

# Annual Report

## 2024 | 2025



BC SOCIETY OF TRANSITION HOUSES

**"I am thankful for this house.  
I feel safe here."**

– Transition House Resident

**"I feel safe here."**

– Child in PEACE Program

## Letter from ED & Board Chair

Dear BCSTH Members,

*This past year has been another busy one for the BC Society of Transition Houses (BCSTH) and we know that has been the same for you, our members. We start the 2024-2025 Annual Report by acknowledging your work with respect and as the Chair of the Board and the Executive Director re-stating our commitment to supporting you to the best of our ability through advocacy, training, research and the development of resources. While your focus is 24/7 support and safety for all women, children and youth experiencing and at risk of violence, our mandate and focus is to listen and to advocate for you, our 136 members and counting.*

*Key November 2024 BCSTH 24 Hour Census findings show that in just one day, 85 Women's Transition Housing and Supports Programs (WTHSP) and 67 PEACE Programs supported 1,592 women, children and youth experiencing violence. However, a further 346 women, youth and children were unable to be served by these life-saving services during the same time period, and there were 548 children and youth on waitlists for PEACE Program services.*

- *51% of the PEACE Programs had waitlists -- 6 years running, waitlists have been the key barrier to accessing PEACE Programs.*
- *More than one third of the houses (34%) were at or over capacity during this time period.*
- *53% of the programs were operating with just one staff for 10-24 hours during the census period, a 3% increase from last year.*
- *1,152 people were on waitlists for Second Stage Housing across the Province.*
- *Alarmingly, the data shows that the percentage of women disclosing lethal threats has doubled since last year, reinforcing member reports of increasing severity of violence across BC.*

*These numbers demonstrate the need for more capacity for the WTHSP and PEACE Programs in BC. We call on the government to increase funding for these support services to enable them to meet the needs of all women, youth and children who are unsafe in their homes and at risk of violence.*

### **Our Advocacy Work**

*BCSTH's advocacy work has continued at both the provincial and federal government levels.*

*At the provincial level:*

- *We highlighted the need for increased operational and capital funding for the WTHSP to address the need for more emergency housing, forever homes, and support services for women and children escaping violence.*
- *We called for more sustainable operational funding for PEACE Programs and VIP, so that all BC children and youth have timely access.*

We entreat the BC government to recognize the value of these lifesaving community-based services in the province's commitment to address gender-based violence (GBV) as an epidemic. BCSTH is encouraged by the many consultations we were part of this year that will hopefully make a difference including:

- BC GBV Action Plan Advisory Committee.
- BC Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner regarding its expanded oversight jurisdiction.
- BC Coroner's Service and its recognition of the increasing intimate-partner homicides in BC.
- Dr. Kim Stanton's Independent [Systemic Review](#) of the BC Legal System's Treatment of Sexual Violence and Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) involving thoughtful and thorough consultations with BCSTH, members and survivors across BC.

At the federal level, BCSTH continues to serve on the Women's Shelters Canada (WSC) Board of Directors and Provincial and Territorial Advisory Committee. In these roles, we:

- Helped to ensure the federal National Action Plan commitments remain a reality.
- Advocated for Canada Mortgage and Crown Corporation (CMHC) funding for housing for women and their children with experiences of violence as a priority population under the National Housing Strategy.

### **Our Collective Strength**

Along with our members, BCSTH raised our collective voices in provincial and federal testimony and initiatives regarding budget priorities, emergency preparedness needs, access to justice, housing as a fundamental right, rural transportation needs, increasing femicides, and recognition of GBV as an epidemic.

In a continuation of the BCSTH Strength in Solidarity Annual Training Forum (ATF) theme, this year's ATF title is "Elevate: Inspiring Change". Please join the BCSTH community October 22-24, 2025 to learn, connect and elevate the wisdom of our dynamic sector to make change together. This Report provides highlights of the exemplary work of BCSTH's small but mighty team, and it is an honour and a privilege to walk alongside them. Our work is inspired by your collective needs and those of the women, children and youth you support.

