

Annual Report 2014-2015

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foundation

Dear Members and Supporters,

SHARP has always been proud of its ability to bring our community together to achieve great results! The past year has been no exception!

Early in this fiscal year SHARP was one of 20 very fortunate charitable organizations that was given an opportunity to 'decorate' a horse by the Spruce Meadows Horses Jump to Give a Leg-Up Program. The concept we chose was "Horse Sense (Cents)" in a city where people think and respond quickly and appropriately; where every penny counts but more importantly where every person matters! Our horse was soon named, Denarius Equus (Latin for Penny Horse). Penny became a labour of passion for over 100 people – donating pennies, gluing over 7,000 pennies, and painting under the guidance of Calgary artist and SHARP supporter, Dean Stanton. The final outcome is what you see on the cover and this effort resulted in SHARP winning first prize including \$10,000, a picture in the Calgary Sun and being shared with University of Victoria social work students as a 'best practice' in community development.

Another great community achievement was the unveiling of the eLearning tool on how to better assist people with complex health and social needs. Despite initial technical problems, the eLearning tool has been receiving high praise from agencies across the country for the quality of the presentation and information. We would like to thank Barbara Ross, Provincial Harm Reduction Supervisor with Alberta Health Services, the Option Group and Skeeter Media for making this project a reality!

Although SHARP has had many successes in the past year it has also had its challenges. As both the medical and psychosocial needs of the people we serve become more complex the staff need to continually learn and work hard to diversify their skills. Referrals are increasing rapidly due to people aging with HIV, as well as being seen as a last resort for many individuals who are chronically homeless. Carlyle Commons helped ease some of the burden but the growing need is for 24/7 care like that offered at Beswick House. Throughout the past year we have examined a variety of options to meet the need and in the upcoming year the Board will be working diligently to develop an achievable plan.

The SHARP Board of Directors continues to attract high caliber individuals to replace those who have left. This year the Board is saying "farewell" to Gerry Hart who has been on the SHARP Foundation Board of Directors for over half of SHARP's 24 year history – first as treasurer, then as president and most recently as past president. He led SHARP through significant change and growth with a focus on creating a nationally-recognized integrated model of care. Gerry's legacy is one of developing a strong team throughout the organization to ensure SHARP continues to meet the needs of the people it serves.

We express our gratitude to Gerry and all the individuals in our community who continue to inspire us and support us! Thank you to the people we serve, staff, volunteers, funders and supporters for creating a better Calgary!

Sincerely,

Philippe Boilard, Board President

Floyd Visser, Executive Director

"We turn Despair into Hope"

SHARP's Plan & Accomplishments

Mission:

To provide quality client-focused care for the community's most vulnerable persons living with HIV.

Vision:

Every person living with HIV will have a home and compassionate care to meet their needs.

Mandate:

To develop, implement and support innovative programs to provide integrated care for persons living with HIV, which reduces risk behaviours and prevents further transmission of HIV in the community.

Values:

SHARP provides compassionate care by:

- ❖ Respecting the inherent worth, identity and dignity of each person without regard to ethnicity, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation or socio-economic status.
- ❖ Believing in the whole person and supporting the physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual needs of each person in an integrated manner.
- ❖ Supporting each person in a non-judgmental environment.
- ❖ Promoting innovation, creativity and professionalism. Developing effective partnerships and collaboration with diverse communities and organizations.
- ❖ Sharing our expertise and learning from others.

*We believe in the human
spirit & its resilience!
We provide those of us in
anguish a place to call
'home'! We show them
they are valued and that
moves mountains!*

Goals (2015 – 2020):

- ❖ Sustain and build an integrated continuum of care including housing, medical, psychosocial and spiritual supports based on each client's needs and choices.
 - Cared for 63 unique individuals in five facilities providing services ranging from 24/7 medical / psychosocial supports, to peer-mentored and independent-living; 6 people passed away in SHARP care.
 - Referrals increased by 22% with 31 individuals on the intake list; majority will require higher levels of care similar to Beswick House.
 - Staff arranged 918 appointments for family physicians, specialists, psychologists, transportation and other public services.
 - Project Kathleen received funding for another 3 years by Alberta Health Services.
 - Carlyle Commons programming is led by the SHARP clients with events like the monthly food pantry programming, holiday dinners, stampede breakfast and coffee times.
 - SHARP clients continue to engage in monthly meetings, recreation/entertainment activities, volunteering and educational opportunities.

