

ANNUAL REPORT

YWCA PETERBOROUGH, VICTORIA & HALIBURTON

2012 - 2013



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ON THE COVER: *Brenda Bock, who lost her mother to violence, holds a placard with a message to raise awareness about violence against women during a freeze mob to mark the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, December 6.*



A MESSAGE

from JENNIFER CURETON, Board President
and LYNN ZIMMER, Executive Director

Women and Children Thriving. Isn't this an inspiring idea? It galvanized our strategic planning work and gives some of us goosebumps.

So what does it mean exactly? The dictionary defines thriving as: to prosper; be fortunate or successful or to grow or develop vigorously; flourish. To us, it means that in our community women and children will not only be able to escape abuse at a YW shelter, find wholesome nutrition through a YW food program or receive needed counselling.

Through your support of our work, women will continue to further their education, develop their


business acumen, practise their creative expression, or pursue social justice. They will be able to move far beyond surviving, through healing, to thriving.

To See All Women and Children Thriving is the new vision statement for our YW. It is the overarching principal that will guide all of our thinking, planning and actions for the foreseeable future. We are so proud to be working on such a lofty, yet we believe, attainable vision. It's exciting because it's grounded in hope and practical action.

Does this new focus mean that we could see our programs and services shifting? Probably.

Does it mean that the YW will cease to exist? Not in the foreseeable future.


It's very hard work trying to change persistent social problems like violence and poverty, but we are persistent, too.

We will not stop believing that all women and children can thrive in our community; your YWCA will always seek the root causes and help those being harmed. We will always look for ways to empower the next generation. We hope you will join us in doing the same. 

thrive

OUR VISION, MISSION AND STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

2013-2018

With the work and success of the Safe Haven Campaign recently accomplished, the leadership of YWCA Peterborough Victoria & Haliburton turned its attention to the future of the organization. Through extensive consultation with volunteers, staff, supporters and community organizations, we have developed a Strategic Plan to direct our work through the coming five years. 

VISION

To see all women and children thriving.

MISSION

To support the right of all women and their families to live free from violence, poverty and oppression as they build their desired futures.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

- Life-changing programs and services for women and their families
- New possibilities through meaningful partnerships
- A strong and courageous organization
- Powerful stories to connect community

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2012-2013

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MANAGEMENT TEAM 2012-2013

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YWCA PROGRAMS & SERVICES




CENTENNIAL CRESCENT

Centennial Crescent is a community of women-led families. Residents of Centennial have left violent relationships and chosen to live here, in YWCA rent-g geared-to-income housing. It is our greatest hope to provide an environment where they will recharge and heal. We witness magic happening daily, whether it is the cooperation and energy of the girl's group, a 40-something mom determined to take on night school or college classes for the first time, a woman venturing to the mall when fear has kept her inside, or a graduate from Fleming College or Trent U.

We constantly see women's leadership at Centennial in the ways women share stories and experience, pursue and achieve education, and volunteer in the community. It has been a privilege to witness women's courage, creativity, and resilience grow this past year.

We would like to recognize: Kawartha Food Share and YES, especially Don and Michael; City of Peterborough – Housing and Social Services Division; students from Sir Sandford Fleming College and Trinity College School who made 2012/2013 a brighter year for our residents.



