

2021-22

# ANNUAL REPORT

Empowering Women & Their Families – Everyday

# A Message from our Board President and Executive Director

Continuing to embrace innovation, creativity, and excellence, we are proud to present the 2021-22 annual report, which highlights just a few of YWCA St. Thomas-Elgin's many achievements from the past fiscal year.

YWCA St. Thomas-Elgin continued our commitment to providing affordable housing with supports to youth, women and men in our community. We made significant progress with our new affordable housing expansion "Project Tiny Hope" in partnership with Doug Tarry Homes and Sanctuary Homes. We were able to successfully remediate a brownfield property located at 21 Kains Street in downtown St. Thomas with financial support and leadership from Doug Tarry Homes. This location will be home to a new YWCA housing program and offer affordable housing with supports for youth, women, men and families within the downtown core.

Our Next Step Supports program was accessed by 90 individuals across Elgin County experiencing homelessness or at risk of imminent homelessness, but with the safety net of this program folks were able to maintain or quickly access new housing.

We were pleased to see our Youth Independence Program transition from a pilot project to an ongoing core program for youth in risk. With an engaging curriculum this program focuses on life stabilization, prevention and skill development for youth in a group environment and with one-on-one supports.

As a leader in housing-based case management the YWCA continues to lead the implementation of the St. Thomas-Elgin Youth Homelessness Protocol. Building on this local system we are engaging a group of community stakeholders in a community development project focused on ending women-led family homelessness.

Last year we launched Uplift, providing women with the opportunity to reskill or upskill in areas of advanced manufacturing or data science.

Over the past year 28 women gained Lean Six Sigma training and access to wrap around services to support career development.

School Age Childcare continued to adapt and respond to the changing COVID environment with emergency childcare offered for essential workers during two school closures. We are proud of our team of educators who continue to show resilience and dedication to the children and families they serve with program quality and safety at the forefront.

We celebrated the long-term service of Marla Champion, past Executive Director as she moved into retirement. Marla brought a national YWCA perspective to a community level and grew the profile of the YWCA as a diverse multi-service agency providing core services across St. Thomas and Elgin County. Over her 28 years of leadership the YWCA gained a strengthened foundation creating opportunities for growth and expansion focused on building a healthy and vibrant community.

"It takes a village" has never been truer. The strength and success of the YWCA comes from the diverse support and engagement of our staff, community partners and funders. We wish to extend our gratitude to all the individuals, businesses and corporate donors who continued to step up and support us when we needed it most. Thank you to all our staff and volunteers who have shown great resilience and tenacity throughout the last year. They continuously reimaged service delivery and programming to ensure participants, residents and clients were supported and engaged.

We hope that you take the time to read about some of our highlights and achievements. We look forward to an impactful 2022-23 year ahead.



Lindsay Rice,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Carrie O'Brien,  
BOARD PRESIDENT



2021-22

## OUR MISSION

Providing leadership, advocacy, opportunities, and a voice.  
Empowering women and their families, every day!

## WE BELIEVE

### A Women's Perspective

Women must take leadership in shaping society's direction in order to achieve equity and equality for all women.

### Community Mindedness

Healthy communities, free from violence, racism, and other abuses of power, nurture the whole person. Individuals committed to equity advance the growth of such communities.

### The Whole Person

Strength, wisdom, and character come from the balanced development of the whole person in body, mind, and spirit.

### Global Interdependence

The world-wide struggle for equity and equality interconnects all women.

### Difference and Diversity

In order to achieve social and other forms of justice, we must embrace difference and diversity among peoples.

## Land Acknowledgement

YWCA St. Thomas-Elgin rests on the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe, Attiwoonderonk and Mississauga peoples. We are grateful to work on this land as we strive to build a more equitable and just community.

Executive  
Director



Lindsay Rice

Board  
Chair



Carrie O'Brien

### Board Members:



Susan Boehm



Helen Button



Sherene Casey



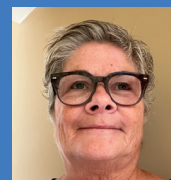
Ashley Dunn



Maria Fiallos



Claire Hinatsu



Pam Huber



Kat Jacobs

Absent:  
Linda Funk



Erin Woolley



# We are contributing to a welcoming and inclusive community.



More than

**200**

newcomers participated  
in Conversation Circles,  
Youth Club, and  
Group Sessions.