- ❖ Create and maintain safe, accessible, environmentally-friendly facilities.
 - Beswick House and Project Kathleen have achieved certification with the Province of Alberta Accommodation Standards for group homes.
 - Residents are actively engaged in the maintenance of their homes.
 - Significant upgrades to flooring and bedrooms at Project Kathleen funded by Exxon-Mobil Canada.
- ❖ Attract, retain and nurture highly skilled and compassionate people to support our clients through the delivery of programs and services.
 - SHARP continues to pride itself on the dedicated staff throughout the organization as they continue to adapt to the changing needs of the people we serve.
 - Strengthened partnership with Alberta Health Services – Homecare and CBI Healthcare for contract staffing at Beswick House.
- ❖ Develop and nurture our strategic partnerships to maintain and enhance the quality of life of all persons living with HIV.
 - Continue to build on the strong relationship with Calgary Housing Company to maintain and enhance the facilities and programs.
- ❖ Communicate the excellence of our programs and services so they are clearly recognized by our Stakeholders across Canada.
 - Initial community introduction and evaluation of the eLearning “Working with People with Complex Health and Social Needs” is completed. Overall feedback has been excellent with suggestions to develop more modules discussing trauma and cultural competency.
 - SHARP receives a first prize (\$10,000) and media attention for its entry into the Spruce Meadows’ Horses Jump to Give a Leg-Up which is receiving recognition as a best practice in community development.
 - SHARP arranged for Calgary Tower and City of Calgary East Village pathways to be lit red on World AIDS Day.
- ❖ Secure financial sustainability by increasing our revenue sources and maintaining fiscal responsibility.
 - Year-end audited financial statement completed indicating that SHARP is in a stable financial position (complete report available upon request).
- ❖ Assess and align our strategic directions to best meet the current and future needs of individuals living with HIV and their family and friends.
 - SHARP Board of Directors developed and implemented a 2015 – 2020 strategic direction.
- ❖ Improve and enhance the quality of health outcomes and lives of persons living with HIV through research, evaluation and knowledge transfer.
 - The Western Canada Impact of HIV: Housing and Supports Study, led by SHARP, received a \$50,000 grant from Centre for REACH 2.0 to develop an outcomes measurement tool with community partners including Alberta Health, Alberta Health Services, Calgary Homeless Foundation, Fife House (Toronto), Dr. Peter Centre (Vancouver), McLaren Housing (Vancouver), and Sanctum House (Saskatoon).
 - Co-primary investigator with Dr. Brent Oliver, Mount Royal University, for the Calgary Men’s Wellness Initiative study examining health access for men who have sex with men.
 - Received funding from the O’Brien Institute for Public Health to plan and host a REACH Alberta HIV Research Roundup 2.0, held on March 11, 2015 in Calgary. Discussions on HIV and associated research being conducted throughout Alberta by universities and community services.

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We are truly grateful for the generous gifts we receive from our ever-increasing number of supporters, partners and volunteers! We would not be able to do the important work we without the incredible support – Thank you!

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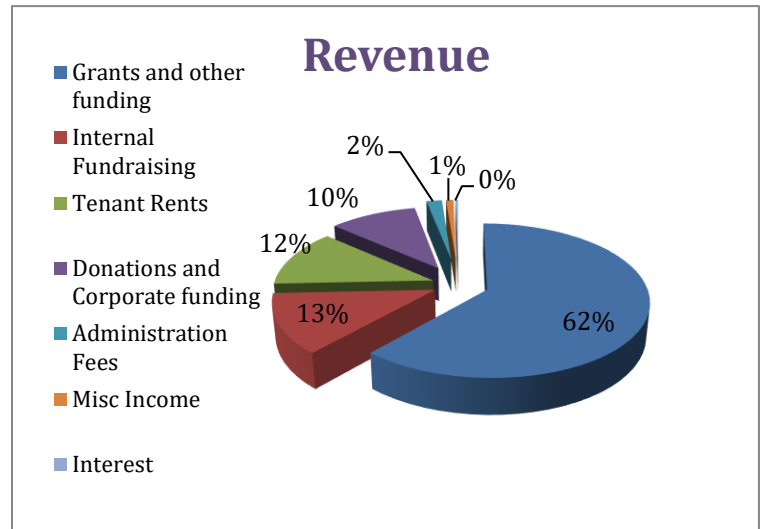
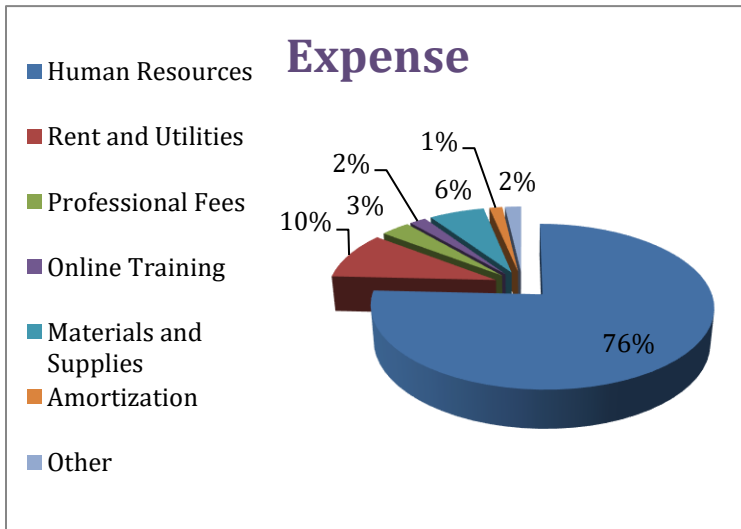
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... and the many individuals who would like to remain anonymous!

Thank you!

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