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ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23



**Your Legacy,
A Survivor's Future.**

Increase safety and support for women and girls while advocating for social change.

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PRESIDENT REPORT

RJ Lundquist

Dear Friends,

As the new Board Chair of Surrey Women's Centre, I want to extend our deep appreciation to our valued supporters.

You are the backbone of Surrey Women's Centre!

In the aftermath of the pandemic, we have renewed our vision and strategic priorities for the next year. First and foremost, our goal is to enhance our trauma-informed services for survivors of gender-based violence. To achieve this, we are committed to building partnerships that promote safety, trust, and collaboration to better support survivors on their healing journey. A key strategy is pursuing sustainable revenue streams to ensure we can remain flexible enough to serve the diverse needs of women and children in Surrey.

My heartfelt appreciation also extends to our dedicated volunteers and staff including special thanks to our executive director, Shahnaz Rahman, for being a passionate advocate and selfless leader. The unwavering support of our staff, volunteers and supporters is the bedrock of our success.

I want to personally thank each and every one of you for upholding our mission.

Sincerely,
RJ Lundquist,
Board Chair



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Shahnaz Rahman

Dear Friends,

I am so pleased to announce that the government chose Surrey Women's Centre to set up the first and only sexual assault centre in Surrey! Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we have a long history of standing up for survivors. Every dollar of your support makes it possible for us to pick up the phone when survivors call for help.

Your support will continue to be a lifeline for survivors who have nowhere else to turn.

Surrey's new Sexual Assault Centre will be a safe place where survivors can get help any time of the day or night. Survivors can now have all of their needs met in one location. The clinic will offer a broad range of trauma-informed services tailored to meet the individual needs of each survivor.

The new sexual assault centre represents a significant milestone in Surrey Women's Centre's fight for freedom, equality, and justice! But we could not have done it without the support of our generous donors. Thank you for standing with survivors!

In solidarity,
Shahnaz Rahman,
Executive Director



RJ Lundquist

Surrey Women's Centre Has a New Board Chair with a Bold Vision

In the struggle for equality and justice, Surrey Women's Centre is a symbol of hope. This is due to the unwavering dedication of supporters like our new Board Chair, RJ Lundquist.



In a recent conversation with RJ, she describes how she is moved by Surrey Women's Centre's mission to empower all survivors of gender-based violence who walk through our doors. She knows that Surrey Women's Centre has a lean budget, but she is often amazed at how the charity manages to do so much with so little.

Looking ahead, RJ is excited about the recent government announcement. Surrey Women's Centre was chosen to set up the first and only sexual assault centre in Surrey! With more funding, her vision seeks to fill the gaps so survivors can get the help they need – when they need it!

YET HER VISION DOESN'T STOP THERE...

RJ explains that her background in business allows her to share critical insights. She is committed to building sustainable revenue streams that offer SWC employees a living wage. In an underfunded sector, she believes that the investment in the well-being of our employees enhances the lives of survivors. This includes training staff to recognize signs of trauma, fostering a culture of empathy, and tailoring services to meet the unique needs of each survivor. By fostering safety, trust, and collaboration, Surrey Women's Centre can better support clients on their healing journey. "The journey of empowerment is about turning survivors into empowered individuals who, in turn, give back."

RJ HAS WITNESSED THE IMPACT OF GIVING FIRSTHAND.

As a monthly donor, she makes a small gift every month to ensure that Surrey Women's Centre can cover the shortfall of government funding. RJ's monthly gifts help run a weekly drop-in for women and their children escaping violence that offers free food and clothing. Her support also helps put gas in the tank of our emergency outreach van that provides refuge to women living on the streets of Surrey. When a lot of donors give small donations every month – it makes a big difference.

Last year, RJ wanted to make an even bigger impact on the lives of survivors of gender-based violence. She made a major gift to help launch our new Jane Doe Legal Clinic for survivors who need legal advice but can't afford a lawyer. When women decide to seek justice through the legal system, they are often face many barriers including a lack of information and support, alone. With RJ's help, the Jane Doe Legal Clinic ensures that survivors have access to legal information and support – free of charge.

To achieve our mission, we encourage the well-being of our team by providing meaningful work, support, and opportunities to advance women's safety and social change.

RJ captures the impact of Surrey Women's Centre in the community when she says, "the heart of Surrey Women's Centre lies in our commitment to breaking down barriers and providing survivors with the tools they need to regain their strength and confidence".