## Did you know?

YWCA supported newcomers from over

**25**

different countries of origin, speaking more than

**18**

languages.



**20**

local restaurants participated in Global Flavours highlighting local restaurant cultural diversity.

**32**

people participated in the Unity Walk celebrating diversity in St. Thomas-Elgin.

## Social Issue

The region is seeing a demographic shift as secondary migration is resulting in more diversity as people leave larger cities. Additionally, Canada is actively welcoming Afghan refugees and Ukrainian displaced persons bringing the importance of immigrant services to the forefront of peoples' minds. Immigrants to Canada require access to equitable supports to help them navigate their new communities. This group often has limited or no understanding of services they can access and can experience barriers including limited English language skills, limited access to transportation, and social isolation. Integrating into a community can be challenging, yet it is imperative to newcomers' settlement and the future success of our growing community.



**Diversity is our reality, and inclusion is a choice we make every day.**

## YWCA Response

Providing remote YWCA services was a challenge for everyone and the shift had a sizable impact on immigrants in the community who are already vulnerable to social isolation. Settlement staff responded by adapting services to meet the needs of clients and their families. Information was made available in multiple languages to ensure clients had access to up-to-date, accurate information about the rapidly changing COVID situation. Staff also delivered programming focused on building clients' language skills for daily life. The social connections that were fostered in youth and adult programming were critical in reducing social isolation and building safe and supportive networks. These networks helped clients return to in-person activities and classes with a positive outlook to re-engage with staff, peers, and volunteers.

Moving forward, and as the community grows, the YWCA Settlement Services will continue to develop initiatives that focus on promoting inclusion and the value of diversity.

**48**

newcomer youth were able to make new friends and learn new skills as part of the YWCA's Newcomer Youth Club.





# We offered quality childcare for local families.



**261**

children engaged  
in thoughtful play-  
based learning  
experiences.



## Did you know?

YWCAs are the second largest provider of licensed childcare in Canada.

We continuously advocate on a provincial and national level for investment in quality, affordable childcare that elevates the role of our exceptional staff.

# 51

School age childcare educators promoted Wellbeing, Engagement, Expression, and Belonging.

# 40

children accessed Emergency Childcare during mandated school closures.



## Social Issue

The pandemic and associated lockdowns made one thing clear – the need for quality childcare is greater than ever. Temporary closures, reduced enrolment and staff shortages made service delivery a challenge across the sector. Childcare is a key to gender equity, women's economic security and career opportunities. Additionally, children flourish in environments that are predictable, safe, and structured and the constant changes and adaptations throughout the pandemic made this goal a challenge to achieve.

## YWCA Response

The YWCA St. Thomas-Elgin overcame these challenges and harnessed opportunities through creative approaches lead by our dedicated staff. School Age Childcare continued to thrive and conquer changes within the sector. We are proud to share that we continued to surpass family and stakeholder expectations by innovating, uniting, and excelling in quality childcare services.

Before the end of the year the provincial government took a historic step in establishing the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care System. Leading to the potential of more affordable childcare, increased childcare spaces and wage subsidies in Ontario.





We responded  
to food security needs  
and reduced hunger.

**152**

individuals  
participated in  
programs that  
included food  
literacy.



## Did you know?

With the support of a Community Food Centres Canada grant the YWCA offered food literacy along with providing fresh food, prepared meals, pantry items and gift cards to build food security for youth, adults and families.



Elgin Gleaner volunteers harvested **8,680 lbs.** of produce from 8 local farms, providing food to 16 socially minded food service providers.

**12**

Kids Creative Cuisine cooking classes for kids and their families were offered.

## Social Issue

Over the course of the pandemic, we have seen a dramatic increase in food costs coupled with periods of decreased food availability. A growing number of women, youth and families are experiencing hunger and food insecurity. We hear too often that parents are forced to make the choice between paying for rent or buying groceries – most often it's the food budget that is diminished.

