



**RESTORATIONS**  
SECOND STAGE HOMES

**2019**  
Annual Report



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## A Message from Executive Director



Since announcing our exciting news last year that we had identified the location of our first home to provide residential programming and care for survivors of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation, the momentum and energy generated has led to greater collaboration and partnerships within our community. We are encouraged that so many people not only see the need for safe, specialized, and supportive housing for this population, but that they also want to come alongside us in filling the gap.

Earlier this year, Shane Renovations offered to manage the renovation process for us and has generously donated time, energy, and expertise. We received a grant from the Acts of Grace Foundation to fund the purchase of new windows and doors. We have also had multiple groups volunteer their time and muscles with various projects at the house. (See page three for more updates on the house.)

Generous supporters have coordinated fundraisers for us or participated in events like Ride for Refuge. These events are crucial to our overall fundraising efforts and we couldn't do this work without the support of our dedicated donors who care about our survivors, our community, justice, hospitality, and extending love. I encourage you check out pages five to ten to read more about the exciting events we have coordinated and participated in this past year.

We continue to be supported by various faith groups not just in our region, across Canada, and throughout the United States. We are regularly asked to speak at churches and faith groups. My role as Executive Director continues to be funded in partnership with the Reformed Church in America where I have churches and individuals from Ontario, British Columbia, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, and Wisconsin supporting me through RCA Global Mission.

I write regular blog posts reflecting on issues related to human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation for the Christian Reformed Church's "Do Justice" website (<http://dojustice.crcna.org>). Various CRC churches across our region support Restorations in a variety of ways like providing volunteer work teams to assist in our renovations, inviting us to visit their community to share more about this justice issue, and taking up offerings to support our work.

Our Board of Directors represents the ecumenical nature of Restorations with each person coming from varying denominational backgrounds. Together, we are united in the words of God who has said, "But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds" (*Jeremiah 30:17a*).

From this verse, we move forward to live out our organization values: Living God's Love, Embracing Community Connection, and Honouring Individual Uniqueness.

We accomplished much from November 2018 to October 2019, but it is just the beginning as we look ahead to 2020. We look forward to completing the renovations of our home and, ultimately, to opening our doors to welcome our first residents in 2020 with love and compassion.

### MISSION

Restorations stands for the truth that individuals are made perfectly and purposefully by God with the right to live free from exploitation and abuse. We will create a community that rejoices in each other's uniqueness, restores physical, spiritual, and mental well-being, and empowers individuals to step into their life's purpose.

### VISION

Restorations exists to provide specialized, long-term, holistic care for the victims of commercial sexual exploitation in Canada. Our purposes are to address specific problems faced by victims of sexual exploitation and/or human trafficking and to contribute to their rehabilitation and reintegration in society by offering a long-term residential care program including counselling and other health and support services.

### VALUES

#### LIVING GOD'S LOVE

Embracing the love and grace God extends to us, we extend that love and grace to all.

#### EMBRACING COMMUNITY CONNECTION

We choose collaboration over isolation, community over competition, and servanthood over prestige.

#### HONOURING INDIVIDUAL UNIQUENESS

United by our foundational belief that everyone is created in the image of God, we celebrate each person's unique skills, talents, and interests, and encourage all to flourish in their life's purpose.





# Our Home

Since 2013, we have dreamed of what our first home would look like. We started 2019 with the excitement of finding the property that will house our first residential program. As we work through renovating the home, we can imagine not just what the rooms will look like when work is completed, but we can envision the activities in the house, the women we will serve, and the staff and volunteers who will come alongside residents in their journeys.

If you've been through any sort of renovations or construction before, you'll know that this process often comes with unexpected delays or challenges. We have been so fortunate to encounter much generosity and many blessings through this process! However, the process certainly comes with hiccups too. While we anticipated that a good amount of work on the house would take place over summer 2019, the season instead consisted of more logistical work: organizing and obtaining permits. Once those were in hand, work started flowing, and we can't wait to report next year to reveal the completed renovations!

We couldn't do this without the help of Shane Renovations. Early 2019, they came on board to manage this renovation project for us and since then have generously committed time, energy, labour, resources and finances to move this project along.

