

A look back at 2018

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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**

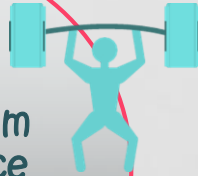
We envision a community where every person has opportunities to achieve personal success.

WE VALUE Integrity, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, Inclusiveness, and Opportunities.





Healthy
Families,
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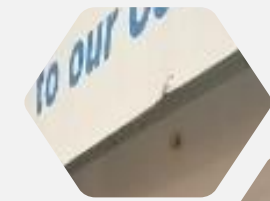
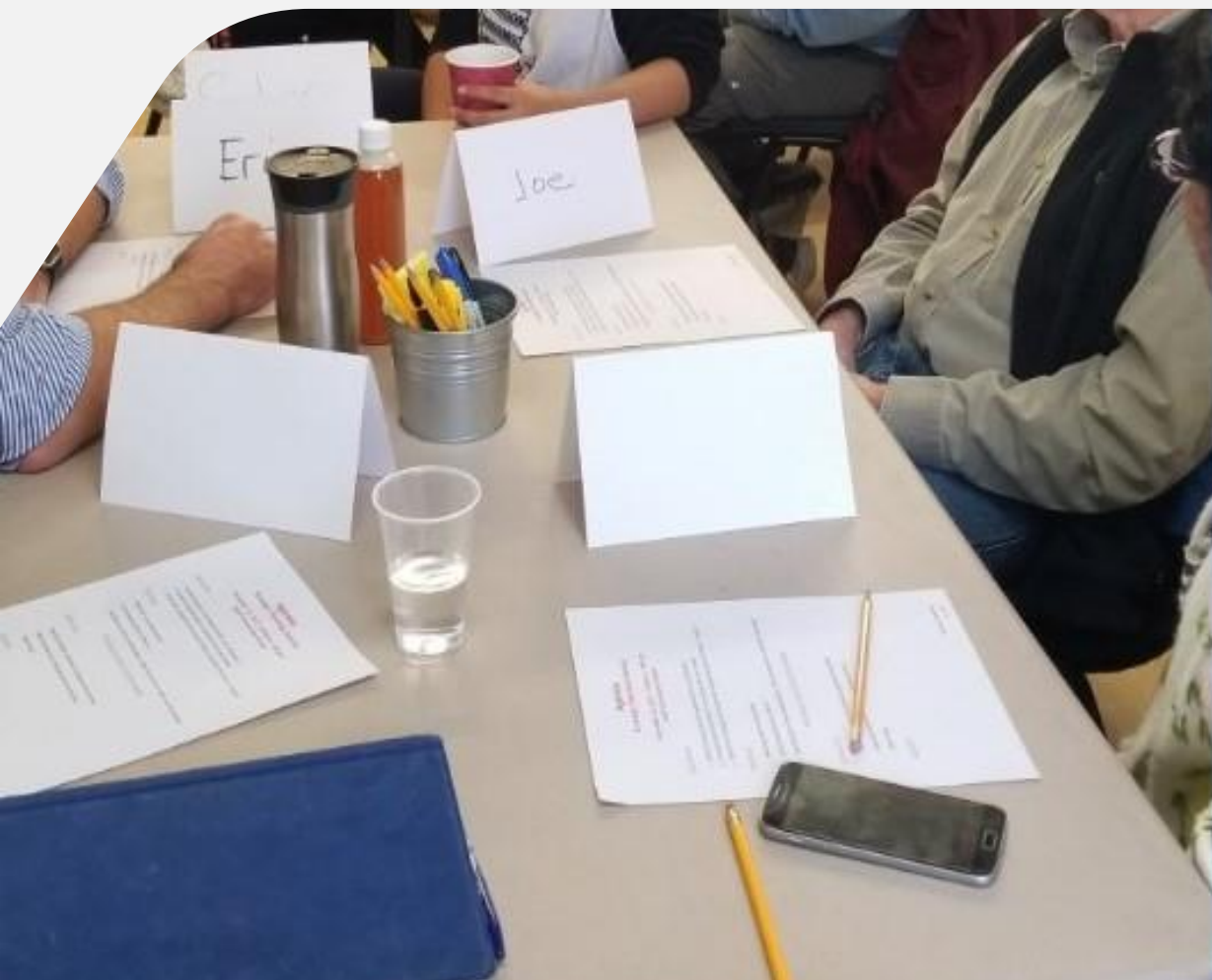
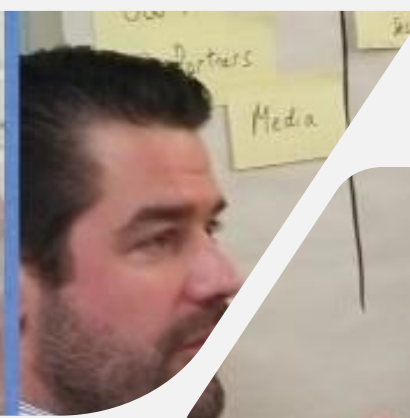