## YWCA Response

YWCA St. Thomas-Elgin knows that food security has a positive impact on someone's life and impacts everyone accessing our services. We increased access to food with doorstep delivery of fresh food, pantry items and grocery store gift cards to youth, adults and families. We provided access to healthy hot meals to residents on-site and in the community. Our food security initiatives were offered with dignity, respect and from the heart.

**910** healthy meals provided.

**516** collective meals prepared and shared together.



**We provided  
housing stability  
and prevented  
homelessness.**

**14,307**  
overnight  
stays within our  
housing  
programs.





## Did you know?

The YWCA has been providing housing in St. Thomas since 1928.

An average of **4** community referrals are made per individual through Housing Based Case Manager support.

**61**

individuals accessed our Housing Programs, as a Place to Call Home.

**153**

youth, women and men accessed intensive housing based case management.

**32**

youth and adults were diverted from homelessness by accessing YWCA rental supports.



## Social Issue

Like many cities across Canada, St. Thomas is experiencing a housing crisis. Rents have skyrocketed, availability has plummeted, and landlords continue to sell off rental properties leading our community to have fewer options for safe and affordable housing. Women and youth continue to be disproportionately impacted by the risks of homelessness including violence that often accompanies these experiences. Our community has seen an increased number of people experiencing precarious housing, couch surfing, sleeping rough and accessing shelter. As a newly registered community of Built for Zero Canada, last year 216 people identified as experiencing homelessness, with 120 of those are now stably housed.

## YWCA Response

The YWCA's long-standing housing programs for youth, women and men continue to be in demand. We remain focused on diversion from the system, rapid rehousing and intensive case management within a supportive environment. We work closely with our community partners to prevent and respond to youth experiencing homelessness with an intentional community protocol. Last year we celebrated the work of the Taking Action on Women's Homelessness Advisory Group where six community priorities were launched at a local Symposium. We also introduced a new community development initiative to create a community response to end women-led family homelessness. We work with a wide range of partners on improving housing stability for women, men, youth, and families as it takes an entire community to affect systemic change and even small changes can have profound impact on an individual's life.



# Lina's Story - The Impact of YWCA

Lina is a young woman of compassion, care, and concern. A true nurturer, with a warm heart, and ever so welcoming smile. The strong woman she is today has suffered through severe trauma, abuse, anxiety, and depression.

As a refugee to Canada, who spoke very little English, Lina managed to navigate her new world. She found herself at the steps of the YWCA Women's Residence after a relationship breakdown within her family.

The Women's Residence offered Lina a sense of safety and security. This Supportive Transitional Housing Program was the beginning of her healing journey. Together with her Housing Based Case Manager (HBCM), Lina began to set goals for herself, and move forward in life. Over time she secured employment, worked on her schooling, engaged in counseling to support her mental health, and became a Permanent Resident of Canada. It wasn't easy for Lina.

*“At times she wanted to give up, but with the support and encouragement of her worker she prevailed.”*

Lina later accepted the opportunity to become a Resident Advisor at Harmony House, one of the YWCA's Youth Homes. Lina shined in this role as a mentor to other youth, and her nurturing side flourished. Her strength and resilience was

contagious. She was famous for sharing her homecooked meals, her ability to provide comfort, and lighten up someone's day. Within this home Lina developed friendships that are sure to last a lifetime. Lina was a recipient of a Youth Award presented by the City of St. Thomas for her positive contribution to her community and the youth she mentors. Lina was honoured to receive this award, proud of her accomplishments, and the woman she had become.

Then the day came when Lina arrived at the YWCA main office with tears welled in her eyes. As the tears rolled down her face she announced that she had got her own apartment.

*“The tears were of joy and fear all at once...”*

She knew that she had developed the necessary skills and abilities to live on her own but questioned how she could ever repay the YWCA for all that they had done for her. She was forever grateful. Lina was reminded of all the wonderful things she had provided to the YWCA - her compassion, warm heart, welcoming smile, and nurturing character. In the end, Lina and her worker agreed upon having a pot of tea together in her new apartment, to say 'Thank You' to one another and celebrate Lina's new beginning.



