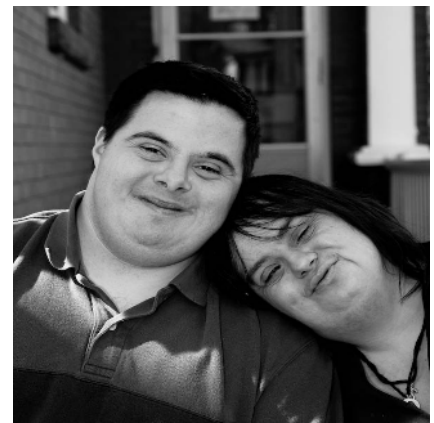
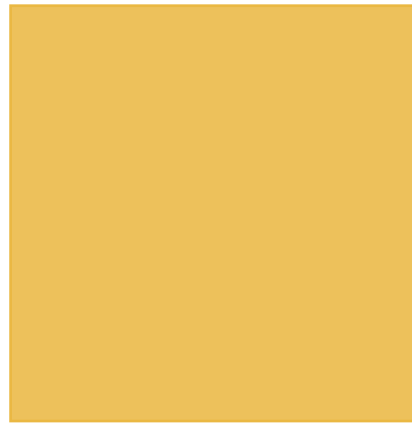


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2009
 Annual Report



a Year in review



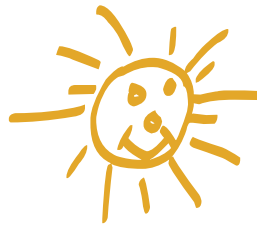


Mission Statement

The mission of The Centre for DREAMS is to enhance the knowledge of our clients, with intellectual disabilities in a variety of settings, within their community, to empower them to become independent, dignified and respected members therein. We are dedicated to providing the opportunities and the means for our youth and adult members to focus on their abilities and not their disabilities through educational, social and life skill programs. We are *one community with countless Dreams.*



core values



1. Unity is the fundamental foundation for all programming

Our Board of Directors, staff and members work cooperatively to establish all aspects of programming to ensure the highest level of excellence. The Board of Directors and staff have a high level of respect for our members and operate the centre with energizing leadership.

2. We strive to create an oasis for our members

The Centre for Dreams is a positive learning environment where all members are accepted and where all accomplishments are celebrated with great pride. All members are inspired and encouraged to take risks in order to develop their skills and achieve their dreams.

3. Each person has an unquestionable worth and the right to free participation and full integration in all aspects of their community.

The Centre for Dreams participates fully in the greater community. We create partnerships with similar organizations, act as a source of information expanding worldwide, and participate in a number of corporate initiatives. We strive to create access and encourage social interactions all the while providing a safe environment for our clients.

4. We are committed to advocating on behalf of our members and educating about barriers to equality.

As an organization we strive to identify and remove barriers to access and full participation for our members. The member's perspective is always taken into consideration and where the member is able, we encourage self-advocacy.

5. Each person has the right to live a life with dignity and respect

The Centre for Dreams celebrates the abilities and differences of each individual and takes pride in the diversity of our organization.

6. The personal growth of each individual requires both cooperative and collective action, therefore allowing our clients to determine and reach their fullest potential.



April, 2010



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

As Honourary Chair for the Centre for Dreams, I commend them for their efforts to provide educational services and vocational training for intellectually challenged adults that are no longer eligible to attend the public/separate school system after they reach the age of 21 years.

The spirit that built our community is reflected in the residents who devote their best efforts to making Markham a special place to live. We have strived to embrace the diversity of our residents, including those with special needs; this includes promoting a culture of inclusion and acceptance.

I have witnessed first hand how the Centre for Dreams encourages their clients to be part of our community and helped to ensure that they become productive, independent, dignified and respected members of society.

