

Quint

Reaffirming Our Roots

2023-2024
Annual Report



What We Do

Quint Development Corporation is a non-profit organization that offers a myriad of programs and services with a community economic development approach to enhance the economic and social well-being of Saskatoon's five core neighbourhoods.

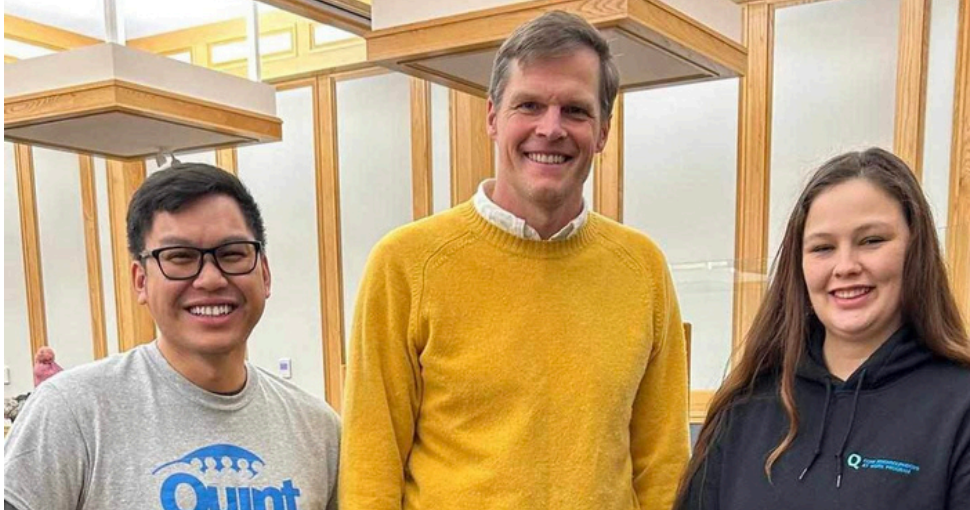
Our Affordable Housing Program provides townhouses, apartments, and condos in the core neighbourhoods at below market price. Additionally, the Eviction Prevention Program helps tenants gain the tools to achieve housing stability and progress towards their housing goals.

Build Up Saskatoon is a Work Integration Social Enterprise which in this case means it is a construction business where any profit goes toward supportive programming for the employees. We primarily employ people coming out of the justice system or who are otherwise deemed "unemployable." We provide a flexible work environment, dignified wages, many opportunities for certifications and training, and services to support their personal growth and stability.

Our Core Neighbourhoods at Work program provides free support and services for people who are looking for work, training, or education. This includes everything from one-on-one employment counselling to public access our Resource Room computers.

Pleasant Hill Place is our supportive transitional home for mothers and children. The mothers are referred to us from Family Services, either because they are at risk or losing custody of their children or have already lost custody and are working towards the reunification of their family.

Youth Lodge is a safe and supportive transitional home for youth who are at risk of homelessness or who face housing instability. This is a voluntary program for youth aged 16-21. Residents must be involved with the Ministry of Social Services or have a Young Offender caseworker in order to qualify for the Lodge.



From Our Board Chair

After 11 years on the board and 8 years as chair, it is time I move on and leave Quint to ensure the opportunity for healthy refresh and leadership renewal.

When I first joined the board, Quint was still settling in at Station 20 West and it was incumbent upon the board to help Quint's leadership flourish in their new community role. Over my time on the board, I am particularly proud of the vision and work the Quint board and team have done in three key areas:

1. the building and opening of Oski Mācipayin which added 26 affordable townhouses in Pleasant Hill
2. the launch of Build Up Saskatoon which has grown into a flourishing Work Integration Social Enterprise
3. the transition from Quint's long-time Executive Director Len Usiskin to our new leader, Kristen Thoms.

It has been an honour to provide leadership and serve in the Chairperson capacity for Quint. I leave the board in good shape with strong governance and a clear vision.

