



Annual Report

2017 - 2018



Board of Directors

Truth about your body

Truth about your options

Hope for your future.

Long-term health. If I had to choose one phrase to capture the theme of the board's work this past year, that would be it. After the centre's financial crisis in late 2016, we as a board of directors have worked to finalize our strategic plan and establish board and centre priorities that will ensure ministry sustainability. This focus has fueled our work in four key areas.

#1 Board Governance – We've worked to strengthen our functioning as a board by: articulating our optimal board structure and governance model, undertaking training to increase our acumen, and engaging in strategic planning with clearly identified goals for each quarter of the year.

#2 Core Document - We've prepared an extensive core document which clearly articulates our purpose, mission, vision, values, principles, goals and objectives. This will increase our efficacy as a team while also helping to ensure that the ministry continues on track for years to come.

#3 Financial Stability and Longevity – Managing our expenses and planning for the future. This year we explored several possibilities to reduce our real estate cost, which was the primary factor in our financial crisis. South Fraser Pregnancy Options is located in the city's centre which provides excellent street signage (the number one way our clients find us), access to transit, proximity to university students, and proximity to the highway for our commuting staff and volunteers. This location is a dynamic real estate market which is experiencing re-development and increasing in rental value. After exploring several possibilities, we decided to remain in our current location on 104th Ave. at King George Hwy, but we have renegotiated our lease agreement and are now in the process of decreasing our office space. This will reduce our rental expenses by a third while maintaining functionality and location. A couple of our supporters have been hugely instrumental in assisting with obtaining the necessary building permits and plans for a demising wall. We are so thankful for their help!

#4 Political Climate – We are a non-political orga-

nization which, for many years, has endeavoured to operate outside the pro-life/pro-choice dichotomy. This year, however, the government required that all organizations applying for the Canada Summer Jobs grant sign an attestation expressing unqualified and unequivocal agreement with their definition of what it means to respect women's reproductive rights. As a board of directors, we felt that it was imperative for us to maintain our integrity by amending the attestation and by trusting that God's work would be done regardless of whether we were able to employ summer students. Although the government denied us grant funding, God was faithful to provide three students who have chosen to intern with us this summer.

We serve a mighty God, and it has been our privilege to do his work through Pregnancy Options this year! If you would like to join our team of dedicated volunteers, please contact us. We'd love the opportunity to talk about how you could use your giftings with us.

Robyn Rempel
Board Member

"Very informative,

caring and compassionate

- I feel my situation

was supported."

Executive Director

Client Services

Most of us have heard the saying “Team work makes the dream work.” I would say that this has been the theme for South Fraser Pregnancy Options this past year.

We have had a couple challenges, but as a team we have become more united to see the vision/mission of the centre come to life. The board, staff and volunteers have come together this past year to make sure that our clients and students get the best service possible. We want to make sure our centre is a place that feels safe, brings truth and that everything is done in excellence. Though we had a bump in the road with the summer student grant, we saw how God provided us students for summer 2018. We are working together to find the best ways we can be marketing ourselves better for our clients to know we are here. We do not want to fall behind the culture that is rapidly growing around us, but we want to work towards bringing truth in the midst of it.

I am grateful that I can work alongside such passionate, caring and hardworking people. I know for a fact the centre would not run the way it does if it wasn't for our supporters, staff, board and volunteers. We are all “making the dream work” by working together to pursue the vision and mission of the centre. Our supporters, you truly have no idea how much you help this centre run and your sacrifice has never gone unnoticed. We are excited to see what the next year brings!

Nataizya Mukwavi
Executive Director

*“Thank you so
much for your
support.”*



2017 began with high client numbers and some encouraging stories. Women came to us who had nowhere else to turn. Doctors referred them to us because they couldn't provide these patients the space to think through what they wanted to do. Women who were feeling pressured to abort by their partners were flocking in. Couples who thought they had no other options but still wanted to be informed, came in to seek information. They left educated, hopeful and excited to have a real choice in their difficult situations. We were able to celebrate the excitement of welcoming new additions into these families. We provided friendship for women who chose to have an abortion. We stood alongside as a client allowed us to be part of her adoption decision; we watched as she blessed a couple with a baby girl. We witnessed the immense bravery of a young woman who wanted to parent despite her fear of an honor killing.

As these stories unfolded before us, we were reminded of the importance of our work. We were reminded that women and their partners need a safe place, free from coercion and judgement, where they can hear truth and experience hope for their situation. We were reminded that we all have a story. We have felt the burdens of our clients; we have shared in their grief and suffering, but also their joys and hopes. We have seen how we get to be a small part in someone's journey, showing them the love of Christ while giving accurate and honest information about their choices and exploring how those choices may influence their future and relationship(s).

I think, from our own lives, we can all attest to the messiness that comes with being human. We all know what it is like to be in the muck and the dirt of life. But we can also attest to the beauty that comes from

being present and building a connection with someone. It is a wonderful privilege for me to see how our staff and volunteers grow in their compassion for people and their relationship with God as they serve here. We grow as we grapple with the tough realities of our world, client situations and what it means to enter into the ‘muck’ with people, to link arms and to offer them help.

