



Building a safe, strong
environment for all
women, children
and families in our
communities

ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17 YWCA NWT



A Message from our Board President and Executive Director



YWCA NWT Board President, Janet Toner and Executive Director, Lyda Fuller

As we reflect over the past year, we are proud of the work we have done to bring real change to the lives of women, girls and families. In the fall of 2017, YWCA Yellowknife officially became YWCA NWT. Our new name reflects the work we do in the entire Northwest Territories, working in many northern communities and operating a family violence shelter in Fort Smith. In late September, we celebrated the 50th anniversary and achievements of the YWCA NWT with a wonderful community picnic, attended by clients, staff, supporters and community partners.

Shelters outside of Yellowknife are often under-funded and this year we worked with our shelter network to get shelters much-needed funding. We also used federal funding to perform renovations at Sutherland House in Fort Smith to ensure the facility is safe, secure and comfortable for women.

YWCA NWT hired a Housing Navigator in our Transitional Housing Program to closely track needs of families at risk of homelessness and prioritize families most in need. We also continue to provide input to end homelessness, and our Board of Directors is very active on advocacy issues and often provided input to government officials and senior management on topics including domestic violence, member conduct, and the importance of continuing education and addressing poverty.

Youth in YWCA programs continue to amaze and inspire. The Youth Council held a 'Thing Big, Look Back' event where they highlighted women in the community. Dudes Club and GirlSpace also continue to be popular and this year we added on-the-land activities, more outings and other traditional activities.

YWCA NWT staff have continued to go above and beyond and demonstrate their commitment to the YWCA, their clients and the work that we do. We are proud to have several staff members who have dedicated 5, 10, 15 and even 20+ years to our organization. They play a key role in building a safe environment for women and families throughout the North.

This coming year promises to be an exciting one for the YWCA. Building a strong community is one of our main goals and we look forward to the exciting year ahead as we continue to advocate for and empower women and families. Our work would not be possible without a fantastic team of Board members, staff, community partners and generous donors. Thank you for working with us to make a difference, building our communities, and helping to keep women and families strong and resilient.

Sincerely,

Lyda Fuller, Executive Director
Janet Toner, President

YWCA By the Numbers

236 women stayed in family violence shelters with **222 children.**



Staff answered **2568 crisis calls** on 24/7 line.

82 women assisted with Emergency Protection Orders to help keep them safe.

29 families in short-term emergency housing.



174 children in transitional and emergency housing.

48 families given support in transitional housing.

Affordable after-school care provided for **288 children.**

18 women regaining independence at Lynn's Safe Place for Women.



YWCA NWT operates **2 family violence shelters.** **Less than 15%** of NWT communities have shelters. Of 33 communities in the NWT, **11 communities** have no RCMP detachments.

Roberta Jamieson inspired **170+ guests** at the YWCA Inspire luncheon.



80 youth gained confidence and leadership skills at GirlSpace and Dudes Club.



YWCA Programs and Services

Child and Youth Services

After-School Program

This licensed, affordable afterschool program is available for children ages 5 to 10 years old, at a cost of \$280 a month, at every school in Yellowknife. Programming is also offered for professional development days and March break.

Project Child Recovery

This proactive program promotes healthy coping strategies for children who witness abuse and ensures children and youth who have experienced violence receive the support and services they need to build self-esteem, manage anger constructively and explore what healthy relationships look like.

Dudes Club

Programming for this resiliency-focused leadership group includes physical activity, assertive communication, community service and media literacy. It is a safe place for boys to talk about the challenges they face as young people while providing outlets for them to learn about themselves and develop skills they can apply as they mature, and is free to participants.

GirlSpace

This leadership program provides a unique opportunity for girls to get together for fun, friendship and support and discuss issues they face. Groups meet weekly during the school year, at workshops throughout March break and summer, and at various outings and volunteer opportunities. GirlSpace is facilitated by a registered social worker and is free to participants.



GirlSpace offers many recreation and volunteer opportunities for youth

Family Violence Programs

Keeping women safe and providing women and children shelter from abuse is a key element of the YWCA's mandate. YWCA NWT offers two family violence shelters: Alison McAteer House in Yellowknife and Sutherland House in Fort Smith. These shelters are open to women and families who are fleeing family violence or have nowhere else to go. During their stay, staff provide crisis support, advocacy and help women identify options for a life free from abuse.

Alison McAteer House

Alison McAteer House is a 12-bed facility that is often full, with a waitlist. Women most often reported being abused emotionally or psychologically by their partner as reasons for stay. Physical abuse is the next most often reported complaint. On average, women stay less than a month.