My sincerest best wishes and deepest thanks to Quint's board, management, staff and clients. It has been an honour to work with all of you on these very important initiatives.

Warmly,



Joy Crawford

Our 2023-2024 Board Members



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From Our Executive Director

This year marked my first year as Executive Director, a transition I viewed as an opportunity to strengthen our foundation and align our efforts with the mission and vision that inspired Quint's inception. That's why, in this year's report, we're reaffirming long-term objectives.

Like many community organizations, Quint has found itself in a prolonged period of crisis management due to the pandemic. The escalating crises in housing, the challenges posed by a toxic drug supply, and food security are hitting low-income communities hard. Community-based organizations are being asked to tackle increasingly complex issues with limited resources. We needed to shift our focus to proactive strategies to address community issues, rather than merely reacting to them. To achieve this, we looked inward, identifying best practices and areas for improvement. As a result, we undertook some internal restructuring in our Affordable Housing Program and continued the work of our previous Executive Director, Len Usiskin, in building relationships with local partners and advocating for community issues. The current approach to poverty reduction is proving to be ineffective in the short-term and unsustainable in the long run. The state of our communities now only strengthens our resolve to advocate for upstream sustainable solutions like social enterprises and structural changes. A significant part of our work during this time involves lobbying for policy changes and raising awareness about the root causes of the issues visible in our streets.

This year, we also supported the governance review of Station 20 West, stepping back from our role as co-manager of the co-locating hub. We're excited for the Board and staff of Station 20 West as they explore new opportunities as an independent social enterprise.

Finally, I want to express my deep gratitude for the leadership and guidance our board of directors has provided me during my first year in this role. I want to acknowledge our outgoing Board Chair, Joy Crawford, who has been an invaluable resource. Joy has been with Quint since 2013 and spent the majority of her time working with our former Executive Director, Len Usiskin. As such, I would like to include a message from Len: "Joy Crawford played a major leadership role on Quint's board for all of the years she volunteered as a director. As the board chair for many years, she led the board through significant strategic decisions and provided me excellent advice on many important issues facing the organization. She was an excellent board chair, ensuring that board meetings were productive and that our time was spent advancing Quint's vision and mission. Joy is the busiest volunteer that I know, and plays key leadership roles in many organizations, including Station 20 West. Thanks Joy for your many years of invaluable support to me and for your service to Quint."

We're also saying goodbye to several key members of our board, and I want to express my appreciation for their trust and guidance as I stepped into this leadership role. Each of you has shown a deep commitment to the community we serve, and for that, you have our eternal thanks.

Sincerely,



Kristen Thoms



Our Mission:

Strengthening the economic and social well-being of Saskatoon's five core neighbourhoods through a community economic development approach.

Our Vision:

- We see citizens who are caring, self-reliant, self-determining and have a sense of pride.
- We see a community that is safe, stable and caring, where all its citizens can participate and grow.
- We see ourselves providing leadership in ways of community economic development that build a healthy social and economic environment for all.
- We see a vital local economy that uses local resources and sustains jobs, businesses and community enterprise.
- We see neighbourhoods that are prosperous, beautiful, and environmentally sustainable.
- We see the community initiating and supporting cultural, recreational, educational and socio-economic opportunities for the good of all.

Long-term Objective: To Improve the Quality and Availability of Affordable Housing

Stabilizing Housing

As the national housing and affordability crisis has continued to worsen, providing housing-related support has become a necessity in each and every one of our programs.

Firstly, our Affordable Housing Program (AHP) continues to give families and individuals in the core communities a place to call home. This year, our Eviction Prevention Program has continued to play a central role in our ability to supply stable, long-term housing. In particular, it remains vital that our staff assist tenants in navigating our province's harmfully ineffective and complex social assistance programs — Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability and Saskatchewan Income Support. Staff from AHP and other programs spend hours each week setting up benefits that have been suspended or denied, tracking down assured income specialists and social workers, sorting out delays in benefits, setting up repayment plans before utilities are disconnected, and working to establish trusteeships or direct rent for individuals who struggle with meeting financial commitments. Our employees step out of their traditional roles to exhaust every avenue for our tenants and other program participants because if they don't, these community members will face rental arrears, discontinued utilities, food insecurity, and eviction. Our preventative efforts in these areas will directly reduce the amount of community members who are labelled by the overwhelmed affordable housing ecosystem as "Hard to House."

