, resources, and wraparound supports to young people creating positive change. Visit amadeusz.ca/support/donate or email info@amadeusz.ca.

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