# Brightening Lives. Building Community.



## Project Tiny Hope

Every day people in our community are faced with the unthinkable choice between buying food or paying for rent. Can you imagine being a parent having to make this decision? Often women and youth experience violence because they don't have a safe and affordable place to live. Experiences of couch surfing are on the rise for youth and women lead families. Project Tiny Hope is determined to be an agent of change for housing in our community.

The YWCA is proud to partner with Doug Tarry Homes and Sanctuary Homes who have been integral founding partners of Project Tiny Hope. With their generous financial contributions and industry leadership our collaboration is robust and best prepared to launch a new innovative approach to affordable housing. Last year we were able to remediate our land at 21 Kains

Street as the first key milestone in our new housing development.

The YWCA has been providing communal housing in St. Thomas since 1928. This model works well for many people but not all. Knowing this, the YWCA is excited to be introducing new independent housing options for individuals and families.

We will offer:

- ▶ Safe and affordable rental units built to net zero ready standard
- ▶ Supports and services tailored to the unique needs of each resident
- ▶ Compassionate landlord services
- ▶ Food and economic security programs
- ▶ Integrated health and wellness activities
- ▶ Community and family gathering spaces



*“Safe and stable housing is the foundation of a healthy and vibrant community. Project Tiny Hope will revitalize 21 Kains Street in the downtown core of St. Thomas and create a thriving community where youth, adults and families live and grow for years to come.”* Lindsay Rice, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**DONATE  
TODAY!**

**Tiny Homes.  
Big Vision.**





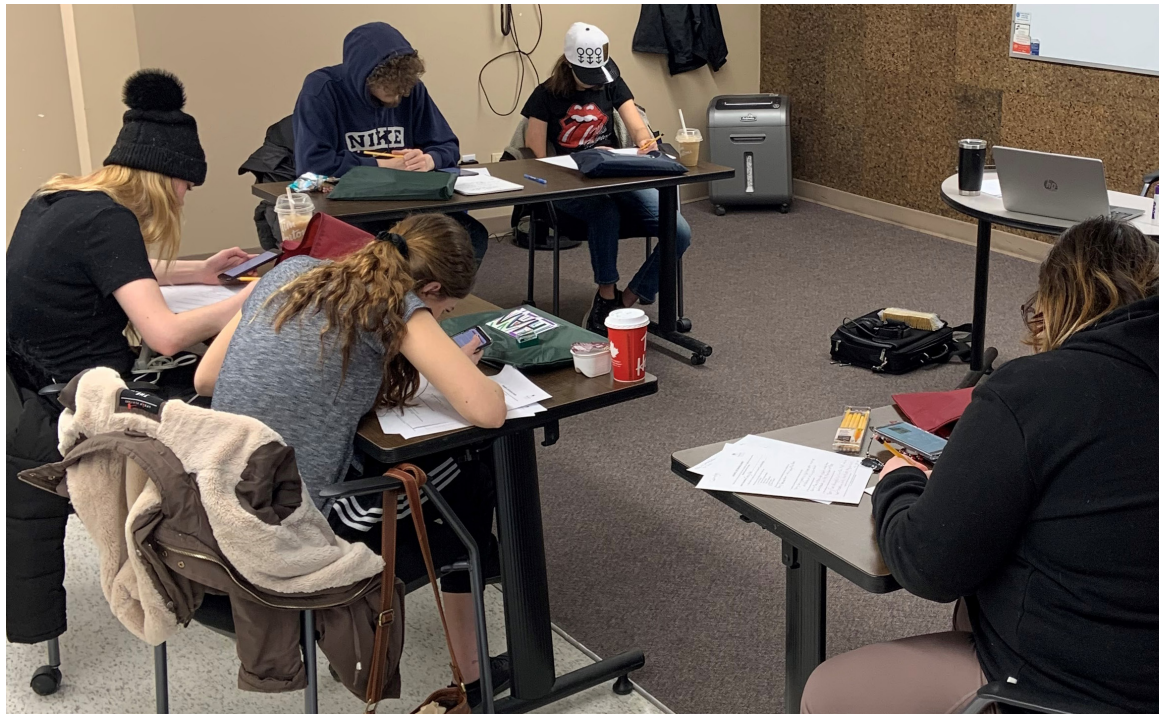
# We enhanced community connectedness.

