



BC Society of
Transition Houses

BCSTH Annual Report 2022 - 2023

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This is so precious to have someone care to this degree ... NO ONE ever really considers us to this extent other than women's programs! Thank you! It's busting my heart right now!
(Program Participant)

The PEACE program has saved our family - we were falling apart before we came here.
(Program Participant, Caregiver)

Letter from the BCSTH Board Chair & the Executive Director

Dear BCSTH Members,

We start this 2022- 2023 Annual Report by joining with these voices and extending sincere appreciation for your ongoing commitment to ending violence against all women, children and youth in BC. This past year has demonstrated the impact of our collective voices and work with new housing projects, expanded training and resources and new members joining from across BC.

As Chair and Executive Director of BCSTH, we re-commit to supporting you to the very best of our ability through leadership, training, advocacy and the development and distribution of resources. Our mandate is to amplify the needs of our growing membership – 130 and counting, as you respond to the complex needs of the women, children, youth and families you support during a time of increased gender-based violence and femicides. While your focus is frontline support for those experiencing violence, our mandate and focus is to support and advocate for you.

In just one 24-hour span, in December 2022, 1,501 people were supported by Transition Housing programs in BC (a 26% increase from 2021) while 201 people were turned away due to lack of capacity representing a 54% increase from 2021. On that same day, there were 346 children and youth supported in the PEACE Programs, 370 who were unable to be served by PEACE programs and 632 on waitlists for services. That means almost 3 times as many children and youth were unable to be supported during this 24-hour period compared to those who did receive services.

BCSTH recommits to advocacy moving forward to ensure there is increased funding and capacity to meet the needs of those you support 24/7.

Examples of BCSTH advocacy efforts over this past year include;

- *Ongoing consultations on the BC Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Action Plan and federal National Action Plan (NAP).*
- *Representation on the Women's Shelters Canada (WSC) Board of Directors and Provincial and Territorial Advisory Council.*
- *Advocacy federally and provincially, including work with WSC and Canadian Women's Foundation (CWF) regarding the distribution of federal funding to help members respond to and recover from the pandemic.*
- *Ongoing consultations and collaborations with the Aboriginal Housing Management Association (AHMA), BC Non-Profit Housing Association (BCNPHA), Homelessness Services Association of British Columbia (HSABC), BC Housing (BCH), Co-operative Housing Federation of BC (CHF of BC) and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) regarding gender-based violence (GBV) and affordable housing needs.*
- *Ongoing consultations with provincial and federal governments regarding application of GBA+ analysis to policies and legislation to ensure that women, children and youth are not left behind.*

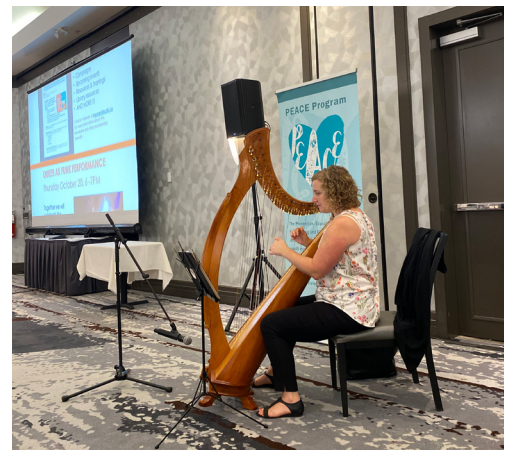
- Ongoing meetings with Police Victim Services of BC (PVS BC) and Ending Violence Association of BC (EVA BC) and relevant provincial government ministries – Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (MPSSG), BC Coroner's Office, Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions (MMHA), Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD), Attorney General (AG), Ministry of Health (MOH), as well as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) – on intersecting portfolios, increasing femicides and GBV, and access to justice.
- Provincial and federal testimony in concert with members regarding budget priorities, emergency preparedness, access to justice, homeless prevention, coercive control, the Landowner's Transparency Act and address confidentiality issues with the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC).
- BC Housing consultations on emergency preparedness, Women Centred Design Guidelines, Reconciliation and Decolonization, the Women's Transitional Housing Supports Fund and the design and implementation of a data collection/database for BCSTH members.