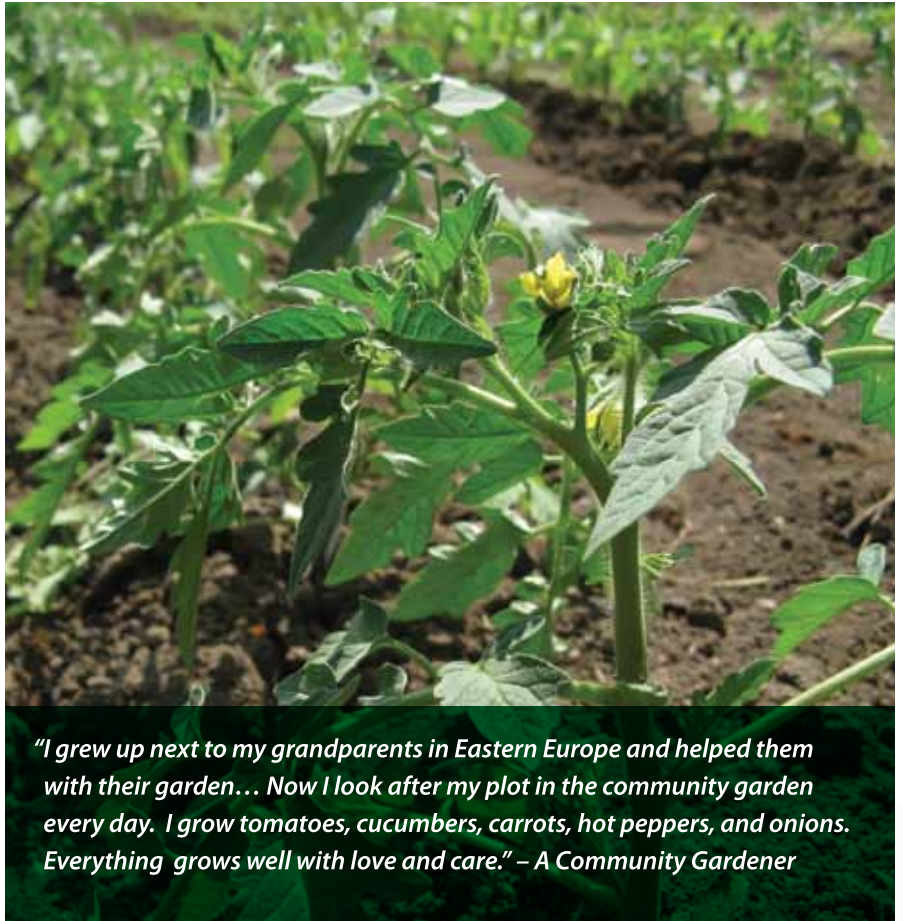
And to the residents of Centennial Crescent, whether 3 months old or 68, who inspire and motivate us to discover fresh ideas and learn new skills and practices – Thank you. 



COMMUNITY GARDENS

We know that community gardens are about much more than just growing food. By increasing the number of local community gardeners and available garden space, families and individuals are able to grow fresh, healthy produce for very little money, green previously underused areas, donate to local food security programs, get to know and interact with their neighbours, and work together to enhance the communities they live in.

YWCA Peterborough, Victoria & Haliburton supports three gardens in the City of Peterborough and one in Peterborough County. We are also a proud and active member of the Peterborough Community Garden Network, a group of over 400 gardeners, growers, helpers, garden coordinators and organizations that foster community gardens through education, advocacy, and networking. PCGN partners include: Peterborough GreenUP, Fleming College, and the Peterborough County-City Health Unit (PCCHU).⁰³



"I grew up next to my grandparents in Eastern Europe and helped them with their garden... Now I look after my plot in the community garden every day. I grow tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots, hot peppers, and onions. Everything grows well with love and care." – A Community Gardener






COUNSELLING TEAM

COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT SERVICES


YWCA Counsellors help women plan for their safety, talk through what is going on in their lives, and help support women with the issues and challenges they face on the path to healthy relationships.

- In 2012-2013, YWCA Outreach Services Staff in Peterborough and Haliburton County provided one-to-one counselling and support to more than 400 women and 45 children.
- More than 240 women took part in YWCA wellbeing, education and support groups in Peterborough and Haliburton. 

“YWCA services gave me a chance to see myself as a strong human being.”

“You taught me the meaning of mental, verbal and physical abuse and that no one has to live with them.”

CRISIS AND SUPPORT CALLS

Most women who reach out to the YWCA for help start by picking up the phone. Women can reach us 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling our toll-free crisis line: 1-800-461-7656. All calls are anonymous and completely confidential. 

In 2012-2013, YWCA Outreach and Crossroads Counsellors provided support through over 3,500 crisis and support calls.


CROSSROADS SHELTER

How scary would your life have to be to leave all you know? For women and children who have experienced violence and emotional abuse, YWCA's Crossroads shelter offers safety and many supports to help navigate the process of starting anew. All our services are free of charge.

At Crossroads we aim to create a safe and nurturing environment so that women and their children may envision all possibilities and realize their best hopes. Shelter staff are available 24 hours a day. These dedicated counsellors help women create action plans to realize their goals, and provide essential services such as safety planning, referrals and advocacy.

In 2012-2013, more than 230 women, along with 75 children used our Crossroads shelter and support services.



