



# **BANFF AVENUE COMMUNITY HOUSE**

**A look back on 2019**

# Working Together For A Better Tomorrow



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**The Mission of the Banff Avenue Community House is to provide a safe place where families, children & youth can access supportive programs and opportunities to strengthen their community**

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## Goals of Community House



- Connect people to services and programs they identify as important to them
- Foster positive connections between neighbours
- Advance partnerships to benefit the community
- Support residents to be involved in different ways



**Sylvie Manser**, Executive Director  
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**Vilda Simpson**, Program Leader  
**Susanne Clayton**, Community Custodian  
**Muslima Abdullayeva**, Program Leader  
**Lea Shandwe**, Program Leader

**SUMMER Program Leaders:** Fatima Abdardri, Ayak Akeg, Idir Abozakhar, Messiah Alexander, Nadira Hashi, Paula Noun, Radma Abdi, Stephanie Hadjara

**STAFF**  
**2019**

# Volunteers

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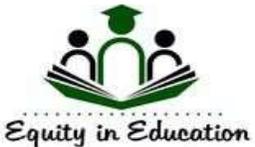
**39+ Volunteers**

**2225 Volunteer hours**

**Building Capacities**

**Neighbours helping  
neighbours**

# Contributors & Partners 2019



South-East Ottawa  
Community Health Centre  
Every One Matters.



Centre de santé communautaire  
du sud-est d'Ottawa  
Chaque personne compte.



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Community Engagement	Child/Youth Service	Food Security	Health & Well-Being	Connector Information & Referrals
Community Development Initiatives	Afterschool Programming	Foodbank Services	Mental Health	Information & Referral Services
Community Priorities	Linking Opportunities	Fruit & Vegetable Distribution	Social Recreation	Community Wide Initiatives
Family Activities	Peer/Mentor Groups	Healthy Snacks	Community Health Connections	Connector to Services
Adult Services	Ledbury-Banff Bursary	Community Cooking		
Volunteering	Employment & Education Supports			
Events	Youth Council			

## OUR CORE FUNCTIONS

Information & Referral  
Services



CONNECTORS

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, PRIORITIZING, FAMILY ACTIVITIES, NEIGHBOURHOOD EVENTS, CLOTHING



# *Banff Community House* Children's Programs

**Afterschool Programming**

**Summer Programs**

**Peer/Mentoring Groups**

**Local recreation**



# Measuring Success

88% Kids sustained their literacy levels

78% of kids said they enjoyed the healthy snacks

95% of participants felt the staff was a caring person

89% felt supported at Homework Club

23 kids reported they learned a new skill in STEM

91% like being involved in the CH programs



**61** CHILDREN/Y EACH DAY ARE PROVIDED WITH A HEALTHY SNACK IN THE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM thanks to Ottawa Food Bank-Kickstart & Maycourt Club of Ottawa