Bad Date REPORT

The Bad Date Report supports the safety of sex workers and exploited women.

WHAT IS A BAD DATE?

A **Bad Date** refers to any negative experience that you don't want yourself or other women to experience. Survivors can choose to report a **Bad Date** anonymously. These reports often share experiences of physical or sexual assault and other acts of violence.

Survivors also report situations in which dates refuse to pay and/or steal their belongings. Our SMART program supports the safety of sex workers and exploited women, by helping them make Bad Date Reports to share with others.

WHAT IS A BAD DATE ALERT?

The **Bad Date Alert** is a system to notify women of people who may have threatened the safety and well-being of other women. Our goal is to help keep women safer by providing critical information about predators.

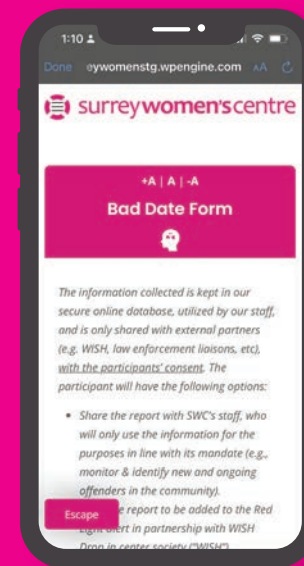
Bad Date Alerts are also an effective tool for local agencies supporting sex workers and exploited women. By reporting and sharing these bad experiences, we can become aware of the predators in our community and can help protect each other.

Bad Date Report

File a report with our easy to use and confidential online system to help identify offenders.

100% Confidential

If you wish to provide your contact details or want to be contacted by Surrey Women's Centre, the contact details you provide will remain confidential.



The Bad Date Alert System

Once a Bad Date is reported, the information is shared, anonymously, with local agencies as a **Bad Date Alert**.

Champions of Change

HONOURING CHANGE LEADERS

What better way to celebrate International Women's Day than by announcing the recipients of Surrey Women's Centre's 3rd Annual Champions of Change Awards!

On March 08 of every year, International Women's Day recognizes the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women around the world. This year we commemorated International Women's Day by recognizing change makers advancing gender equity in our community. The honourees included, Maureen, a survivor in every sense of the word. Her life's journey is a powerful reminder that survivors of gender-based violence are not defined by their stories of adversity - they are defined by their strength and resiliency. Maureen and the other award recipients champion the right of every woman and girl to be safe in their own homes, get the support they need to rebuild their lives and live in a world without the fear of violence.

Congratulations to this year's Champion of Change Award recipients!

THIS YEARS WINNERS

Christine LaLiberte • Donna Balfour • Fay Blaney
Sonia Andhi Bilkhu • Maureen Gaffar • Angela
Marie MacDougall • Fraser Health Authority
Forensic Nursing Program



International Women's Day & Champions of Change Celebrations

Help us Embrace Equity!

SURVIVOR PROFILE

Empowering Change

Samantha speaks on counselling, mentorship and legacy.

In a world where the struggle for equality and justice never ceases, organizations like the Surrey Women's Centre stand as an ideal. They work to make a profound impact on the lives of countless individuals. Through an interview with Samantha, a dedicated advocate and Director of Programs, at Surrey Women's Centre, we delve into the deep-rooted impact and transformative work that this organization carries out every day. Notably, Surrey Women's Centre recently achieved a historic victory in its successful bid to the BC government.

Surrey Women's Centre creates a meaningful impact through its immediate support for survivors of violence. Survivors often find themselves on lengthy wait lists for the help they desperately need. Samantha emphasizes that access to counseling can be a significant challenge, due to low funding. Surrey Women's Centre's short-term crisis counseling program, offers immediate counseling support to those who have experienced violence. Samantha highlights this as a crucial program. "It makes a significant impact on clients by helping them rebuild their resiliency and giving space to survivors on a one-on-one basis," she passionately explains.

Samantha's aspirations revolve around creating a safe space for survivors, reflecting her commitment to social justice. Surrey Women's Centre recently achieved a historic victory. It successfully bid to the BC government for funding to operate a sexual assault health center in the Lower Mainland. This significant achievement provides an opportunity to expand Surrey Women's Centre's services and make an even more profound impact in the lives of clients. While Surrey Women's Centre already offers services to survivors of sexual assault, Samantha hopes that this new injection of funds will allow Surrey Women's Centre to expand these vital services. This would break down barriers faced by clients who face multiple forms of violence and marginalization in their lives.