Thank you  
to our talented  
volunteers with over

**2500**

hours of time  
contributed.





## Did you know?

28 folx with lived or living experience participated in our Art Expressions Project with a focus on experiences of family homelessness.

## Social Issue

When people live in socially connected communities, they are more likely to thrive. In fact, individuals who feel a sense of belonging and security have better health. People who don't feel connected are less inclined to act in healthy ways. Now more than ever, we understand the importance of human connection and people actively connecting.

*'It means a lot. My daughter loves fashion. Finding a dress she fell in love with was such a joyous moment for her. It means we can afford to do other things to celebrate her graduation now.'*

## YWCA Response

At the YWCA we believe our actions, ideas and work have the ability to affect the world around us in profound ways – big and small. We value the strength of a diverse community and believe in giving lots of different voices a chance to be heard and enable the sharing of ideas to craft innovative solutions to complex problems. Last year we delivered intensive programs for youth, women, men and gender diverse folx focused on life stabilization with wrap around supports and a focus on personal growth.

**54** communication devices including phones, laptops and tablets were provided to residents and clients.

**30**

women participated in Wellness Wednesdays at the YWCA.

**Get Gorgeous**  
— FOR GRAD —

**30**

teenagers left feeling their best after accessing YWCA's Get Gorgeous for Grad boutique.

**81**

sessions of counselling or mediation were supported by the YWCA.



The background of the entire page is a photograph of an outdoor swimming pool. The pool is surrounded by a fence and trees. In the foreground, there is a photograph of four children (two girls and two boys) wearing swim caps and goggles, cheering with their arms raised. The image is split diagonally: the top half is a solid purple color, and the bottom half is a solid light blue color. The text is overlaid on the purple section.

# We supported children to grow and thrive.

**104**

children  
participated  
in swimming  
lessons.



## Social Issue

A national study conducted in September 2021 identified children's mental health was on the decline with more severe and long-lasting impacts. The impacts of COVID 19 on children range from anxiety and depression to isolation and loneliness. Last year we saw education, sports, recreation, and leisure activities for children go on and offline in response to community safety during the pandemic. These times of disconnection put marginalized children at even greater risk for mental health concerns and diminished well-being.

## YWCA Response

Knowing this, the YWCA St. Thomas-Elgin continued to pivot and offered remote and in person programs for children to create safe and engaging opportunities for learning, having fun and spending time with peers.

- ▶ Children from 14 different communities attended YWCA
- ▶ Children's Programming such as Kids Creative Cuisine, Stay Safe and Babysitting Course
- ▶ 65 children engaged in skill building activities that build self-esteem with peers and caring adults

# 408

people accessed the pool for recreation, fun and togetherness.



## Social Issue

The aquatics sector has been significantly hard hit by the pandemic. Restrictions have led to precarious aquatic employment and limited training opportunities leading to growing workforce shortages. Our indoor pool rental facilities in Aylmer have been closed to program delivery for over 2 years now. The result is an increased risk of children, youth and families not gaining the lifesaving water safety skills that contribute to drowning prevention. As a community that runs along the Lake Erie shoreline, this risk is even greater.

## YWCA Response

The good news is the YWCA was able to offer swimming lessons and aquatics programming at the outdoor pool in Aylmer during the summer with the Town of Aylmer's valuable support.

Did you know?

According to the Canadian Drowning Prevention Coalition, the Elgin-Middlesex-London region saw a record number of drownings in 2021. Water safety education, swimming lessons and supervised swimming opportunities play a key role in drowning prevention and health promotion.

*...a huge shout out to YWCA pool staff! We just love it there. This is one of the best, most willing to adapt and learn, inclusive spaces... you all make a difference.*

(Summer Swim 2021, Participant Guardian)





**We created  
opportunities for  
workforce entry  
and advancement.**

Over  
**100**

people accessed the  
YWCA to receive valuable  
employment readiness  
and coaching  
services.





## Did you know?

The region's employers are experiencing shortages of computer programmers for gaming, robotics, and animation in this expanding sector. The YWCA joined other regional YWCAs to develop the UPLIFT program. It provides tuition and wrap-around supports for women to gain a variety of programming technical skills as well as professional soft skills to successfully enter this promising and rewarding field.