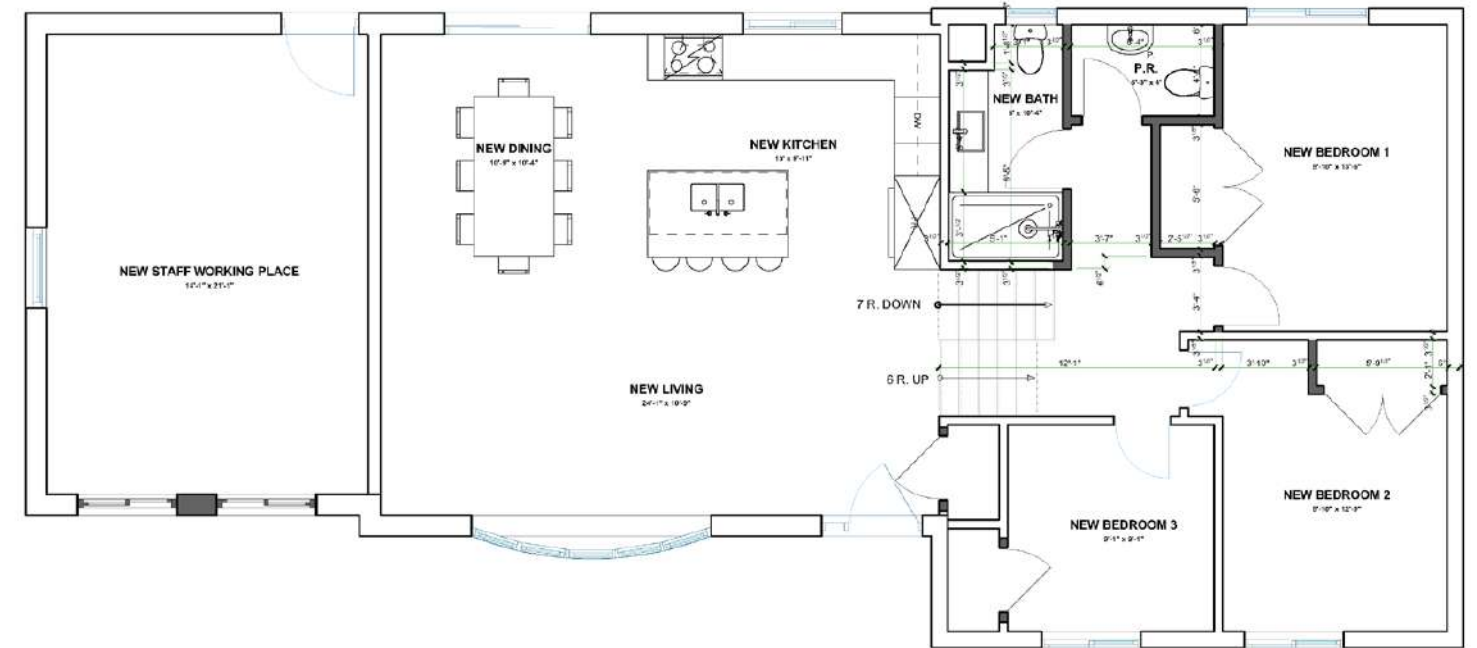


Thank you, Acts of Grace, for the grant to replace our windows and doors!



# Renderings of our Home

PROPOSED MAIN FLOOR PLAN



PROPOSED BASEMENT PLAN



New Street Christian Reformed Church provided a couple of SERVE youth volunteer teams in July to help tame our gardens!



## Sleep Tight

A few years ago, a group of us from Restorations attended Sleep Tight's PJ Party in Kitchener, Ontario. It was an incredible event to raise awareness about human trafficking in our region and to collect PJs for organizations who work with trafficked and at risk individuals. Over the years, Sleep Tight has evolved into a fundraising event, raising thousands of dollars for organizations who serve and support survivors. Meaghan Martin is the face behind this incredible event. She volunteers her time and resources to run Sleep Tight, raise awareness, and fundraise. Her natural skills at connecting within the community, consensus building, and inspiring people is what makes this event thrive.