"We want to promote that person's self-determination, recognizing that the first response to a traumatic event is profoundly impactful."

The dream is to establish a space where survivors can heal and move forward with confidence and self-determination. Samantha adds, "We want to promote that person's self-determination, recognizing that the first response to a traumatic event is profoundly impactful." Having the right staff is critical to that first response. It is imperative that the survivor meets with staff that are trauma-informed, and

of different skill sets. These would include victims' support workers, housing coordinators, counselors, lawyers and law-enforcement professionals, in a timely manner. Donors directly affect the staffing levels that the SWC is able to have. Funds allow the SWC to attract professionals that are passionate about supporting women by providing that care immediately to survivors.



Samantha's own journey as an Indigenous woman, and the work of Surrey Women's Centre, are about leaving a legacy of empowerment for future generations. Samantha's passion for her work and her determination to raise her own daughter, and others like her, with the knowledge that their voices matter is a testament to the profound work at the heart of the organization.

"Surrey Women's Centre welcomes survivors of all gender and sexual identities expressions. We also recognize that women and other historically underrepresented groups are at greater risk of gender-based violence."

A CASE FOR SUPPORT

Is It Better to Give STOCK or CASH to a Charity?

Did you know that when you donate your shares directly to the Surrey Women's Centre, you can give the full value of your securities and eliminate capital gains tax on the appreciated value?

Inspired by our mission, Christine LaLiberté, a senior investment advisor, is helping Surrey Women's Centre set up a new way for our donors to give and maximize their impact on the lives of women and children. With over 30 years of experience, Christine is this year's recipient of Raymond James' Woman of Distinction Award. Each year, Raymond James honours women financial advisors, like Christine, who demonstrate exceptional leadership in serving their clients and the community. Christine's philanthropy is rooted in her belief that women should be financially literate and independent.

Christine believes it's also important to give to small charities such as Surrey Women's Centre so we can have an even bigger impact in the local community. Donating securities to Surrey Women's Centre is a tax smart way to increase the value of your gift, benefiting you and the charity. It's a thoughtful and strategic approach that maximizes the impact of your donation.

If you are planning to make a donation to Surrey Women's Centre, you can maximize your tax savings by donating the shares of publicly traded securities instead of selling them and donating cash. By donating the shares, you will eliminate capital gains tax on the appreciated value, receive a charitable tax receipt in the full value of the donated securities, and help more women and children at the same time!

Christine's message to donors is clear: "You can't take your wealth with you. If your financial health is strong, and you want to leave a legacy while helping a charity like Surrey Women's Centre, it should absolutely be part of your plans. Your legacy isn't just for your children and grandchildren; it can also support the community and, in turn, help your family."

Donating shares means a larger tax benefit for you, a larger donation for the Surrey Women's Centre and a larger benefit to the women and children we serve!

	Sell Share & Donate Cash	Donate Shares Directly
Fair Market Value	\$10,000	\$10,000
Cost Basis	\$2,000	\$2,000
Capital Gain	\$8,000	\$8,000
Taxable Gain	\$4,000	\$0
Tax Credit (may receive as much as 49% of amount you donated back at tax time)	\$4,528	\$4,528
Tax on Capital Gain (assuming 50%)	\$2,000	\$0
Tax Savings	\$2,528	\$4,528
After Tax Cost	\$7,472	\$5,472

*The tax rate paid on your last dollar of taxable income.

Assumptions: Calculations use 2023 donation tax credit rates. The regular donation claim limit is \$75,000 or 75% of net income. Net income is used as taxable income in the tax calculations. Calculations use marginal tax rates as of January 2023. Rates take all British Columbia federal and provincial taxes and surtaxes into account and the basic personal tax credit.

Disclaimer: The information provided is for illustration purposes only. Please consult your financial and/or legal advisor for tax-effective giving that is most suitable for you.

It's easy to give. Donate securities to Surrey Women's Centre!



STEP 1

Contact Surrey Women's Centre's investment broker to initiate the process. Annie Lau, Senior Investment Advisor, Raymond James. Annie will walk you step-by-step through the process.



