

**WESTON KING  
NEIGHBOURHOOD  
CENTER  
(WKNC)**

**ANNUAL  
REPORT**

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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

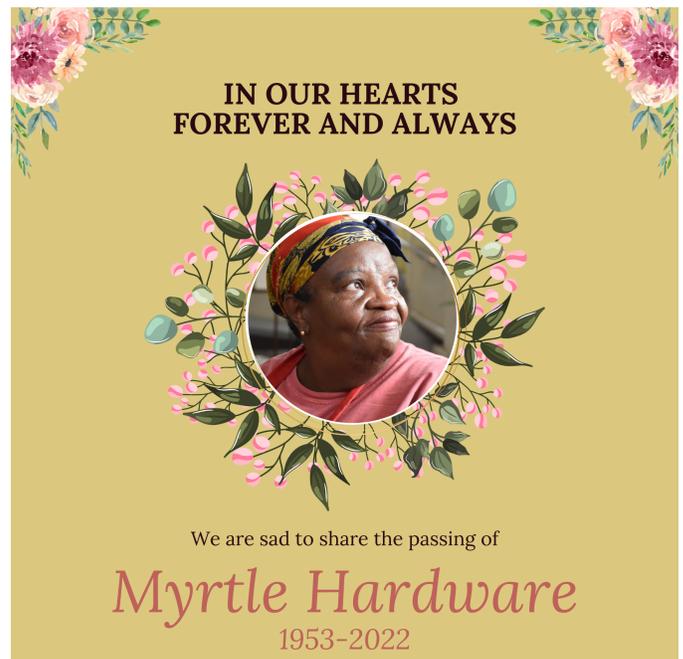
2021 was another successful year for Weston King Neighbourhood Centre, with both our WKNC and MDNC locations able to offer services despite the ongoing pandemic. The reality of this pandemic has highlighted the inequities seen in our community and at WKNC we are both saddened at how much our services are needed, but thankful that with the guidance of our superb staff, dedicated volunteers and generous partners that we have been able to provide much needed food, clothing, harm reduction and hygiene supplies to those in need.

We said goodbye to De'Janna Mignott, our senior manager of operations, in October and welcomed our new senior program manager, Quinn Conlon in November. Quinn has brought a fresh and delightful energy to the team and quickly established a great rapport with participants, volunteers and staff. Ekron Hamilton, kitchen manager joined the team full time bringing his wonderful cooking skills that were learned through our partnerships with HWTC. Annalee Barrera celebrated her 6 year anniversary with us and continues to provide much needed housing (and more) services to the local community with compassion and understanding. Behind the scenes Steve Steffan helps keep things clean and well maintained at WKNC, an essential service especially through the pandemic. Lutfun Nahar is the face of MDNC working both with local entrepreneurs and volunteers to prepare weekend meals in Mount Dennis.

In 2021 in conjunction with Syme Woolner, we were able to run a vaccine engagement program with ambassadors Sharlene Henry and Kimberly McMaster, both long term residents in Weston and Mount Dennis. On behalf of the board I would like to thank these staff members along with Aye Assantewa, Maria Castillo, Cristina Guain, Michael Burns, Sheweta Raina who rounded out the team.

In 2021 we said goodbye to long term board secretary and board member, Rev. Michael Kooiman who moved away from the community, his thoughtful guidance has been missed. We are happy though to welcome Sally Pan, a financial wizard as our treasurer and thankful that Eleni Marino stepped in to fill the secretary role. Weston King Neighbourhood centre benefits greatly from the fantastic volunteers that we have. We could not successfully serve our community without you. We are very sad to have lost Myrtle Hardware, who passed away in early 2022. She was a force in and out of the kitchen both at MDNC and WKNC and volunteered on the board as well as at many events - she is missed. Thank you to all who have made it possible to serve Weston and Mount Dennis.

**Barbara Stone**  
Board President





## WHO WE ARE

### Our Mission

Our mission is to provide a response to the people within our community who are coping with economic or social barriers and to help lessen the impact of those barriers and the burden of poverty for the communities of Weston and Mount Dennis.

### Our Vision

We envision a community where diversity is respected and supported to enhance individual and community capacity.

### Our Values

WKNC seeks to fulfill its mission by establishing and operating programs and services by using a participant-centered philosophy with a focus on harm reduction, food security, and housing. We are dedicated to ensuring an inclusive, barrier-free environment using best practices and sector standards.

# SPOTLIGHT: DROP-IN PROGRAMS

40,000

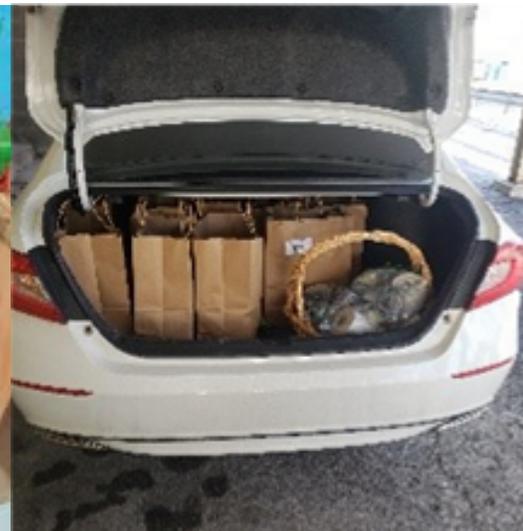
**Meals  
Served**

5,000

**Grocery  
Bags**

600

**Home  
Deliveries**



## 10 Events Servicing Over 700 People

While Covid-19 continued to impact us thru 2021, I happy to report that we maintained all our meal services thru take-out or delivery and even increased the number of people served. We were also able to adapt our harm reduction, shower and laundry services to support those most in need. Throughout the year we worked with partners to celebrate family day, Christmas, and other holidays with food and gifts.