To the same end, our Housing Set-up Project supported 84 households living outside of Quint housing to remain housed or transition into new housing this year. In the initial stages, our staff provide advocacy, pay off rental and utility arrears, provide first month's rent and security deposit, and supply household and pantry items. We then stay connected with participants for a minimum of three months to provide support, referrals, and further systems advocacy.

This year, we also shifted the model of one of our two transition homes towards long-term stays. We have found that stability in housing and staff relationships better support the young residents at Youth Lodge (YL) as they set up a new life. This lowered the number of residents we can house in a year but has increased the number of successful transitions. For example, three youth lived at YL for over a year before transitioning out and all of them are still living in stable independent housing.

On a more challenging note, the pipes froze in our Pleasant Hill Place (PHP) transition home this winter. We had no choice but to move the mothers and children in our program into a temporary housing situation and begin major repairs. Throughout this stressful process, our priority was ensuring that this unplanned displacement did not disrupt the personal progress of the families in our program. We are proud of the efforts our staff made to provide the same support and consistency in a new location. However, we are relieved to report that repairs are completed and we will be moving back into the house this summer.

445k

invested in
maintenance
and repairs this
year in our
affordable
rental units

5 years

is the average
length of stay
for our
Affordable
Housing
Program

**180
people**

were supported
through our
Housing Set Up
Program this
year (84
households)

75%

of the youth
who stayed at
the Youth Lodge
for over a year
have
successfully
transitioned out

Across our organization, we provide wraparound services that improve the current state of housing stability and affordability in the core. This outcome is foundational to the mission of our organization and the objectives of our other programs. Similarly, the support we provide through our other programs such as obtaining employment or navigating the justice system often have the side effect of helping our tenants and participants to gain housing or remain housed.

Stimulating Change

This year, our leadership attended many meetings, forums, focus groups, and other gatherings to discuss upstream solutions to the housing and homelessness crisis. Our independent housing-related advocacy included media interviews, submitting letters and recommendations to government, and pushing for affordable housing and anti-poverty initiatives in private meetings with all levels of government. For example, we wrote to City Council about City-owned land utilization for non-profit housing development and joined the Saskatoon Poverty Reduction Partnership to meet with City Council about developing a community benefits framework for the new Downtown Event and Entertainment District.

We also received funding for an external researcher to evaluate AHP during this critical moment for housing. Their work will be completed in the next fiscal year and will include actionable recommendations for the efficiency, sustainability, and proposed next steps of our organization.

Maintaining the viability of the current stock of affordable housing is a critical piece of addressing the current housing crisis. To that end, our Work Integration Social Enterprise, Build Up Saskatoon (BUS), established a partnership with AHP this year. The construction crew employed by BUS handled our suite turnovers, as well as assisting with the maintenance of our transition homes and working with other housing providers in the core neighbourhoods.

There are many reasons why maintaining affordable housing units requires more labour in repairs than properties rented at market value. The central factor is our acceptance of complex needs that may make people difficult to house. Tenants will often damage the units through anything from a severe lack of capacity for housekeeping to inviting guests over who intentionally cause property damage. This year, one of our buildings was purposefully set on fire costing over \$165k. Keeping our rents below market rates and our properties well-maintained has our maintenance staff run off their feet as we can't afford to expand our team rapidly enough to keep up with the need.