In the Annual Report, you will find highlights of the BCSTH Team's wide ranging work and accomplishments. It is an honour and privilege to work alongside them. The Team values the connection and collaboration with you and the women, children and youth you support, which inspires and guides their work.

Looking forward, the BCSTH Board will be working on the Society's new strategic plan and we welcome our membership to this engagement where we chart a course to strengthen and expand the impact of BCSTH and our membership. This year at the Annual Training Forum (ATF), October 18 – 20 2023, we will gather to celebrate our 45th Anniversary. Please join us in October to celebrate the history of the Society and the community we have built together while cooperatively working to design a strategic plan that will end violence against all women, children and youth. Remarkable things happened back in 1978 when 6 transition houses banded together to create the BC Society of Transition Houses. We look forward to building on that strong foundation to chart the next 45 years together with you.

In Solidarity,

Tina Daye, Chair, Board of Directors
Amy S. FitzGerald, Executive Director



Member Support & Advocacy

National Action Plan/Gender-Based Violence Action

Plan: The 2022 federal budget included \$539 million over five years+ for the 10-year National Action Plan (NAP). Budget language was clear that these first allocated funds will be allocated to the Provinces/Territories (P/Ts) to support their gender-based violence (GBV) plans for the next 5 years.

- The Parliamentary Secretary of Gender Equity (PSG) and the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (MPSSG) hosted five roundtables during March and April 2022. BCSTH attended the roundtables along with many member programs. Consultations about the plan are ongoing between Indigenous and Métis communities and the Gender Equity Office (GEO). BCSTH is on the external Advisory Committee hosted by the GEO.
- Women's Shelters Canada (WSC) led a collaborative process with 40 GBV experts from across the country that resulted in the development of a [Roadmap for Canada's NAP](#). BCSTH is assisting with dissemination and efforts to fund and implement the federal NAP.
- BCSTH is continuing to work collaboratively with the other P/Ts and WSC to ensure that the levels of anti-violence services and protection provided to women, children and youth do not depend on their postal code.

Resource and Policy & Practice Portal: BCSTH continues to host and curate the [Resource Portal](#) that provides relevant and current links to external resources on six key topics (Supporting Indigenous Women and Girls; 2SLGBTQI+; Mental Health and Addictions; Companion Animals; Violence Against Women and Girls; and, Supporting Children and Youth). BCSTH continues to support the member only Policy and Practice Portal that provides access to, and facilitates sharing of, BCSTH and member policies, forms and practice guidance.

Land Owner Transparency Act (LOTA) Exemption:

BCSTH and BC Housing advocated for revisions to the LOTA on behalf of our membership for a class exemption to the public disclosure requirements. This

statute introduced mandatory disclosure regarding beneficial ownership of land in British Columbia and the creation of a publicly searchable registry that included confidential transition house addresses. The Ministry announced an exemption for the Women's Transition Housing and Supports Program (WTHSP) and BCSTH Membership on October 14, 2022. This exemption covers both existing housing and upcoming housing developments.

Sheltering Pets and People: A Toolkit for Women's Transition House and Support Programs:

Adapted from the BCSTH C.A.R.E. Handbook, newly launched toolkit offers an overview of the connections between violence against women and animals, as well as a broad range of practical tools and strategies for supporting pets in Transition House, Second Stage and Safe Home programs. BCSTH extends its gratitude to the members who shared their knowledge and expertise about developing their own pet-sheltering programs and supporting women leaving abusive relationships with their pets.

BCSTH Website: BCSTH launched a new [website](#).

Policy Analysis of the National Occupancy Standards with a Focus on the Impact on Women Who Have Experienced Gender-Based Violence in BC:

Authored by the BCSTH Director of Programs, Tanyss Knowles, and Alina McKay at UBC, this research paper was published in the "International Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics".

2022 BC Municipal Election Toolkit: BCSTH developed [this toolkit](#) for members to encourage candidates running in the October 2022 municipal election to work to eliminate violence against women and children in their community. The toolkit includes background information and key points that will help inform candidates about the nature and scope of gender-based violence in BC, as well as questions they may wish to ask candidates and a letter template.

Technology-Facilitated Gender Based Violence: BC Anti-Violence Worker Technology, Safety and Privacy

Survey Summary Report: Launched in September 2022 - 89% of BC's anti-violence workers report having supported service users through experiences of Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence (TFGBV).