STEP 2

Complete and sign the securities transfer form. Our investment broker will send you a stock donation transfer form to complete. You will need the following information:

Legal Name: Surrey Women's Centre Society
Address: 10075 Whalley Boulevard, Surrey, BC, V3T 4G1
Charity Registration #: 140327891RR0001



STEP 3

Email the completed securities transfer form to our investment broker at: Annie.Lau@raymondjames.ca. Annie will contact your investment broker or advisor to initiate the transfer.



STEP 4

Receive your tax receipt. When the transfer is complete, Surrey Women's Centre will issue your official tax receipt.

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You can also talk to your financial advisor or investment broker to initiate the process.

"You can't take your wealth with you ...Your legacy isn't just for your children and grandchildren; it can also support the community and, in turn, help your family."

Amplify Your Giving

Donate Stocks & Securities and Save on Taxes!



A webinar presented by

Christine LaLiberte

Senior Financial Advisor



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Surrey conducts needs assessment for sexual assault survivors.



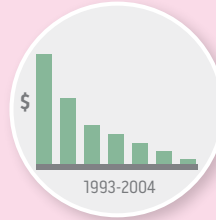
1992

We are now a registered charity!



2004

Government cuts Rape and Assault Crisis Program for sexual assault survivors.



2010

We launch the *Surrey Mobile Assault Response Team* during Olympics for sexual assault survivors.



1991

Our founding mothers envision SWC as a sexual assault centre.



1993

Rape and Assault Crisis Program launches crisis line for sexual assault survivors.



2007

Needs assessment for women involved street-level sex work.



2011

Surrey Mobile Assault Response Team expands services in partnership with Fraser Health.



surrey women's centre

Toward a Sexual Assault Clinic

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, SWC has a long history of standing up for survivors!

2017

New emergency outreach van for women and girls on the streets.





2014

Fraser Health opens Embrace Clinic for survivors in our centre.



2017

SWC partners with Surrey RCMP to improve police response to sexual assault survivors.

2020

New peer-led supports for sexually exploited youth.



2021

Launched Bad Date database for sex workers to protect each other.



2023

Free legal advice for survivors of sexual harassment in workplace.



2025

COMING SOON! SURREY'S NEW Sexual Assault Centre

On October 18, 2023, the government announced that SWC will receive funding to setup a new Sexual Assault Centre in Surrey.





Your Legacy, A Survivor's Future.

"There are few organizations in the Lower Mainland which provide direct counselling services to women who have been sexually assaulted."

"Most organizations which provide such counselling do so for children."

"When receiving counselling for their children many women disclose, often for the first time, that they have been sexually assaulted."

"Most organizations surveyed were unfamiliar with even the limited services available in Surrey."

These are the key findings of research project conducted by the founders of Surrey Women's Centre. In 1991. Not much has changed. Until today ...

On October 18, 2023 – over 30 years later - the Province of BC announced that Surrey Women's Centre has been chosen to set up the first and only sexual assault centre in Surrey!

Why a Sexual Assault Centre in Surrey? And why now?

Statistics Canada reports that "Sexual assault is the only violent crime in Canada that is not declining." In 2021, sexual assault reports increased by 18% - the highest rate of sexual assault since 1996.

Yet, we know that sexual assault is still one of the most underreported crimes. Only 1 in 10 survivors of sexual assault make a police report. That statistic hasn't changed since 1991.

And we know why.

Too often, survivors are told it is their fault. Because their skirt is too short, or their heels are too high. They drank too much or should have known better than to trust *that guy*. In recent cases, like the Peter Nygård trial, survivors and are accused of being "liars", "attention seekers" or "scorned lovers."

If a survivor of sexual assault identifies as Indigenous, Black, a Person of Colour and/or 2SLGBTQIA+, then they are not only blamed for the assault -but they are also more likely to experience serious bodily injury or even death. Most survivors who are sexually assaulted are too afraid to tell someone and, therefore, never get the help they need.

That is why Surrey's new Sexual Assault Centre is so important.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we have a long history of standing up for survivors. For the last 13 years, Surrey Women's Centre has committed to provide specialized sexual assault services in the absence of core government funding.

In 2010, we launched SMART program in response to the unmet needs of sexual assault survivors in Surrey. SMART stands for the Surrey Mobile Assault Response Team. It is a 24-hour mobile crisis service for survivors of sexual assault who require emergency medical treatment. After a sexual assault, many women and girls have serious and, sometimes, life-threatening injuries. But they are too afraid to ask for help. Sometimes the only thing standing in the way is a safe ride.