BCSTH knows that the coming year will bring new opportunities and challenges and we value being part of a movement that will not accept that violence against women and their children is natural or inevitable and knows that it can and will be ended.

In Solidarity,

**Brooke Belkin**, Chair, Board of Directors

**Amy S. FitzGerald**, Executive Director

We are deeply saddened to share that our dear colleague Cori Kleisinger, passed away on September 21, 2025. Cori dedicated many years to the anti-violence sector and touched the lives of countless women, children and youth. Since joining BCSTH in 2019, she led important initiatives including the Cedar Blankets and Advancing Equality for Indigenous Members projects.



# Member Support & Advocacy

## National Action Plan

All the provinces and territories have now signed bilateral agreements under the federal [National Action Plan \(NAP\)](#) to End Gender-Based Violence (GBV). BC will receive \$61.9 million for its four-year GBV action plan, [Safe and Supported](#). The prevention pillar of this plan provides \$1.398 million over two years to enhance and expand the reach and impact of the PEACE and Violence is Preventable (VIP) portfolio. We amplified this good news by launching a [VIP](#) promotional video that was funded by the Department of Justice during [2024 Victims and Survivors of Crime Week](#) to raise awareness about the program. BCSTH looks forward to more collaboration with the dynamic and determined network of PEACE Program counsellors and VIP facilitators to build healthy, peaceful futures for all BC children and youth, and their families. More details about this enhancement work are on page 6 in the PEACE and VIP sections.

## Policy & Practice

- **Protection Orders** - BCSTH collaborated with Rise Women's Legal Centre on the December 2024 report [Protection Orders in BC and the Urgent Need for a Specialized Process and Coordinated Reform](#). The report finds that, despite updates to the Family Law Act, survivors of gender-based violence are still in danger.
- **Attorney General (AG) Safe Supports Focus Groups** - The AG provided BCSTH funds to host focus groups with women with lived experience and with Family Court matters and BCSTH hosted them with Rise Women's Legal Centre. The findings of the focus groups were reflected in Rise and BCSTH publications.
- **Resources for Advocacy with MCFD** - To address concerns raised by members, BCSTH developed and disseminated a new information sheet, [Advocating for Women, Children and Youth with the Ministry of Child and Family Development \(MCFD\)](#). Directed at frontline anti-violence workers, the publication contains guidance for assisting women, children, and youth to navigate the child welfare and MCFD system.
- **FLAIR for PEACE Toolkit** - BCSTH created a toolkit for PEACE Program counsellors with information on supporting non-offending caregivers and children who are navigating legal issues in BC. We launched the [Family Law Advocacy, Information, and Resources \(FLAIR\) for PEACE toolkit](#) with a webinar in July of 2024.

## Membership Supports

- **Member Meetings** – BCSTH hosted 36 virtual regional meetings for executive directors and program managers in seven regions, as well as five in-person program meetings at the Annual Training Forum. At the meetings, BCSTH provided key sector and government news, as well as updates on BCSTH's advocacy and projects and staff from different member programs connect and share emerging issues and challenges from their communities. BCSTH also hosted meet and greets with 18 new executive directors in our member organizations.
- **New Members** – This year, BCSTH was thrilled to welcome six new full and associate members to our growing community. Among them are four full member organizations:
  - Huu-ah-aht First Nations - ?um?iiqsu Centre in Port Alberni.
  - The Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver in New Westminster.
  - Turning Point Recovery Society (Harbour House) in Richmond.
  - Quesnel Women's Resource Centre in Quesnel.

We are honoured to welcome all six new members to the BCSTH community in our shared commitment to end violence against all women, children and youth.

# Highlights from Membership Survey

## 145 Respondents

Most participation from Region 1  
**Vancouver Island**



Most participation from **52 executive directors, directors + managers**



2<sup>nd</sup> most participation from **49 Frontline Staff**



## Top 3 Reasons for being a member of BCSTH



**Training opportunities & Annual Training Forum (ATF)**



**Program support** (e.g., regional meetings, support with contracts & government issues, email/phone support)



**Connection** with other members

## Most familiar BCSTH projects

**1<sup>ST</sup>** PEACE for Canadian Children & Youth



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BCSTH Bursary Fund



Beyond Bricks & Mortar



Menstrual Equity Project



## Top 3 important member benefits



**Training opportunities & ATF**

Provision of **resources** (toolkits, promising practice guides, templates, etc.)



