



**Mayor's Golf Classic  
Funds Committee  
Meeting Agenda**

**Thursday, July 30, 2020  
10 a.m.**

**Video Conference**

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This meeting will be held electronically as per Section 20.1 of the Town's Procedure By-law No. 6228-19, as amended, due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency.

- 1. Approval of the Agenda**
- 2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**
- 3. Receipt of the Minutes**

**Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2019**

**Recommended:**

That the Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee meeting minutes of December 5, 2019, be received for information.

- 4. Delegations**
- 5. Matters for Consideration**
  - 1. Applications Received to Date**
    - (a) Abuse Hurts**
    - (b) Welcoming Arms**
    - (c) Women's Centre of York Region**
    - (d) The Salvation Army of York Region**

**Recommended:**

1. That Application (a), Application (b), Application (c), and Application (d) be received; and
2. That the Committee provide direction to either:
  - a. Grant funding request;
  - b. Deny funding request; or
  - c. Defer consideration of funding request to a future meeting.

**6. Informational Items**

2. **Verbal Update from Town Clerk**  
**Re: Committee Updates**

**Recommended:**

1. That the verbal update regarding Committee Updates be received for information.

**7. Closed Session**

**Recommended:**

That the Committee resolve into a Closed Session to consider the following matter:

3. **Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (Section 239(2)(b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*); Re: Application (e) – Kinark Child and Family Services**
4. **Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (Section 239(2)(b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*); Re: Application (f) – Kinark Child and Family Services**

**8. Adjournment**



**Town of Aurora  
Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Thursday, December 5, 2019  
**Time and Location:** 10 a.m., Leksand Room, Aurora Town Hall  
**Committee Members:** Barb Allan, Wendy Browne, Rosalyn Gonsalves, Nancy Harrison, Koula Koliviras, and Beverley Wood  
**Member(s) Absent:** Heidi Schellhorn  
**Other Attendees:** Jason Gaertner, Manager of Financial Management Services, and Michael de Rond, Town Clerk

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The Appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair was considered following Delegation (a).

**Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair**

**Moved by Beverley Wood  
Seconded by Rosalyn Gonsalves**

That Nancy Harrison be appointed as Chair of the Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee; and

That Koula Koliviras be appointed as Vice Chair of the Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee.

**Carried**

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

**Moved by Rosalyn Gonsalves  
Seconded by Koula Koliviras**

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

**Carried**

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## **2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50*.

## **3. Receipt of the Minutes**

None

## **4. Delegations**

### **(a) Michael de Rond, Town Clerk**

#### **Re: Committee Orientation**

The Town Clerk presented an overview of the roles and responsibilities of an advisory committee, committee members, the chair, and staff. He noted the importance of an advisory committee as a tool for civic engagement and highlighted various aspects of procedure, including the Town's Procedure By-law and the new Code of Conduct for Local Boards.

**Moved by Beverley Wood**

**Seconded by Barb Allan**

That the comments of the delegation be received for information.

**Carried**

## **5. Matters for Consideration**

### **1. Round Table Discussion**

#### **2019 Mayor's Charity Golf Classic Funds – Funding Application and Disbursement Process**

The Committee discussed whether there would be a cheque presentation to organizations who receive funding, and a process for reporting how the funds were spent. The Town Clerk agreed to report back regarding this at the next meeting.

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There was further discussion regarding whether there is a need for a yearly deadline for applications. The Committee agreed to not impose a deadline and see how that works for the current year.

**Moved by Wendy Browne  
Seconded by Barb Allan**

1. That the Round Table Discussion regarding 2019 Mayor's Charity Golf Classic Funds – Funding Application and Disbursement Process be received and the comments of the Committee be referred to staff for consideration and action as appropriate.

**Carried**

**2. Applications for Review  
a) All Kids Can Play**

The Committee reviewed the application in detail. There was discussion regarding various aspects of the program and its importance to the community. The Committee agreed that the application meets the criteria to receive funding from the Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament.

**Moved by Wendy Browne  
Seconded by Beverley Wood**

1. That Application (a) be received; and
2. That the Committee grant funding to All Kids Can Play in the amount of \$5,000.

**Carried**

**b) Youthspeak**

The Committee reviewed the application in detail, and discussed the program and the experiences of the participants. The Committee agreed that the application meets the criteria to receive funding from the Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament.