As poverty, gang involvement, and substance use rise in our communities, sustainable approaches to providing affordable housing become more complex. For the past few years, one of our AHP buildings has been repeatedly targeted by local gangs and became increasingly unsafe for our tenants. This year, we made the decision to partner with the The Salvation Army to transition these units into a halfway house and supportive housing for their organization. Our BUS crew managed the renovation that made this transition possible. This change has allowed our AHP staff to focus more on eviction prevention work than incident management. This year, we served 41 notices to vacate that we were then able to work with the tenant to prevent from becoming evictions.





Dre's Story

Dre came to live at the youth Lodge (YL) after being picked up by the police in a raid of a relative's home. Supervised housing was his only alternative to prison. At 17, he is no stranger to the justice system, having completed multiple sentences. As Dre tells it, "I've been on probation since I was 12 years old." He got off to a rough start in our house, including an incident in which he sprayed a fellow resident with bear spray because the other resident stole pizza off of his plate.

Dre said the staff at the Lodge started getting through to him by treating him like an equal. They taught him how to play chess, took him to his first movie in cinemas, and spoke to him with respect. One of his favourite activities to this day is going on a nighttime car ride with a staff member after a hard day. "I talk to them a lot, I open up to them. When I have problems they're understanding," Dre said.

His positive relationships with staff helped him inside and outside of the house. Dre said, "They've changed me a lot, I'm more civil too. I'm able to de-escalate problems more." He started regularly meeting with his Parole Officer, Ministry of Social Services worker, and counsellor. He took an interest in schoolwork, thinking more about what his future might look like. Dre said these changes were inspired by the environment created at the lodge: "I love this place, I tell the other boys to not bring problems here. This is my little safe space. When I go outside those doors I have to worry but in here I can just chill out."

After 15 months of a clean record, Dre got picked up by the police with a handgun this spring. He hadn't re-entered the gang he was raised into but he was still trying to defend himself against that life. "Before [YL], I just wanted to die out there — get killed or kill somebody, that's how it was. I didn't have nobody," Dre said. When he got picked up with the gun in the middle of the night, the YL staff showed up for him in court at 10:30am the next day. "I would be in jail right now if it wasn't for them advocating for me in court. That made me look at how lucky I am. They've always supported me," Dre said. He is still waiting for sentencing but he knows that even if he goes to prison, he has a home at the Lodge when he's out. That fact keeps him going: "If I do go to jail and then I get out I'll do better because [the YL staff] said I can come back." With the progress that our staff had seen with Dre, there was no chance they would give up on him.

"The main things I changed for is my younger siblings and Quint. I was just going to sell drugs and guns my whole life but then here I got my first full-time job and I'm doing good, making friends," Dre said. Last summer he had a great time working for a roofing company and if all goes well, he will be able to accept their offer to come back this summer. Once he finishes Grade 10, he plans to go to Saskatchewan Polytechnic for welding. He has a few more dreams after that as well. Inspired by travel photos sent to him by a former YL resident who successfully transitioned out, Dre said "Maybe one day I'll go see the mountains."



Long-term Objective: To Facilitate the Development of Social Enterprises

Build Up Saskatoon (BUS)

Early this spring, the Canadian Centre for the Study of Co-operatives published a study measuring the social and economic impact of our Work Integration Social Enterprise BUS, including the extent to which we successfully keep crew members with past criminality from reoffending and help our crew to escape the cycles of poverty and addiction. They looked at 13 crew members during one year of operations. We are very proud of what they found.

More Than a Job, Finally: Lived Experiences of Build Up Saskatoon Participants

- Ultimately, the research found that “BUS has been successful in supporting BUS crew members to create a sharp break to disrupt the cycle of crime— through support services, consistent and sufficient income, structured schedule, and positive work culture.”
- Through qualitative methods, the researchers discovered: “Participants who had criminal pasts dissolved their criminal connections in favour of the legal and sustainable path Build Up offers.”
- “Beyond simple employment, Build Up provides participants with a living wage and training opportunities, helping them overcome the poverty-associated barriers to qualifications and long-term career development, such as not being able to afford proper training and lacking opportunities for upward career mobility.”
- Furthermore, the researchers were able to demonstrate that “no longer needing survival assistance from community organizations or government programs, participants live on the stable income that comes from their own work and experience a sense of security and self sufficiency as a result. With their own capacity to care for themselves, participants pay it forward by caring for their families and starting to create change in their communities.”