Meaghan approached us over the summer of 2018 and asked if we would consider being the recipients of the event's fundraising efforts. We gladly said yes! In 2018, the event raised more than \$11,000\* for Restorations. Meaghan also surprised us by announcing at the event that we would be the recipient of the funds raised in 2019 as well! This event is so incredibly creative and we are so honoured to be a part of it!

We are extremely grateful for Meaghan and her partnership in our work.



“  
My hopes for Restorations would be to see their home that they have been working so hard on come together soon. That they can see the impact they are having on victims and how they are helping to provide opportunities for bright futures.  
”

Meaghan Martin,  
Founder of Sleep Tight

\*Our financial year is November 1-October 31. These numbers reflect last year's (2018) event proceeds. We look forward to sharing more details on the most recent event (2019) which raised more than \$13,000 in next year's Annual Report.





# Home Sweet Home

This past year, we coordinated our first fundraising event (that was not a third-party fundraiser). Home Sweet Home, a cocktail reception and raffle event, was held on Friday, June 14 in Hamilton, Ontario. At the event, we revealed the renderings and a 3D walkthrough video of the renovation plans for the home. With over 100 people in attendance, over \$6,000 was raised to support our work





# Ride for Refuge

In the spring, Restorations was asked to be the host charity of Hamilton's Ride for Refuge event. As host charity, we were responsible for coordinating this event in Hamilton and we strengthened our connections in the community by recruiting over 60 volunteers, raising awareness about the event, and encouraging other charities to reach their fundraising goals. In Hamilton alone, over \$109,000 was raised for 24 charities, of which \$19,565 was raised for Restorations!





# Staff and Volunteers

This past summer, we received a Canada Summer Jobs grant from the Government of Canada to employ two individuals for eight weeks.



**MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR**  
**KYRA BALOGH**

Kyra, our Media & Communications Coordinator, built a new website for Restorations and redesigned our logo.



**FUND DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR**  
**DELAINY DOYLE**

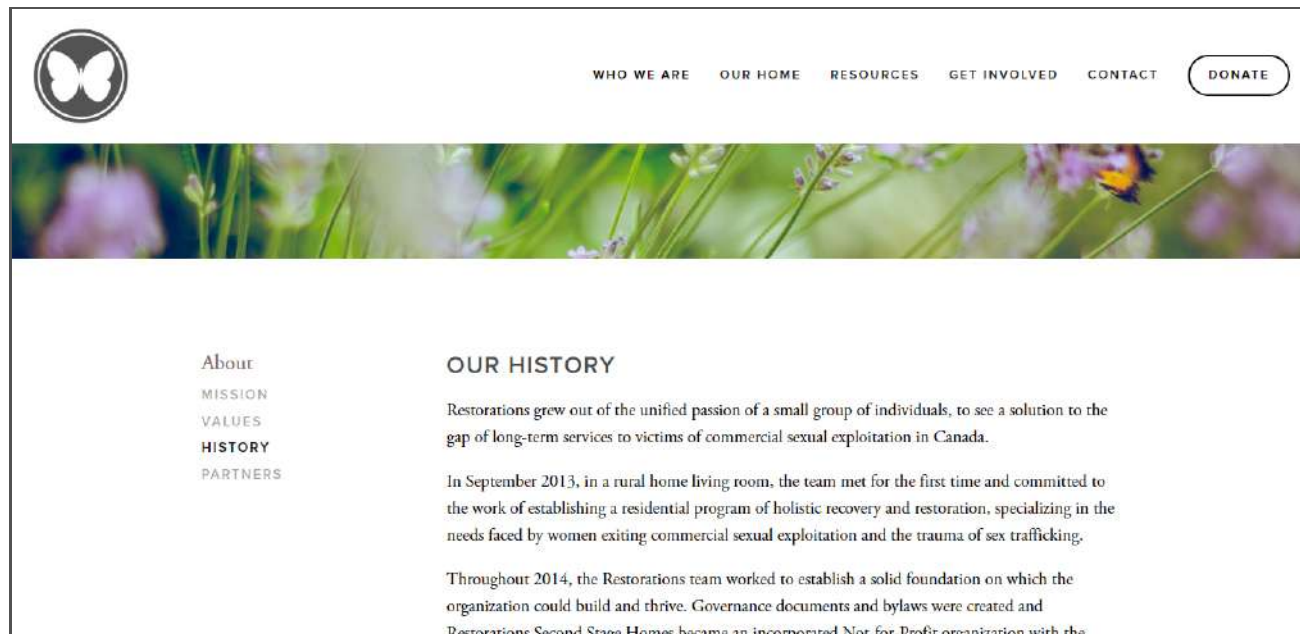
Delainy, our Event Director, coordinated our involvement in Ride for Refuge. Following the event, her contract was extended and she currently serves as our Fund Development Coordinator.