Strong Team
& Workplace



Thriving Kids
&
Youth

**Working
today for a
better
tomorrow**





A Team of dedicated Leaders



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| Alyssa Moore | Fanta Souare | Mohamed Abdillahi Ali |
| Amal Mader | Frantz Paul | Muslamahon Abdullayeva |
| Angelina Destrat | Gwendolyn Herring | Naeima Amara |
| Ayak Akeg | Hasefa Mirzayee | Roberto Ocon |
| Berns Thelusma | Heri Muhero Lukumbuzya | Safi Ebobo Mukuku Larose |
| Beth Tooley | John Paul Ocon | Sahar Mirzayee |
| Charlotte Locke | Jojo Abrokwah | Sarah Fraser-Smith |
| Christian Mugisha | Kayla Cuggy | Shelda Metellus |
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Caring, Compassion, and Commitment to Community

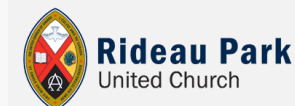
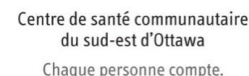


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Thank You to our many contributors

“Working
together for a
better
tomorrow”





Equity in Education



Our Neighbours

A Community-led approach



Our Promise

Is to work alongside residents, leaders, and partners for a better tomorrow.

HOW DO WE DO THIS?

- Provide capacity building activities, programs & services
- Engage & empower residents
- Gather feedback from all participants
- Prioritize together & Action Plan
- Assess progress and do it again!

2018 Identified Priorities

Issues affecting your community

Adults: Community safety
Youth: Youth Employment
Children: More sports

Identified activities for community

Adults: Cooking, Mother Day Spa
Children/Youth: Laser Tag & sports Tournament
Children: Jr. Guys Group

Family Activities with Community

*Trip Waterpark

*Mother, Daughter Activity





Partner Discussion on Community Safety

A JOINT EFFORT

Community Youth and adults joined in a process to identify goals they'd like to do to address community safety





Community Safety Plans

Lighting

- on pathways
- in parking lot
- front & back door

Suspicious or criminal activities in parking lots observed by tenants

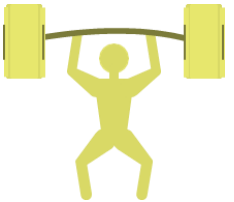
Some Action Items

Increase Community Policing
Peep holes for front doors
Backyard lighting



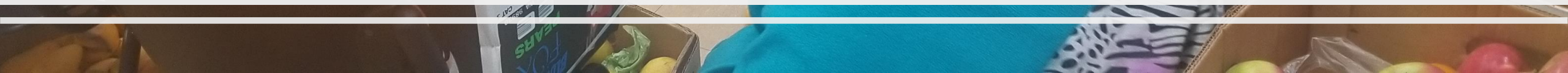
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Healthy Families, Healthy Community



Access to good food

82% of the families have increased their fruit/veggie consumption





EMERGENT NEEDS



Healthy Families, Healthy Community



Ottawa Food Bank
La Banque d'Alimentation d'Ottawa



Thriving Kids & Youth

One needs to be socially connected, feeling well, have access to healthy choices & being confident and accepted are the key ingredients to thriving.