Working it Out: Estimating the Social Value of Build Up Saskatoon

- Taking into account the government funding provided to BUS during the year they studied (2022-23), researchers found that our program generated net government annual savings/revenue ranging from \$126,489 to \$306,666 (the range is due to varying conservative assumptions of the likelihood of recidivism amongst prior offenders and the trajectory of younger non-offenders in gang-dominated communities).
- Before joining BUS in 2022, nine (69%) of BUS's 13 participants received social assistance. Since earning a living wage as BUS crew members, most of them no longer receive any form of social assistance.
- The researchers estimated that BUS is saving governments more than \$177,000 per year in this area alone. Additionally, as they join the traditional workforce, BUS crew members now pay taxes i.e. governments generated more than \$80,000 in new annual tax revenue from BUS salaries.
- Finally, BUS increased the income of BUS participants by \$167,336 while generating more than \$318,000 in revenue which went entirely towards expanding programming for the crew.

We can't thank the research team and our Build Up staff and crew enough for the work they put into this project. It will be invaluable to our mission to have external data confirming that Build Up and similar social enterprises foster healthier, more equitable communities.

29

certificates and trainings for our crew members as well as 3 external apprenticeships.

27

crew members had faced multiple barriers to entering and staying in the workforce

22

of our participants had a previous criminal record and none of them reoffended.

Long-term Objective: To Increase Job Readiness and Participation in the Labour Market

Employment as an Urgent, Rising Need

When we asked jobseekers at our annual Community Job Fair what employment would mean to them, they said it would mean "everything," could be "life changing," and make a difference "not only financially but mentally." Others said it would mean "getting to be in my own apartment again," allow them to "enjoy being a productive person again," and would get their life "back on track."

From racial discrimination to transportation, many residents of the core neighbourhoods don't have equal access to employment opportunities. The Community Job Fair was born out of a desire to bring employers into the core to counteract a few of the barriers that hold our communities back. We have also expanded our Core Neighbourhood at Work (CNAW) program to address those same barriers through our individual partnerships with local employers. For example, our Employer Relations Coordinator works closely with Saskatoon Public Schools to find positions for our jobseekers and we hosted a hiring event where they accepted 30 of our participants onto their staff. In total, we connected with 187 employers this year on behalf of our CNAW participants.

As in nearly every area of our work, the need for employment support is rising. 38% more people received services from CNAW this year compared to last and an average of 150 people access our Resource Room every single week. We are also seeing increased complexity of barriers to employment. 98% of CNAW's participants received pre-employment services to address specific personal barriers this year. This aspect of our work can range from helping someone obtain a personal ID to providing the financial and navigational support necessary to get Safety Construction Orientation Training (SCOT) training.

Often, the pre-employment needs of our participants are entirely unique to them. For example, a new immigrant named Reza came to us for employment guidance and because his English capabilities were fairly low, we had to find someone to translate. With translation, Reza told his Employment Coordinator that his family was overwhelmed because he has a son in a wheelchair who doesn't have adequate supports. Our Employment Coordinator advocated for Reza's family and connected him with Access Transit, The Kinsmen's Children Centre, and the Sask Housing Program to add a ramp to their home. Reza was then able to focus on finding employment and is now working at a restaurant.

The widely varied and layered needs of our community also demand that we make a concerted effort to meet people where they're at. This year, our CNAW team presented ten times to people working through Substance Use Disorder in the Calder Centre's inpatient program. CNAW staff also held nine drop-in Resume Support sessions at Saskatoon Public Library locations in the core neighbourhoods and attended many community events and resource fairs to spread knowledge of our programs and services.