The Centre for Dreams has provided a valuable program for some of our most vulnerable residents and I enthusiastically endorse and support their efforts and wish them continued success in their future endeavours.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Frank Scarpitti'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Frank Scarpitti
Mayor

Letter from the President

2008 & 2009 have been absolutely amazing years for DREAMS. With new corporate sponsors such as Markham Infiniti, Esquire Homes and Home Depot, the support we have received from them has given me a glimpse into the potential future for us and it's looking brighter than ever. To top it off, DREAMS was chosen for The Mayor Charitable Foundation grant - a \$20,000 donation, which left me speechless.

With a new leaf turned over, we also made a few additions to our already talented board, which includes, William Stephen, Marion Blum, Doug Smith and Nicole Criswick. Thank you for continuing to look out for us and your endless support!

While every triumph for DREAMS is better than the next, the biggest accomplishment for us is being able to increase our DREAM Team. With 24 members in 2009, we hope to be able to accommodate 30 in 2010.

It was also a very exciting year with the addition of a new and innovative fundraising event called "Spaliday," which was a tremendous success! Raising over \$9,000, this has redefined the word COMMUNITY as local businesses, who normally compete for business, come together for one cause. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who donated their time and dedication to making this such a wonderful first year - I am looking forward to this annual event!

Lastly, we are still in process of finding a new home that will meet our needs. With our evergrowing family and expansion of services and program, this is our ultimate dream. Looking back on what has happened and is to come, I have no doubt we will get there!

Thank you to everyone for making these past two years so memorable on so many levels. I am touched by all of your support and kind gestures. We are looking forward to another amazing year!



Elaine Vollett

Elaine Vollett, OMC
President & Founder



Letter from the Chair

Time goes by real fast, yes I am looking to be nominated for understatement of the year. While writing this brief note I was reflecting on how long I have been involved with Dreams and how the months have morphed into years. It just seems like yesterday that I was being given a tour of Elaine's home, the original birth place of Dreams. I recall that every corner of her home was dedicated to the programs that she and Michelle poured themselves into for the development of their members. With tears in her eyes she told me her story and her dream for the future of this fabulous organization that is dedicated to ensuring that no human beings are marginalized in any way. I caught her passion that day and made a commitment to help out any way I could. While we are not quite where we want to be we have come miles from that original meeting because so many incredible people have embraced the dream. Our board, staff, volunteers and community have given so much and our members continue to thrive as a result. Our programs, location and resources are all significantly better because of all of you. Plans are in the works to secure a new permanent location and we hope to start a building fund soon. Our key fundraising events, the Festival of Trees, Spaliday and Antique Car Show are becoming 'must attend' events in Markham and will be key in helping us meet our goals. Yes, time has gone by fast and we have changed, from better facilities to a higher profile, we are not the same little charity we were many years ago. One thing that hasn't changed however is the burning desire to make the world a better place for those with developmental challenges. With your continued support we know we can make a difference. My heartfelt thanks for all you do.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harry James".

Harry James
Chairman of The Board



THATS ME @ THIS YEARS
FESTIVAL OF TREES!

our extended family

volunteering @ the centre for dreams

	2009	2008	2007
Direct Service Hours	4233.75	4657.25	3386
Indirect Service Hours	3966.5	2157.50	3952.5
Total Volunteers Hours	8200.25	7614.75	7338.5

We are fortunate to have some of the most amazing and dedicated volunteers! It is because of your help that we can continue to grow and reach our dreams. For that, the members & staff here would like to say....



HOME SWEET HOME

Thanks to the amazing team at Home Depot Markham East for turning our humble house into a home! Their efforts to help improve our centre is truly a work of art. We now have an amazing new program floor, brightly painted walls that reflect our organization and a comfortable place for all our members. To everyone who gave us a hand in making this all possible, we will forever be grateful for all that you've done for us!



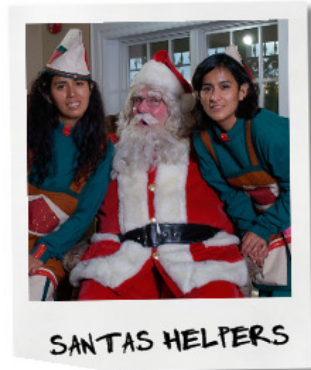


5th Annual Festival of Trees 2010



PEOPLES CHOICE

29 TREES IN TOTAL



SANTAS HELPERS



3RD YEAR AND COUNTING...