The survey results summarize the scope and method of TFGBV experienced by women accessing anti-violence programs in BC and provides recommendations and discussion about the needs of women, children, youth and anti-violence workers when responding to TFGBV.

Child Welfare Practices and Policies in Canada: BCSTH worked on the Women's Shelters Canada Advisory Committee regarding Child Welfare across the country and the [report](#) was launched during the 16 Days of Activism in November of 2022.

The [Getting Home Project](#) collaborated with UBC researchers to look at the housing needs for women with large families and the use of the National Occupancy Standards. This research has produced an [infographic](#), a [policy analysis](#), and a [policy brief](#) on this issue.

Regional Meetings: In 2022-2023, BCSTH hosted 22 virtual regional meetings for Executive Directors and Program Managers in its 7 regions. During these meetings, BCSTH provided key sector and government updates and BCSTH's advocacy and project updates. The regional meetings also facilitated opportunities for member programs to connect and share emerging issues and challenges that are unique to their own communities.

BCSTH Training & Annual Training Forum

Training is a priority in the BCSTH Strategic Plan, and BCSTH continues to strengthen and expand training opportunities to support our province- wide community. 2022-2023 was a busy year. Here are a few highlights that we are proud to share with you:

- In 2022-2023, over 500 online courses were completed by BCSTH member program staff.
- Over 300 anti-violence workers attended the Annual Training Forum in October 2022 and celebrated the 30th Anniversary of the PEACE Program.
- 107 anti-violence workers received facilitated training, including the Reducing Barriers training and Cedar Blankets' Engagements.
- BCSTH hosted webinars with community partners including the BC Bereavement Helpline, University of Calgary, and the National Eating Disorder Information Centre.
- Updates were made to the Foundations in Violence Against Women online course, as well as the Reducing Barriers training curriculum.
- An in-person training offering focused on de-escalation in anti-violence programs was piloted and will be made available to BCSTH membership in 2023/24.
- Compiled a training resource list to support the BCSTH Membership in meeting their training needs under the new BC Housing Women's Transition Housing and Supports Program (WTHSP) Operating Agreement.

Thank you for making this training safe and presenting such important information that directly applies to us.

Quotes from Reducing Barriers participant



HIGHLIGHTS FROM MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

89% EXPRESSED BEING **VERY SATISFIED** OR **SATISFIED** WITH THEIR BCSTH MEMBERSHIP

Of the 152 members who participated in the survey, **89% of them expressed being very satisfied or satisfied** with their BCSTH membership, while **73% of members thought BCSTH's advocacy was excellent** or good during the 2022-2023 year.

Top 3 reasons for being a member of BCSTH

- Training Opportunities & Annual Training Forum **81%**
- Program support (regional meetings, support with contracts and government issues, email/phone support) **77%**
- Connection to other BCSTH member programs **72%**

Top 3 most important member benefits

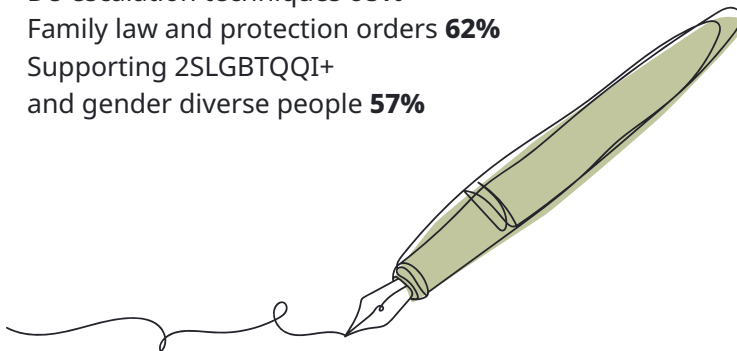
- Training Opportunities & Annual Training Forum **82%**
- Provision of resources (Toolkits, Promising practice guides, templates etc.) **62%**
- Connection to other BCSTH Member programs **59%**

Preferred mode of training delivery (top 3)

- In-person training
- Virtual facilitated training (on Zoom)
- Combination of in-person, virtual, online training and webinars

Training topics in need (top 3)

- De-escalation techniques **68%**
- Family law and protection orders **62%**
- Supporting 2SLGBTQI+ and gender diverse people **57%**



Quotes from Membership Survey

Awesome organization!! Very supportive, informed, up to date on current trends, very inclusive, and enthusiastic. I appreciate the positive support, energy and quality of this organization! Thank-you for a job well done and for your continued support as a whole!