664
people
received pre-employment and employment support from CNAW

76%
of CNAW participants were seeking entry-level employment

257
people
completed employment-related training and certification through CNAW

44%
of CNAW participants are on income assistance when they register with us

Employment as a Tool of Self Determination

One of our crew members working for our social enterprise Build Up Saskatoon (BUS) who has a repeat history of criminal offences said, “Not having a job is hand in hand with going to jail.” For many of the people we serve, having a job is a kind of freedom. Stable employment means you are no longer backed into a financial corner and you have a stronger ability to make intentional decisions about your life and future. Many of our BUS crew members express that the employment, formal training, and flexibility we offer is the first time they have had a feasible alternative to illegal sources of income.

BUS and our transition homes serve employment goals by meeting people wherever they are on their journey. Our staff are all cognizant of the need to allow people facing complicated, intersecting personal crises to show up in their full complexity. For example, if one of the crew members working for BUS experiences a relapse in their journey with substance use they don't get fired, they get our support. Our staff consciously create an environment where community members know they can be honest about their daily struggles and they won't be penalized or dismissed as unemployable.

In nearly every program we offer, assisting community members with employment is an important piece in setting them up to succeed without our support in the future. For example, in our transition homes we set residents up with vocational training, support them as they pursue education, and connect them with CNAW Employment Coordinators and other supplementary programming. This year, all 13 of the youth living in Youth Lodge were involved in education and eight of them maintained employment of some kind. Beyond the clear practical benefits, building someone's employability gives them material proof that a different future is possible.

A non-negotiable aspect of the elimination of poverty is making vocational purpose and meaningful personal direction more accessible. Clearly there are changes needed with our income support system, minimum wage, and other economic aspects of poverty but we also have a labour market that does not offer dignified hours, benefits, or work life balance for low-income people to thrive. The concept of “inclusive” workplaces often fails to consider economic disparities and realities. To this end, we will continue to provide alternative opportunities through initiatives like BUS, as well as advocating for the needs of our community with local employers.



Long-term Objective: To Nurture Community Vibrancy and Resiliency

Safer, Healthier Communities Today

This year, one of the longtime tenants in our Affordable housing Program (AHP), Saskatoon Sâkâstêw Horse, proudly told our housing team that she had written a book. Saskatoon is a Cree mother of five, born and raised here on the West Side. Her book, *Asotamâkêwin: Sacred Vow That One Makes*, is a journal designed to guide survivors of intergenerational trauma on a path of healing. The ultimate message of her book is one of hope — reassuring other survivors that it's never too late to build a legacy of generational wellness for your family and greater community. We featured Saskatoon and her beautiful family on the cover of this report because her journey is such a succinct example of the power within our communities.



We see this healing power elsewhere in our organization, when mothers at our AHP buildings watch each other's kids while one mom does everyone's groceries or when a BUS crew member asks for time off work to present to youth groups about finding a life outside of gang involvement. We see over and over again that as soon as someone has a moment to breathe, they use their next breath to help someone else. The work we do in housing, employment, and poverty reduction includes addressing layers of personal and social development that can create a positive chain reaction in our communities.

In our Core Neighbourhoods at Work (CNAW) program, our Employment Coordinators follow-up with participants over months and sometimes years, developing a trusting relationship and a genuine sense of investment in their journey. For this reason, our staff will sometimes sit for an hour or more just listening to a participant vent the circumstances of their life. The knowledge gained always helps our Employment Coordinators better meet the needs of their participant, including connecting them with mental health counselling, drug-related treatment, and other external supports. This year, 20 employees from across our organization were internally trained in trauma-informed care and better prepared for the vulnerable, intense conversations that those we serve will often have with our staff. Additionally, this year Quint formed an internal Trauma Informed Workplace Committee that provides a framework for our organization to continue to prioritize this aspect of our work.