Thriving Kids & Youth

Not just a homework club but a place where children belong, a place to learn, a place for opportunities, to meet friends and to have fun



THRIVING YOUTH

Building positive relationship, healthy active living and feeling confident and connected

YOUTH COUNCIL

2018/2019 Members:

- **Stephanie Hadjara**
- **Charles Gasesepe**
- **Ayak Akeg**
- **Frantz Paul**
- **Magartu Roubbo**

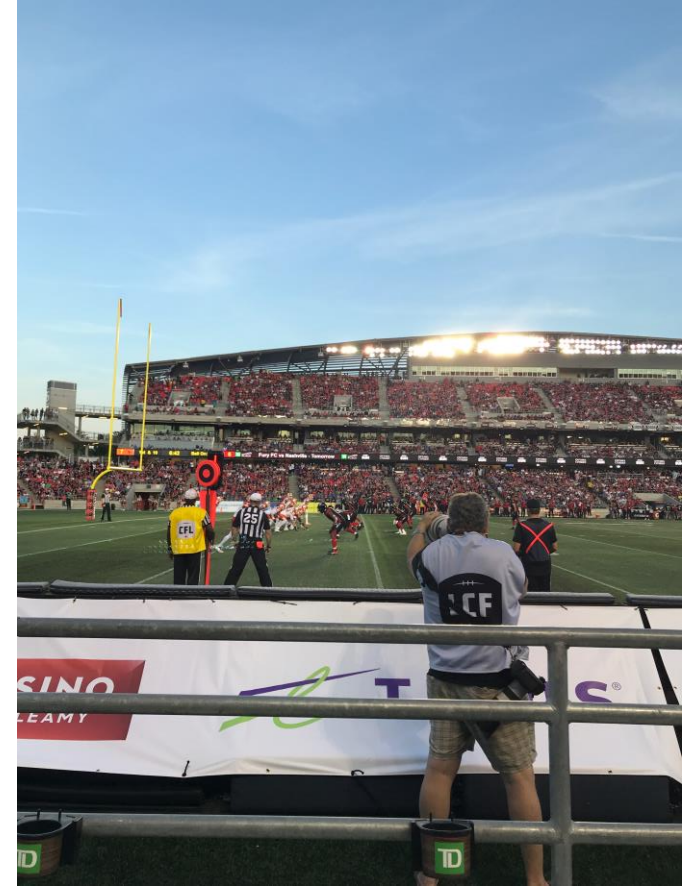
- Youth Council is run by the youth within the Banff-Ledbury community. The Youth Council plans, fundraises for and implements various activities and projects throughout the year that will directly benefit the children, youth and families living in the community.

Our 2018/2019 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 2018/2019 year, we want to plan and implement community wide events and fundraisers.



SUMMER 2018



Thanks to Kids Up Front, Youth Council was invited to watch a Redblacks game from the front row TD seats



RBC WORKSHOPS

- Our Youth Council and Youth Group participants were able to take part in small business workshops presented by RBC.
- RBC partnered with local small-business owners to teach the youth how to start their own businesses from the ground up.
- A few of our youth started their own landscaping business during Summer 2018 and transitioned into a snow removal business for the Winter.

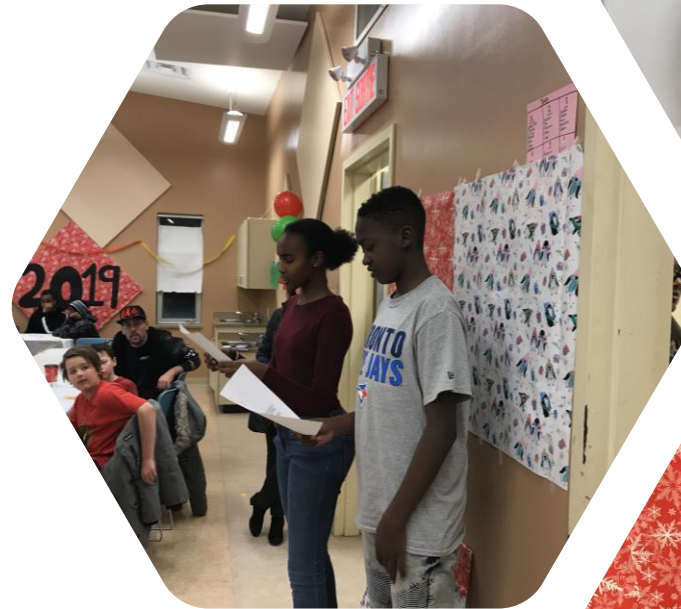


AMAZING YOUTH RACE

- In September of 2018, 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.
- We won the social media prize and received passes to Fun Haven!