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**Moved by Beverley Wood  
Seconded by Wendy Browne**

1. That Application (b) be received; and
  2. That the Committee grant funding to Youthspeak in the amount of \$4,400.
- Carried**

## **6. Adjournment**

**Moved by Rosalyn Gonsalves  
Seconded by Beverley Wood**

That the meeting be adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

**Carried**



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TOWN OF AURORA

**Application to Receive Funds**  
Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic

The Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic has raised over \$750,000 to date and has financially assisted several community organizations to provide much needed services to residents living in the Town of Aurora.

Recipient selection is conducted annually by the application review and disbursement committee of the Town of Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic and is based on the information provided in this application. Please submit completed application to the Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic at [clerks@aurora.ca](mailto:clerks@aurora.ca)

Funding Criteria and guidelines;

- Individual applicants and community groups must demonstrate financial hardship or a limited means to retain funds in another manner. Individual applications demonstrating financial hardship will be kept confidential.
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**Name of Individual or Community Group**

ABUSE HURTS

**Address**

120 HARRY WALKER PKWY N

**Contact Information**

Email: ellen@abuschurts.ca Phone Number: 905.727.4357

On a separate document, please outline your initiative and any supporting documentation you have. The information being provided should align with the funding criteria guidelines found above. Please attach this form with the supporting information and email to [clerks@aurora.ca](mailto:clerks@aurora.ca)

Abuse Hurts is a national, charitable organization that has served Canadians since 1993. Abuse Hurts aims to raise awareness about the true cost of neglect and abuse and supports dozens of organizations nationally, including children's services, victim's services, shelters, and other agencies, that deal with children, women, and men whose lives have been affected by abuse.

We offer a unique service in York Region, providing support to agencies in Aurora, and surrounding areas for women escaping abuse with their children. Many times the women leave with the clothing on their back and don't have as much as a fork, let alone housewares and furniture. Agencies such as the Yellow Brick House, Victim's Services, and Children's Aid to name a few do not have the capacity to provide what we are able to provide. We also provide toys at Christmas for some of these agencies.

We get referrals from these agencies, and we are able to provide the women with gently used clothing for themselves, and their children. We also provide housewares, small appliances, bedding, toiletries, and other much needed items for them to set up their new home. From time to time we will help with furniture, but as we no longer have the warehouse space, we can refer them to agencies where they can acquire what they need. Many times the women may just need some help with clothing so they can get back into the workforce. The York Police or the OPP have also brought us women that they have rescued from human trafficking. Often these women also just leave with the clothing they are wearing, and need a whole new wardrobe.

In addition to women coming in on a weekly basis to get help, once a month we hold a "Make-over day" where the women come and get totally pampered. They get their hair, make-up and nails done, as well as select some beautiful slightly used clothing. We provide a hot lunch, and make it a fun day. It truly gives them a lift. We are just planning our Make-over day for February 24<sup>th</sup> and six of the women are coming from the Yellow Brick House.

Many years ago we also did "Dream Wishes" for abused and neglected children dealing with abuse. Due to funding we stopped the program, but we want to start it up again, as there are so many children needing a "lift". The average wish cost is \$ 500, as it may be dinner and a movie for a family of four, or an i-pad. These children don't need a lot, but they need something to make their lives a little brighter.

I know our agency is a much needed help to the front line workers who have come to depend on us for help.

We are experiencing some financial difficulties as costs have gone up with rent, supplies that are not donated, an increase in women and children needing help, and a downturn in donations. We have some fundraising events coming up later in the year, but we are in a severe cash crunch right now.

We would appreciate you considering our request for a \$ 5,000 donation to help us over this difficult period.

[www.abusehurts.ca](http://www.abusehurts.ca)



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We refuse to let someone suffer in silence. You are not alone.



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### **Name of Individual or Community Group**

**Welcoming Arms**

### **Address**

**44 Metcalfe St, Aurora, ON L4G 1E6**

### **Contact Information**

Email: **welcomingarms@live.ca** Phone Number: **905-726-1483**

On a separate document, please outline your initiative and any supporting documentation you have. The information being provided should align with the funding criteria guidelines found above. Please attach this form with the supporting information and email to [clerks@aurora.ca](mailto:clerks@aurora.ca)



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www.welcomingarms.ca  
905.726.1483

ATTN: Town of Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic,  
Application Review and Disbursement Committee

February 12, 2020

Dear Mayor Tom Mrakas and Committee,

Welcoming Arms is a registered charity in Aurora, Ontario (#80392 9652 RR0001), founded in 2006 when several local churches coordinated efforts to better **serve low-income/marginalized members of our community**. Now with additional local partnerships and community volunteers, we seek to help those in need to experience a fuller participation in society - by providing social, economic, and spiritual support.