February 14th marked Crossroads Shelter's second anniversary at our new location, and 30 years in Peterborough. 

Thanks to new partnerships, women at YWCA Crossroads shelter can now:

- Access the services of a Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Social Worker at the shelter
- Learn important information about Hepatitis C through monthly visits by a Hepatitis C worker from the Oshawa Health Centre
- Be supported in stress reduction and healing through weekly visits by students of yoga and massage therapy



"Food can be another area of control in the cycle of abuse. I have heard women speak about how their abuser would not allow them to drink milk or even give it to the children, because he wanted it for his tea or coffee... or that they got backhanded or worse for eating the second-last banana. Crossroads shelter aims to be a place of healing around issues of nutrition, shelter and safety. It is a place for women and their children to nourish both the body and the mind. As a shelter worker, it makes me happy to see women and their children so well looked after."


— Crossroads Shelter Family Well-being Worker

FAMILY COURT SUPPORT

Negotiating separation and divorce can be difficult in the best of situations. For a woman who has experienced domestic violence, navigating legal issues like spousal support and child custody and access can be unsafe and overwhelming.

Since November, 2011, staff of the YWCA's Family Court Support program provide information and court support to women who are making their way through Peterborough Family Court and are living in, are leaving, or have left an abusive relationship.

Staff work with women to keep themselves and their children safe, answer questions about family court processes, and connect with a lawyer and other services. Many women do not qualify for Legal Aid, and yet cannot afford a lawyer. Staff can also help women prepare for court and accompany them to court dates. The Court Support Program is also open to male survivors of domestic abuse in need of information and referrals.

All services are free and confidential. 

*"Women who've experienced abuse and going to family court are often very stressed. Being physically present at court with a woman seems to matter. Having someone present who knows her story often helps her to feel more comfortable to speak up and answer the difficult questions that are asked."
– YWCA Family Court Support Staff*

BY THE NUMBERS

In 2012-2013

- Number of women who accessed the YWCA Court Support Program: 137
- Number of times Court Support staff accompanied YWCA clients to court: 101
- Number of hours YWCA Court Support staff spent with women at court: 346

In a recent survey:


- 87% of Court Support clients felt they had the support necessary to prepare for Family or Criminal Court
- 87% reported they felt safer when using the Court Support services provided by the YWCA
- 75% strongly agreed that they were better prepared for court as a result of the program



GIRLSPACE

YWCA GirlSpace is a national YWCA initiative that encourages the empowerment and leadership of girls to shape their own curriculum, focusing on social and emotional wellbeing, fitness, nutrition, and healthy relationships.

In 2012-2013, more than 53 grade 7 and 8 girls participated in weekly programs offered at Centennial Crescent (Peterborough), Archie Stouffer Elementary School (Minden), and JD Hodgson Elementary School (Haliburton). Girls shared with our staff that the program felt safe and welcoming and that what they enjoyed most was making new friends and having input into the activities and discussion topics.

GirlSpace received funding through the Lloyd Carr-Harris Foundation. 



"I like girls group 'cause it is just for girls and we talk about what we want to talk about. It's cool and I can bring a friend with me if I want. All my friends always want to come."

*"Girls group rocks. I can't wait for Thursdays." –
Girlspace participants*




girl groups rock

HALIBURTON EMERGENCY RURAL SAFEspace (HERS)

HERS is YWCA's innovative approach to offering shelter services in a rural setting.

By operating on an as-needed basis, HERS helps rural women overcome barriers such as isolation, distance and lack of transportation which can dramatically affect their ability to leave an abusive situation.

Women and children who turn to HERS for support receive private crisis accommodation and counselling services without having to leave their community. Often, the opportunity to stay in the SafeSpace is enough to give women the time and space to decide where they want to go next and to be able to process their thoughts about the relationship they have been in.

Five women and three children were provided accommodation at HERS in 2012-2013. 




HOLIDAY GIFT PROGRAM

Once again, community members and local businesses showed great generosity in support of the YWCA Holiday Gift Program.

From October through December, YWCA elves were hard at work organizing, assembling and delivering donations of toys, clothes and gift cards to women and children who received support from our Violence Against Women services.

Thanks to the immense kindness of donors, 118 women and 173 children were able to take part in the holiday tradition of gifts, food and treats that may otherwise have been beyond their means.