## Social Issue

The pandemic has shone a light on the inequities women and especially marginalized women face in the workplace. In 2021, RBC Economics reported that although women's participation in the labour market has improved since the pandemic first hit, the wage gap between women and men in comparable jobs has worsened. Not only are women earning less, but they also occupy fewer positions of leadership. This is particularly concerning because economic security is key to a person's safety and well-being.

## YWCA Response

Our education and employment programs are inclusive to skills training and upgrading, literacy, financial literacy, and life stabilization which directly respond to these challenges. We work to connect people to in-demand skills training, and opportunities to build confidence leading to jobs with fair wages.

**46** families were able to maintain employment or education with support from Provincial Childcare Subsidies.

**28**

women received training for technology, manufacturing, and construction.





# We are breaking the cycle of poverty and supporting life stabilization.

**14**

adults graduated  
from Getting  
Ahead Poverty  
Intervention  
Program.





**Did you know?**

27 youth were supported by our Youth in Transition Worker while transitioning into adulthood and working on life stabilization.

## Social Issue

Poverty is an urgent issue in our community with about 1 in 5 people struggling every day to make ends meet. This number translates to about 14,000 people locally - enough to fill seating at the Joe Thornton Arena about 7 times. Social Assistance rates have not increased since October 2018 and are significantly below the Low Income Cutoff. The key to reducing poverty is to unlock or disrupt the interconnected cause and effect factors that make poverty a complex and wicked problem. Poverty intervention strategies and programs are critical to building resources and opportunities for change, so everyone has a chance to reach their full potential and achieve good health and wellbeing.

*“Getting Ahead taught me I’m not alone, that there are others that want to do better with their life. It taught me how to manage money, support my children and most of all myself. I’ve learned to set small goals and achieve one at a time by progressively setting more difficult goals. I learned that our town has more value in it than anyone expected. Most of all I built my network of support.”*

## YWCA Response

There is no one-size-fits-all solution, so the YWCA takes an active role in moving the needle with multiple strategies that support our clients by giving them access to knowledge and skills they need to take control of their lives. This philosophy is put to action across all our programs whether it is a Literacy Class, a Getting Ahead program or our Youth Independence Program. The YWCA tailors supports and services so they reflect the individual strengths and needs of each person we work with.

**53**

adults experiencing poverty received intensive case management through Keep Moving Forward.

**80**

people were supported with transportation.

**19**

households received funds towards start up furniture.

**15**

young adults participated in the Youth Independence Program.



# Saying goodbye to Connections

After 14 years we made the difficult decision to close Connections at 302 Bridge Street in Port Stanley. Throughout the years we have had the wonderful experience of working with young adults obtaining job experience and committed volunteers who gave so much of their time assisting the YWCA. We also had the pleasure of connecting with many customers from near and far. We would like to say goodbye and a big thank you to all of you for your support! We are proud of the global impacts of the store and reflect fondly of the time in Port Stanley. We know that we could not have done it without our wonderful volunteers, some who were with us for more than 10 years.



## 2021-22 Financial Highlights

As of March 31, 2022

### Revenue and Expenditures

#### RECEIPTS

▶ Grants and Subsidies	\$2,774,941
▶ United Way Elgin Middlesex Grant	\$51,650
▶ Program Fees	\$498,945
▶ Donations and Event Proceeds	\$522,294
▶ Retail Sales	-\$8,705
▶ Residence Rent	\$195,786
▶ Investment Income	\$14,059
▶ Amortization of Deferred Capital Contributions	-\$395,280
▶ Deferred income decrease (increase)	-\$182,157