Programs are centred on the individual needs of our visitors, and include community meals (*Martha's Table and Welcome Table*), open to anyone in need from Aurora and surrounding communities. For eligible Aurora residents only, we also offer monthly access to grocery gift cards, toiletries and referrals to other community services (*Bridging the Gap*), as well as **seasonal programs** (Back-to-School backpacks, Christmas Assistance, income tax preparation help, Giving Garden).

Welcoming Arms is a place of friendship and hope; a caring, listening ear; where all are treated with dignity. Our mission is to relieve the burden of poverty in our community.

In 2019:

- Bridging the Gap had 1,396 visits (up from 1,226 in 2018) and provided over \$57,000 in grocery gift cards (average \$40/household/month)
- Welcome Table served 4,461 people (average 100 guests per week and recently increasing to 120)
- Martha's Table served 50-70 guests per week (in Sep-Dec 2019, a total of 874 guests)

While the number of visitors to our programs has been increasing, our funding base has not yet been able to catch up. Over the past two years, Welcoming Arms' revenue was short vs planned expenses (-\$32,000 in 2019, as per attached). For our 2020 budget, we have evaluated and adjusted our eligibility criteria to ensure our limited resources are directed to those most in need, and made the difficult decisions to discontinue providing transit tickets and to slightly reduce the per person amount for our Christmas Assistance program. However, even with these cuts, our planned sources of revenue (including funding applications to foundations) may not all be realized to cover our 2020 core supports to those who are struggling in Aurora.

We are grateful to our seven partner churches who each provide a monthly contribution to our operating budget, but as their membership numbers are generally declining, they are unable to increase what they donate to Welcoming Arms. We run an annual Trivia Night fundraiser and are so thankful for the Pine Tree Potters Guild's generosity in donating proceeds from their annual Empty Bowls event. In 2019, we added community fundraising campaigns at Thanksgiving and Christmas (to be repeated again in 2020, to invite more private donations), and we also plan to apply for the Hoedown this year. However, most of these income sources arrive in the fourth quarter, so July/August 2020 are still projected to be our leanest months.

Thus, receiving \$5,000 from the Mayor's Charity Golf Classic in 2020 would help ensure Welcoming Arms can offer a \$40 grocery gift card this August to all 125 Aurora visitors (our monthly average), while we work towards securing additional sustainable funding sources.

Thank you for considering this application. Please advise if further supporting documentation is required.

Sincerely,

*Bonnie Thamm Evans*

Bonnie Thamm Evans, Executive Director

**Income Statement 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019**

**REVENUE**

<b>Revenues</b>		
Church Partners Support	65,000.00	
Donations	44,744.50	
Donations - Welcome Table	10,611.95	
Donations - Martha's Table	6,205.25	
Donations - Xmas Assistance	3,590.00	
Gifts in Kind - CA	819.98	
Third Party Fundraising	3,219.00	
Third Party Fundraising - Welco...	24,175.00	
		158,365.66
Donations		
York Region Transit Grant	2,055.00	
		2,055.00
Grants		424.68
Interest Income		
		160,845.34
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<u>160,845.34</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<u>160,845.34</u>

**EXPENSE**

<b>Expenditures</b>		
Salaries & wages	55,559.18	
Employer CPP expense	2,534.34	
Employer EI expense	1,261.82	
		59,355.14
Personnel Expenses		
Legal and accounting	2,815.00	
		2,815.00
Professional fees		
Advertising & Promotions	2,246.76	
Training	1,086.75	
Telephone	1,434.04	
Office Supplies	2,156.57	
Bank charges	48.16	
Miscellaneous Expenses	356.62	
Office and General	1,709.28	
		9,038.18
Office and general		1,495.00
Insurance		5,084.28
Rent		4,523.64
Martha's Table Community Meal ...		25,965.40
WT Meal Program		1,402.29
WT Fundraising Costs		
Toiletries	576.83	
Grocery Gift Cards	67,688.05	
YRT Tickets	13,512.92	
Other giftcards	828.87	
		82,606.67
Vouchers distributed, at cost		
Christmas Assistance - Other exp	968.17	
		968.17
Christmas vouchers		
		193,253.77
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<u>193,253.77</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>		<u>193,253.77</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<u><u>-32,408.43</u></u>