The YWCA Holiday Gift Program is part of our ongoing commitment to supporting the personal wellbeing and growth of women and children striving towards a more independent and safe future, during the Holiday Season and all year round. 




“As a wife, mother, student, body builder, author and survivor, Mitzi Young, one of last year’s YWCA Hazel Award winners, has worked hard to slowly gain the skills to enable her to thrive as an individual, then to share that energy with others. She used her \$1,000 Award towards her second year in the Recreation and Leisure program at Fleming College. The program will enable Mitzi to help people become more active and to support community development through health.”

– Mitzi Young, Hazel Fund recipient

HAZEL FUND

With support from donors, this year the YWCA Hazel Fund Committee was very pleased to be able to grant four \$1,000 awards to local women, who are overcoming barriers related to violence and abuse, to pursue their dreams through education. The award may be used to help buy books, pay training or course fees, transportation or childcare costs and help them succeed on their educational path.

For more on the Hazel Fund, including application forms and deadlines, see ywcapeterborough.org/hazel-fund. Rural women are especially encouraged to apply. 




ywcapeterborough.org/hazel-fund

JustFood

The YWCA JustFood program offers nutritious, affordable food in Peterborough City and County. By partnering with local farmers, grocers and wholesalers, we can offer high-quality produce and grocery staples at prices that are within reach. We also offer a sliding scale subsidized price, reducing the cost of JustFood boxes by up to half so that even more people can purchase wholesome and nutritious food.



With the support of more than 61 volunteers, 120 donors and a team of dedicated staff, in 2012-2013, the YWCA distributed almost 4,700 JustFood boxes, helping more than 7,800 adults and 3,800 children purchase fresh, locally-grown food.

In the year ahead, JustFood is looking at growing even more roots in the County by creating new drop off sites and establishing new partnerships with local farmers. 



CARROT CONNECTION

In a new partnership, JustFood staff and volunteers helped deliver 560 pounds of locally grown carrots to the Food for Kids Program Peterborough and County school breakfast programs. The carrots were provided by Kennedy Farms, a regular contributor to the YWCA JustFood program.





NOURISH

The Nourish project is all about food. Nourish seeks to engage, empower and support people throughout Peterborough County and City who share a common desire to build health, equity and community through food. Inspired by new community food centres such as The Stop in Toronto, Nourish partners are exploring the idea of creating places for food in the City and throughout the County.

With support from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, Nourish staff have connected with over 100 individuals and families using food programs and 50 agency staff and volunteers in Peterborough County to better understand existing food programming and learning about gaps which exist in nourishing our communities. Findings of our research will help to establish a baseline for local food access, production, consumption and knowledge community-wide.



Next up: A Taste of Nourish

In the City, look for A Taste of Nourish at St Andrew's United Church. This will be a scaled-down food centre which will operate one day every other week, bringing together volunteers and participants to learn more skills and engage in a wide range of activities related to food advocacy. [↗](#)

Nourish is working with many partners including:

- COIN / Peterborough Eats
- Community members
- Peterborough County-City Health Unit
- Peterborough Community Garden Network
- Kawartha Food Share

See the Nourish blog and join our growing online community at www.nourishproject.ca.


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PROJECT RE•VISION

Mobilizing New Meanings of Disability and Difference

As an extension of YWCA's successful Envisioning New Meanings program, this year women living with disabilities and physical differences worked together with digital storytelling facilitators to explore experiences of identity and the meaning of experiences, creating short videos exploring questions such as 'how do we want to be seen?' and 'what is important to us?'

The women who participated have formed a group – Women Building Inclusion, which continues to meet regularly to pursue projects related to advocacy and inclusion. The project also provided local health providers with an opportunity to develop their own digital story that focused around issues of identity and one's professional experience. 



DIGITAL STORYTELLING GROUP

Project partners include:

Trent University
University of Guelph
YWCA Sudbury

"The workshop was a great opportunity and wonderful learning experience for me as a sufferer of mental illness. It gave me the chance to explain my mental illness and the hardships associated with my diseases and allowed me to learn from other women and their disabilities. This accomplishment led to a formation of a group, Women Building Inclusion, from which I am learning to be more self-confident."