**Member rates** for online/ in-person training & ATF

## Preferred method of training delivery



**In-person**



**Virtual, facilitated (Zoom)**



**Online, self-paced (Thinkific)**

## Overall Satisfaction

**86.37%** (Satisfied/ Very satisfied)

Other themes that emerged from Membership Survey included funding and compensation challenges such as limited resources, rural wage gaps, union/non-union inequities, as well as calls for stronger government advocacy on operational funding for WTHSP and PEACE Programs. Members also highlighted the need for affordable, practical training for staff at all levels, including HR and leadership for managers, and raised concerns about vicarious trauma and burnout among frontline workers.

## BCSTH Library

The BCSTH Library provides free access to resources that support BCSTH members and staff in their work with women, children and youth. Topics of particular interest this year included housing, leadership and management, feminism, coercive control, and resources for working with children and youth.



**146 new resources** (print & online) were added to the library



**65 new borrowers** were welcomed to the library



**1,128 resources** were circulated to 90 borrowers



**32 member reviews** of resources were added to the library catalogue

# BCSTH Training

BCSTH continues to strengthen and expand training opportunities for anti-violence workers across the province. Following are our highlights from 2024-2025.

## In Person

One of our top requests from members is more in-person trainings. Accordingly, our expert facilitators travel by car, plane, and ferry to deliver our flagship multi-day courses in every region, from Salt Spring to Prince George.

- Our new Feminist Management Leadership Training series reached seven BC communities and 91 participants. This series educates staff on the history of transition houses and women's rights in Canada and introduces feminist methods of employee management and service delivery.
- We delivered seven Reducing Barriers trainings to over 100 participants across BC. This course helps staff imagine ways to expand existing policies, increasing our sector's capacity to support women experiencing varying levels of mental wellness and substance use.

## Online

The convenience of taking self-paced courses online

continues to be popular with members.

- 710 people joined our online learning portal.
- Members completed [622 self-paced online courses](#).

## Webinar

Webinars provide members across all seven regions with opportunities to learn together. This year, we hosted 14 webinars for 366 attendees, including the launch of an eight-part series, Beyond Bricks and Mortar: Building Capacity for Women-Centred Housing Operations, which offered guidance on women-centred and trauma-informed approach to housing operations, policies and procedures. We also partnered with organizations such as Warm Hearts Pet Safe Havens, Legal Aid BC, and LDS – Learn. Develop. Succeed. to deliver additional sessions.

## Fee-for-Service Training

We delivered five customized fee-for-service trainings across BC, Yukon, and the Northwest Territories to member organizations and community partners on topics such as de-escalation, gender-based violence, supporting survivors of intimate partner violence, and documentation and case notes for support workers.

# BCSTH Annual Training Forum 2024

The BCSTH 2024 Annual Training Forum (ATF) welcomed over 300 anti-violence workers for three days of learning, sharing, and connecting. In keeping with the year's title of Weaving Communities and Generations, we honoured the dynamic work of the Cedar Blankets Project, and celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the Violence is Preventable (VIP).

The ATF presented 15 dynamic workshops, as well as moving keynotes by Vikki Reynolds, Monique Gray Smith, and Madelaine McCallum. Their stories and expertise filled our hearts and opened our minds. Attendees were treated to wellness activities and a fun-filled reception with music courtesy of Queer as Funk, and a tribute to BCSTH's beloved longstanding librarian, Tina Chau. Throughout the event, Musqueam

Elder and Knowledge Keeper, Debra Sparrow created a special weaving to commemorate BCSTH, our member's work and our time together at the ATF. We look forward to gathering again in 2025 and please save the dates - October 22-24, 2025!



# PEACE & VIP

## Prevention, Education, Advocacy, Counselling & Empowerment (PEACE) Program



The [PEACE Programs](#) provide psycho-educational support for children and youth experiencing domestic violence. During the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the 87 PEACE Programs across BC accessed the following supports.