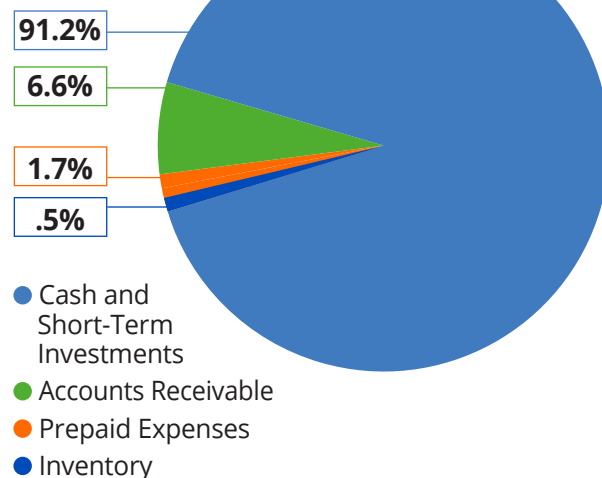
**TOTAL** **\$3,542,017**

#### EXPENSES

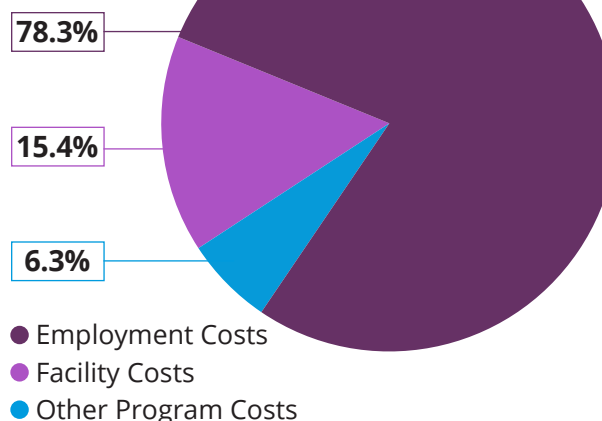
▶ Salaries and Benefits	\$2,727,981
▶ Professional Fees and Contracted Services	\$129,766
▶ Materials and Supplies	\$387,506
▶ Repairs and Maintenance	\$61,331
▶ Promotion and Publicity	\$12,602
▶ Professional Development	\$45,110
▶ Fundraising	\$6,431
▶ Office and Admin	\$72,777
▶ Service Charges and Bad Debt Expenses	\$9,413
▶ Amortization	\$88,587

**TOTAL** **\$3,541,504**

#### ASSETS



#### EXPENSES





# Community Development and Collaborations

The YWCA St. Thomas-Elgin continues to work towards common outcomes through partnerships and collective impact projects. Our participation on the following committees demonstrates our interest and ability to work collectively with community partners across St. Thomas and Elgin. Through broad cross sector coordination our reach and impact is greater together.

- ▶ Access to Affordable Housing Committee
- ▶ Aylmer-Elgin-St. Thomas Community Safety and Well-Being
- ▶ Built for Zero
- ▶ Community Action Network for Children & Youth Elgin
- ▶ Community Based Literacy Agencies
- ▶ Community Literacy of Ontario
- ▶ Community Partnership Committee for English Language Learning
- ▶ Coordinated Access (Adults & Youth)
- ▶ East Elgin Community Partners
- ▶ Elgin Alliance to End Violence
- ▶ Elgin Child Care
- ▶ Community of Practice for Leaders
- ▶ Elgin Childcare Senior Leadership Community of Practice
- ▶ Elgin Childcare School Age Educator Community of Practice
- ▶ Elgin Children's Network
- ▶ Elgin Council for Adult Education, Training, & Entrepreneurship
- ▶ Elgin Gleaners
- ▶ Elgin Middlesex Oxford Literacy Service Planning
- ▶ Elgin Professional Learning Committee
- ▶ Elgin St. Thomas Child Care Operators Network
- ▶ Elgin St. Thomas Coalition to End Poverty
- ▶ Elgin St. Thomas Drug Strategy
- ▶ Elgin Workforce Development Network
- ▶ Food For All
- ▶ Housing Stability Alliance
- ▶ Lives Lost Sub Committee
- ▶ London & Area Newcomer Orientation Partnership
- ▶ Rural and Remote Housing Community of Practice
- ▶ Settlement Worker in Schools Steering Committee
- ▶ Situation Table
- ▶ St. Thomas-Elgin Living Wage
- ▶ St. Thomas-Elgin Local Immigration Partnership Council
- ▶ St. Thomas Vulnerable Persons Advisory Group
- ▶ Strive Be Well Community of Practice
- ▶ Strive Outdoor Education Community of Practice
- ▶ Taking Action on Youth Homelessness
- ▶ TVDSB Child Care and Early Years Advisory Committee
- ▶ West Elgin Early Years Advisory Committee
- ▶ Women and Families Housing Stability Alliance
- ▶ Youth Engagement Committee
- ▶ Youth Task Team
- ▶ YWCA Ontario Coalition