The more connections those we serve build in their community, the better prepared they will be to continue on their intended path after they no longer need our services. This is a guiding principle at our transition homes where we ensure that each of our residents is connected with external resources that will serve them for the rest of their lives such as therapy, parenting classes, and traditional cultural practices. This year, the staff at our transition homes shifted their case management approach to give residents more agency in their goal-setting, more space to express their evolving needs, and more choice in the community involvement that they'd like to engage in.

We also make an effort to ensure that our staff and the individuals we support are physically getting out into the community. Our BUS crew and transition home residents show up for core neighbourhood community clean ups, we bring AHP tenants to local powwows, and we host community events for our tenants and residents. Our staff attend the Saskatoon Pride Parade, National Indigenous Day celebrations, and many other community events as part of their work with Quint.

A healthy community is one that embraces our inherent connectedness. Ignoring the fact of our interdependence creates harmful silos, overblown conceptions of difference, and debilitating isolation. Powerful outcomes are made possible when we foster communities that celebrate and honour what we owe one another.

Stronger, More Equitable Communities Tomorrow

When speaking with a Youth Lodge staff member named Jasen, we asked him how he comes to terms with letting go of a young resident who has shown significant progress but relapses into criminality and decides not to come back to the Lodge. Jasen said, "The things they learned here with us will always bear fruit, even if it takes them years to slow down and say 'Okay, I want a different life now.'" He said he imagines them using the conflict resolution skills they learned at the Lodge with their future partner or being able to return to their healing journey once the external pressures out of our control have lessened. He feels confident that the work they did as youth will not only benefit their personal trajectory later, but will make them better parents and community members, ending the cycles of abuse or neglect that many of them inherited.

Similarly, the USASK researchers who studied BUS this year found that our program fosters reconnection and healing within families post-incarceration. This begins with providing our crew with a living wage to financially support their family, move into better housing, and end cycles of extreme poverty but it extends to allowing crew members time off to show up for their family in ways they never have or connecting them with counselling that improves their relationships. Furthermore, the researchers found that BUS reduces crime, strengthens our trades force, and increases community wellbeing overall. Our crew members are worthy of investing in on their own but it's a beautiful thing to watch how that investment grows to improve the lives of those around them, particularly their children.

Another key aspect of planting seeds for a better future is fighting for the present moment. When it comes to community-based justice work, we use our social media channels to advocate, host workshops for our staff that equip them with the information they need to advocate for our clients, and participate in rallies and celebrations that align with our mission. This year, our Executive Director also completed a six month Truth and Reconciliation Through Treaty Implementation Journey course. In this course, the Office of the Treaty Commissioner helped us to assess our gaps and determine clear actions we can take for reconciliation. We will be carrying out their recommendations over the next year. Additionally, our Diversity, Awareness, and Engagement Committee continues to assess our internal processes and hold frequent professional development sessions and workshops.

While we remain oriented toward upstream, cohesive solutions, we will continue to celebrate the smaller wins. For example, while it's disheartening when CNAW participants from minority groups tell us about recent instances of employment discrimination, our staff are prepared to make their next experience positive. In one case, a member of our team reached out to an employer to screen them for 2SLGBTQIA-inclusive practices on behalf of a participant. When our staff member identified that the employer was not sufficiently inclusive, the employer told them that we had influenced them to begin developing a company-wide framework for better practices.





Cheyenne and Jasmine's Story

When Cheyenne came to live at Pleasant Hill Place (PHP), she had just had her first child, Jasmine. She was referred to us by Family Services so she could retain custody of Jasmine while she demonstrated recovery from Substance Use Disorder and developed the life skills necessary to raise a child independently.

Cheyenne was committed to using her time at PHP to break the cycle. "I feel like my life has changed drastically since I've had Jasmine. I haven't really thought much about using the drugs or going back to that life. I know how my life was because my mother did drugs and then she left me and I just don't want that to be the same for Jasmine," she said.