- A one-day in-person training entitled Emerging Issues for PEACE Programs and VIP in March of 2025 with training on:
  - Relationship building with the Ministry of Child and Family Development (MCFD).
  - Navigating subpoenas and records requests, and best practices in record keeping.
  - An overview of the new VIP curriculum, Navigating Unhealthy Digital Relationships discussed in detail in the Tech Safety Project section on page 7.
- Findings and recommendations from the 2024 PEACE Program Waitlist Report.
- Overview of the VIP Enhancement Project.
- Workshops on the importance of play and imagination in trauma work with children, cultural safety when working with Muslim families, customizing the VIP, navigating tech-facilitated violence, and more.
- Webinars on supporting people with neurodiversity presented by LDS, and the healing value of PEACE Program groups led by counsellor Jayde Martins of the Cowichan Women Against Violence Society.

## Violence is Preventable (VIP) & the VIP Enhancement Project

[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 2024-2025 school year, 75 of the 87 PEACE Programs are now delivering VIP in their communities.

BCSTH is grateful for the National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence and BC's GBV Action Plan, Safe and Supported, which recognize PEACE and VIP as important prevention and awareness initiatives, as well as for the two years of enhanced funding to support these programs. This generous funding allowed BCSTH and its members to:

- Increase the VIP honorarium and expand the number of PEACE Programs delivering VIP from 51 to 75.
- Update the VIP curriculum and supporting resources to reflect MCFD core competencies, launching the new curriculum with a webinar and training.
- Develop a new VIP curriculum on the emerging issue of tech safety, [Navigating Unhealthy Digital Relationships](#) for grades 6 to 12, and launch it with an in-person training.
- Analyze how service demands and waitlists for PEACE programming impact the ability of PEACE Programs to deliver VIP. BCSTH surveyed members, conducted focus groups and completed a literature review on waitlists and promising practices. Based on this work, BCSTH proposed best practices to manage waitlists and shared preliminary findings with PEACE Programs at the March 2025 training. The final report will be launched in the fall of 2025.

# BCSTH Projects

## PEACE for Canadian Children & Youth

BCSTH's national project, [PEACE for Canadian Children & Youth](#), wrapped up at the end of March 2024. Breaking the isolation of workers in northern rural and remote communities was one of the most significant outcomes of the project. The frontline workers in Nunavut women's shelters requested more opportunities for knowledge sharing and connection. In response, the project funder, Women and Gender Equality (WAGE) Canada, invited BCSTH to apply for more funding to meet this request.

Our proposal was successful and [PEACE for Canadian Children & Youth: Building Capacity and Fostering Connection in Nunavut Women's Shelters](#) came into being. Building on the PEACE training and mentorship sessions in Iqaluit in 2023 and 2024, we will continue to share the program's key values and resources while also providing opportunities for front-line staff to gather and learn from one another.

We are undertaking this two-year project in partnership with the [Government of Nunavut's Department of Family Services](#) and [Women's Shelters Canada](#).



## Tech Safety Project

As noted on page 6, the [Tech Safety Project](#) created three new resources for the Violence is Preventable (VIP):

- VIP Navigating Unhealthy Digital Relationships – Curriculum for Grades 6–12.
- [Key Considerations for Facilitators](#), a companion guide.
- My Body, My Photos stickers to promote privacy and safety with youth across BC with generous support from the Health Services Alliance Equity Fund.



These tools help PEACE Program counsellors talk to students about how digital behaviours – texting, sharing photos, or tracking – can affect relationships. The VIP curriculum helps youth in grades 6 to 12 learn about healthy versus unhealthy digital behaviours, digital consent, safe breakups, and how to get help for themselves or a friend. The Key Considerations guide gives counsellors extra support when delivering this content.

## Emergency Management & Service Continuity

BCSTH continued Emergency Management and Service Continuity (EMSC) work this year, training and supporting members to develop their EMSC plans. Funded by BC Housing (BCH), we facilitated training in all seven regions of the province to support members through the eight-stage process of conducting a risk assessment, and developing their emergency preparedness and response procedures, contingency plans, and EMSC plans.