UNIONVILLE MONTESSORI



FUN GAMES!



OH SO PRETTY



FAMILY!

STACEY, JOHN, ELAINE & STEF



BEST CORPORATE EXPRESSION

THIS YEAR WE HAD 7 BEAUTIFUL WREATHS!



Looking back on the past 5 years, it is amazing to see just how much The Festival of Trees has grown. What started off as a small holiday fundraiser has now become our largest event of the year and we could not be happier about it! This year, we raised a little over an astounding \$30,000 for our centre. Thanks to our sponsors, volunteers and wonderful supporters who attended the event. With the sound of children singing, the sight of photos being snapped with santa to the smell of fresh popcorn and cotton candy - Christmas was alive at the beautifully decorated Angus Glen Golf Club, the 2009 Festival of Trees was a HUGE success!



Special thanks to:

- | | |
|---|------------------------|
| Baka Wireless | Angus Glen Golf Club |
| Markham Ininiti | Giant Leap Photography |
| Nichols & Associate | SNAP Markham |
| Griffith Property Landscaping Inc. | An Affair to Remember |
| Longo's | Mayor Frank Scarpitti |
| Paul Calandra, MP Oak Ridges, ...OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!!!!!! | |
| Markham BMO | |
| Mastermind Toys | |
| Beckenridge Discovery Preschool | |
| Rescue 7 Inc. | |

FUN FOR ALL!



DOE, RE, ME... FORTY SOMETHING



YOU CAN'T HAVE A COMMUNITY

Adam and Sarah Harrington
Adam Ivers
Alan Kennedy
Aldo DiFelice
Alexis Sullivan
All Care Health & Staffing Services
Allan Ennis
Allen Wang
Alma Eskandary
Amy Paquette
Andrew Akman
Andrew Eddy
Andrew Foster
Angela Giuliano
Angela Hart
Angella Lisa Sratas
Angelo Racioppo
Anuja Sheth
Arylne Phillipson
Arminzh Ovanessian
Baka Communications Inc.
Barbara Williams
Beauty by Nature Spa
Ben Bishop
Beth Ti
Blair Insurance
BMO Bank of Montreal
Bogaro
Brad Miller
Brett Boyd
Brian Duquette
Brian Roman
Brittany Parrington
Brother Andre Catholic High School
Bruce Borden
BWNA Chapter 6 - Central York Region
Cailey Stollery
Canadian Feed The Children
Candice Miller
Carle & Mildred Sellers
Carol Collins
Charles Ticker
Cheryl Cooke Harrington
Chetan Turkel
Chris Egsgard
Chris Pappas
Cindy Black
Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill
CuiLi Zhang
Dan MacLeod - Price Chopper
Danny Racioppo
Danny Tiano
David Abramsky
David Cooper
David Kines
Dean Roosevelt
Debi Downer



Deborah Herriot-Howes Barrister
Donalda Patenaude
Doreen Constable
Doreen Curley
Doug Meharg
Dr. Juliana Jaskot
Ed Durnan
Ellis Jacob
Evelyn Kwok
Faye Black
Forty Something
Franklin Templeton Investments
Gail Chasson
Galleria Supermarket
Gary Curley
Gary & Cynthia Kahoon
GD Connor Dentistry Professional Corp
Glenn Harrington
Goodman & Company, Investment
Counsel
Gordon Fallen
Grant Smith
Gregory O'Brien
Harish Chander Sharma
Harry James Financial
Heather Shapero
HMC Vibes Inc.
Home Depot
Isabel Siegel
Jacqueline Chillman
James Sherry
Jaret Moldaver
Jason Woodlinger
Jay Switzer
Jean Smythe
Jenny O'Brien
Jesse Harrington

...Without UNITY!