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### **Name of Individual or Community Group**

Women's Centre of York Region

### **Address**

207-16775 Yonge Street, Newmarket, ON L3Y 8J4

### **Contact Information**

Email: lioras@wcyr.ca

Phone Number: (905) 853-9270

On a separate document, please outline your initiative and any supporting documentation you have. The information being provided should align with the funding criteria guidelines found above. Please attach this form with the supporting information and email to [clerks@aurora.ca](mailto:clerks@aurora.ca)



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March 20, 2020

### **Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament**

Women's Centre of York Region has been making a difference in the lives of women, from across York Region, for 43 years! We are a multi-resource centre offering programs and services to all women who identify the need for change in their lives. Our **VISION** is for all women thriving personally, socially, and economically. Our **MISSION** is to bring hope, support and learning to women on their journey of self-discovery and empowerment in order for them to thrive personally, socially and economically.

We are a unique agency in York Region, providing supports and services for women going through significant transitions – leaving an abusive relationship, going back to work, trying to get off social assistance, or even starting a business. The majority of women seeking help from WCYR have experienced violence, have limited income, have low participation rates in the labour market, or have experienced other barriers that make it difficult for them to contribute to their communities and live their lives to their fullest potential. On average we serve over 850 women and their children every year. All our services are provided free of cost.

Currently, we have a 2-5 month waitlist for access to our programs. We intend to reduce this time by increasing the number of groups we offer and hours available for counselling. As a registered charitable organization (CRA# 13485 9024 RR0001) we are funded by The Regional Municipality of York, Ontario Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services, and United Way of Greater Toronto. While we are in receipt of these funds we are still required to fundraise approximately 25% of our annual budget. By raising funds we can reduce our waitlists, offer more groups, and counsel more women. Our goal is to help women develop sustainable livelihoods. For more information on our programs and services, please see the attached document.

We are grateful for the opportunity to submit a letter of interest to explore the possibility of benefiting from the Aurora Mayor's

Charity Golf Tournament. We are requesting consideration in order for us to increase the amount of women we serve this year. Our intention is to get more women off our waitlists and into programs and services as soon as possible. Our greatest need is in our Making Changes program. Making Changes costs us \$84,646. Currently, we receive funding for this program through the United Way of Greater Toronto. We are funded for \$67,824. We have to fundraise \$16,822. We are asking the Aurora Mayor to consider funding us with \$5,000. The remaining money will be raised through fundraising efforts including our annual Mother's Day Brunch.





Making Changes is a unique program offering a personal life skills development group. There is no other program like this available in the region. We currently have a waitlist of over 100 women. Making Changes is run throughout the Regional Municipality of York. We are currently offering two groups in Aurora. Our waitlist has over 40% of women requiring access to our Making Changes program in Aurora. We are working towards offering more groups, to address the need, within the Town of Aurora.

Funds received from the Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament will be used to create more groups, Making Changes, within Aurora. Making Changes includes four modules and spans across the year. The skills addressed are Self-Empowerment, Effective Communication, Healthy Boundaries, and Managing Conflict. It is a one-of-a-kind program offered exclusively through Women's Centre of York Region. This service has been recognized by hospitals, doctors, and therapists across the region as a program credited to the improvement of the woman's health and well-being.

We appreciate your consideration of our application to benefit from the Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament. Please find attached a summary of our programs and services, as well as, our 2018-19 Audited Financial Statements.

With Appreciation,

Liora Sobel  
Executive Director  
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lioras@wcyr.ca



## WOMEN'S CENTRE OF YORK REGION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

**Transitional and Housing Support Counselling** provides women with both emotional and practical support to ensure they (and their children) leave an abusive relationship safely. We assist women exposed to physical, emotional, verbal,

Psychological, spiritual and/or financial abuse (from partners, significant others and could include caregivers or other immediate family/household members).