58 member programs and 124 staff attended the regional in-person sessions. In addition to in-person trainings and one-on-one support for organizations, we also launched an EMSC Community of Practice where members meet quarterly online to discuss challenges and successes related to developing and implementing their plans.

## Coordinating with Local Authorities in Emergencies

As we discovered in our Canadian Red Cross-funded project from 2023/2024, Women's Transition Housing and Support Programs (WTHSP) staff face significant challenges having emergency management response systems recognize the unique needs of women, children and youth fleeing violence in local planning.

BCSTH partnered with the Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC), in collaboration with BC Housing, on a one-year research project to examine barriers and opportunities to coordinating with local authorities during emergencies. The project is titled Supporting Women Experiencing Violence in Emergencies: Challenges and Opportunities for Collaboration and Coordination between the Women's Transition Housing and Supports Programs and Local Authorities in British Columbia.

BCSTH hopes this work will enhance collaboration between the WTHSP and local authorities allowing a gendered-lens to be applied in emergency responses across BC.



*"This has been the most applicable, relevant, supportive, and engaging training I've attended in a very long time. We are continually grateful for the advocacy and support BCSTH provides to our agency 100%."*

*"I really appreciated the knowledge of the facilitators and the useful templates provided. It was also a great opportunity to connect with other programs facing similar challenges."*

## Beyond Bricks & Mortar

After hearing from members that housing operating procedures often overlook the intersectional needs of women and their families with experiences of violence, BCSTH embarked on a mission to fill that gap. With funding from the Community Housing Transformation Centre, BCSTH conducted a needs assessment inquiry involving a survey and focus groups with members across BC. To address these needs, BCSTH developed a webinar series: [Beyond Bricks and Mortar: Building Capacity for Women-Centred Housing Operations](#).

This series highlights women-centred operational practices that are informed by an understanding of violence and trauma-informed principles. Eight webinars occurred and two more will be in the fall of 2025. The series features the collective wisdom of BCSTH members and other experts on the following topics:

- Operating second stage housing.
- The BC Residential Tenancy Act from a women-centred lens.
- Providing culturally safe women-centred housing operations.
- Supporting survivors of abuse-caused brain injury.
- Centering survivors' voices in programs and services.
- Sheltering pets and people.
- Operating childcare and childminding in the WTHSP.



## Building Up 2! Training

In March 2025, BCSTH welcomed members to a two-day training on longer-term (Second Stage and Long-term) housing design, development, and operations. Titled Building Up 2! (BU2), the event showcased innovative approaches that could provide more longer-term housing solutions for women and children experiencing violence or at risk of violence. The project, funded through the Canadian Mortgage Housing Corporation (CMHC), aimed to empower and grow the community of BCSTH members embarking on providing longer-term housing in their communities. Thank you to all of the community speakers, funders, and participants for sharing your experiences and wisdom!

## From Knowledge to Action - Practical Applications of Women-Centred Housing Design

As part of the recognition of the [Women-Centred Housing Design Toolkit](#), by CMHC in 2024 when they honoured BCSTH and the Toolkit with the Gold Roof Award for Exemplary Housing Research, CMHC also funded BCSTH to explore the practical application of the Women-Centred Design Toolkit in BCSTH member housing projects. Our [Knowledge to Action \(KTA\)](#) project was launched and focused on three members as case-study sites to discover how they applied aspects of the toolkit and record any barriers to implementation. BCSTH learned:

- Program operations should inform design.
- Women with lived experience are interested in co-creating their housing.
- Architects should be educated on women-centred design and why it is important.
- Women with lived experience of violence feel safer and a stronger sense of community when women-centred housing design is applied.
- A community of practice could support members in developing housing projects.

Thank you to CMHC for their recognition of BCSTH's women-centred design work and to the three case study sites and women residents for partnering with BCSTH on this informative project.

