



The Women's Centre

The 27th Annual General Meeting

The Women's Centre is dedicated to supporting women in crisis, distress and transition by providing programs and services to effect positive change.

Annual Review for the Year
Ended March 31, 2016

November 17, 2016 7:00 PM

South Oakville Centre
(Formerly Hopedale Mall)
The Women's Centre
1515 Rebecca St. Suite 229 Oakville, Ontario
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WHEN WOMEN SUPPORT WOMEN,
INCREDIBLE THINGS HAPPEN.

CHAIR'S REPORT

At a time in our 27 years where The Women's Centre could have questioned its very survival, we not only survived, we thrived. We are pleased to announce another year of success of The Women's Centre with 27 years under our belt, weathering the storms of funding uncertainty, withstanding the changes and overcoming. The community support of this agency is over-whelming. We will continue to provide women with services by supporting, empowering and educating them in crisis, transition and distress. We are truly grateful to the funders and donors who have believed in us and supported us during this transitional year.

We would like to take this time to introduce our new Executive Director, Martha Barragan. She brings a passion for women's issues, strong leadership and management skills and we are excited for her to bring this passion as we look to expand our services.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who dedicated their time unselfishly in the reestablishment of this Centre. We realize we would not be able to get through this year without these dedicated individuals. The dedication has not gone unnoticed.

Our volunteers have worked diligently to provide the necessary programs and support the transition. They have impacted clients lives in such a positive way!

We would like to thank the Board of Directors for their commitment. The diversity of strengths united is proving to be a force for this Centre. This year we have introduced our new strategic directions that will continue to enhance our visions of the Centre to servicing more vulnerable women and addressing even more clients' needs in the growing areas of Halton.

We sincerely thank all of you for your ongoing support of The Women's Centre and the women that it serves.

Marleen Filimon
Board President



New Board Members to be Elected

Kay Davidson
Gemma Ahn
Meenakshi Dev
Chantal Lambert
Suzanna Cicarevic

Executive Director

Martha Barragan

Present Board Members

Marleen Filimon
Caroline Kijak
Jean Haynes
Margo Quick
Alesia Nahirny



Agenda

The Moment Experience

Welcome and Call to Order – Board Chair

Chair's Remarks

MOTION – TO ACCEPT 2015 AGM MINUTES

Introduction of New Board Members

MOTION - TO ELECT NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Treasurer's Report

MOTION - TO APPROVE 2016 AUDITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MOTION - TO APPOINT AUDITORS FOR 2016

Executive Director's Closing Remarks

ADJOURNMENT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

It is a privilege to become Executive Director this year. I am so thankful for this community of strong women, where our supporters truly become like family. I look forward to the future of our centre and the wonderful opportunities that are presenting themselves. Working united with the Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and funders in making this Centre a place where women feel supported and empowered is an honour.

In 27 years of delivering programs to women, we have had the honour of standing by, supporting and watching the positive changes unfold in the lives of women we have supported. Many women have come back this year to share their stories of success and we couldn't be prouder. They are using their stories to impact others in ways that go beyond the centre, in continuing the conversations of violence, economic security and advancement.

Women's issues are everyone's issues and impact us all. With our volunteers as our backbone, we were able to provide strength when it was needed and most critical because of our generous community of supporters. I can often be overheard saying, "build a woman up, you build a family, build a family up, you build community." Thank you for standing by us and building community.

With the right tools women will achieve their goals. We have stood by women this last year who have broken the silence and cycle of the violence they have been experiencing, they have built careers for themselves, furthered their education, built homes by raising strong children and contributed to brighter communities. Our community. A special thank you to our community supporters/volunteers who have stood by us and contributed to women, where impacts cannot truly be measured for, how do you measure heart?

I thank all of you for your support, and belief in this Women's Centre, and standing united for women.

As the picture in our front entrance hangs, "the future is exciting."

*With a heart of gratitude,
Martha Barragan Executive Director*

TREASURER'S REPORT

A condensed version of our audited statements for the year ended March 31, 2016 is included here as part of our annual report.

2015-2016 was a year of transition for the Women's Centre. As such, some funding was claw backed until the Women's Centre was back on track and operating successfully as it had in the past. For most of the year ending March 31, 2016 the Centre was run by volunteers and limited staff. Unfortunately we could not eliminate our rent, utilities and insurance which amounted to \$59,282.

However, we did receive donations of \$39,582 and fundraising efforts resulted in \$20,111 which enabled us to continue to operate until the funding was reinstated.

The audited report reflects the above, showing revenue of \$138,044 and expenses of \$150,508 and a loss of \$12,464.

We are pleased to report that staff has now been hired and all programs are running at capacity. In addition we have been able to add several new programs.

