



Working Together for Change at the Provincial Level

Women's Centre staff attended **Conferences, Workshops and Events** that relate to our work. Some of the events we attended this past year were:

- ♀ **Indigenous Women's Community Leadership Program**, Coady International Institute, welcoming of participants. May 2011.
- ♀ **Affordable Housing Association of Nova Scotia information sessions**. Grant Wanzel, President, presented an overview of findings from the 2009-2010 eight community consultation sessions conducted by AHANS to gather feedback and input from stakeholders to inform the development of a Housing Strategy for Nova Scotia. June 2011.
- ♀ **A Conversation on Social Enterprise Strategy Development**. Nova Scotia Department of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism together with the Federation of Community Organizations hosted a dialogue on the role of the non-profit sector in the sustainable development of social enterprise in Nova Scotia. June 2011.
- ♀ **Food Policy Change 101** workshop facilitated by **Activating Change Together for Community Food Security Policy Working Group**. The workshop introduced concepts and tools being developed by the working group for exciting discussion and reflection about the state of food, agriculture and fisheries policies in Nova Scotia. July 2011
- ♀ **Eating Disorders, Race and Gender** Webinar, hosted by **Canadian Women's Health Network** and the **National Eating Disorder Information Centre** with speaker Jill Andrew. September 2011.
- ♀ **Broadening Our Horizons** conference, **Pictou County Women's Centre**. A two day conference for women's centres that focused on inclusion and diversity; social enterprise; and strategic planning. October 2011.
- ♀ **First Nations History, Truth and Reconciliation** presentation by Mi'Kmaq Elder, **Dr. Daniel Paul** sponsored by the StFX Human Rights and Equity Advisor's Office, the StFX Aboriginal Student Advisor's Office and the Aboriginal Rights Coalition Atlantic. November 2011.
- ♀ **Human Trafficking: Towards Preparedness and Response in Nova Scotia**, sponsored by the **Nova Scotia Inter-Agency Group on Human Trafficking (NSIGHT)**. Keynote speaker, Jacqui Linder, Chrysalis Network, provided information about the face and prevalence of human trafficking for the purposes of labour exploitation and sex exploitation. November 2011.
- ♀ **ConsentFEST 2011**, a workshop by **Jacklyn Friedman** on education about healthy authentic sexuality organized by a collaboration of women's centres and services in Halifax. December 2011.

Take Back the Night march with STFX students





Funding Support

The work we do at the Antigonish Women's Resource Centre would not be possible without the support of our community and without the support of the foundations and departments of government that provide us with funding.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL WHO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR OUR SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

Direct Services are funded by:

- Nova Scotia Department of Community Services
- Guysborough Antigonish Strait Health Authority (GASHA)
- community donations

Justice Matters for Women is funded by:

- Law Foundation of Nova Scotia

Healthy Relationships for Youth Program is funded by:

- Canadian Women's Foundation
- Nova Scotia Department of Justice
- Telus

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program is funded by:

- Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness through GASHA

Resisting Violence: Rural Women and Girls Take Action is funded by:

- Status of Women Canada Women's Community Fund

Baby Steps is funded by:

- YWCA Halifax

Money Matters is funded by:

- TD Financial Literacy Fund

Poverty Reduction Begins with Each of Us is funded by:

- Bergengren Credit Union
- Agriculture and Agri-food Canada, Rural and Cooperatives Secretariat
- Antigonish Town and County Community Health Board

Antigonish Affordable Housing Project is funded by:

- Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia Rural Innovation Fund

Supporting Women's Journey toward Wellness is funded by:

- IWK Community Grants Fund
- Strait Richmond Community Health Board

Summer Students positions are funded by:

- HRSDC Summer Jobs Program
- Nova Scotia Department of Economic & Rural Development and Tourism, Student Career Skills Development Program

Community Support

It is with the generous, ongoing support provided by our community that we are able to do all that we do.

♥ Thank you ♥
to

our many individual donors
and

Sisters of St. Martha
Antigonish Kinsmen Club
Canadian Auto Workers Social Justice Fund
Burke House & MacIsaac House, StFXU
Dana Mason, Public Health, GASHA
Mary Beth Carty for her Concert



Financial Overview

Overview of Finances

This year the Finance Department was very busy with the Women's Centre's Finances, which include the SANE program, as well as seven projects. Core funding received from the Department of Community Services, used to run the day to day operations of the Centre, remained consistent with last year at \$187,478. The Centre continues to benefit from a supportive community, receiving funds through the annual direct mail campaign along with general donations from individuals and other organizations. The Center received a community funding grant from the IWK this year to help establish a women's centre in the Strait Area.