We continue to trust that God is in control of this ministry, and we are excited to move into all that next year will bring. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Ashley Blake
Client Services Director

**“It was
what I
needed.”**

Volunteer

I have been volunteering at the Pregnancy Options Centre for the past two and a half years, and always look forward to my Monday afternoons there.

I first learned about the centre while having coffee with a friend and immediately felt the call to be involved as I had experienced an unplanned pregnancy as a teenager and could relate to how scary and overwhelming it could be.

The centre's training helped equip me to inform clients of their options, to listen to their stories, and most importantly, to let them know that they aren't alone. It also enabled me to help steer clients to the support that could assist them if they chose to carry.

I have been richly blessed to share in several clients' journeys. It is difficult to convey the joy I have felt at seeing a new family be born through the gift of adoption or when a client brings in her newborn to show them off and leaves with a beautiful and much appreciated layette. Boutique appointments have given me the opportunity to really encourage and support clients, to be a listening ear and to see new parents grow

and flourish. Handing out Christmas hampers to tears of joy and gratitude has really touched my heart. This Christmas one client shared what a struggle the past year had been, but that she knew it would not always be that way and that one day she would be in a position to give back.

There are challenging days at the centre as well, especially knowing that the individual you are advising has her mind set on ending the pregnancy and that the pressure she feels to do so can't be alleviated.

Volunteering has also given me the opportunity to work along side a group of other volunteers who through their faith, love for the Lord and hearts of service, inspire and bless me each and every week. It's a great way to start my week.

Sherrill Bushfield
Volunteer

Quotes Page

“IT WAS NICE TO NOT TAKE THE TEST ALONE.”

“I felt very scared before and now I feel more stable in my decision.”

“Thank you so much for your

support. I really appreciate

that I have a reliable place I can

go when I have pregnancy

concerns.”

“I felt scared coming in cause I thought there would be some judgment but I didnt feel that at all.”

“I was a little stressed and

now I feel good knowing

recourses are here if I need them”

