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2023

Annual
REPORT



The Gift(s) of Community

We all have gifts. Many of us have been told otherwise but that doesn't make it true. The systems that squeeze and oppress, have tried to separate us, and eliminate our ability to dream. The work of the Neighbourhood Groups and the GNSC is rooted in love and kindness and creates opportunities for people to reconnect to their gifts and the gifts of others. People may initially show up at our doors in distress and/or need (2023 numbers were the highest in our history) but with time in community they can often start gaining access to their gifts. They start volunteering, running programs, and taking on leadership roles. When we gather together, listen, laugh, plot and plan, and share our gifts, we can make anything happen. We can help each other in small and powerful ways, change policies, and advocate for better. When we live in our gifts, our voices united, it is impossible not to be heard. We have been navigating a pandemic together and continue to struggle through the stress of the unequal distribution of wealth and resources. We survive and thrive because we are all interconnected and united by love. If you are reading this and are not yet connected to a Neighbourhood Group or the GNSC, we invite you to bring your special gifts to this beautiful thing we are growing together.

In Love and Kindness,



Brendan Johnson, Executive Director

Neighbourhood **Groups**

Brant Avenue NG

Grange Hill East NG

Two Rivers NG

Exhibition Park NG

Kortright Hills NG

Saint George's Park NG

South End NG Guelph

Rickson Ridge NG

June Avenue NG

Parkwood Gardens NG

Onward Willow NG

Your Downtown Guelph Friends

Sunny Acres NG

The Junction NG

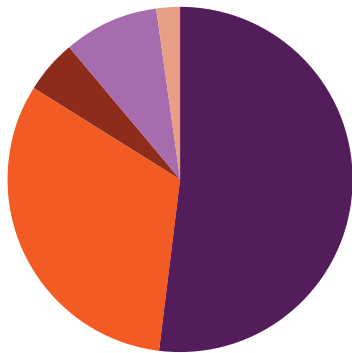
North Riverside NG

Hanlon Creek NG

Exhibition Park NG

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Income: \$1,671,317.00



- City of Guelph - 52%
- Other Grants - 32%
- United Way GW - 5%
- Donations - 9%
- Other Income - 2%

Expenses: \$1,659,567.00

Neighbourhood Group Salaries

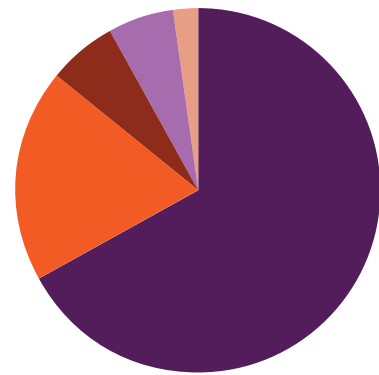
& Summer Staff - 67%

GNSC Salaries - 19%

Parent Outreach Worker (GCHC) - 6%

Office, Insurance, Overhead, Professional Fees - 6%

Neighbourhood Group Non-salary support - 2%



1260 people contributed 31,811 hours of service

295 programs and events were delivered

The value of GNSC volunteer hours calculated at the

Living Wage (\$20.90) is \$664,949.90!

The number of people who benefited from our programs

and services was 95,679

2023 Board Members

Co-Chairs

Zahid Nasir - Grange Hill East Neighbourhood Group

Stewart McDonough - Sunny Acres Neighbourhood Group

Kate Vsetula - Guelph Community Health Centre

Treasurer

Farrah Trahan - North Riverside Neighbourhood Group

Secretary

Erin Aspenlieder - Rickson Ridge Neighbourhood Group

Members

Sony Brar - Wellington Catholic District School Board

Krista Sibbilin - Community Mental Health Association WW

Megan Harron - Children's Foundation GW

Shea Dahuja - Family and Children's Services GW

Ishan Angra - Member-at-Large

Joy Sammy - The Junction Neighbourhood Group

Naima Mohamood - Onward Willow Neighbourhood Group

Thank you to...

the truly incredible volunteers who
are the beating heart of our work.

Program Partners

City of Guelph

Family and Children's Services GW

Community Mental Health Association WW

County of Wellington Social Services

WDG Public Health

Upper Grand District School Board

Wellington Catholic District School Board

Guelph Community Health Centre

Guelph Family Health Team

Children's Foundation GW

Immigrant Services GW

Guelph Police Services



Thank you to...
our generous and
visionary funders.

LEVEL 2 (\$100,000+)

ESDC Canada Summer Jobs

LEVEL 3 (\$50-99,000)

United Way GW

Canadian Red Cross - CSRF

LEVEL 4 (\$25,000.00-49,000.00)

Canada Parks and Recreation Association

Ontario Trillium Foundation

Family and Children's Services GW

LEVEL 5 (UP TO \$25,000.00)

WDG Public Health

Community Mental Health Association WW

Second Chance Employment and Counselling Services

Greater Toronto YMCA

Guelph Community Foundation

Guelph Police Services



Special Thank you to...



LEVEL 1 (\$500,000+)

the **City of Guelph** for their steadfast and incredible support. This work could not happen without you.



“The Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition is a unique organization fostering local neighbourhood activities and supports across Guelph. The City is a significant funder of the GNSC and proud to be a part of the work they achieve for the community. The GNSC plays an important role in achieving our vision by connecting people from a diverse range of backgrounds and circumstances, creating opportunities for local action and for neighbourhood leaders to flourish, and supporting neighbours in need.”

- *Colleen Clack-Bush,*
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, City of Guelph