That's where SMART comes in.

If a survivor is sexually assaulted in Surrey or any of the surrounding areas, there are only two hospitals that provide specialized emergency medical treatment. And depending on where the attack occurred, it can take two hours or more to get to the closest hospital for the critical care she needs.

“Sexual assault is the only violent crime in Canada that is not declining.” – Statistics Canada

Surrey's New Sexual Assault Centre

Now more than ever, the support of our donors will continue to be a lifeline for sexual assault survivors who have nowhere else to turn.

Coming soon, Surrey Women's Centre will be working with our community partners to launch Surrey's new Sexual Assault Centre. Survivors will have access to a wide range of trauma-informed medical, legal, and social services in one location including:

The Surrey Sexual Assault Centre services offers survivor-centred trauma-informed wraparound services by phone, text, chat, video, and in-person depending on survivors' needs and preferences. Key services include:

- Crisis Support
- STI Testing
- Police & Court Support
- Systems Navigation
- Third Party Reporting
- Bad Date Reporting
- Individual & Group Counselling
- Tests for Drug Facilitated Assaults
- Cultural Supports
- Medical Exams
- Forensic Exams
- Police Reporting Options
- Connections to Community Resources

These services will be tailored to meet the diverse and unique needs of each survivor.

At Surrey Women's Centre Our Mission is Simple

We work with the community, to increase the safety and support for those experiencing gender-based violence.

- **Surrey is the one of the largest and fastest growing cities in Canada.**

Between 2016 and 2021, Surrey's population growth rate was 9.7%, almost twice as fast as Vancouver at 4.9%.

- **We are home to diverse Indigenous, racialized and immigrant communities.**

- **Surrey has the second largest Indigenous population in BC.**

- **Surrey has the largest black population in BC.**

22% of the entire black population in BC live in Surrey (2016)



Why coordination is critical in sexual assault cases?

No one system or organization can do this work alone. Time is of essence and the right support at the right time can make all the difference. After an assault, a survivor must make a lot of critical decisions within a really short period of time – and some of those decisions can be life altering, or even life-threatening.

We know first-hand that when survivors connect with an advocate, they are more likely to use critical health care services including a physical examination and screening for sexually transmitted diseases. We have also seen they have higher rates of reporting their sexual assault to law enforcement. We honour our survivors' choices. We give them information and options and we stand with them.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

A snapshot of our work in 2022/23

There is a story behind these numbers, and our dedicated staff who day in and day out are there to support survivors of gender-based violence.

Community Based Victim Services

1258

SURVIVORS SERVED

Our CRISIS TEAM helps survivors get emergency medical, legal and social services after an assault.

Our COURT TEAM helps survivors understand their legal rights and help them navigate criminal justice system.

Domestic Violence Unit

82

survivors at highest risk of harm

Through our partnership with Surrey RCMP, we provide trauma-informed support to survivors fleeing domestic violence. Their partners are considered high risk offenders. We work closely with police, probation, Child Protective Services and Crown Counsel to keep women and children safe.

Ministry of Children and Families - Safety for Mothers & Children

270

mothers AND THEIR CHILDREN

Our team offers trauma-informed support for survivors of intimate partner violence navigate the child welfare system. We work closely with social workers to support mothers and their children.

Surrey Mobile Assault Response Team - SMART Van

7099

contacts

168 hospital accompaniments for survivors of physical and sexual assault.

Using a harm reduction approach, our team provides low-barrier outreach services to women and other marginalized genders of all ages who are living or working on the streets of Surrey. We build trust and offer trauma-informed support to increase safety, health and well-being.

Stopping The Violence

219

survivors of gender-based violence served

(STV) COUNSELLING TEAM

We provide one-on-one, trauma-informed counselling to survivors of gender-based violence to help them heal from the trauma of violence.

Special Victims Unit - SVU

58

victims of sexual assault reported to the police

We work closely with the Surrey RCMP Special Victims Unit to support sexual assault survivors at risk of greatest harm.

