

ANNUAL REPORT

2019-2020



THE
WOMEN'S
CENTRE
GREY BRUCE INC.



OUR VISION

Women and children will live in safety regardless of their circumstances, and our community will recognize and work to eliminate abuse and violence.

WHO WE ARE

The Women's Centre is a safer place for women and children.

We are innovative, caring leaders in providing secure shelter, crisis intervention, safety planning, counselling and transition services for women and children affected by abuse in Grey and Bruce Counties.

We support women and children as they build safe and sustainable lives free from abuse and violence.

We are experienced in providing accessible, woman-centred and compassionate services.

We are committed to accountability, self-evaluation and ethical practices. We share our own expertise and welcome the expertise of others in our community to address the complex factors that perpetuate abuse and violence.

We are committed to mobilizing our community to uphold and advance equality, self-determination and the elimination of violence. We can only achieve this through cultivation of partnerships with others who share these values.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

On behalf of The Women's Centre, I am pleased to present this Annual Report, outlining our 2019-2020 successes and learnings.

Last year, the number of shelter stays increased by eighteen per cent and we saw a three per cent increase in crisis and support calls over the year before. This is bittersweet as it means we were able to help more women, but also makes it obvious that abuse and violence continue to persist in our community.

We were able to address the increased demand thanks to the generosity of the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, individuals, foundations and local businesses who continued to support our vision where women and children live in safety. Our dedicated volunteers helped us tackle many projects including painting, landscaping and various fundraising activities. In June 2019, our new board of directors was elected and have since provided leadership and governance.

Several staff members celebrated milestones last year, including Kathie Cole who has been with us for twenty five years and Patricia Oxberry who joined the team fifteen years ago. We were sad to see Madeline Sanagan leave for a career with Parks Canada, but wish her well in this amazing opportunity.

COVID-19 has forced us to adjust operations within the shelter but thanks to our staff's fortitude and the community's generosity, the transition has gone smoothly and we are well-positioned to begin our next fiscal year.

Thank you for your involvement with The Women's Centre Grey Bruce. I look forward to another year of working together to eliminate abuse and violence so that women and children can live in safety regardless of their circumstances.



Heather Sheldrick



Board of Directors

Debbie McKague, Chair
Natalie Barber, Vice-Chair
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Alissa Angel, Director
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Leadership Team

Heather Sheldrick, Executive Director
Paula Carnakie, Program Manager
Khrys Timmerman, Finance & Properties Manager





OUR SERVICES

The **Shelter** is a twenty bed facility with security and main floor accessibility offering twenty-four hour crisis intervention, supportive counselling and transitional housing.

Walk-in crisis support is available twenty-four hours per day at the Shelter and during business hours at Second Stage.

Trained staff provide telephone **support, information and referrals** for women in crisis, twenty-four hours per day.

Individual and group counselling is available at the Shelter and Second Stage, for all women regardless of their situation.

The **transitional outreach** program assists women living in Second Stage and those from the community, connect with local support and services.

Second Stage Housing is a safe ten-unit townhouse complex that provides transitional and supporting counselling within a geared-to-income rent program.

Public education about abuse and women's issues is shared with community partners including schools, faith groups and service clubs.

Family court support is provided in partnership with other community agencies to support abused women and men while they navigate through the Family Court system.

2019-2020 Statistics

Shelter Residents

Women: 104

Children: 32

Residential Stay Days: 4,029

Transitional Outreach: 151

Counselling: 181

Crisis and Support Calls: 1,060

Safety plans: 906

Second Stage Residents

Women: 16

Children: 29

**Family Court Support Program
(Grey County):** 98

THE WOMEN'S CENTRE (GREY-BRUCE) INC.

(summary of audited financial statements)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at March 31

	2020	2019
ASSETS		
Cash, Receivables & Investments	976,334	944,058
Property and Equipment	1,332,707	1,383,842
	2,309,041	2,327,900
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	149,546	154,358
Long Term Debt	160,990	199,358
Deferred Contributions	1,029,046	1,063,788
	1,339,582	1,417,504
FUND BALANCES		
Capital Asset Fund	142,675	120,700
Donation Fund	249,453	234,580
Internally Restricted Fund	300,000	300,000
Restricted Replacement and Maintenance	277,331	255,116
	969,459	910,396
	2,309,041	2,327,900

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

April 1 to March 31

	2019/2020	2018/2019
REVENUE		
Provincial Grants	1,009,176	1,019,215
County of Grey	189,131	183,327
Donations & Fundraising	188,052	174,358
Other	36,081	45,992
	1,422,440	1,422,892
EXPENSES		
Salaries and Benefits	829,134	781,891
Other Program Costs	500,671	496,674
Amortization	16,393	18,703
Fundraising & Other	39,394	30,840
	1,385,592	1,328,108
Surplus (Deficit)	36,848	94,784

Thank you

Our funders and donors are integral to our success.

Thank you to our community partners - the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, individuals, service clubs, foundations and corporations - who make our work possible.

Your generosity directly impacted the lives of more than 1,500 women and children last year. Thank you for helping them build safe and sustainable lives free from abuse and violence.



The Women's Centre Grey Bruce

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