## BCSTH Bursary Fund

The 2024-2025 [BCSTH Bursary Fund \(BBF\)](#) awarded 26 women a total of \$60,463 to pursue education and self-employment opportunities. Recipients embarked on the following:

- Aboriginal leadership in justice system diploma.
- Business administration program.
- Early childhood education certification.
- Bachelor's degree in psychology.
- Red seal parts technician training.
- Bookkeeping certification.
- Digital marketing courses.
- Nail technician certification and more!

Over the past six years, the BBF has supported 172 women and 249 children, awarding a total of \$460,548 in funding to successful applicants.

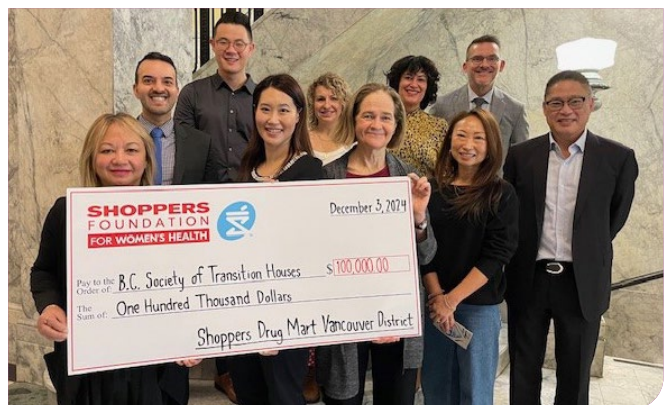
BCSTH is continuing the work of growing the Bursary Fund, supported by a three-year grant from Social Venture Partners Vancouver. The focus over the past year has been building BCSTH skills and capacity related to strategic planning, communications, and fund development. In December, BCSTH embarked on a new venture – active fundraising for the Bursary Fund! – with the goal of sustaining and growing the Fund so more women and their families can break free of violence and achieve financial independence.

## Menstrual Equity Project

For the second year, BCSTH was successful in receiving funds from the Shoppers Foundation for Women's Health for the Menstrual Equity Project. Working with project partners Aisle and Joni, BCSTH distributed \$98,000 worth of reusable and disposable menstrual products to 64 BCSTH member programs around the province. Of the 64 member programs, 67% were located in rural, remote, and Indigenous communities, to ensure equity for members who may have more limited access to menstrual products.

As part of the project, BCSTH hosted a webinar in collaboration with Moon Time Connections who shared information about their organization, and what they are doing to help put an end to menstrual inequity, particularly in Canada's northern region.

In addition to the webinar, BCSTH will be conducting an online survey and hosting a focus group with women and frontline workers who participated in the project.



## Advancing Equality with Indigenous Members (AEIM) Project

In September 2024, BCSTH launched a new project, [Advancing Equality with Indigenous Members \(AEIM\)](#), funded by WAGE. This 17-month project aims to strengthen BCSTH's capacity to promote gender equality and integrate Indigenous voices into BCSTH's governance and strategic planning.

As part of the project, BCSTH will assess its board governance through consultation with both Indigenous and non-Indigenous members and stakeholders. These efforts will inform improvement to the Society's governance, operations, and strategic priorities.

During this fiscal year, the project reviewed BCSTH's current governance bylaws and board policies, and gathered best practices that reflect decolonization and reciprocal relationships with Indigenous communities. BCSTH also hosted three community engagement sessions with its Indigenous member organizations in Surrey, Prince George, and Merritt, BC. These sessions included meet and greets, reviews of BCSTH's bylaws and governance policies, the sharing of best governance practices, and in-depth discussions and recommendations. The feedback will determine next steps to ensure BCSTH's board bylaws, policies, and practices meaningfully embody decolonization and reciprocal relationships with Indigenous member organizations.