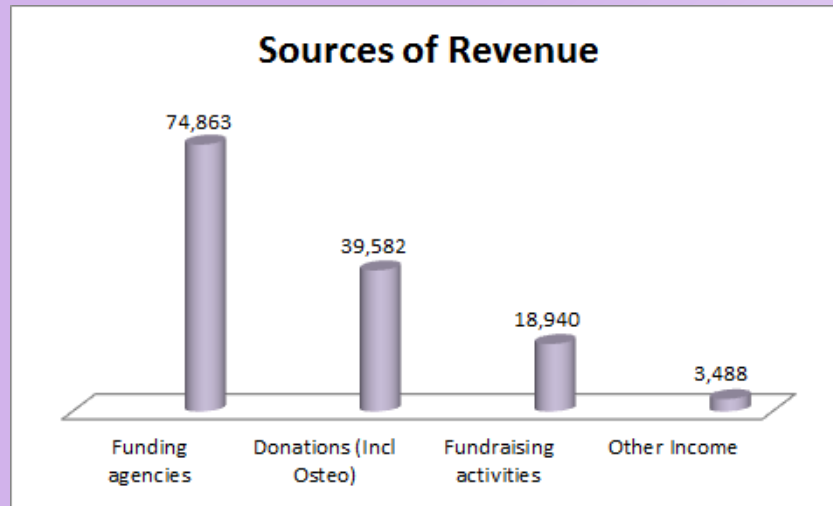
This past year of uncertainty was marked by fantastic volunteering and hard work by many to keep the Women's Centre operating and on behalf of the Board I would personally like to thank them for all their efforts. Because of them we are now able to provide services and support to many women in transition in Halton.

It has truly been a year of "Women Helping Women".

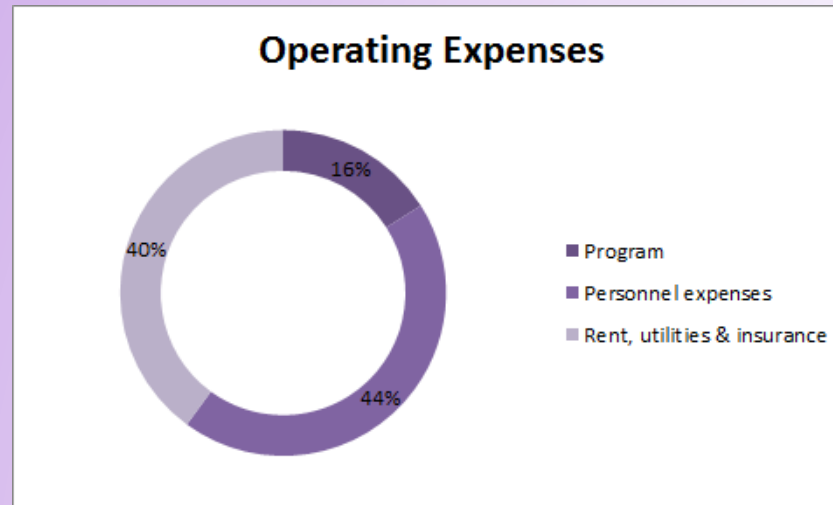
Jean Haynes
Treasurer

Financial Statement

Revenue 2015



Operating Expenses 2015



THE WOMEN'S CENTRE INCOME STATEMENT FOR Y/E MARCH 31, 2015

THE WOMEN'S CENTRE BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 2016

	2016	2015
Assets		
Cash in bank	19,710	40,145
Term deposits	50,000	125,000
Receivables	53,230	9,146
Prepaid expenses	1,289	2,120
Total Assets	124,229	176,411
Liabilities		
Accts Payable & Acc. Liabilities	18,377	7,091
Surplus		
Contingency fund	61,530	61,530
Operating fund	44,322	107,790
	105,852	169,320
Total Liabilities & Surplus	124,229	176,411

THE WOMEN'S CENTRE INCOME STATEMENT FOR Y/E MARCH 31, 2016

	2016	2015
Revenue		
Funding agencies	74,863	214,352
Donations (Incl Osteo)	39,582	19,162
Fundraising activities	18,940	17,759
Other Income	3,488	4,805
	136,873	256,078
Operating Expenses		
Conference, program	9,198	17,227
Office & general expenses	11,463	7,015
Miscellaneous	950	1,543
Personnel expenses	65,363	105,289
Rent, utilities & insurance	59,282	53,107
Telephone & communications	3,081	3,633
	149,337	187,814
Net Operating Income (Loss)	-12,464	68,264
Operating Fund Opening	107,790	40,126
	95,326	108,390
Less Allocation to Contingency	0	600
Less Repay't to Gov't Funders	51,004	0
Operating Fund Year End	44,322	107,790