Resource Drop In-Services

3000

women served at the Centre



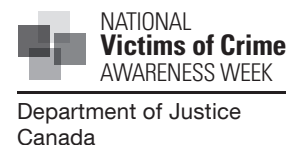
These services are the heart of Surrey Women's Centre that operates on a grassroots level to reduce as many barriers as possible for women/girls by offering a safe space, basic necessities, and reducing harm from a holistic trauma informed lens.

DONOR RECOGNITION

Teamwork Makes Us Stronger!

Thanks to the generous support of our partners:

- Ministry of Women and Gender Equality Canada
- Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Province of British Columbia
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Community Gaming Grants Branch, Province of British Columbia
- Ministry of Children and Family Development, Province of British Columbia
- National Victims of Crime Awareness Week, Department of Justice Canada
- Ending Violence Association of BC
- Canadian Women's Foundation
- Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy and Lu'ma Native BCH Housing Society
- City of Surrey
- Vancouver Foundation
- Robert and Lisa Downs Foundation





Increasing Women's Access to Justice

The Jane Doe Legal Clinic is a partnership between Surrey Women's Centre and RISE Women's Legal Centre.

When women decide to seek justice through the legal system, they are often face many barriers including a lack of information and support, alone. Last year, we launched our new Jane Doe Legal Clinic for survivors who need legal advice but can't afford a lawyer. In partnership with **RISE Women's Legal Centre**, the goal of the clinic is to ensure the women have access to legal information and support – free of charge.

We are excited that the Jane Doe Legal Clinic served 201 women in its first year.

Maggie brings a wealth of experience to her role as the supervising lawyer. "The Jane Doe Legal Clinic fills a notable gap in legal services for women," says Maggie. "People don't have real access to legal services, and we aim to provide ongoing support to our clients, acknowledging the specific types of trauma that women often face." Maggie points out that going to court can also be retraumatizing, especially when survivors have to face their abusers alone.

This is where the Jane Doe Clinic plays a pivotal role by offering support to women who have no other option.

1

ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Our dedicated team uses a feminist trauma-informed lens to guide survivors through the legal system step-by-step.

2

PROTECTION FOR ALL

We assist survivors in obtaining protective orders and other legal remedies, ensuring their safety and the safety of their loved ones.

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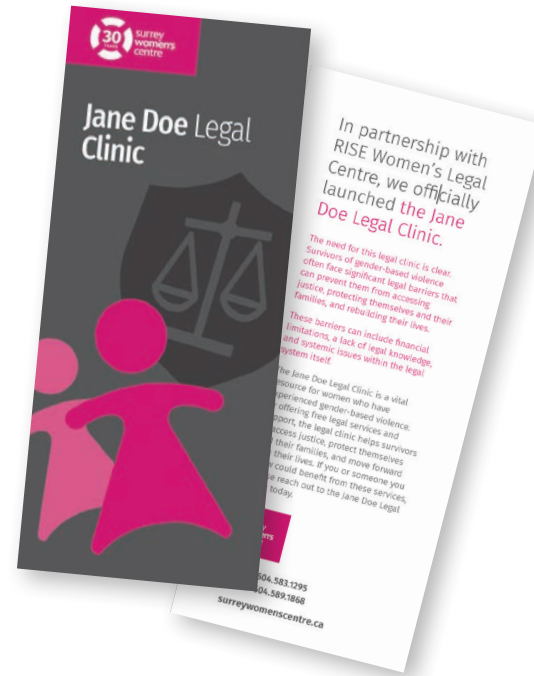
A PATH TO HEALING

With our legal support and guidance, survivors can take the first steps towards healing and moving forward after experiencing trauma.

Women who don't have a lawyer are often forced to represent themselves in court. Maggie highlights the challenges navigating the legal system alone. "The difference for a woman who has access to the clinic is having someone who explains their options in plain language and guides them through the legal process." Maggie adds, "This support can make the difference between obtaining vital court orders, such as protection and exclusive occupancy, and not". Self-representation in complex legal matters can have severe consequences for women and their children. Simply put, the Jane Doe Legal Clinic can mean the difference between life and death for women and children fleeing violence.

The clinic offers ongoing legal support, including advice and guidance on how to present arguments in court. Although the timeline varies depending on the case, Maggie and her team are in for the long run. For women who qualify for legal aid, the clinic supports them through the application process. As Maggie explains, many women who qualify for legal aid often face extensive delays in finding a lawyer. This is where the Jane Doe Legal Clinic steps in to bridge the gap and provide much-needed support.