Staff taught Cheyenne how to play with Jasmine through different stages of her growth, how to introduce solid foods, and other fundamentals of parenting. They also supported Cheyenne's individual growth through teaching her how to budget, making sure she got to addictions and counselling appointments, and helping her to think about what she might like to work towards in terms of employment. "I definitely see a future in my life not just like 'When's my next meal gonna be' or 'Where am I gonna stay for the night.' It's more like 'Am I gonna go back to school?' 'Am I gonna get a car and a license?' 'Am I gonna put Jasmine in activities?'" Cheyenne said. "I just want Jasmine to have the best life she can."

Our staff are now working with Cheyenne to transition her and her daughter out into semi-supported living or independent living in the coming months. "The staff believe in me and are proud of me and how far I've come. They say it shows in every way," Cheyenne said. "I'm proud of myself too."

When asked where she feels she is at in her journey, Cheyenne says it's a "really positive place...I'm quite happy with Jasmine and when I look at her I just see a bright future ahead."

254 days

is the average length of stay for PHP families

83%

of the mothers that come to PHP have endured domestic violence

100%

of the children living in PHP were successfully kept out of care

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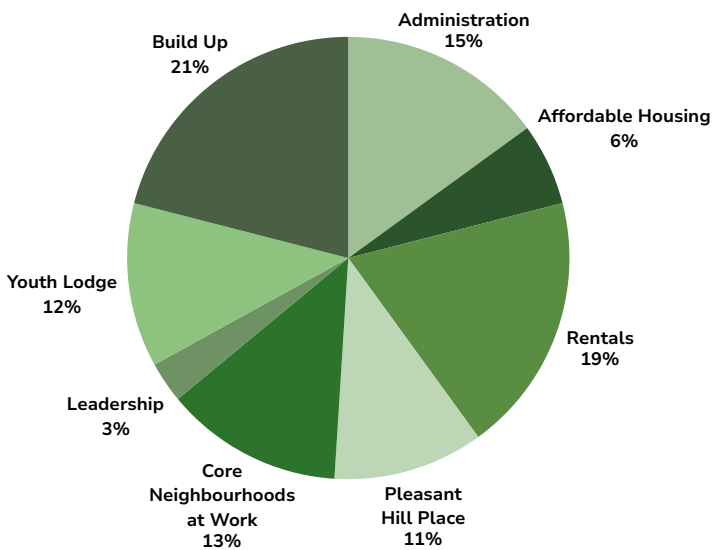
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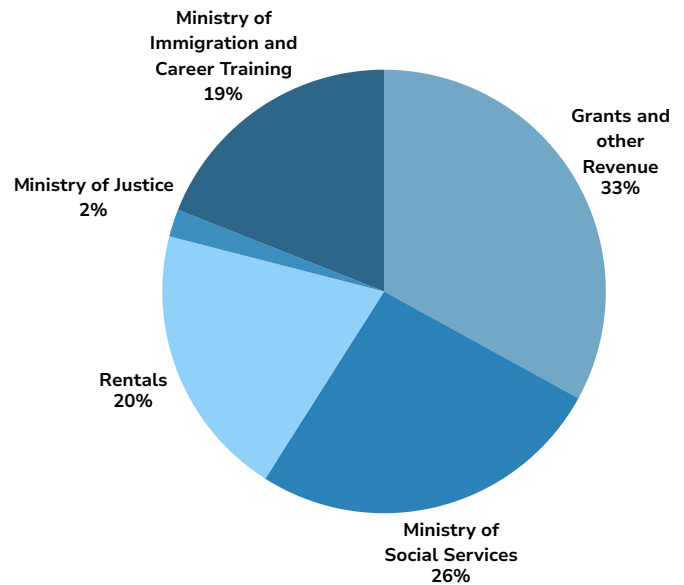
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HOUSING
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Financials

2023-2024 Expenditures = \$4.8 million



2023-2024 Revenues = \$5 million



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