GASHA continues to support our direct service work with a contribution of \$220,000 to operate the SANE Program as well as \$50,000 to help resource our women's support services. Through GASHA, the Richmond Community Health Board provided \$1,500 to help towards the women's center pilot project in the Strait. We are always grateful to be in a position to hire students in the summer. Once again we secured funding for two students, one through the HRSDC, Summer Jobs Program and one through the Nova Scotia Department of Economic & Rural Development and Tourism. (See Figure #1)



Jackie Jacques,

This year the AWRC & SASA was able to secure an additional \$118,333 in funding for three new projects. (See Figure #2). Nova Scotia Rural Communities Foundation has provided funds for a one year project looking at affordable housing in the local area. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada has contributed to a one year project focusing on Poverty Reduction. Toronto Dominion Financial Literacy Fund is supporting a two year project aimed at increasing financial literacy in the community. We are very fortunate to have the Nova Scotia Law Foundation continue to provide funding for Justice Matters for Women. The Healthy Relationships for Youth Project completed an additional year with the extended funding it received from the Canadian Women's Foundation as well as the Nova Scotia Department of Justice, Lighthouse Grant. HRY was fortunate to receive a donation of \$20,000 from TELUS. The SWC Resisting Violence project is in the second year of its funding. The YWCA funding for the Baby Steps Program ended February of 2012.

The Women's Centre's financial office continues to be busy. Financial information and budget reports were completed and submitted as required by the respective funding agencies. With the purchase of a new computer this past year our financial office looks forward to the challenge of becoming proficient with the upgraded operating system and accounting software.

- Jackie Jacques

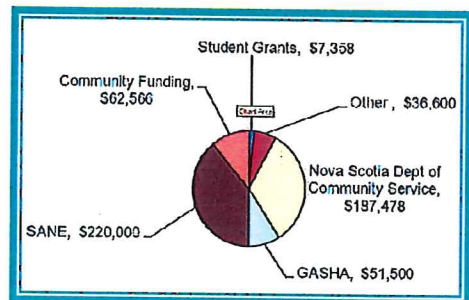


Figure 1: Direct Services Funding

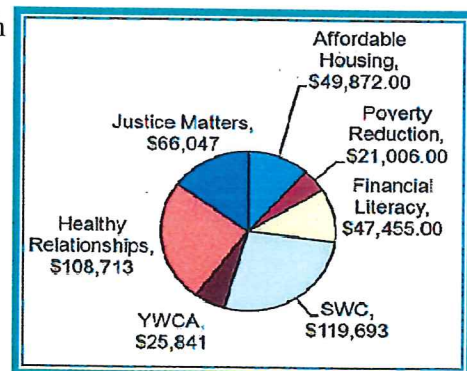


Figure 2: Project Funding

A more detailed accounting of AWRC & SASA finances is available in our audited financial report



The Women Behind The Work 2011-2012

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Lucille Harper

Bookkeeper/Admin Assistant

Jackie Jaques

Direct Services

♀ Women's Services Coordinator:

Vangie Babin

Tiffany Hargreaves

Shayla Mootz

♀ Women's Support Workers:

Amanda Workman

Krista DeCoste

♀ Summer Students:

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Jillian Hennick

Tiffany Hargreaves

Justice Matters for Women

♀ Rural Outreach Coordinator:

Megan Fogarty

Mica Francis

Healthy Relationships for Youth Program

♀ Program Coordinator:

Julie Stinson

Resisting Violence: Rural Women and Girls Take Action Project

♀ Project Coordinator:

Betsy MacDonald

BabySteps Program

♀ Project Coordinator:

Tara Sutherland

Money Matters

♀ Project Coordinator:

Tara Sutherland

Poverty Reduction Begins with Each of Us

♀ Project Coordinator:

Paula Cameron

Antigonish Affordable Housing Project

♀ Project Coordinator:

Katherine Reed

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program

♀ Program Coordinator:

Angela Fougere

♀ SANE Nurses:

Mena Enxuga

Felicia Farmer

Laurie Garden

Marlene Graham

Marilyn Grant

Shauna Grant-Smith

Sherry Jackson

Jocelyn Landry

Lynn MacDonald

Michelle MacDonald

Patricia MacKenzie

Kim MacPherson

Suzanne Munroe

Amy Murphy

Cindy O'Halloran

Lindsay's Health Centre for Women

♀ Physician:

Daphne MacLean

♀ Nurse Practitioner:

Connie Venedam Marchand

♀ Staff from Addictions Services:

Esther MacDonnell

♀ Staff from Mental Health Services:

Jean Crosby



Visionary Women

Our Board of Directors

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Volunteers with the Women's Centre

It is only through the work of our volunteers that we are able to accomplish all that we do.

This year a dedicated group of women and men as well as a group of enthusiastic and committed students helped with

- ✓ office support
- ✓ the preparation of income tax returns
- ✓ fundraising
- ✓ library maintenance
- ✓ facilitating programs
- ✓ organizing events

Antigonish Women of Note

Mary Gorman, environmental protector and activist won the Canadian Green Hero award for her work to protect the Gulf of Saint Lawrence from offshore oil and gas development.

Missing Our Friends

We were sad this year to lose a dear friend this year.

February 14, 2012, **Evelyn Lindsey** passed away. Evelyn understood the power of community to make change. She served as the first chairperson of the Antigonish Town and County Community Health Board. She championed the development of the Health Board's Community Health Impact



Mary Gorman, holding the flag designed by David Suzuki honoring activism to protect the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

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