We know from reports by the Canadian Women's Foundation, that **poverty endangers women's safety**. Women who leave a partner to raise children on their own are more than 5x likely to live in poverty than if they stay with their partner. There is plenty of evidence showing that abused women often stay in abusive relationships because they know leaving will plunge themselves and their children into poverty. ([www.canadianwomen.org/facts-about-women-and-poverty](http://www.canadianwomen.org/facts-about-women-and-poverty)).

Women coming to Women's Centre of York Region seeking Transitional Support Housing Counselling are at high risk for violence and the need for support is immediate. Further to what the Canadian Women's Foundation reports, we know that if we can ensure women can leave safely and with stable housing supports arranged, they are less likely to wade down the slippery slope to poverty. Additionally, we address the needs of women who face barriers to making these decisions – food supports and access to legal, housing, and financial supports.

The main activities of the program include an Individual Transition Plan and Goal Setting & Individual Safety Planning and Goal Setting:

1) Individual Transition Plan and Goal Setting:

- Services include the development of a transition plan for each woman
- The plan identifies the short-term and long-term goals that a woman would like to achieve and the steps she will need to take to achieve these goals. Goals may include, but are not limited to:
  - Securing legal assistance;
  - Finding and maintaining housing;
  - Applying for social housing;
  - Securing financial assistance;
  - Connecting with counselling and other support services; and
  - Connecting with community resources (i.e. schools, legal, immigration)
- The plan will be based on the principles of person-centred planning, self-determination and choice.



2) Individual Safety Planning and Goal Setting:

- Services include the development of safety strategies or plans for women and their children.
- A safety plan identifies the steps a woman (and her children) can take to increase their safety and helps to prepare them for the possibility of further violence. It should include, but is not limited to:
  - Emergency escape plans for various situations (going to court, in the workplace, at home);
  - A list of emergency and resource numbers;
  - A list of items to be stored in a safe place (i.e. ID, clothes, money, etc.)
- Safety plans reflect the woman's immediate personal circumstances, needs and choices. The plan will be comprehensive, concrete, include safety strategies and referrals to appropriate services.

Our Transitional and Housing Support Counselling Program is provided in order to:

- Increase the safety of women and their children
- Assist women and their children by enhancing their self-esteem and maximizing their capacity to live free from violence.
- Assist mothers in supporting their children to heal from the effects of witnessing violence.
- Assist and advocate for women and their children regarding their health, safety and well-being.

**Making Changes** serves marginalized low and moderate income women 18+ from across York Region who are at different stages of the Sustainable Livelihood continuum. Most women seeking our help have experienced abuse (physical, emotional or financial or a combination), have limited income, have low participation rates in the labour market, are unemployed or underemployed, or experience other barriers that make it difficult for them to contribute to their communities and live their lives to full potential. Many women are sole-support mothers, trying to ensure they have the means to provide for their families or are newcomers to our Region. Our services are offered at no charge; making them accessible to all women.

Any woman has access to our program and supports. In a safe and inclusive environment, we meet each woman right where she is and take a holistic approach to working with her, building the self-esteem, confidence and skills to transition her from hopelessness to possibility. Our program is designed to foster meaningful action in participants, enabling them to create sustainable livelihoods where they thrive personally, socially and economically. A livelihood is more than a job – it needs to incorporate social inclusion and community participation, empowerment and independence, and economic and social security.



Specifically, the program targets women who:

- Realize their lives are not working in the way they desire;
- Want to make changes in the way they manage their lives;
- Are ready to learn new skills to change behaviours that no longer work so they can live more effectively;
- Need to be at the Stabilizing or Engaging phase of the Stages of Transformation continuum to achieve the best success with the program.

<https://www.canadianwomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Sustainable-Livelihoods-Infographic-EN.pdf>

*“Being a part of the Making Changes program has had a profound impact on my overall wellness and ability to interact socially since I have been struggling with PTSD and severe depression” – Client 2018*

In addition to the programs outlined above, we also provide the following programs...

- **Individual Counselling** provides emotional support to women experiencing difficulty with self-esteem, anger, depression, discrimination, cultural and settlement adjustment, disability, separation/divorce, body image, isolation, relationship issues, and stress related to poverty or un/employment.
- **Financial Empowerment** helps women create a ‘road map’ for handling their money. Topics include learning to set a budget, money attitudes, repairing and using credit, managing debt and how to be a wise consumer. The financial empowerment program helps women create a life of financial stability.
- **Enterprising Careers** is a career exploration program that assists women with their search for meaningful and sustainable employment. Topics include choosing a new career path, re-entering the workforce through paid or unpaid employment, training and self-employment. The program builds self-confidence as women use a variety of tools and resources to identify their interests, skills and values.
- Women’s Centre of York Region offers financially vulnerable women attending our programs basic support such as food resources, personal care items, back-to-school backpacks and school supplies, and help with transportation. Eligibility for this **tangible supports** assistance is based on program participation and financial need.

