

Halton Children's Aid Society 100th Annual Report—2013/14



Helping Children, Youth and Families Thrive



Greetings from the Board President/Executive Director

This is our 100th Annual Report and is an opportunity to celebrate “A Century of Caring and More.” Child Welfare evolved out of charitable acts and a system of institutions that included orphanages, correctional facilities and the prevention of cruelty to animals. Since then, we have progressed into a more caring system—having learned a few hard lessons along the way—and are in the process of reconciling our role in apprehending aboriginal children during the time of the residential school system.

Child Welfare services in the Halton Region originated in the basement of Knox Presbyterian Church in Milton and we received our charter on February 15, 1914. Services in Halton—and the province—have significantly changed over these 100 years.

Today, over 95% of our children and youth receive services in their own homes. We are located in more than 30 community locations providing early help to families in their own communities, with almost 300 families receiving ongoing services. We are also actively involved in the Our Kids Network, which is a Halton-wide partnership of organizations and agencies serving children and youth.

When children and youth can't live with their immediate families, we focus on finding permanency options through kinship (89), guardianship and adoption (12). Our foster parents partner with us to do this very rewarding work.

We continue to parent older youth (56) who are transitioning out of care. We also provide outreach services to youth who are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless, through Bridging the Gap who worked with almost 400 youth last year.

We remain committed to successfully launching our youth into adulthood with lifelong connections, education and life skills. The Children's Aid Foundation of Halton fundraised \$155,000 to make this happen.

Our YouthSAID Advisory Group keeps the issues that children and youth face in the forefront. They celebrated the official launch of Children and Youth in Care Day on May 14, 2014.

In February, we launched our 100th Anniversary with a community event that showcased our services with participation from staff, children and youth, our Foundation, the Our Kids Network and Bridging the Gap. We look forward to more celebrations as our Anniversary year continues including publishing a keepsake memory book that will highlight the history of the Society through storytelling, testimonials and pictures.

It has been a privilege to have provided services to the Halton communities for 100 years. We could not have done our job without you. **Thank you for A Century of Caring and More!!**



Ribbon Cutting, 2014 Children and Youth in Care Day—YouthSAID Advisory Group

“YouthSAID is like peanut butter and jelly. Some things are just meant to be. I am meant to be in YouthSAID. It's like family.”
~Aidan



2013/14 Financial Report



| Revenue | 2013/14 | 2012/13 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Province of Ontario | \$17,103,505 | \$16,847,953 |
| Other | \$ 1,974,166 | \$ 1,718,245 |
| Total Revenue | \$19,077,671 | \$18,566,198 |
| Expenses | | |
| Salaries and Benefits | \$11,444,522 | \$10,726,534 |
| Boarding and Client Services | \$ 6,056,144 | \$ 6,543,253 |
| Administration | \$ 1,185,450 | \$ 1,100,736 |
| Amortization | \$ 226,629 | \$ 234,384 |
| Total Expenses | \$18,912,745 | \$18,604,907 |
| Excess of Expenses over Revenue | \$ 164,926 | \$ 38,709 |

This is a condensed statement. Full financial statements, audited by SB Partners, are available upon request.

Funding Model

- ◆ Children's Aid Societies currently receive over 90% of their operational funding from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS).
- ◆ Bridging the Gap funding (\$527,390) flows through the Halton Region to provide supports to youth who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.
- ◆ The Our Kids Network is a Halton-wide partnership of organizations and agencies serving children and youth. Funding (\$884,506) is provided by the Protocol Partners, the MCYS and grants.

I have received a copy of your Annual Report and I am pleased to say I find it very interesting and instructive. I am sure it will be very helpful to all who are interested in the commendable work of the Children's Aid Society."

~Dr. Harold B. Kenner, President, Lions' Club in reference to 1932 Annual Report

915

Number of children helped in their own homes in 1963

4,977

Number of children/youth served in 2013/14
95% of them in their own homes





2013/14 Leadership

2013/14 Board of Directors and Leadership Team

Officers/Executive Committee

Scott Waterhouse (President) ♦ **Joe Trovato** (Vice President until Jan 2014)
♦ **Paul Bartu** (Vice President since April 2014) ♦ **Steve Cranna** (Secretary/
Treasurer) ♦ **Cecilia Taylor-Clare** ♦ **Emad Elsayed** (as of May 2014)

Directors

Rob Burton ♦ **Siobhan Byron** ♦ **Brad Cook** ♦ **Emad Elsayed**
Phil Grimes ♦ **Joan Lewis** ♦ **Justin Mastrangelo** ♦ **Mike Reid**
Brad Saunders ♦ **Lynn Smurthwaite-Murphy**

Leadership Team

Nancy MacGillivray (Executive Director) ♦ **Lynn Barker** (Director of Service—
Children and Youth Services) ♦ **Jennifer Binnington** (Director of Service—
Community Protection) ♦ **Don Bryce** (Director of Quality Assurance and IT) ♦
Robyn Connolly (Board/Communications Specialist) ♦ **Derek Evans** (Director
of Finance) ♦ **Michelle McGaw** (Director of Human Resources) ♦
Jennifer Penton (Director of Service—Child Protection Information Network)



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Youth received bursaries to attend
post-secondary education in 2013/14

\$198,790

In bursary funds provided with the
support of the Children's Aid
Foundation of Halton



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1914-2014



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2013/14 Service Trends

| | 2013/14 | 2012/13 | 2011/12 |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total Children and Youth Served | 4,977 | 4,755 | 5,056 |
| Number of Requests for Service | 4,349 | 4,434 | 4,149 |
| Number of Investigations Completed | 2,114 | 2,310 | 2,238 |
| Number of Families Receiving Ongoing Services | 296 | 306 | 234 |
| Total Number of Children and Youth in Care | 159 | 162 | 176 |
| Number of Adoption Finalized | 12 | 12 | 10 |
| Young Adults (aged 18-21) Supported in Transitioning to Independence | 65 | 69 | 69 |
| Number of Foster and Kin in Care Homes Available | 79 | 91 | 85 |
| Number of Families Referred to Community Programs | 432 | 472 | 544 |
| Number of Enrollments in Tutoring Programs (combination of Kumon and FUTURES) | 56 | 91 | 87 |
| Number of Youth Awarded Bursaries | 35 | 23 | 25 |
| Total Amount of Bursary Dollars Awarded | \$198,790 | \$197,540 | \$157,840 |