Our new logo still highlights a butterfly as we believe butterflies represent transformation through cycles of life. Butterflies are only butterflies because of what they endure as caterpillars. The “transition stage” of the caterpillar’s life can last a few weeks, a month, or even longer. Transformation takes time and energy. We know this. That’s why at Restorations, our programming will allow for residents to live in our home for up to two years. This logo highlights the transition stage of a caterpillar’s life and its goal to emerge as a butterfly.

The logo also features multiple circles encircling the butterfly. These three circles represent those coming alongside survivors in their journeys. The first circle symbolizes Restorations and our community of supporters, donors, volunteers, and staff. The second circle symbolizes our wider community, our partners, and faith communities, those with whom we partner in this work to support survivors. And the third circle symbolizes God who has called us to this work and desires for us to experience love, belonging, and community.



### Our new website



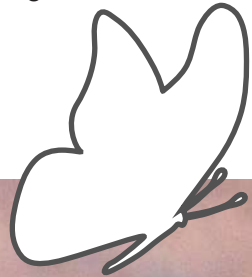
### Our new colours





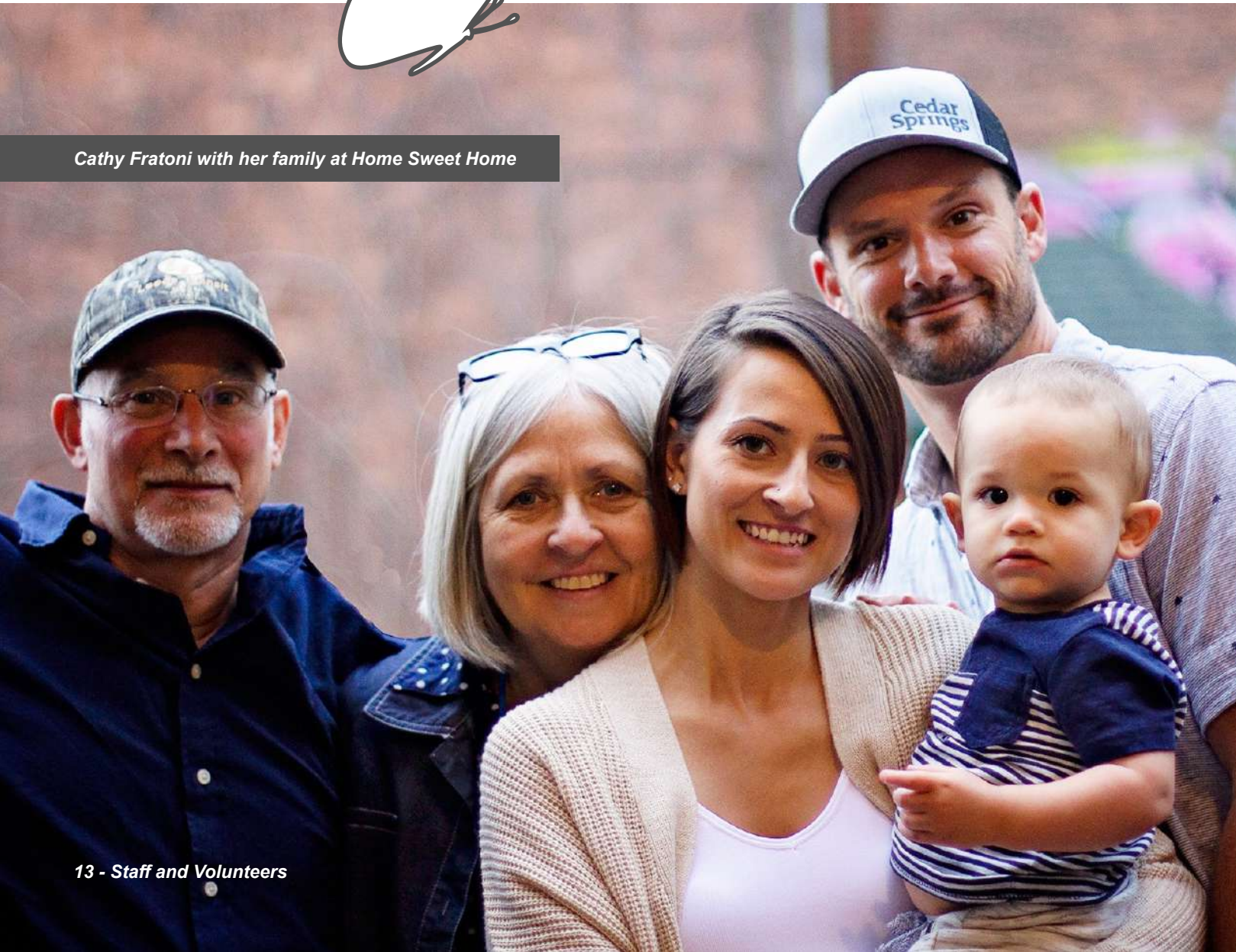
In the fall, we said “farewell” to two board members, Christina Bender and Cathy Fratoni. Cathy had been serving as Board Chair for the past year, but has been on the Board of Directors since our organizations’ early days. We are thankful for both of them, their contributions, and their service to Restorations!