**Quinn Conlon**

Drop-in Services Coordinator

# SPOTLIGHT: HOUSING PROGRAMS

Within house transitions and barriers for in person supports the housing program continued booking clients and saw **573** in person appointments and over **3000** advocacy phone calls were made to alleviate in person barriers. We also signed eight subsidized unit leases all during the second year of the pandemic.

Through our partners with Homeless Connect Toronto the housing team along with a member of our CSJ staff welcomed and participated in our First Summer pop-up event @ the "Stop". Here we provided housing advocacy and individual packs that included custom made "Essential" phone number fridge magnets to go with our previous essential kits provided during the fall of 2020.

As part of the Housing team we would like to thank all of our clients for your support and cooperation!

Thank you so much.

**Annalee Barrera**  
Housing Support Coordinator



**In Person  
Appointments**



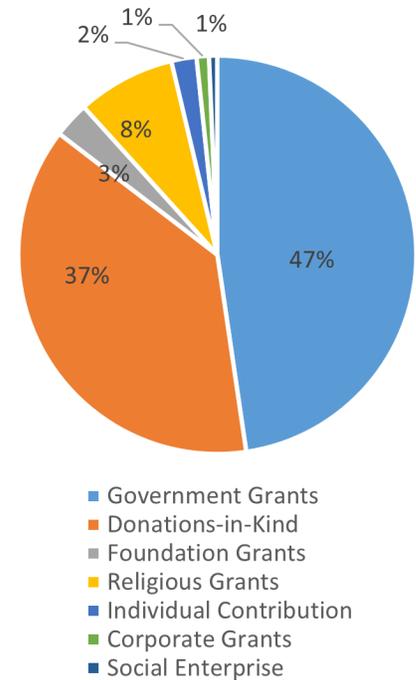
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Phone Calls**



# FINANCIAL PICTURE

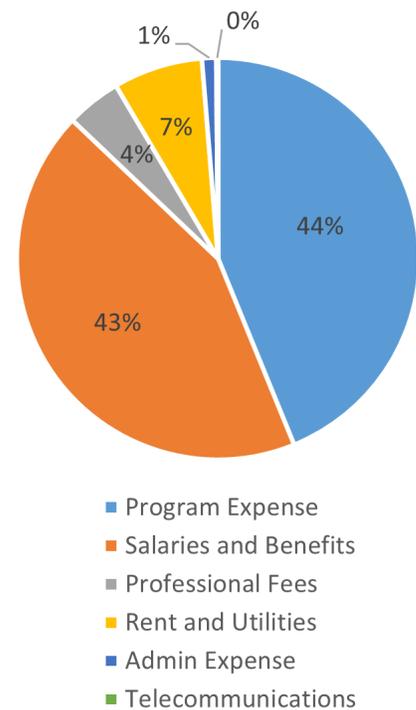
## INCOME

SOURCE	PERCENTAGE	DOLLAR AMOUNT
Government Grants	47%	\$360,299
Donations-in-Kind	37%	\$285,094
Religious Grants	8%	\$60,300
Foundation Grants	3%	\$21,999
Individual Contribution	2%	\$15,449
Corporate Grants	1%	\$7,573
Social Enterprise	1%	\$5,045
Other Income	2%	\$18,403
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$774,162</b>



## EXPENSES

SOURCE	PERCENTAGE	DOLLAR AMOUNT
Program Expense	44%	\$364,579
Salaries and Benefits	43%	\$359,809
Rent and Utilities	7%	\$59,746
Professional Fees	4%	\$36,702
Admin Expense	1%	\$9,543
Telecommunications	0%	\$1,233
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$831,612</b>



# Our Volunteers are Outstanding!



**Grandma and Granddaughter  
prepare Valentine's dinner.**



**Volunteers take over  
the kitchen to make breakfast.**



**Central United Church team cook  
Christmas dinner for 130.**



**12th Division leads Cram the Cruiser  
events to stock our pantry.**



# Our Donors

Donors are our lifeblood! We could not do anything without you. We are grateful and appreciative for all that you do. We could not serve the Weston and Mount Dennis communities without the kindness shown by you! Thanks to your donations we can serve tens of thousands of meals, give out life-saving medical supplies, provide spaces for empowerment, and help community members find stable housing. Here are the organizations that help make it all happen!

- Food Share
- Government of Canada
- Government of Ontario
- Frontlines
- City of Toronto
- North York Harvest Food Bank
- Daily Bread Food Bank
- Unison
- Made Kitchen
- Miziwe Biik
- The United Church of Canada
- Project Food Chain
- Loblaws
- United Way GTA
- Mazon Canada

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