For women who don't qualify for legal aid and can't afford a lawyer, Maggie and her team help them navigate the legal system step-by-step which can take anywhere from 18 months to 2 years for complex cases involving property, children, and divorce. The legal process is daunting. Even with a lawyer, it can be overwhelming, confusing, and inaccessible for many women.



Our goal is to expand legal services as we move forward. Maggie also says the demand for the clinic's services is high, with a current waitlist of 6-8 weeks. She highlights the need to increase the number of lawyers who can take on more clients and keep wait lists low. Additional financial support would allow the clinic to dedicate more lawyer hours to keeping women and their children safe.

Thanks to our generous donors, the Jane Doe Legal Clinic is a lifeline for women. Our heartfelt gratitude to Christine LaLiberté, whose transformative gift inspired others to give through our first ever matching gift campaign. Because of their support, women now have the information and support they need to fight for their legal rights.

“The difference for a woman who has access to the clinic is having someone who explains their options in plain language and guides them through the legal process. This support can make the difference between obtaining vital court orders, such as protection and exclusive occupancy, and not”.

With the launch of the Jane Doe Legal Clinic, a family lawyer is available 7 hours per week to assist women with their legal matters. This year saw the soaring success of our Jane Doe Legal Clinic. The Clinic assists women by providing legal advice, drafting pleadings, and coaching women to self-represent in family law matters at both the Provincial and Supreme Court, as well communicating and liaising with the court registry to file pleadings, schedule courts appearances, and secure translators for court appearances. In some limited circumstances, we have also assisted with direct communication and negotiations with opposing parties.

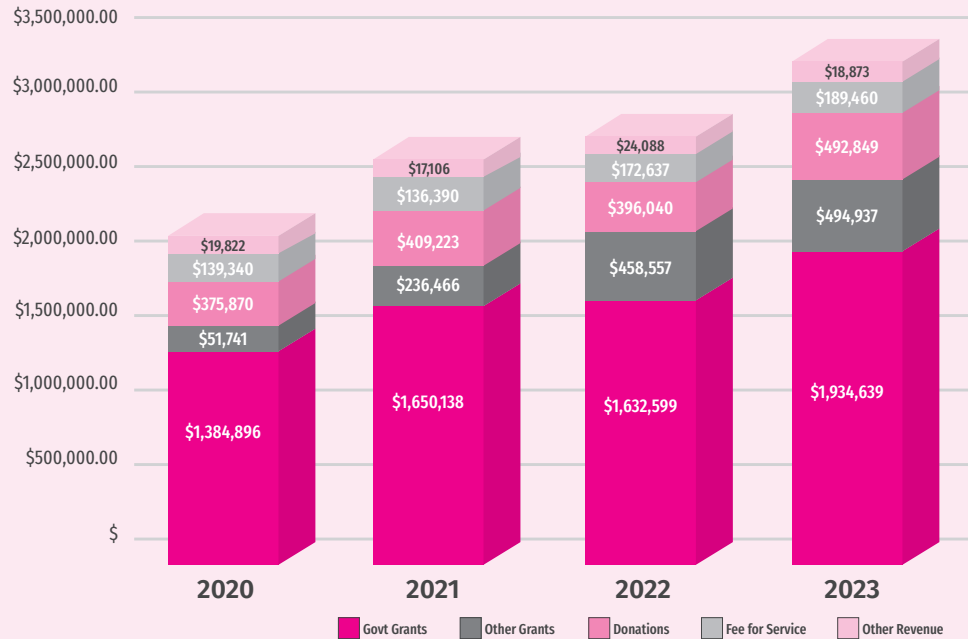


FINANCIALS 2022/2023

ASSETS	2023	2022
Current		
Cash	\$683,474	\$573,291
Term Deposits	30,000	30,000
Amounts Receivable	80,895	54,864
Goods and services tax recoverable	12,116	7,519
Prepaid Expenses	38,590	42,187
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	845,075	707,861
Tangible Capital Assets	90,344	99,056
Term Deposits	180,000	180,000
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	\$1,115,419	\$987,917
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$94,129	\$52,559
Government remittances payable	7,995	6,448
Wages payable	142,306	110,117
Deferred contributions	320,876	248,146
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	\$565,306	\$417,270
Deferred contributions for tangible capital assets	55,441	67,449
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	\$620,747	\$484,719
Net Assets		
Unrestricted Net Assets	279,768	290,591
Invested in tangible capital assets	34,904	31,607
Internally restricted net assets	180,000	180,000
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	\$494,672	\$502,198
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	\$1,115,419	\$986,917