Jessie Burgess
Jessie Millier
Jessie Pearson
Joan Henry
Joanne P. Olson
Joe Caggianello
John Gill
John Harding
Jungle Interiors
Keri Kisiloski
Kerry Bristow
Larry Barzelai
Larry Curley
Leigh Toliopoulos
Leo Racioppo
Les Everett
Leslie Benczik
Lexcess Ventures Inc.
Lionel's Petting Zoo & Farm
Lisa & Vince Bennardo
Lori Good McGarry
Lucy Lehman
Mackenzie Investments
Marcia Toliopoulos
Marion Blum
Markham District Veterans Association
Markham Executive Suites
Markham Lions Club
Markham Village BIA
Marlene Rattner
Martha Rocha
Martin Black
Mastermind Educational Technologies Inc.
Matteo Giuliano
McCaul Importers Limited
Michael Black
Michael Kennedy
Michelle Miller
Mina Traikos
Momento Photoworks
Monopoly Commercial Realty Inc.
Moore Chiropractic Clinic
My Zumba Fitness
Nancy DeFilippes
Natalina McPherson
Neil and Marie McRuer
Nichols & Associate
Oliver's Labels
Party Packagers
Paul Family
Paul Zimic
Petra Hygienic
Preferred Health Care Services

Pulse Dance Works
Ralph Shepherd
Randy Milthorpe
Renee Chow
Rich Cooper
Rina Caggianello
Rivka Moldover
Robert Kaunismaa
Ronald Moses
Rosa Colangelo
Ruby Lindensmith
Ruth Benwell
Scarborough Chapter Order of The Eastern Star
Shanthi Markandazir
Shireen Sulema
Spiroula Anagnostopoulos
Starbucks
Stephen Lusk
Sujay Maniktala
The Toskan Casale Foundation
Toshiba of Canada Limited
United Way of Greater Toronto
Vince Greco
Vito Ierullo
VPI
York Region Condominium Corporation



1st Annual

Spaliday '09

Christmas in June



Who doesn't enjoy a little pampering every now and then? With Spaliday, the concept was simple - rejuvenate your soul and reward your community. It was the perfect opportunity to test out local salons and spa services for a fraction of the cost with every dollar going towards helping the members of DREAMS reach their, well...dreams! Following a tropical inspired theme, it was a little taste of heaven for all who attended.

Thanks to Georgia, one of our amazing volunteers who suggested the idea, the event was made possible by our truly extraordinary event sponsor - Markham Infiniti. Bill, along with his team, graciously opened their dealership to eager women all around the York Region wanting a day get-away with their girlfriends.

With over 120 guests, the event was a huge success and raised \$9,000! What made this event unique and even more special was having stylists and estheticians from different places, put aside their "competitiveness" aside and come together for one purpose, one cause.

We are excited to host our 2nd Annual Spaliday on Sunday June 13th at Markham Infiniti once again.

Other highlights from the event included: Singer Brian Roman; Zumba, kick-boxing and floral demos, as well as the silent auction.

Special thanks to Markham Infiniti, SNAP Markham, Giant Leap Photography and Esquire Homes.





All in the Stars...

Every year, we dedicate one very special night to recognize our amazing sponsors, volunteers and supporters for their hard work and dedication to DREAMS. It is even more special because it is a chance for us to showcase and salute our *extraordinary* members for their accomplishments and undeniable talents, big or small. Each member is presented a unique award based on their achievements.



And the Award goes to...

Award of Excellence in Volunteerism:

Lucy Lehman
Cheryl Harrington
Maria Youhanapour

"...contributes to a more cohesive society by building trust and reciprocity among citizens"

Don Weldon Award:

Larry Curley
John Vollett

"...living life to the fullest...helping our members actualize their goals and dreams."

Michelle Del Carmen Award:
Robyn Wong

"...exemplifies the values of the social work profession."