I've really appreciated how warm and welcoming and just willing to be there and be out there for the members all the staff are – it has been great!

Great work BCSTH! I appreciate your strong advocacy and excellent communication with member programs.

Thank you for the excellent job all of you are doing. I so appreciate having you out there for support, to answer questions, to advocate for this sector, etc. You are all doing an amazing job!

PEACE & VIP

The Prevention, Education, Advocacy, Counselling and Empowerment (PEACE) Programs provide psycho-educational support for children and youth experiencing domestic violence. During the 2022-2023 financial year, the 87 PEACE Programs across BC accessed the following supports:

- The first in-person training event for the PEACE Program counsellors since February 2019. Titled Deepening Our Practice, this training was designed for experienced PEACE Program counsellors, offering advanced training on a variety of specialized topics. The in-person 2-day training supplemented the eight-part recorded Deepening Our Practice webinar series hosted by BCSTH. BCSTH thanks the Advisory Committee for their invaluable contributions to the Deepening our Practice webinars and training curricula.
- International bestselling author Barbara Coloroso as a keynote speaker at the 2022 BCSTH Annual Training Forum, presenting on Parenting with Wit and Wisdom and celebrating the 30th anniversary of PEACE programs with a book signing and opportunity to meet and greet the counsellors in the PEACE Playroom.
- Webinars with the National Eating Disorder Information Centre on how to respond to eating disorders in children and youth, which is a growing concern across the globe and the University of Calgary Professor Lana Wells, presenting on Engaging Men and Boys in Violence Prevention.

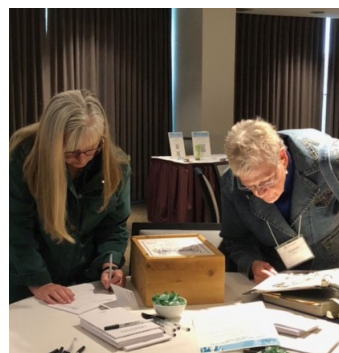
Violence is Preventable (VIP) is a free, confidential, school-based violence prevention program for school-aged children and youth who have experienced violence delivered by PEACE Program counsellors. During the 2022-2023 school year, VIP reached 6,169 children, youth and adults through violence prevention and awareness presentations.

PEACE for Canadian Children & Youth

Since its launch in 2021, this three-year project in partnership with Women's Shelter Canada (WSC) has delivered training and mentorship based on the BCSTH PEACE Program to 263 participants from 130 organizations in every province and territory in Canada. During the 2022-2023 period specifically, 140 anti-violence workers from 71 shelters were trained and mentored in both French and English.

While virtual training is the backbone of this initiative to support northern, rural and remote communities, due to the extreme connectivity challenges that made virtual training impossible in Nunavut, an extraordinary trip to Iqaluit occurred in March 2023 by the joint BCSTH and WSC training team to deliver in-person training and mentorship.

Funded by Women and Gender Equality (WAGE) Canada as part of the pandemic Safe Kids Initiative, the project focus is on enhancing the capacity of women's shelters to offer specialized supports for vulnerable children and youth who have experienced and/or witnessed gender-based violence.



Keys to Home Project

The Keys to Home project provides capacity building through training and organizational support to BCSTH member programs who are expanding their mandates from temporarily sheltering women and children experiencing violence to providing safe long-term housing options for vulnerable populations in BC.

Keys to Home is a collaborative project and works closely with an Advisory Committee, which includes BC Non Profit Housing Association, Co-operative Housing Federation of BC, BC Housing, Aboriginal Housing Management Association, Vancity Community Foundation, and Women's Shelters Canada. Key findings from the project have been shared at national and provincial conferences and a Gaps Analysis Report was released. The project continues to develop housing resources for BCSTH members, including an upcoming curriculum on women-centred housing provision.

Women Centred-Housing Design Project

The Women-Centred Housing Design (WCD) Project launched a toolkit which explores the design of long-term housing to support the improvement of housing quality and suitability for women and children who have experienced violence. This Toolkit is designed for the housing and anti-violence sectors, including housing designers and developers. It also includes recommendations for the government and funders as to the necessity of this housing.