Revenue 22% OBB
\$65,014

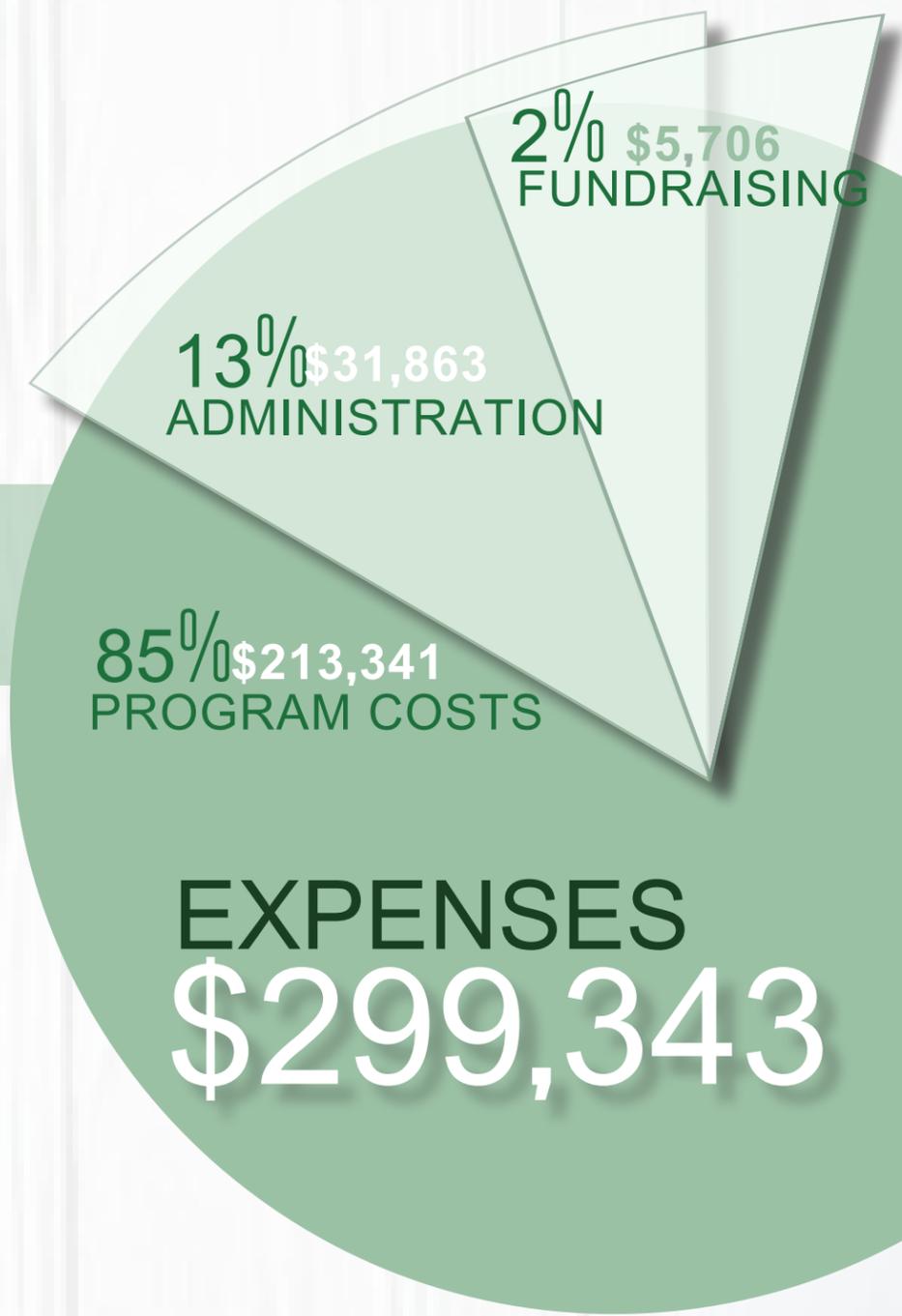
78% General Funds
\$232,679

0.45% STAND
\$1,350

0.11% Donor Appreciation
\$350

REVENUE
\$299,393

Expenses



EXPENSES
\$299,343

STAND Program Director

In the 2017-2018 school year, STAND did a total of 170 school presentations, speaking to around 5,000 students in grades 8-11, from 16 different schools - both public and private. Our presentations educated students on key issues pertaining to sex and relationships. We discussed healthy relationships, media influence, boundaries, consent, pornography, sexual assault, pregnancy options, STI's and more. We continued to offer content that is founded in biblical principles and designed to align with BC's Ministry of Education curriculum.

I've just completed my first year with the STAND program, and it has been an amazing experience! One aspect of STAND that I find particularly valuable is its emphasis on the humanity and value of a person - something I don't always see in media portrayals of sex. We ask questions that get students thinking about what sex means or what they want sex to mean to them.

"I learned that you always have a choice. Don't be peer pressured ."
(grade 9)

Is it just a physical act, or is it a way to create deeper intimacy and bond relationships? Is sex an act with no consequences? What are your goals and how can you make relational choices that will help you achieve those goals? We desire to help students understand the power of their choices, the influence their words have, and the value they hold as an individual.

Reading the students' evaluation sheets after a presentation continually reminds me of the importance of what we do and helps me see the difference we are actually making. These are a few of their comments:

"I realized the media isnt always right in what they say ." (grade 8)

"I t made me realize that it is not okay for people not to respect that I have said NO when i get pressured."
(grade 11)

We have had an overwhelmingly positive response from teachers and students again this year. Our workshops are in high demand and this demand keeps growing as one school recommends us to another. We are continually finding potential areas into which the STAND program could expand, as the need for our message is huge. This year we had the opportunity to run our STAND Parent Workshop at three different churches and conferences.

We have a huge vision of where the STAND program will go in the future. We're praying for resources to grow in staff and volunteers so that we can reach the full demand of school presentations, parent presentations, conferences, and more.

Thank you for being a part of an amazing work. Doing this would not be possible without you.

Jylisa Knull
STAND Program Director

STATS

150 NEW CLIENTS

BABIES BORN 28 IN 2017

OVER 100 COMMUNITY REFERRALS

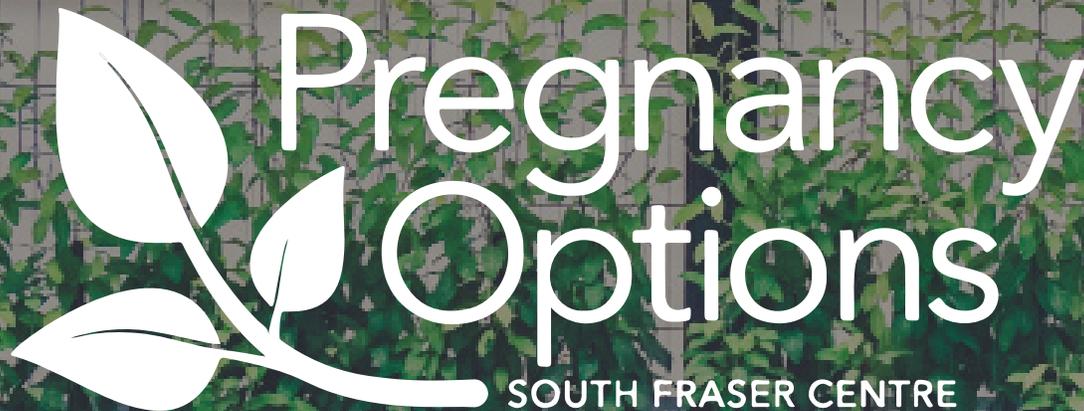
#350 APPOINTMENTS

FREE 140 PREGNANCY TESTS

209 BOUTIQUE VISITS

50% POSITIVE PREGNANCY TESTS

1 ADOPTION PLACEMENT



Pregnancy Options

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