– Tamara Mann, Workshop participant

project re•vision

START

SUPPORT TEAM FOR ABUSE RESPONSE TODAY

A woman in crisis because of abuse and violence can need many types of help. She may need more information in deciding what to do or where to start, and often has no idea of where the help can come from. In the fall of 2011, YWCA and other service partners began working to develop and pilot a service delivery hub, making our services available at a single site.


On January 21, 2013, together we opened START – the Support Team for Abuse Response Today. START offers women in Peterborough City and County who have experienced abuse or violence many free and confidential services – all at one location.

From medical information to counselling, safety planning, court support and beyond – women are able to access these services all in one day – Mondays – at the YWCA. Some services are offered on-site at the YWCA, and others are available by phone.

In the first eight weeks of operation, 11 participating programs and agencies:

- Served 27 women, many of them more than once
- Provided 74 hours of direct service to women/clients
- Created safety plans for 19 women

Participating service providers include: City of Peterborough, Social Services; Community Counselling & Resource Centre; Elizabeth Fry Society of Peterborough; Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society; Legal Aid Ontario; Peterborough

Lakefield Community Police – Victim Services Unit; Victim Witness Assistance Program; Victim Services Peterborough & Northumberland; Women's Health Care Centre – Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Program; YWCA – Outreach Counselling and Family Court Support programs. 

START is open Mondays
from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm,
closed statutory holidays

Located at the YWCA
Administrative office,
216 Simcoe Street, Peterborough



START STEERING COMMITTEE

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT, LEARNING & LIVELIHOODS (WELL)

Helping Women Thrive

Increasing self esteem, building support systems, setting and meeting goals: these are skills that help women – especially women who have experienced abuse – to live more fully.

In November and December 2012, ten women took part in YWCA's Women's Empowerment, Learning & Livelihoods (WELL) pilot program. The six-week program combined group life skills workshops with individual goal-setting support.

Thank you to the Community Futures Development Corporation for funding research and development of the curriculum, and to Status of Women for funding the program. ☞

*"I am going to worry less about what others think of me and enjoy the company of people who lift me."
– K.R., a grateful participant*

WOMEN IN BUSINESS – HALIBURTON COUNTY

After twenty weeks of life and business skills training, nine women graduated from Haliburton's first YWCA Women in Business program on April 2, 2013. Financial literacy, mentoring, personality dimensions, networking, marketing, social media training and other business-related topics were covered to help the participants develop their business plan and life plan. Facilitator Donna Arnold delivered the curriculum, which was provided by Community

YWCA Muskoka. Several guest speakers from the community contributed their expertise, and local media covered the progress of the program from the research stage to graduation. Launching the program was one of the main objectives of the YWCA Resource Development Coordinator position funded through the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Women in Business was made possible through a grant from Haliburton County Development Corporation, and the devoted participation of staff, speakers, and most of all – the women who participated. ☞





Y's ARCHIE GENTLY USED BOUTIQUE

In a time of need and of opportunity, the YWCA Women's Centre, Haliburton County, and Minden's Archie Stouffer Elementary School joined together to meet a local need: good quality, gently used women's and children's clothing at prices people could afford. Sales from the Boutique helped the school and YWCA fund programs for local people in need.

As times changed, other stores became able to meet this need, and operating Y's Archie was no longer viable. Seeing a different value in the social enterprise, Archie Stouffer school has taken over operations, giving students a welcome opportunity to gain retail experience, and the pride of knowing that sales will benefit fellow students in need.

We wish the students and teachers at Archie Stouffer all the best as they take ownership of their new social enterprise! ☺



Y's BUYS STAFF

Y's BUYS

After nearly 40 years in operation, sadly, May 18, 2012 marked the end of operations for YWCA Y's Buys, a much-beloved second hand clothing store in downtown Peterborough.

Donations to Y's Buys provided both financial support for YWCA programs and also helped ensure that women using YWCA shelter and counselling services had access to needed clothing. However, due to steadily decreasing sales revenues, the operation was not sustainable. Since the store began in 1973, Y's Buys dedicated staff, volunteers and supporters helped make the organization – and our community – a better place. Thank you. ☺



Y's BUYS VOLUNTEERS

What's Old is New Again

Ever wonder what happened to the former Y's Buy's space? It's now being used by the YWCA administrative staff, freeing up accessible space on the main floor for START, a new program serving women leaving abusive situations.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES - HALIBURTON COUNTY

An Event with Legs

October 20, 2012 was a record-setting day for YWCA in Haliburton County. Sixty-three men, 12 volunteers, 9 sponsors, and over 200 donors worked together to raise over \$16,000 in the first ever Walk A Mile in Her Shoes, Haliburton County. Funds raised will support women and their children who come to YWCA Women's Centre, Haliburton County for counselling and safe shelter.