With their departure, we also welcomed a new board member, Chantel Goldsmith Baqa. The Board of Directors continues to act as a “working board,” focusing diligently on various projects and tasks needed to help us open our home and offer more extensive programming.



*Christina Bender (right) with Nancy Wing (founding Chair, left) at Home Sweet Home*

*Cathy Fratoni with her family at Home Sweet Home*



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**‘For some people, I’m too much. For other people, I’m not enough. With you, I can just be me and work through some of what I’m going through without judgement.’**

**This is what a Survivor Friend shared with me when we had breakfast together. Because of your support, we can be a listening ear to Survivors who are working hard to cope with the traumas they have faced in their lives and be by their sides as they overcome some of the challenges and struggles they are currently facing.**

”

**Jennifer Lucking,  
Executive Director**



# Survivor Support

While we work to open our residential program, we seek opportunities to care for survivors and their emotional, mental, physical, and spiritual needs. This is often challenging because survivor support takes a lot of resources and energy and must be balanced with our other main priority in survivor care: the need for safe, specialized, and supportive, long-term housing.

Our Executive Director, Jennifer, continues to come alongside a few survivors to provide mentorship, encouragement and support. Thanks to supporters who collect Air Miles points for us, we are able to connect with survivors over Starbucks to chat about life, joys, and challenges.

*“Time spent with survivors is a fraction of my workload, but gives me the most fulfillment and joy.”  
Jennifer Lucking*

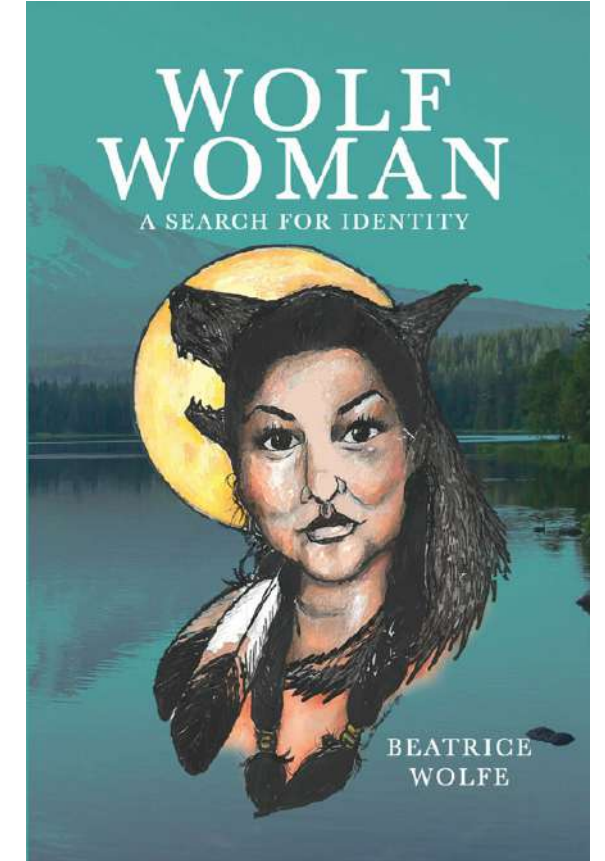
**Did you know that you can collect Air Miles for Restorations?**  
When you use your Restorations Air Miles card, points go directly to us and we use these points in practical ways to serve survivors of commercial sexual exploitation.