**41%** PERCENTAGE OF FOOD BANK CLIENTS ARE CHILDREN

# Food Security Is Essential



*Banff Community House*

# Youth Programs/Services

Equity in Education

Employment Supports

Youth Council

Ledbury-Banff's Bursary

Linking Opportunities



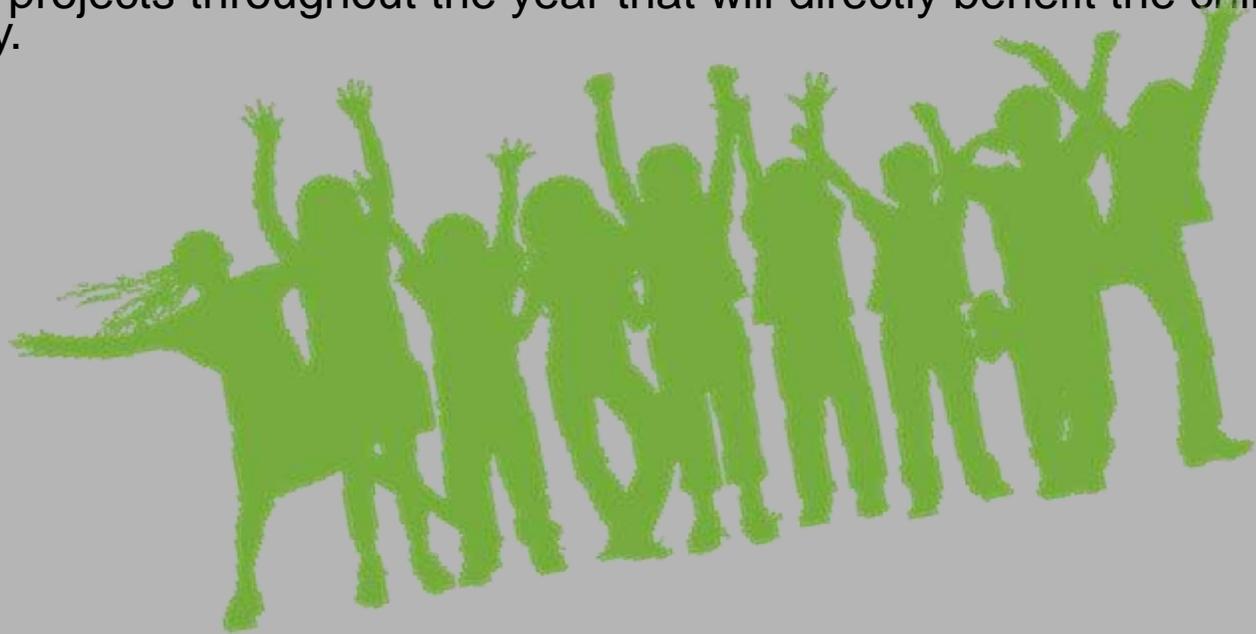


**Supporting  
Positive Youth  
Development**

# Youth Council OVERVIEW



- Youth Council runs on **Wednesdays** from **5:30-6:30pm**
- Youth Council is run by the youth within the Banff-Ledbury community. The Youth Council plans, fundraises for and implements various activities and projects throughout the year that will directly benefit the children, youth and families living in the community.
- **2019/2020 Members:**
  - **Magartu Roubbo**
  - **Asma Albadry**
  - **Abrar Albadry**
  - **Halie Goala**
  - **Reem Umer**
  - **Naeama Salim**
  - **Noor Salim**
- **Our 2019/2020 mission:**
  - Our mission is to host fun, safe and educational activities that will encourage children, youth and families from the neighborhood to become more actively involved in the community. For the 2019/2020 year, we want to plan and implement community wide events and fundraisers.



# Amazing Youth Race

- In October of 2019, the Youth Council competed in annual the Amazing Youth Race.
- They raced all over the city and discovered new youth organizations and competed in challenges.
- Each member won individual prizes!

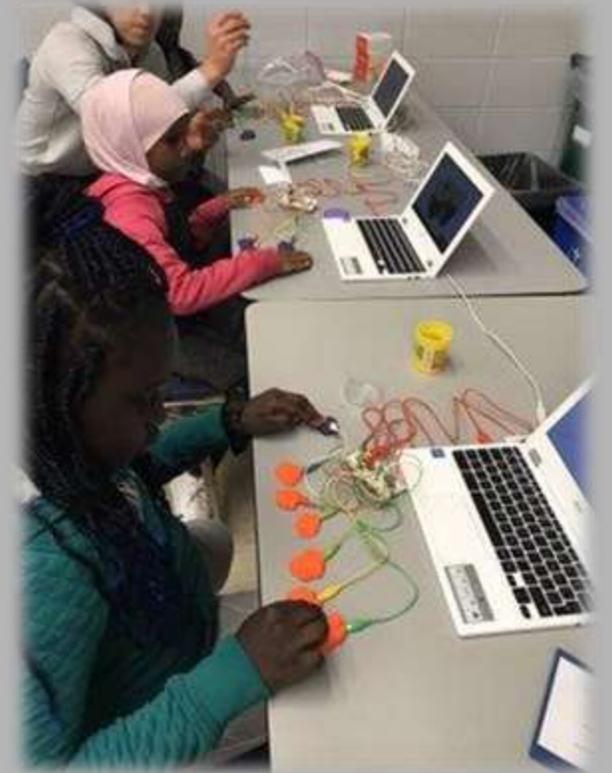




## A Conversation with Michelle Obama - October 2019

Our Youth Council celebrated “International Day of the Girl” by attending “A Conversation with Michelle Obama” during the Ottawa stop on her book tour.

# Makeit Club Fair –Nov 2019



**Our Youth Council helped out at the first annual Make iT Club Science fair. They ran activity stations, helped out with science projects and served lunch to all of the participants.**

# Holiday Dinner - December 2019



- Youth Council planned a holiday dinner for the children and families living in the community.
- Youth Council served dinner and planned and implemented winter themed games and a cookie decorating activity.



# Holiday Market - December 2019

Youth Council attended  
the first annual Ottawa  
Holiday Market at  
Lansdowne in December



# Upcoming Projects



Although our programming ended sooner than we thought it would due to COVID-19, Youth Council is still working hard on providing activities for children and youth in the neighbourhood while practicing social distancing through virtual connections.

Keep well & Stay safe everyone!