A huge thank you to all the men 'standing tall' against domestic violence, and our many community supporters. ☺



'I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS' BENEFIT CONCERT

Haliburton's own Kate Campbell and the award-winning Nick Mancini Trio hosted a magical evening of music in December at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. Half of the proceeds went to support YWCA HERS Women's Shelter. ☺






Changing lives one step at a time



YWCA FREEDOM WALK

Families enjoyed a day of walking, crafts, games and music at this year's community walkathon at Nicholls Oval Pavilion. Participants raised community awareness and more than \$30,000 to support YWCA Crossroads Shelter and Food Action programs. 

www.YWCAFreedomWalk.com

Photos: Peter Curley

WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES

2012 marked YWCA's 4th annual Walk A Mile in Her Shoes event. Over 130 men sporting shiny red high heels walked a very public mile through downtown Peterborough to show support for local women and children facing violence, raising \$40,000 in the process. Men walked with their friends, colleagues, and family – including their young sons – to send a message loud and clear that violence against women and children has no place in our community. ☺



EMPTY BOWLS

Organizers and participants alike were pleased at the record attendance – over 90 people – at this year's Empty Bowls event. Guests enjoyed a buffet of delicious salads, breads and treats donated by local restaurants and volunteers and chose beautiful, one of a kind bowls to take home. At the end of the day, over \$3,100 was raised for YWCA Food Action programs. ☺



 www.walkamilepeterborough.com
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WEEK WITHOUT VIOLENCE




OCTOBER 15-21, 2012

In 2012, the YWCA Week Without Violence was back and better than ever. Working with representatives from over a dozen community services and organizations, the Committee presented three screenings of the film *Prom Night in Mississippi*, each followed by a discussion about anti-racism, acceptance and peace with Director Paul Saltzman. Over 1,400 students in grades 7-12 and around 50 community members took part.

During the Week Without Violence six grade 8 leaders organized 'The Power of Being a Girl' conference at Kenner Collegiate. Their focus: information on how they could support themselves and each other in loving themselves for who and how they are. Popular topics included: not judging others, depression, bullying, self-esteem, and relationships. 116 grade 7 and 8 girls participated.

ABOUT THE WEEK WITHOUT VIOLENCE

Each year during the third week of October, YWCAs from more than 90 countries around the world work in partnership to host a week-long series of activities designed to raise awareness, promote attitude change, and enable individuals and organizations to begin positive actions towards ending violence in their communities. 



THE EVENT STEERING COMMITTEE:

Canadian Red Cross
John Howard Society of Peterborough
Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre
New Canadians Centre
Nogojivanong Friendship Centre
PARN – Your Community AIDS Resource Network
Peterborough Domestic Abuse Network (PDAN)
Peterborough Family Resource Centre
Peterborough Regional Health Centre
Peterborough-Lakefield Community Police Service
The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board
The Kawartha Pine Ridge Elementary Teachers' Federation and COPA (Centre Ontarien de Prévention des Aggressions)
United Way of Peterborough & District
Victim Services of Peterborough and Northumberland
Women's Health Care Centre, PRHC



NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE & ACTION ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

More than 50 people took part in a Freeze Mob at Lansdowne Place mall to mark Canada's National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, December 6. ☪



Photos courtesy of the Peterborough Examiner.
Photographer: Clifford Skarstedt.

ALUMNAE CELEBRATION

It's good to get together. And this year, two fabulous YWCA volunteers gave us a great reason to celebrate. In January, YWCA's own Sandy Lawrence and Betty Morris were awarded Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medals, and YWCA Alumnae, Board and Safe Haven Cabinet members gathered to celebrate.



Around 50 women and men, across generations, gathered to honour and recognize what we can do when we bring together our skills, strengths and energy to build on the 120 years of women's leadership of this organization. ☪



ONE BILLION RISING

As part of Eve Ensler's vision of a global movement to end violence against women, on February 14, 2013 YWCA's Act Up Council and partners hosted a Community Rising. This was one of at least three local dance-inspired events and acts of solidarity with women rising up world-wide. ☪




A special thanks to Magic 96.7's Steve Boyton for the photos.