COMMUNITY HOLIDAY DINNER

- Youth Council planned a holiday dinner for the children and families living in the neighbourhood to celebrate the end of 2018 before our Winter break
- Syrian Kitchen catered a delicious dinner and the youth served the community.
- Youth Council planned and implemented winter themed games and activities for the children



STOVE FUNDRAISER – SOUP OTTAWA



- In February of 2019 Youth Council applied to be a presenter at the Soup Ottawa Spring event.
- Soup Ottawa is recurring micro-grant participatory dinner event that happens quarterly. Presenters showcase projects that benefit their communities and people attending the event vote on which project should receive all of the proceeds form the event.
- Youth Council applied with the “Community Cooking corner” project and we were aiming to get a new stove for the Community House so that we could bring in new cooking programs for the neighbourhood.

SOUP OTTAWA – STOVE FUNDRAISER

- Youth Council put on a skit that immediately captivated the audience and the night ended in Soup Ottawa's first ever tie!
- We tied for first with another fantastic organization and we ended up losing by 1 vote when they redid the vote, but audience members loved the youth's presentation so much that they vowed to get us a new stove anyway. It should be arriving soon!



"Being a part of the Community House has taught me leadership and teamwork skills. Volunteering with youth council and working as a Junior Camp Leader for what's going to be my third year in a row has let me be a leader for the children and youth and has let me give back to my community." - **Frantz Paul**

How much did we do?

Thriving Kids
&
Youth

- Provided service to 406 individuals and made 46,512 contacts
- Reached 86 households
- Provided **234** hours of tutoring services
- Implemented **7** community led initiatives and **17** community programs
- Provided **7** employment workshops and 13 employment opportunities
- Provided **2 \$1000** Bursaries
- Equipped **124** children with school supplies/backpacks
- Provided **29000lbs** of fresh food to our neighbours



How well did we do?

89% of respondents reported being very satisfied with our services

Participating at the Community House has been beneficial to **78%** 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 **78%** of students sustained or improved their literacy levels throughout the summer

18 preschoolers were ready for school in September

19 pre-teens increased their knowledge through lifeskill discussions

2019 Priorities

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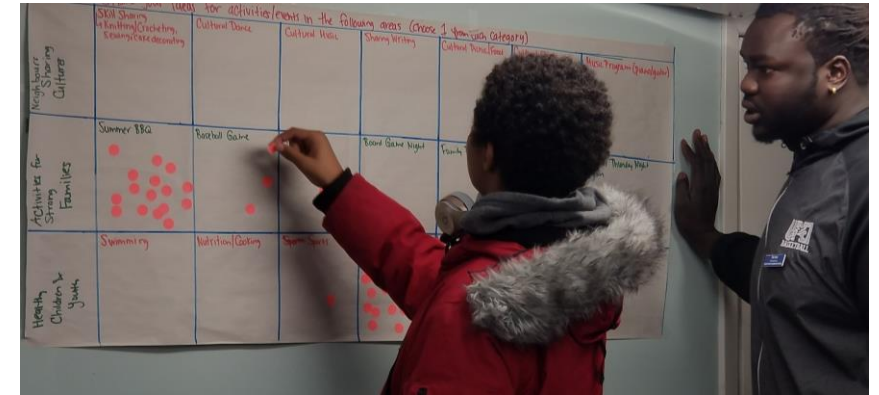
Adults: Community safety-- more police presence
Youth: Lack of access to affordable gym
Children: the community "looks dirty" cause of garbage

Identified activities for community

Adults: Swimming, Summer BBQ
Youth: Sports, Summer BBQ, Cooking
Children: Kids Group 6-9yrs, Cooking

