



OUR MISSION IS TO SUPPORT NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS THAT ARE INCLUSIVE, ENGAGING, RESPONSIVE AND THAT BUILD A SENSE OF BELONGING.

2017 EXPENSE

Neighbourhood Group Staffing	Non-staff Support	GNSC Admin	Playtime Program (GCHC)	Rent, office, insurance, financial admin	Programs (NEHM, Summer Camp...)	Marketing/Website
52%	3%	17%	9.2%	6.3%	12%	.5%

In 2017...



1155
volunteers contributed



37,567
hours to Guelph neighbourhoods



to deliver 270 programs!



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IT'S ABOUT PEOPLE.

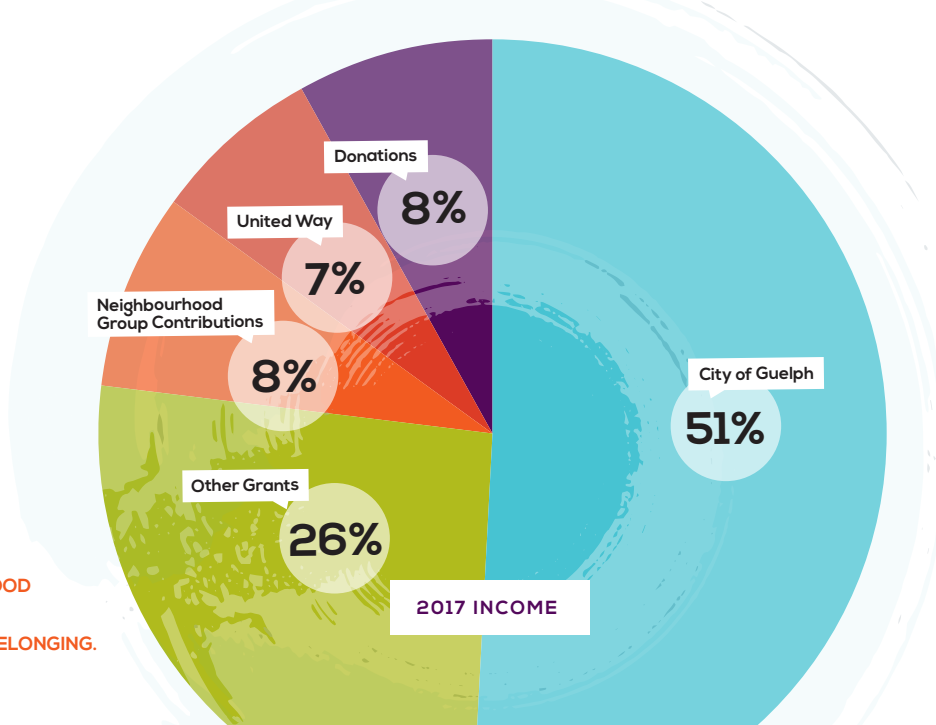
Municipal governments tend to spend a lot of time talking about buildings. We debate capital projects like new community centres and parking garages. We attend groundbreakings and ribbon cuttings for new facilities. This is all good and it's an important part of government's role.

At the same time, we must always remember that a strong community isn't really about the bricks and mortar – it's about people. When people feel connected, valued, and engaged in their neighbourhoods and their city, amazing things happen. Our city becomes safer, children and families thrive, and opportunities and prosperity grow. That's the value the Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition and its Neighbourhood Groups bring to our city.

The GNSC and the Neighbourhood Groups are experts at helping people connect – whether those connections happen at a block party, in a summer camp, or at a yoga class. They celebrate the uniqueness of each neighbourhood, and the people who call it home.

Council and the City are proud to support Neighbourhood Groups. I want to thank all the staff and volunteers for everything they do to build a stronger city.

Cam Guthrie
Mayor





Neighbourhood Groups

- Brant Avenue NG
- Grange Hill East NG
- Two Rivers NG
- Exhibition Park NG
- North Riverside NG
- Saint George’s Park NG
- Rickson Ridge NG
- Hanlon Creek NG
- Kortright Hills NG
- Onward Willow NG
- Parkwood Gardens NG
- The Junction NG
- Downtown Neighbourhood Association

Program Partners

- City of Guelph
- Family & Children’s Services
- Guelph Community Health Centre
- Guelph Police Service
- WDG Public Health
- Canadian Mental Health Association WW
- Upper Grand District School Board
- Wellington Catholic District School Board
- Immigrant Services Guelph-Wellington County of Wellington

No city is perfect. They are always a work in progress. But what is important is that a city cares about the people who live there. That they invest in their dreams and ideas. We are lucky in Guelph.

The City of Guelph has a long history of supporting grassroots Neighbourhood Groups. That support has taken many shapes and forms and has adapted as the needs of the community have changed. Eventually this journey together led to the creation of the Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition. After 5 years, the growth and success of the GNSC and the Neighbourhood Groups has been a remarkable story. One that has brought interest and questions from communities across the continent and beyond.

In 2017, the GNSC delegated the City of Guelph to celebrate this growth and success and to ask for more support. It was an amazing experience for all involved. As a busy charity we are not always the best at sharing our success. This process allowed us to have many conversations with city staff, council and the Mayor. It brought our amazing Neighbourhood Group staff and volunteers together with our committed and passionate partners. The delegation was a success on so many levels. The City of Guelph invested more deeply in the work of the GNSC and the Neighbourhood Groups could see the importance of what they do celebrated in a very public way. After the delegation, one of our partners said to me that it was his proudest moment of living in Guelph.

So, thank you to the City of Guelph for listening and supporting the community so powerfully. Moving forward together we will create an even more resilient, equitable, inclusive and safe city for all to thrive.

In Gratitude,

Brendan Johnson

Brendan Johnson
Executive Director

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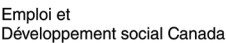
- Barb McPhee NRNG, OWNG
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Thank you to outgoing Board members Debbie Gorman, BANG, and David Thornley, GCHC, for their outstanding service.

LEVEL 1



LEVEL 2



LEVEL 3

- Canadian Mental Health Association WW
- Guelph United Ministries
- Second Chance Employment and Counselling Services
- Guelph Police Services
- The OAKTREE Project
- Greater Toronto YMCA



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to our
fantastic
volunteers!