"It's like a feminist tsunami"
– Jane Martinson, *The Guardian*

OUR SUPPORTERS

THANK YOU ... MORE THAN FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND TIMES.

The supporters of YWCA Peterborough, Victoria & Haliburton contributed in excess of \$400,000 in 2012/13 – and provided home, hope and refuge to women and children fleeing abuse. The individuals, corporations, service clubs, government agencies, charitable foundations and professional associations supporting our work are critical partners in realizing our vision: seeing women and children thrive. Your support makes the YWCA commitment to creating an inclusive and violence-free community come alive. All of you contributed to our work – by attending an event, by honouring a pledge, by making a grant, by answering the call to action in an appeal letter, or by responding from your heart to the difference we have made in your life or the life of someone you care about. Thank you, thank you, thank you – more than four hundred thousand times. 



"I've lost everything, twice: house, kids, sanity, and sobriety – all of it. YW services were part of what helped me turn it around. Counsellors helped give me the confidence to make concrete decisions, and then to follow through with them. They helped me to build an escape plan. They told me about resources like shelters and housing. Without those, I wouldn't have had the strength to leave." – A former YWCA client

YWCA VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers generously offer their energy, commitment and talents in support of YWCA. We are very grateful to our incredible team of 241 dedicated women, men and youth for their shared contribution of more than 5,360 hours in 2012-2013.

ADMINISTRATION

Marilyn Clark

CENTENNIAL CRESCENT

13 Day of Caring volunteers

8 Week Without Walls
volunteers

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Tori Anderson
Jocelyn Arsenault
Meaghan Beaton
Rhonda Belous
Jennifer Benedetto
John Bottomley
Tonya Bosch
Adrienne Bray
Ashleigh Bronson
Mary Kate Bronson
Christine Buchner
Paige Burton
Sharon Cadman
Jocelyn Calvert
Denise Cole
Sue Collins
Sharon Crane
Tony Fernandez
Brett Frew
Jeremy Gabriel

Annie Gelfand
Charlotte Gick
Johanne Gilbert
Lynne Hardill
Heather Heurkens
Lynne Hogan
Katelyn Holloway
Dr. Robert Horvat
Irmgard Kaushik
Shelley and Rolf Joss
Clare Keast
Bobby Kelly
Theresa King
Trisha Klemm
Jennifer Legacy
Tom Madill
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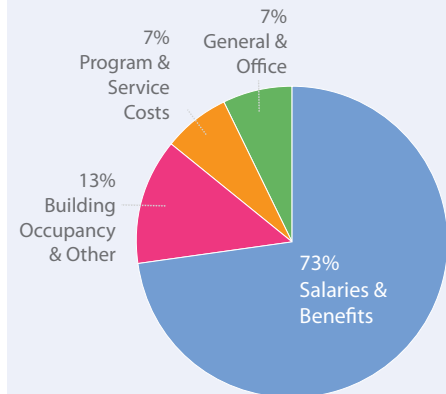
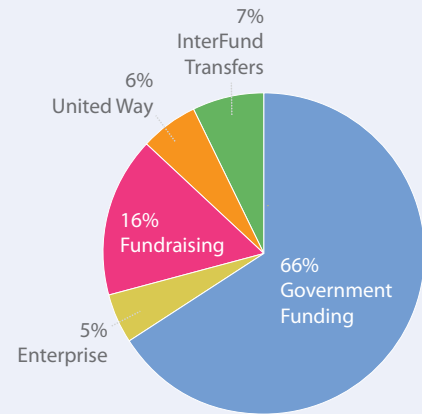
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REVENUE

Government Funding		2,465,609	66%
Province of Ontario	1,975,382		
Federal Government	127,204		
Municipal Government	363,023		
Enterprise		206,048	5%
Y's Buys Income	12,044		
Centennial Rental Income	96,773		
Food Action Income	41,268		
Investment Income	55,963		
Fundraising		584,181	16%
Events / Donations	359,356		
Other – Auditor's Note #13	224,825		
United Way		230,505	6%
InterFund Transfers		278,489	7%
AUDITED TOTAL		3,764,832	100%