This year's highlights for the WCD Project include the following:

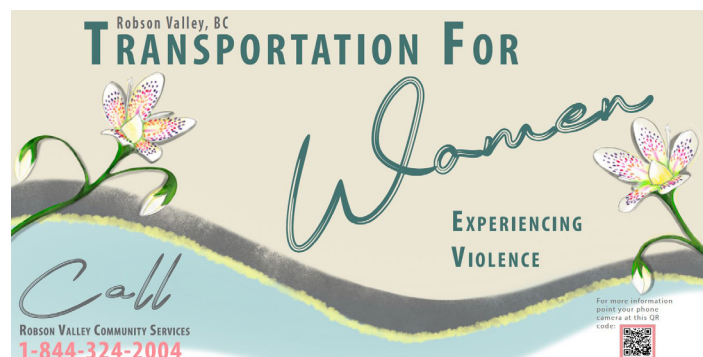
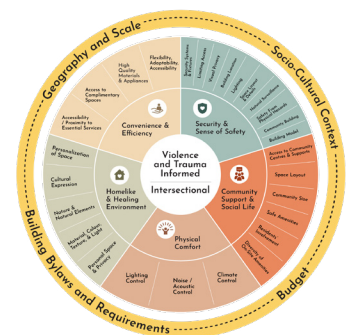
- Workshops with women with lived experiences of intimate partner violence, and housing and anti-violence sectors.
- Bi-monthly rural Community of Practice meetings with BCSTH members.
- Presentations at provincial and national conferences.
- Pilot site consultations with rural and urban sites.
- PDF and Website formats of the Toolkit developed in collaboration with housing and anti-violence partners, architecture and design consultants and a web development team.

Transportation Project

Phase 2 of the BCSTH Transportation Project, funded by the Vancouver Foundation, is dedicated to breaking down transportation barriers faced by women experiencing violence in Northern BC.

This year, we achieved significant milestones, including establishing strong partnerships between local transition houses and regional transportation networks. Collaborations with the Northern Health Connections Service now enable women to travel anonymously and established a process for waiving bus fares to subsidize the transportation expenses of local transition houses.

Informative posters were created for Smithers, Robson Valley, and Prince George, outlining available bus routes, contact information, and funding opportunities. This step aimed to address the lack of awareness among community organizations and women in Northern communities about transportation options and available funding resources. Furthermore, we initiated the development of a map illustrating the disparity in public transportation access between the Lower Mainland and Northern BC. This visualization will help identify gaps and can be used as a tool to advocate for improved transportation infrastructure in the region.



Cedar Blankets Project

The Cedar Blankets Project tests promising practices to reduce barriers for Indigenous women and their children accessing transition houses and safe homes. Employing a women-centred framework, the Cedar Blankets wraparound service delivery model supports non-Indigenous programs to develop culturally safe spaces, decolonized policies and relational service practices while promoting increased access for Indigenous gender-based violence survivors.

Some of this year's highlights include:

- Providing 181 staff and leadership at four pilot sites with virtual and in-person trainings, including the online Increasing Access to Indigenous Women Version 2.0, Pilot Site Service Delivery Model Workbook and a three-day Individual and Program Engagement regarding Allyship, Decolonization and Cultural Safety.
- Supporting each pilot site's allyship activities through the creation of Indigenous Women's Councils and engagement with local Indigenous communities.
- Designing and collecting input from Indigenous Women survivors of violence on the impact of Cedar Blankets Service Delivery Model in pilot site programs.

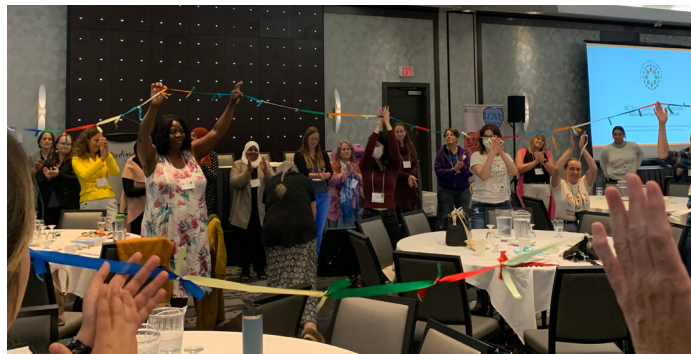


Technology Safety Project

This year, the Technology Safety Project developed resources to support the digital literacy skills of anti-violence workers and survivors, and particularly those living in rural, remote and Indigenous communities.