REVENUE	2023	2022
Grants and contracts	\$1,934,639	\$1,632,599
Other grants	494,937	458,557
Donations	492,849	396,040
Fee for service	189,460	172,637
Amortization of deferred capital asset	12,008	12,574
Other income	6,865	11,514
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	\$3,130,758	\$2,683,921
EXPENDITURES		
Salaries and wages	\$1,949,109	\$1,662,428
Contract fees and dues	336,380	203,726
Rental	178,842	160,961
Accounting fees	99,703	63,639
Supplies	77,922	30,945
Advertising and promotion	74,309	19,202
Event registration and fees	60,742	6,646
Memberships	55,550	51,676
Office	54,248	45,955
Repairs and maintenance	48,180	54,212
Insurance	31,341	31,013
Fundraising	25,034	1,118
Telephone	24,724	17,480
Travel	18,741	12,361
Amortization	18,103	18,919
Clinical supervision	17,966	18,093
Legal Services	12,794	194
Utilities	11,778	11,245
Vehicle	10,309	17,214
Hospitality	9,973	6,025
Interest and bank charges	9,278	10,374
Board	8,638	7,623
Bad debts	4,620	490
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	\$3,138,284	\$2,451,539

SWC Charting the Pandemic Years: Revenue Growth

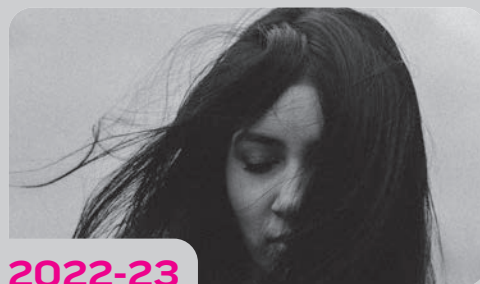


Back in 2020, SWC had not quite reached the \$2 million milestone, but by 2023 it exceeded a \$3.1 million budget, more than doubling its revenue in 5 years!

SWC receives 78% of its revenue through contracts and grants, namely from all three levels of government (62%). Last year, federal government grants supported human trafficking intervention, sex worker safety and housing subsidy projects.

As additional core funding is secured to support our Victim Services, Women’s Resource Centre, Counselling and SMART teams, private donations are freed up to fund innovative start-ups and invest in both infrastructure and capacity building including critical fundraising efforts. Between 2017 through 2020, over \$400,000 was invested in attracting sustained support to Surrey Women’s Centre through major gift and monthly donations.

The result, after 5 years, SWC is receiving nearly \$325,000 more in annual donations from you, our amazing supporters and has launched the 100% donor-funded Jane Doe Legal Clinic!

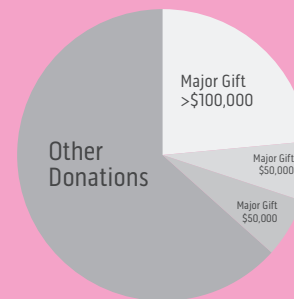


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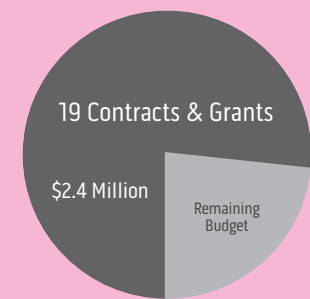
Unrestricted donations and profits earned through SWC’s social enterprise, **Dignity Counselling Services**, provided critical funding to every program offered through SWC from our low barrier drop-in crisis services to SMART. Profits raised through Dignity Counselling Services give back to those in immediate need.



The clinic provided over 2,350 paid trauma-informed counselling sessions to survivors and reduced the impact of violence and trauma in our community for those families they help by choosing to access therapy through Surrey Women’s Centre.



Raising nearly \$500,000 (15%) in donations including 3 major gifts ranging from \$50,000 to over \$100,000 each.



Administering 19 contracts and grants for a total of 2.4 million or 78% of the total budget.

While Surrey Women's Centre acknowledges that gender based violence is experienced more by women and gender diverse folks, particularly those who identify as women, our services are open to all survivors.



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