Award of Excellence for Good Spirit:
Michael & Lillian Delli-Benedetti
Doug & Georgia Smith

*"...shown outstanding dedication and sincere
commitment, recognition of a positive attitude
and kindred spirit."*

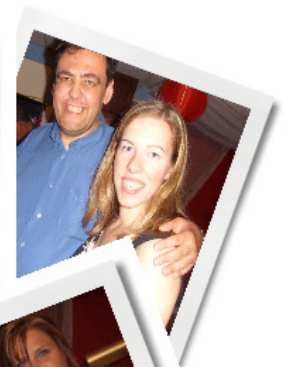
Triple Star Award:
Home Depot



"...selfless dedication to the advancement of The Centre for Dreams"

Elaine Vollett Award of Dedication:
Carolina Moretti

*'...an individual whose unpaid contribution promote equal
opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities, while
improving their quality of life.'*



IN a NUT shell...

Highlights of 2009

20+ Co-ops joined the DREAM Team - our most students ever!!
Thanks to George Brown College, York University, Centennial College,
Seneca College

1st Annual Spaliday Event a HUGE success!

Celebrated 5th year anniversary for our annual Festival of Trees

1st ever *Tri Star* Corporation Award presented to Home Depot!

Anonymous Donor graciously donated \$13,000 to enhance our member's
goals and dreams and awards night

Individual Program Plans (IPP) were implemented to further our mission and
help our members actualize their goals and dreams



Walk for DREAMS event raised \$10,000

The opening of our DREAM Store



2009

Board of Directors
Members
Staff

PRESIDENT Elaine Vollett
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS Michelle Del Carmen
PROGRAM MANAGER Keri Kisiloski
PROGRAM FACILITATORS Brittany Parrington | Larry Curley | Felicia Romagnolo | Kim Duncan
PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKER Debbie Milley

Mayor Frank Scarpitti HONORARY CHAIRPERSON
Harry James CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
Nicole Criswick | Marion Blum | Bill Stephen | Graham Nichols | David Black | Doug Smith BOARD MEMBERS

SUMMER STAFF Robyn Wong | Michael Luciano | Andrew Foster | Tamana Shasmahand | Allison Jahr

The Dream Team

Anthony Caggianello	John Vollett
Asheesh Sharma	Jordan Maloney
Brad Teague	Lana Romic
Bryna Wang	Leigh Toliopopoulos
Carlos Commendador	Lucia Martella
Danny Racioppo	Lilit Novshadyan
Dustin Polangco	Manoj Patel
Eric Beedman	Michael Paglia
Fatima Bozai	Michael Smythe
Greg O'Brien	Nasim Rajan
Jason Gaucher	Nona Afshar
Jesse Harrington	Paula Vettese
Jim Rappos	Stefanie Romagnolo
	Steve Nash





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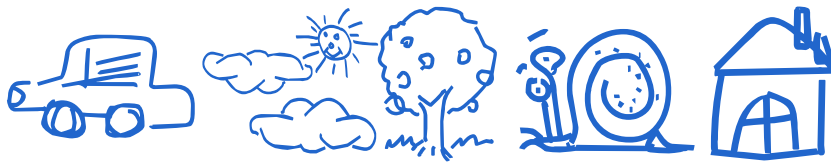
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**CENTRE FOR DREAMS
(O/A THE CENTRE FOR D.R.E.A.M.S. INC.)**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

UNAUDITED

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Chartered Accountants

NOTICE TO READER

On the basis of information provided by management, we have compiled the statement of financial position of **Centre For DREAMS (o/a The Centre For D.R.E.A.M.S. Inc.)** as at December 31, 2008 and the statements of changes in net assets and operations for the year then ended. We have not performed an audit or a review engagement in respect of these financial statements and, accordingly, we express no assurance thereon. Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

Hennick Herman, LLP

Richmond Hill, Canada
April 1, 2009

LICENSED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

CENTRE FOR DREAMS
(O/A THE CENTRE FOR D.R.E.A.M.S. INC.)
Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2008
Unaudited

	2008	2007
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash	\$ 31,450	\$ 37,520
Accounts receivable	24,525	14,811
Prepaid Insurance	69	69
	<u>56,044</u>	<u>52,400</u>
Equipment (note 2)	<u>500</u>	<u>1,541</u>
	<u>\$ 56,544</u>	<u>\$ 53,941</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued charges	\$ 1,751	\$ 1,652
Loans payable	<u>8,500</u>	<u>-</u>
	10,251	1,652
FUND BALANCE		
Fund Balance	<u>46,293</u>	<u>52,289</u>
	<u>\$ 56,544</u>	<u>\$ 53,941</u>