어서 오십시오 **BITAEMO**  
**BIENVENUE** MALIGAYANG  
 PAGDATING  
**WELKOM** BOOZHOO  
*Karibu* स्वागत  
**WELCOME**  
 WITAMY  
 أهلا بك *Willkommen*  
**BIENVENIDOS** 欢迎  
 ស្វាគមន៍ *Välkommen*  
**SeJa Bem-vindo**





# Donors

## \$250,000+

Doug Tarry Limited

## \$50,000+

Don and Helen Black Fund  
Elgin Middlesex United Way

## \$10,000+

Don and Hazel Williams  
Charitable Foundation  
Estate of Marianne Barrie  
Laurie Thomas Nagge  
Libro Credit Union-London  
Margaret Carroll

## \$5000+

Canadian Tire St. Thomas  
Debbie Hamilton &  
Associates Ltd.  
GCW Custom Kitchens  
MP Custom Homes  
Port Stanley Lions Club  
The Sweetgrass Foundation  
Westminster Mutual  
Insurance Company

## \$2500+

Green Lane Community  
Trust  
Hayhoe Homes  
Masco Canada Ltd

## \$1000+

Aylmer Express Ltd  
Barb & Bruce Green  
Cam's Heating & Air  
Conditioning Inc  
Cindy & Dave Reid  
Deb & Carl Bagshaw  
Diana Charabin  
Don West Custom Homes  
EEYBC Bingo Lottery Trust  
Elgin Carpet One Floor &  
Home  
Knights of Columbus  
FATHER ERNIE DESLIPPE  
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Kyle Ewart  
Liz & David Currie  
Marla Champion\*  
Oegema Turkey Farms  
Park N Bowl Youth Bowlers

Association  
Presstran Industries  
Sara & David Teare  
Sharon Battley  
Sine Herold  
Southwestern Tax Service  
Susan & Joel Huber\*  
Talbot Trail Optimists Club  
The Forever Legacy  
Foundation

## \$500+

Allison Joseph  
Annie & Willie Luyks  
Beamish Landscape  
Services  
Capital Management Group  
Chris Holder  
Cindy Brown  
Cynthia St John\*  
Erica Arnett\*  
Fahd Ali  
Faith Baptist Church  
Fellowship Christian  
Reformed Church  
Goodwill's Used Cars  
Judy & Robert Upsdell  
Julia Kolb & Kirk Maltby  
Julie Berry & Jonathan  
Imbert  
June Ayhrhart  
Keri Johnston & Darren  
Renten  
Kim Ryckman\*  
Neil Watson  
Royal Canadian Legion Port  
Stanley Branch 410  
Sandra Datars Bere  
Shedden Oddfellows #310  
Silverthorn Landscaping  
St. Thomas Kiwanis  
Golden-K  
Tammy Kennedy  
The Yarmouth Group Inc  
Wendy Cowie\*  
West Elgin Mutual  
Insurance  
**\$250+**  
Bowsher & Bowsher

Carole Watson  
Cathy Armstrong  
Cathy & Greg Grondin  
Debackere Farm Market  
Elizabeth Sebestyen  
Fixed Right Automotive Inc.  
Geerlinks Home Hardware  
Huron Tractor  
Janet Golding  
Judith Durkee  
Maeghan Mcoubrey\*  
Mary Ellen & Brian Bolt  
MD Construction &  
Contracting  
Optimist Club of St.  
Thomas  
Rotary Club of St. Thomas  
Sandi Pyper  
Shawn Jackson Funeral  
Home  
Sherene Casey\*  
Susan & Dan Boehm\*  
Suzanna Steed & Jim  
Bundschuh  
The Ice Box  
University Women's Club  
Williams Funeral Home Ltd.

## \$100+

Amanda Luyks  
Amy Dale\*  
Ashley Dunn  
Barb Campbell  
Barb Hubert  
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