In the last year, supporters have raised over 1,100 Air Miles for us!

Jennifer had an amazing opportunity to provide feedback on a memoir written by a survivor of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. In *Wolf Woman*, Beatrice Wolfe shares her story as an Indigenous survivor of sexual exploitation, abuse, and addictions. We were honoured to be part of Beatrice’s journey of publishing her story.

You can purchase a copy of Beatrice’s book at [defenddignity.ca/product/wolf-woman](https://defenddignity.ca/product/wolf-woman)

*“I believe there’s a reason for everything. I believe that no matter what I went through, I have a story, and my story is like those of so many of my Indigenous brothers and sisters. It’s the story of rejection and deceit. It’s the story of abuse and shame. It’s the story that many of my friends, family members, and my beautiful mom were never able to tell because their lives were cut short. I tell my story so that people can watch out for women and young girls who are being exploited. They’re not exploited because they choose to be. They’re there because life dealt them a bad hand.”  
Beatrice Wolfe*



## Acknowledgements

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Shane Renovations  
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New Street Christian Reformed Church – SERVE Team  
Various volunteers and helpers who have helped with renovations to date – thank you!

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Our Ride for Refuge team captains and participants  
Government of Canada (Canada Summer Jobs)  
Thistle Farms and the Thistle National Network  
Kelly’s Bake Shoppe  
Cedar Springs Landscape Group

Rochelle Benoit  
Meaghan Martin  
Larrek Investigations  
Christina Bender  
Cathy Fratoni





# Financials

## 2019 financial report for the year ending October 31, 2019

(Nov. 1, 2018 to Oct. 31, 2019)

### Cash-CHQ Account

	2019	2018
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash (as of Oct. 31, 2018)	\$69,712.98	\$44,340.11
<b>Shareholder</b>		
Share account	\$45	\$40
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	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Cash-CHQ Donation	\$20,450.32	\$26,535.00
Donation from Churches	\$2,877.44	--
General Synod Council	\$45,000.00	\$25,718.20
Blue Sea Philanthropy Inc	\$10,734.50	\$10,411.80
Grant from Government	\$7,469.00	\$6,000.00
Grant from Act of Grace	\$20,000.00	--
T-Shirt	\$180.00	--
ED Fee of Charge	\$2,257.66	--
Tax Rebate	\$745.28	--
Payment Refund from 2018	\$472.00	--
<b>Fundraising Event</b>		
Sleep Tight 2018	\$2,725.00	--
Home Sweet Home	\$9,370.00	--
Sleep Tight 2019	\$2,525.00	--
Share account interest income	\$5.00	\$5.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$124,811.20</b>	<b>\$70,570.00</b>

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	2019	2018
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Advertising	\$812.47	\$2,649.75
Bank/Service Charge	\$1,260.93	(Expense under Office)
Office Supplies	\$3,115.96	\$4,934.39
Insurance	\$982.80	\$3,985.64
Health Insurance (GWL)	\$3,686.59	(Expense under Insurance)
Special Event	\$8,655.20	\$5,680.24
Professional Services	\$4,588.93	\$100.00
Programming	\$1,192.65	\$333.50
Leadership Development	\$1,213.22	\$2,372.47
Survivor Fund	\$771.45	\$1,774.39
Payroll	\$47,063.18	\$18,141.69
CRA Remittance	\$16,916.45	\$5,220.06
Board General	\$75.58	--
RSSH Asset	\$1,980.89	--
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$92,316.30</b>	<b>\$45,192.13</b>
<b>Revenue over Expenditure</b>	<b>\$32,494.90</b>	<b>\$25,377.87</b>














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