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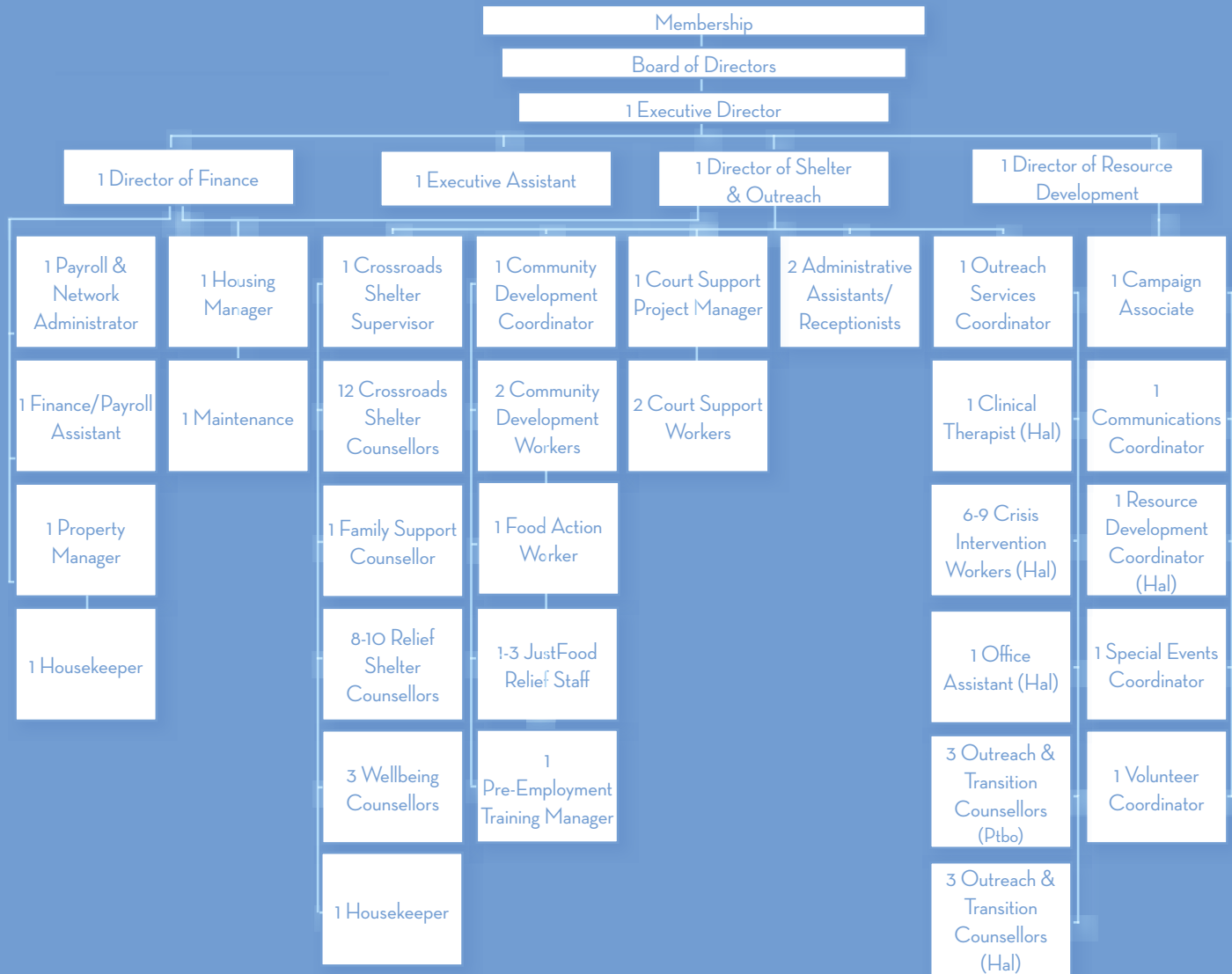
Salaries and Benefits	2,733,414	73%
Building Occupancy & Other	489,572	13%
Program and Service Costs	259,434	7%
General and Office	282,412	7%
AUDITED TOTAL	3,764,832	100%



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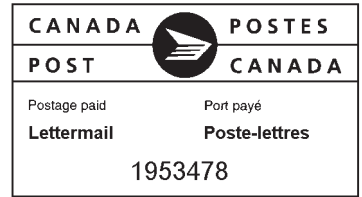
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