

Annual
Report
2022

Crescent Valley Resource Centre



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President's Report

Our Mission

The CVRC supports families and individuals who are facing challenging life situations especially low incomes and social isolation. We are committed to providing programs and services that are accessible and inclusive for all and to providing the tools, resources, and necessary supports to foster self-sufficiency within the community.



This year we established an Executive Committee with terms of reference focused on support for the Executive Director and CVRC staff. We had three main areas of work:

Finances: Treasurer Ann Barrett took the lead in working with an accountant to review our process.

This provides documentation that can be shared with donors to give them confidence that we are a well-managed organization. It is important to acknowledge that it takes a great deal of work on the part of Ann, Anne and the staff to prepare applications for funding from multiple sources that keeps CVRC running.



Policy Review: The staff completed a review of the policy manual and provided suggestions for the Executive Committee to address. We are making policy improvements that we plan to bring to the Board in September.

Strategic Plan: This project is still outstanding and will be an issue to address in the coming year.

Thank you to the Board members and the Executive Committee members for their support of CVRC. As the community emerges from the COVID crisis, the increasing and varied demands for service at CVRC present a challenge to the staff. We offer a huge thank you to Executive Director Anne Driscoll and her staff for their commitment and hard work over the past year.

Roberta Clark
President CVRC 2022

Residents' Voices

What Our Programs Mean to the Community

“Thanks to you helping me make a resume I got a job. I’ve been there for a couple months now but after like two weeks they asked me if I wanted full-time and promoted me to key holder, so I’m full-time now. I’m doing really great thanks to you.”



Executive Director's Report

I am pleased to share our accomplishments from 2022. As pandemic restrictions eased, we welcomed more visitors to the centre and in-person community engagement increased.

We saw the positive impact the Neighbourhood Developer's work provided to the Centre and to the neighbourhood. We were able to give more in-depth assistance and support to residents and offer one-on-one emotional support to residents in need of extra guidance. In 2022 we experienced an increase in requests for assistance from individuals experiencing precarious housing or homelessness; a sign of the times - with the expectation that we'll be seeing more individuals and families in this situation. We also began providing harm reduction supplies to anyone requiring them. This partnership with Avenue B Harm Reduction Inc. helps us get needed supplies to the neighbourhood and marks us a safe space for people who use drugs.



Food Security is an ongoing concern for the residents we serve. Through partnerships and programs we help families trying to make ends meet. With programs such as Healthy Breakfast, Meal Makers, Emergency Food Packs, Food Purchasing Club, Summer Squad Snacks & Meals, Family Drop-in Playgroup snacks, The Growing Place Community Garden & Greenhouse, and the North End Food Bank Pilot Project we are doing what we can to ease the burden of high food costs.

The Growing Place Community Garden and Greenhouse is one of the neighbourhood's highlights. With outdoor and greenhouse plots, pollinator gardens and partnerships from around the city we are succeeding in putting fresh food on many household tables.

The Saint John Bike Share Program enjoyed continued success in 2022 with the hard work of Wayne King, our Bike Technician. The tragic loss of Wayne in November had a profound impact on the Centre and the neighbourhood, and he is missed every day.

Thank you to the volunteers leading our work - the Board of Directors. Their guidance and dedication keeps us grounded and on the right path. I also want to mention my co-workers at CVRC. They remain engaged, loyal to our mission, efficient and resilient. Joy Comeau, Laila ElBaghdadi, Justin Shepard, and Rachel Milne work tirelessly to bring quality programs to the neighbourhood. By listening to residents and respecting their opinions they create a safe and welcoming space for all. We were sorry to say good-bye to Joy Comeau after many years of committed and caring community work. We wish her all the best in her retirement.

We have much to celebrate at the CVRC and in the neighbourhood. Thank you to all who supported us and worked with us in 2022.

Anne Driscoll,
Executive Director

Staff 2022

Anne Driscoll - Executive Director
Joy Comeau - Community Liaison
Laila ElBaghdadi - Community
Engagement Coordinator
Justin Shepard - Community
Engagement Coordinator
Wayne King - SJ Bike Share Technician
Rachel Milne - Neighbourhood Developer

Summer Staff:

Annaleise Nylen
Sarah Hetherington
Sophie Larsen
Jenna McEachern
Kirsten Hurley
Ausstyn Madill
Michaela Matheson

Board of Directors 2022

Ann Barrett - Treasurer
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The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Wolastoqiyik, Wəlastəkewiyik / Maliseet whose ancestors along with the Mi'Kmaq / Mi'kmaw and Passamaquoddy / Peskotomuhkati Tribes / Nations signed Peace and Friendship Treaties with the British Crown in the 1700s.

Residents' Voices

What Our Programs Mean to the Community

"I like the fact that we have the Blue Building that is wanting to help and give resources to help and want to see what WE want out of it. That's something that means something, that you take our perspective into consideration."



Residents' Voices

What Our Programs Mean to the Community

"I really appreciate having you to bounce my thoughts off of.

It helps to validate what I'm feeling.
I'm so glad to have you as a support."

In 2022:

- 1057 take-out healthy breakfasts were served
- Meal Makers recipe packs offered five times with 39 participants
- Emergency Food Pack/food supplement program assisted 640 people
- As a Centre, purchased 18 Food Purchasing Club orders at no-charge
- 420 lunches/snacks provided to Summer Squad participants
- A total of 374.5 lbs of fresh produce was grown in four designated plots in the Growing Place Garden and donated to the North End Food Bank.
- A total of 2071 participants in food security programs, which represents approximately 2961 people fed
- 70 bikes were distributed, 59 bikes were rebuilt, and 390 small repairs and adjustments were made from the Crescent Valley location.
- 1451 participants in literacy-related events and activities such as activity books, giveaways, Summer Squad, resume building, community library, and seasonal events.



The CVRC receives funding and support from many caring individuals, organizations, and volunteers. We want to acknowledge the support of the following who are making it possible for the CVRC to provide a safe and welcoming centre in the heart of a vibrant and changing neighbourhood:

- NB Department of Social Development
- NB Children's Foundation
- Saint John Energy
- Emera New Brunswick
- The Community Foundation
- City of Saint John
- UCT Jack Kidd Council #755
- Port Saint John
- The Environmental Trust Fund
- Private donors and volunteers

The Crescent Valley Resource Centre, Inc. Income Statement - Dec 31,2022

Income

Donations	Receipted	\$	71,213
	Unreceipted	\$	15,726
	Charities	\$	98,187
Government	Federal	\$	19,245
	Provincial	\$	98,118
	Municipal	\$	23,500
Other	Miscellaneous	\$	1,314
Total income		\$	327,303

Expenses

	Salaries/ Employer Exp.	\$	284,733
	Office	\$	14,245
	Insurance	\$	5,277
	Program Expenses	\$	39,416
Total expense		\$	343,671

Net Operational Income **\$ (16,368)**

The Crescent Valley Resource Centre, Inc. Balance Sheet As of Dec. 31,2022

Assets

Current Assets

Bank Account	\$	253,146
Petty Cash / Gift Cards	\$	3,784
HST Accrued	\$	1,056

Total Assets **\$ 257,986**

Liabilities & Equity

Current Liabilities

VISA	\$	2,097
Whittaker & Estrabrooks	\$	1,500

Equity

Restricted Funds - Parks	\$	14,580
Restricted Funds - Friars	\$	20,302
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$	235,875
Net Income	\$	(16,368)

Total Liabilities & Equity **\$ 257,986**

Note: In addition to the shown Restricted Funds there is a substantial amount restricted for various programs.