## Cedar Blankets Project

At the 2024 Annual Training Forum (ATF), BCSTH celebrated the four Cedar Blankets pilot sites and the successful completion of the Cedar Blankets Project, a five-year initiative funded by WAGE to increase access to transition houses and safe homes for Indigenous women, children, and youth. The project directly benefited over 220 anti-violence workers through the Cedar Blankets trainings and engagements. 100% of pilot site leads and staff reported they believed that the Cedar Blankets service delivery model, including the Indigenous Women's Councils, made their site more accessible, and reduced barriers to shelter for Indigenous families. Indigenous evaluation participants shared that they received welcoming and helpful support at the sites, explaining that the atmosphere was respectful, comfortable, safe, and supportive. They noted that they would refer friends or family to the house, with many expressing a desire to stay at the house long-term. The four BCSTH member programs that adopted the new service delivery model are now ambassadors for Cedar Blankets, sharing their culturally safe policies and practices through inspiring videos and evaluations. Moving forward, BCSTH will sustain the transformative work of the Cedar Blankets model as a fee-for-service engagement and training for members and others.

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## Funders



Department of Justice  
Canada

Ministère de la Justice  
Canada



Women and Gender  
Equality Canada

Femmes et Égalité  
des genres Canada



HEALTH SCIENCES ASSOCIATION  
The union delivering modern health care



Community Housing  
Transformation Centre  
Centre de transformation  
du logement communautaire



## Donations

BCSTH is grateful for the 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 all women, children and youth to live safe and healthy lives free from violence. Special thanks to Associated Engineering Ltd., INVERS Mobility Solutions, Jane Wilde on behalf of Gumboot Girls book sales and KPMG Foundation.

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## Vision

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

## 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 and gender diverse individuals.

# 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		2025	2024
	notes	\$	\$
<b>Assets</b>			
Current			
Cash		2,510,428	2,839,145
Accounts receivable		63,381	188,191
GST recoverable		21,940	28,925
Prepaid expenses		24,222	14,171
		<u>2,619,971</u>	<u>3,070,432</u>
Long-term			
Tangible capital assets	4	17,593	20,568
Intangible capital assets	5	1,166	1,088
		<u>18,759</u>	<u>21,656</u>
		<u>2,638,730</u>	<u>3,092,088</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current			
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities		227,463	227,828
Accrued salaries		18,157	14,458
Deferred contributions	6	1,707,646	2,173,577
Deferred revenue		15,550	12,300
Deferred capital contributions	7	1,433	2,399
		<u>1,970,249</u>	<u>2,430,562</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			
Invested in capital assets		17,326	19,257
BCSTH bursary fund	8	117,419	117,419
Internally restricted contingency fund	11	269,585	262,630
Unrestricted		264,151	262,220
		<u>668,481</u>	<u>661,526</u>
		<u>2,638,730</u>	<u>3,092,088</u>

Approved by the Board

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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		2025	2024		
	Operating fund	BCSTH bursary fund	Total	Total	
	notes	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Revenue</b>					
Contributions	9	2,120,185	20,000	2,140,185	2,694,752
Donations		15,315	26,244	41,559	62,620
Membership dues		35,100	-	35,100	34,800
Registration fees		51,550	-	51,550	32,000
Training		130,628	-	130,628	189,459
Merchandise sales		3,516	-	3,516	2,695
Interest		102,674	4,473	107,147	87,239
Amortization of deferred capital contributions		966	-	966	966
Other & expense recoveries		11,104	-	11,104	14,953
		2,471,038	50,717	2,521,755	3,119,484
<b>Expenses</b>					
Amortization		8,927	-	8,927	11,982
Bursaries		-	50,513	50,513	72,400
Consultants		338,335	-	338,335	675,890
Fees for services & honorarium		435,902	-	435,902	226,285
Membership & registration		12,180	-	12,180	7,352
Newsletter, printing & materials		75,276	-	75,276	226,522
Office		94,507	204	94,711	102,943
Professional development		6,294	-	6,294	4,170
Professional fees		27,428	-	27,428	22,807
Rent & utilities		122,748	-	122,748	112,463
Salaries & benefits		927,287	-	927,287	1,153,700
Subsidy		32,225	-	32,225	48,577
Training & conference		226,459	-	226,459	205,117
Travel & accommodation		121,499	-	121,499	165,811
Website & IT		35,016	-	35,016	49,053
		2,464,083	50,717	2,514,800	3,085,072
<b>Excess of revenue over expenses for the year</b>		6,955	-	6,955	34,412

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