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD


Director


Director

(See Notice to Reader dated April 1, 2009)

CENTRE FOR DREAMS
(O/A THE CENTRE FOR D.R.E.A.M.S. INC.)
Statement of Change in Net Assets
Year Ended December 31, 2008
Unaudited

	2008	2007
Balance - beginning of year	\$ 52,289	\$ 7,448
Excess of (expenses over revenue) revenue over expenses	(5,996)	44,841
Balance - end of year	<u>\$ 46,293</u>	<u>\$ 52,289</u>

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CENTRE FOR DREAMS
(O/A THE CENTRE FOR D.R.E.A.M.S. INC.)
Statement of Operations
Year Ended December 31, 2008
Unaudited

	2008	2007
Revenue		
Donations	\$ 81,107	\$ 76,442
Fundraising events	56,391	170,969
Government funding (note 3)	74,775	78,764
Fees for Programs	81,922	54,352
Donations in kind	15,846	187,981
Miscellaneous	487	1,452
	<u>310,528</u>	<u>569,960</u>
Expenses		
Life skills & education program costs (note 4)	119,869	131,291
Administration (note 4)	105,374	92,450
Outreach (note 4)	26,145	42,323
Fundraising (note 4)	42,209	96,502
Festival of Trees (note 4)	20,476	22,322
Renovations	842	140,231
Award Night (note 4)	1,609	-
	<u>316,524</u>	<u>525,119</u>
Excess of (Expenses over Revenue) Revenue over Expenses	<u>\$ (5,996)</u>	<u>\$ 44,841</u>

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**CENTRE FOR DREAMS
(O/A THE CENTRE FOR D.R.E.A.M.S. INC.)**

Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2008
Unaudited

4. Project Details

	Admin	Life skills Education Program Costs	Outreach Program Costs	Festival of Trees Costs	Award Night Cost	Fund Raising	2008 Total	2007 Total
Amortization	\$ 1,041	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,041	\$ 493
Art supplies	-	4,178	-	-	-	487	4,665	2,585
Bank & credit card charges	1,621	-	-	21	-	-	1,642	1,903
Community event costs	-	-	8,080	-	-	36,362	44,442	111,833
Direct Participant costs	-	10,801	-	-	-	-	10,801	8,279
Dues & subscriptions	881	-	-	-	-	-	881	3,648
Insurance	4,348	-	-	-	-	-	4,348	1,995
Marketing	-	3,058	-	4,485	-	360	7,903	-
Miscellaneous	8,378	26	-	1,257	-	-	9,661	18,266
Office supplies & printing	6,294	-	-	219	-	-	6,513	3,390
Other	160	373	-	500	-	-	1,033	6,765
Outside services	2,760	11,300	-	-	-	-	14,060	13,730
Meals and entertainment	-	-	-	4,912	175	-	5,087	-
Postage & delivery	210	-	-	-	-	-	210	232
Printing & reproduction	3,715	-	836	337	-	-	4,888	7,998
Professional fees	1,664	4	257	-	-	-	1,925	1,838
Rent	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	30,188	40,001
Renovations	74	-	-	2,484	188	-	2,971	6,165
Supplies	743	-	-	1,235	413	-	2,811	1,637
Telephone & fax	1,604	-	-	-	833	-	1,604	2,763
Therapies	-	4,842	-	-	-	-	4,842	2,156
Travel	30	448	-	26	-	-	504	2,520
Utilities & Maintenance	13,136	-	-	-	-	-	13,136	5,793
Wages & benefits	25,714	84,839	16,972	5,000	-	5,000	137,525	138,277
Website	3,001	-	-	-	-	-	3,001	2,621
	\$ 105,374	\$ 119,869	\$ 26,145	\$ 20,476	\$ 1,609	\$ 42,209	\$ 315,682	\$ 384,888

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