Sutherland House

Sutherland House is an eight-bed shelter that provides both safety from violence and emergency housing for women. Women most often reported psychological and emotional abuse from a relative, followed by physical abuse and being unable to find housing as the reason they needed services. On average, women stay one to four weeks.



Rockhill Apartments: affordable transitional housing for families

Transitional Housing Programs

YWCA NWT offers emergency and transitional housing to women and families who would otherwise be homeless, living in overcrowded or unsafe conditions, or split up because of a lack of space. Both Rockhill and Lynn's Place have security and family support workers.

Programs and Services Continued

Family Housing, Rockhill apartments

Staff provide support to assist clients in acquiring skills that will enable them to stabilize their families and living situations, and move into permanent housing. Demand for this affordable, staff-supported housing is strong, and the wait list often tops 100 families.

Women's Safe Housing, Lynn's Place

Lynn's Place is an 18-unit building that provides safety for women, and women with children, who have experienced family violence. It is a transitional housing option where tenants pay affordable rent and residents are welcome to stay until their circumstances improve.



Lynn's Place has onsite security and support for women



Julie Green, MLA Yellowknife Centre, introduces Roberta Jamieson, CEO of Indspire, at the YWCA Inspire Luncheon



Members of the Royal Canadian Legion in Yellowknife drop off a truckload of toiletries for the YWCA annual toiletry drive



YWCA NWT is the largest provider of licensed child care in the NWT



Dudes Club focuses on creating strong and resilient young leaders

YWCA 50th Anniversary



Yellowknives Dene Drummers opened the celebration with a prayer and got the crowd dancing with drum songs



On a sunny Saturday on September 17, 2016, YWCA NWT celebrated our 50-year anniversary of making a difference to families in the North. Clients, donors, community partners, staff and friends came together for a family-fun day with music, balloon animals, circus acts and delicious a delicious lunch and bannock lovingly made by staff and clients of YWCA NWT.



YWCA Canada CEO Paulette Senior, Yellowknife Mayor Mark Heyck, YWCA NWT Executive Director Lyda Fuller, and Minister Caroline Cochrane enjoy the festivities



The crowd enjoying entertainment and goodies

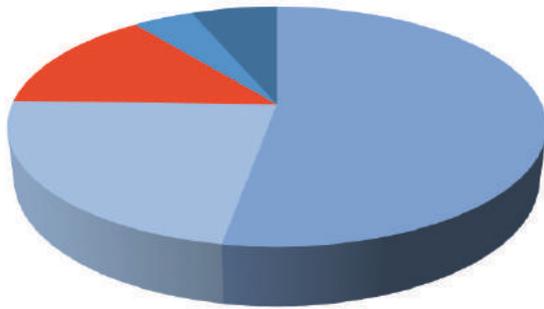


Many families came out to enjoy the sunshine, kids' activities and entertainment



Staff, board members and volunteers at the 50th Anniversary

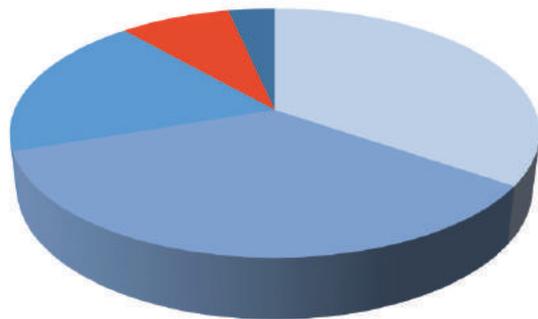
Revenue and Expenses



- Government Grants & Service Contracts
- Rental (Homes & Apartments)
- Program Fees
- Donations
- Administration (generated from our programs)

Revenue

Government Grants & Service Contracts	\$2,427,162	53%
Rental (Homes & Apartments)	\$1,048,258	23%
Program Fees	\$643,816	14%
Donations	\$201,075	4%
Other	-\$517	0%
Administration (generated from our programs)	\$282,995	6%
Total	\$4,602,789	100%



- Family Violence Prevention Programs
- Housing Programs
- Child & Youth Services
- Administration
- Other (Specific Projects)

Expenses

Family Violence Prevention Programs	\$1,467,511	35%
Housing Programs	\$1,489,246	35%
Child & Youth Services	\$797,665	19%
Administration	\$342,294	8%
Other (specific projects)	\$143,738	3%
Total	\$4,240,454	100%

YWCA Leadership

Board of Directors

Janet Toner, President	Brianne Timpson
Kayla Cooper, Vice-president	Kristy Thorpe
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