Family Activities with Community

*Cultural Picnic, food, music *Family Trip Waterpark
 *Summer BBQ *Movie in Park

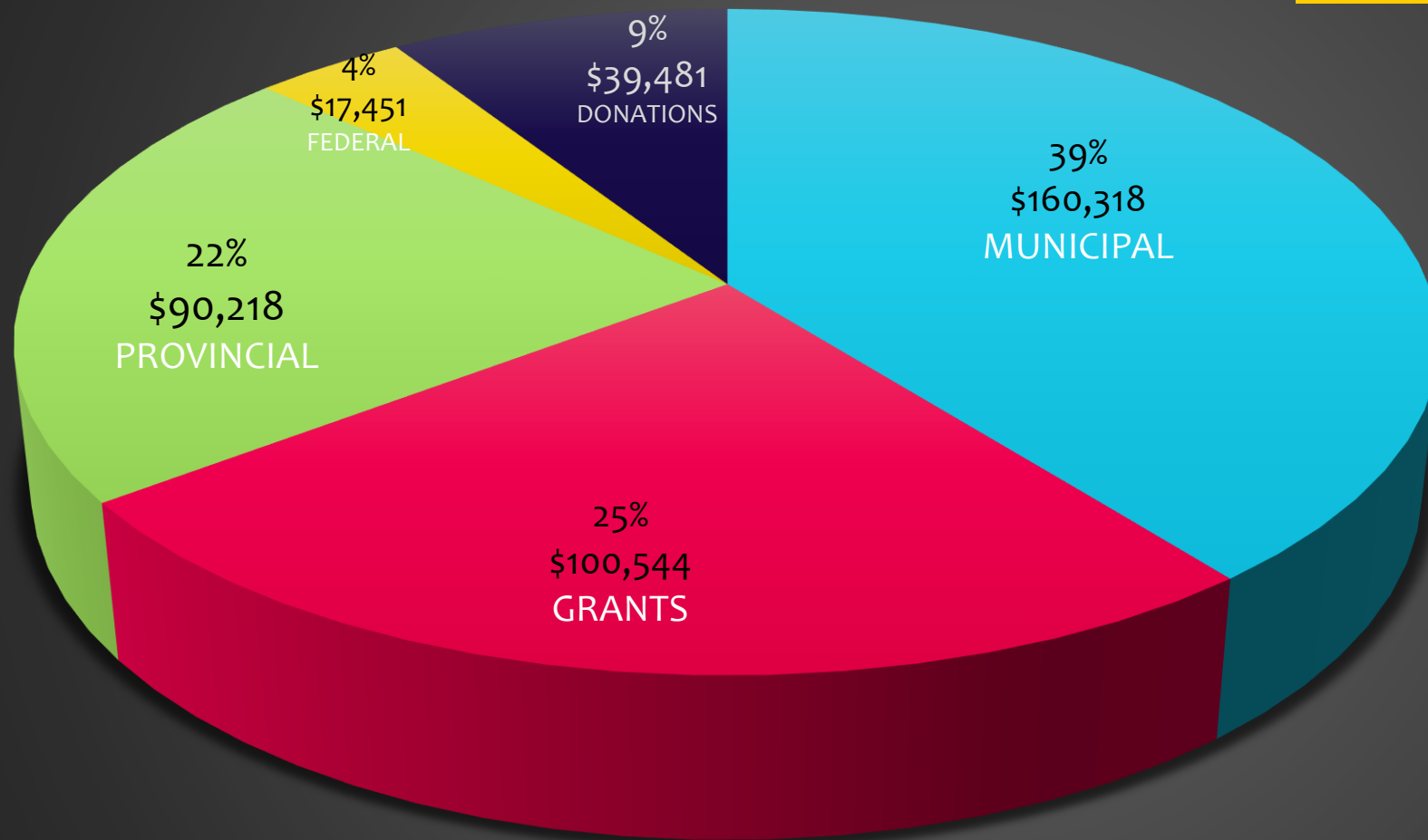


2018 Financial Review

Audited Financial Statements by BOYER & BOYER

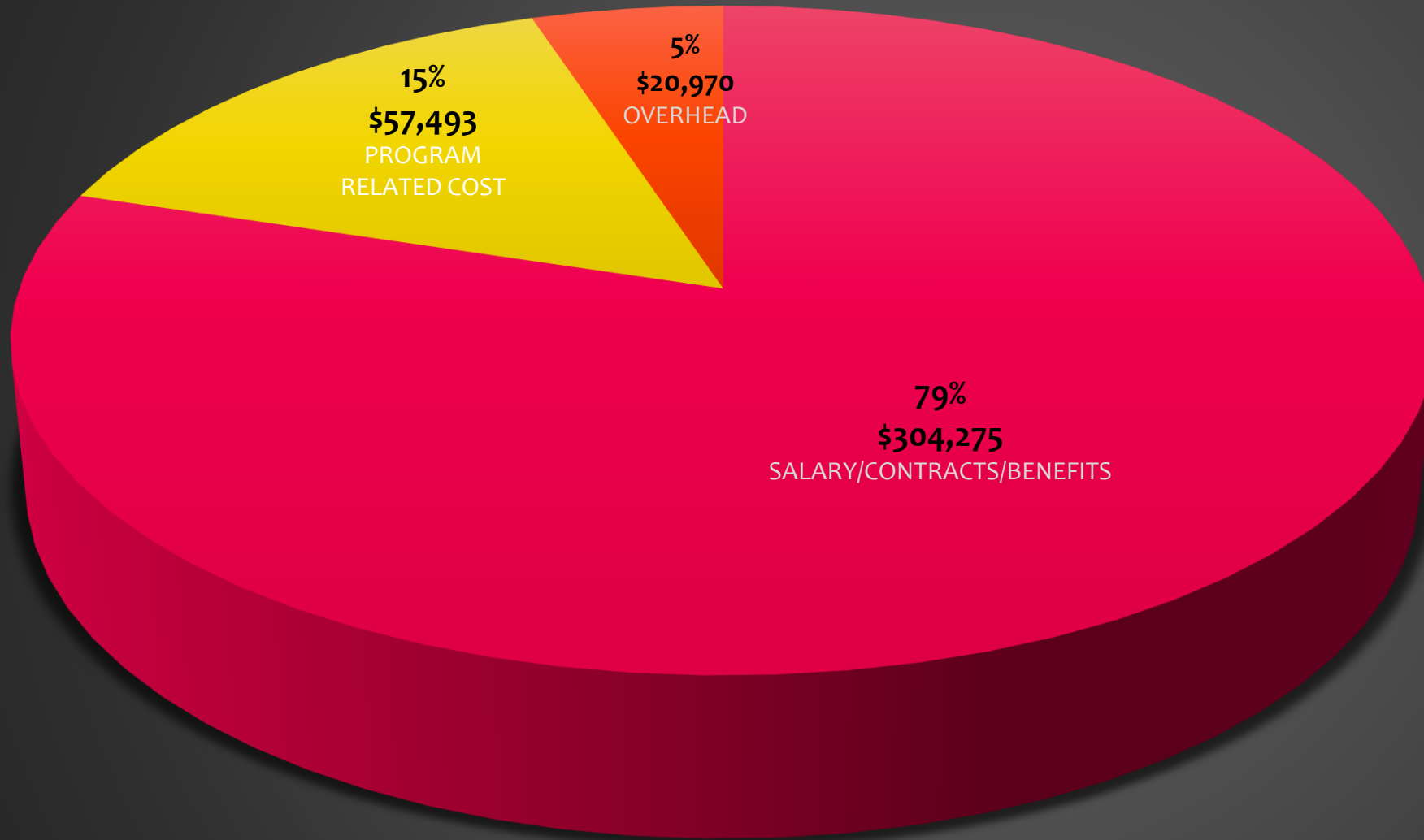
REVENUE **\$408,012**

Note:
COALITION FUND MANAGEMENT
\$241,461



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

Expenditures \$382,738



■ Wages, salary, benefits ■ Program Related Costs ■ Overhead

Our commitment

is to continue to work
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