Thanks to the participation of an advisory committee of support workers, BCSTH's Tech Without Violence in Rural and Remote BC project designed and filmed a series of tech literacy videos that support viewers in navigating tech safety. Resources produced by this project include digital literacy videos that cover 6 topics, with copies in both French and English. Also included are accompanying resources that can be printed or distributed digitally. All resources can be accessed through the BCSTH website.

In addition to this project, the Tech Safety Team collaborated with Women's Shelters Canada's on the Tech Safety Canada Project. This initiative scales up BCSTH's BC based resources to the national level.



BCSTH BURSARY FUND

LAUNCHED **3 ROUNDS** OF THE BCSTH BURSARY FUND (BBF)

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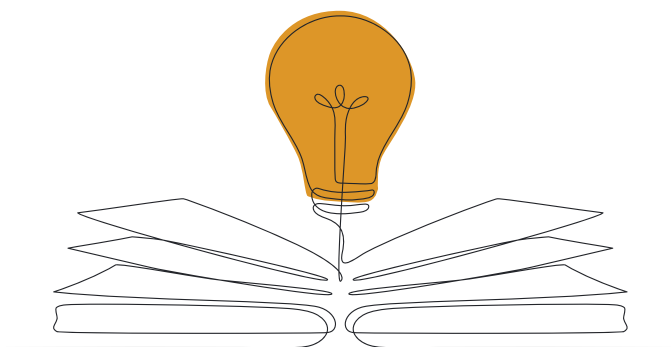
3 rounds of the BCSTH Bursary Fund

44

women awarded

\$22,547

to pursue education and self-employment opportunities



During the last fiscal year (Apr 1, 2022 - Mar 31, 2023), BCSTH successfully launched 3 rounds of the [BCSTH Bursary Fund \(BBF\)](#), awarding 44 women a total of \$22,547 to pursue their education and self-employment opportunities. This year, BBF has provided support to women embarking on various goals, including Early Childhood Education, yoga teacher training, PhD and Masters' programs, photography businesses, culinary schools, dental assistance, pilot training, and IT programs, among others. Since the inception of the BBF in 2019, **BCSTH has been able to support 120 women and 170 children, amounting in a total of \$330,685 funds awarded to applicants.** 58 BCSTH Member organizations and their 98 staff supported women with their successful BBF applications; the women who received the bursaries were from all over BC – Elkford to Ucluelet to Haida Gwaii to Smithers, Dawson Creek, and everywhere in between.

BCSTH LIBRARY

FREE ACCESS TO RESOURCES TO SUPPORT STAFF & MEMBERS

158

resources added to the library

52

borrowers welcomed to the library

1,185

resources circulated to 80 borrowers

53

member reviews added to the database



The [BCSTH Library](#) provides free access to resources selected to support BCSTH staff and members in their work with women, children and youth. Topics of particular interest this year included mental health and addictions, anxiety and stress management, Indigenous perspectives, compassion fatigue, and resources for working with children.

Resumption of in-person training and an in-person conference substantially increased library usage. It has reached and exceeded pre-pandemic levels.

Excellent resource.

Quick response from BCSTH lending library.

This is a book to refer back to over and over. The concepts and practical help in this book are a life line for parenting.

Funders

Thank you! BC Society of Transition Houses gratefully acknowledges the generous support of our funders.



Donations

BCSTH is grateful for generous financial donations and in-kind contributions of many individuals, community partners and businesses. Thank you for your kind and thoughtful contributions supporting the work of BCSTH and our member programs to empower women, children and youth to live safe and healthy lives free from violence. Special thanks to Associated Engineering Ltd., Hydro One and Lisa Shepherd.

BCSTH Board of Directors

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Vancouver Island & Powell River)

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Vision

The BC Society of Transition Houses envisions communities free from violence for all women, children and youth.

Mission

The BC Society of Transition Houses is a member-based organization that, through leadership, education, support and collaboration, enhances the continuum of services and strategies to respond to, prevent and end violence against all women, children and youth.