# How much did we do?

- Provided service to **422** individuals and made **42,094** contacts
- Connected with **91** households
- Provided **244** hours of tutoring services
- Implemented **7** community led initiatives and **15** community programs
- Provided **7** employment workshops and **7** employment opportunities
- Equipped **111** children with school supplies/backpacks



## How well did we do?

**93%** of respondents reported being very satisfied with our services

Participating at the Community House has been beneficial to **100%** of the respondents

**75%** of respondents felt more connected to their community as a result of participating in a community house program or service

Over **98%** of students sustained or improved their literacy levels throughout the summer

**17** preschoolers were ready for school in September

**17** pre-teens increased their knowledge through lifeskill discussions

**22** youth and adults played leadership roles

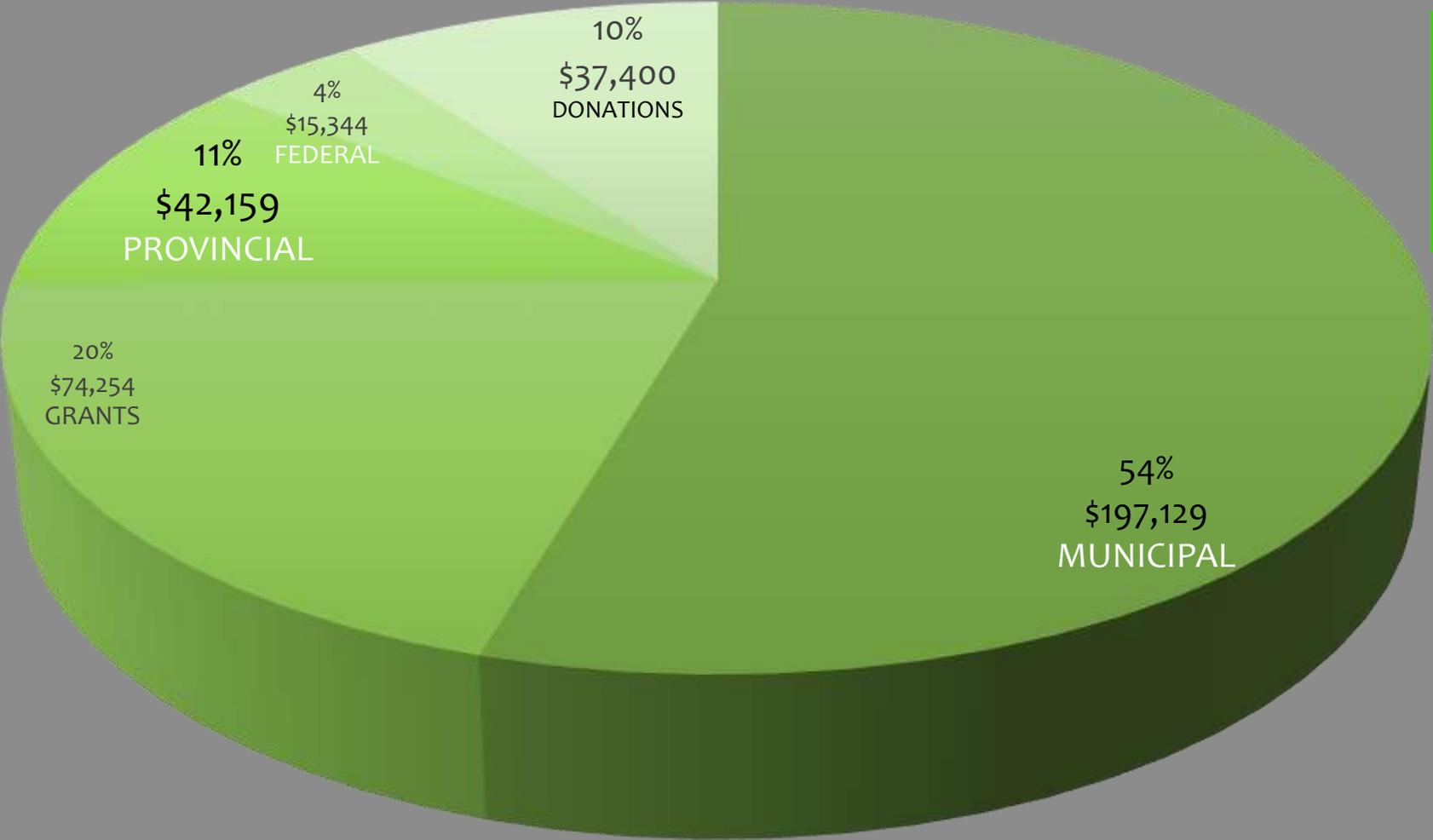
# 2020 Plans

- To stay connected; via phone calls, door knocks, outdoor activities
- To program differently; Door drop Activity kits, virtual tutoring and connections
- To ensure essential services continues; food services, access to clothing, small group programming





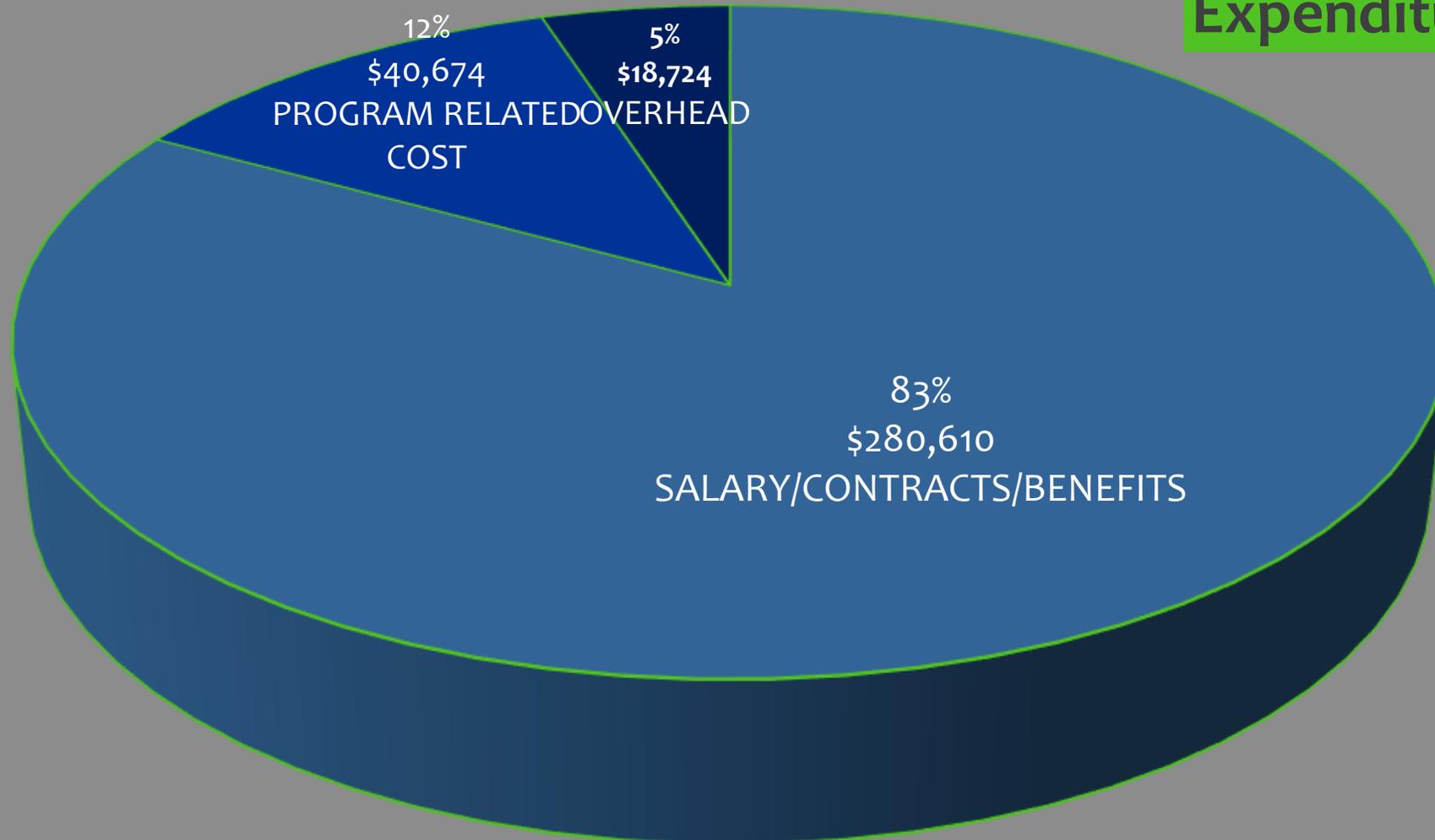
REVENUE \$367,605



Note:  
COALITION FUND  
MANAGEMENT  
\$212,618

Municipal Grants (United Way OCHFdn, ComFDN) Provincial Federal Donations

**Expenditures \$340,008**



■ Wages, salary, benefits

■ Program Related Costs

■ Overhead

# Balance Sheet

For 2019

**Net assets, beginning of year**

**\$74,030**

Net assets, end of year

**\$101,627**

Excess of revenues over expenses

**\$27,597**



Our commitment

is to continue to work together for a better tomorrow for all.