Independent Auditor's Report



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of THS Society of Transition Houses

Qualified Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of THS Society of Transition Houses which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2023, and the statements of operations, changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my qualified opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the *Basis for Qualified Opinion* section of my report, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of THS Society of Transition Houses as at March 31, 2023, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many charitable organizations, the Organization derives revenue from donations and fundraising, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of THS Society of Transition Houses. Therefore, we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to donations and fundraising revenue, excess of revenues over expenses, and cash flows from operations for the years ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, current assets as at March 31, 2023 and 2022, and net assets as at April 1 and March 31 for both the 2023 and 2022 years. Our audit opinion on the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2022 was modified accordingly because of the possible effects of the limitation in scope.

I conducted the audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of my report. I am independent of the Organization in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Canada, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my qualified opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Organization's financial reporting process.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My responsibility is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control.

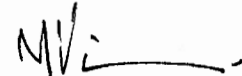
Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my audit's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Organization to cease to continue as a going concern.

Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation. I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit. I also provide those charged with governance with a statement that I have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on my independence, and where applicable, related safeguards. From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, I determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. I describe these matters in my auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, I determine that a matter should not be communicated in my report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Report on other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

As required by the BC Societies Act, I report that, in my opinion, these principles have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.



Mahmoud Virani Inc
Chartered Professional Accountant
Vancouver, BC
August 21 2023

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Statement of Financial Position



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THS SOCIETY OF TRANSITION HOUSES (dba BC SOCIETY OF TRANSITION HOUSES)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at March 31		2023	2022
	notes	\$	\$
Assets			
Current			
Cash		1,682,547	1,526,424
Accounts receivable		40,692	97,243
GST recoverable		12,655	12,730
Prepaid expenses		16,681	8,926
		1,752,575	1,645,323
Long-term			
Tangible capital assets	4	28,850	25,653
Intangible capital assets	5	1,722	273
		30,572	25,926
		1,783,147	1,671,249
Liabilities			
Current			
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities		119,117	117,305
Accrued salaries		16,285	11,737
Deferred contributions	6	1,009,316	933,365
Deferred revenue		7,950	6,150
Deferred capital contributions	7	3,365	1,991
		1,156,033	1,070,548
Net assets			
Invested in capital assets		27,207	23,935
BCSTH bursary fund	8	117,419	113,827
Internally restricted contingency fund	11	262,630	236,217
Unrestricted		219,858	226,722
		627,114	600,701
		1,783,147	1,671,249

Approved by the Board

 Tina Daye


see accompanying notes

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Statement of Operations

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THS SOCIETY OF TRANSITION HOUSES (dba BC SOCIETY OF TRANSITION HOUSES)

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended March 31		2023		2022	
		Operating fund	BCSTH bursary fund	Total	Total
	notes	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue					
Contributions	9	2,087,994	142,217	2,230,211	1,617,050
Donations		28,638	80	28,718	57,934
Membership dues		33,713	-	33,713	32,625
Registration fees		30,719	-	30,719	8,152
Training		152,172	-	152,172	58,360
Merchandise sales		1,957	-	1,957	1,876
Interest		48,173	3,592	51,765	9,137
Amortization of deferred capital contributions		966	-	966	498
Other		670	-	670	-
		2,385,002	145,889	2,530,891	1,785,632
Expenses					
Amortization		9,396	-	9,396	8,134
Bursaries		-	142,297	142,297	29,300
Consultants		475,169	-	475,169	393,097
Fees for services & honorarium		367,163	-	367,163	237,543
Membership & registration		3,447	-	3,447	3,943
Newsletter, printing & materials		14,150	-	14,150	29,986
Office		64,957	-	64,957	45,797
Professional development		3,814	-	3,814	3,988
Professional fees		43,787	-	43,787	20,818
Rent & utilities		106,667	-	106,667	93,898
Salaries & benefits		960,443	-	960,443	815,072
Subsidy		80,730	-	80,730	35,601
Training & conference		111,086	-	111,086	16,810
Travel & accommodation		91,055	-	91,055	3,746
Website & IT		30,317	-	30,317	42,702
		2,362,181	142,297	2,504,478	1,780,435
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year		22,821	3,592	26,413	5,197

see accompanying notes

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