**WOMEN'S CENTRE OF YORK REGION  
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2019**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Board of Directors  
Women's Centre of York Region

**Qualified Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Women's Centre of York Region, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2019, statement of operations and net assets, statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Women's Centre of York Region as at March 31, 2019, its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

**Basis for Qualified Opinion**

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, Women's Centre of York Region derives revenue from donations and fund-raising activities, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of Women's Centre of York Region. Therefore, we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to donations and fund raising revenues, excess of revenue over expenditures, and cash flows from operations for the years ended March 31, 2019 and 2018, current assets as at March 31, 2019 and 2018 and net assets as at April 1 and March 31 for both 2019 and 2018. Our audit opinion on the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2018 was modified accordingly because of the possible effects of this limitation in scope.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of Women's Centre of York Region in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a qualified basis for our opinion.

**Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing Women's Centre of York Region's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate Women's Centre of York Region or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing Women's Centre of York Region's financial reporting process.

**Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Women's Centre of York Region's internal control.

Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on Women's Centre of York Region's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause Women's Centre of York Region to cease to continue as a going concern.

Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



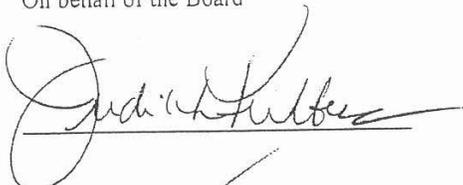
Chartered Professional Accountants  
Licensed Public Accountants

Newmarket, Ontario  
August 27, 2019

**WOMEN'S CENTRE OF YORK REGION  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS AT MARCH 31, 2019**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 160,048	\$ 90,311
Sales tax recoverable	9,111	12,565
Prepaid expenses	<u>6,361</u>	<u>6,457</u>
	175,520	109,333
<b>Capital assets (Notes 2 and 3)</b>	<u>5,565</u>	<u>7,785</u>
	<u>\$ 181,085</u>	<u>\$ 117,118</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 6)	\$ 45,441	\$ 56,688
Deferred revenue	<u>-</u>	<u>10,652</u>
	45,441	67,340
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>135,644</u>	<u>49,778</u>
	<u>\$ 181,085</u>	<u>\$ 117,118</u>

On behalf of the Board

  
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Director

  
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Director

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

BATEMAN, GRAHAM & FITZPATRICK  
CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

**WOMEN'S CENTRE OF YORK REGION  
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND NET ASSETS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2019**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>		
The Regional Municipality of York	\$ 213,169	\$ 264,870
United Way of Greater Toronto	67,819	67,819
Ontario Trillium Foundation	35,300	-
Third party grants	92,537	73,475
Newmarket Charitable Gaming Association	45,567	37,520
Donations and fundraising	103,531	102,167
Ministry of Community and Social Services	259,592	236,959
Federal grants	12,567	11,012
Ministry of the Status of Women (Government of Ontario)	<u>8,542</u>	<u>34,210</u>
	<u>838,624</u>	<u>828,032</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Salaries and benefits	518,367	560,749
Occupancy	67,056	96,468
Office and general	42,980	25,544
Professional fees and insurance	33,049	16,954
Childcare and client support	30,635	55,855
Fundraising and promotion	19,913	12,480
Moving	17,530	-
Education	7,507	6,145
Telephone	4,616	4,629
Subcontractors	3,938	3,135
Travel	2,622	3,452
Bank charges	2,325	2,540
Depreciation	<u>2,220</u>	<u>3,131</u>
	<u>752,758</u>	<u>791,082</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR</b>	85,866	36,950
<b>NET ASSETS, beginning of year</b>	<u>49,778</u>	<u>12,828</u>
<b>NET ASSETS, end of year</b>	<u>\$ 135,644</u>	<u>\$ 49,778</u>

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**WOMEN'S CENTRE OF YORK REGION  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2019**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<b>SOURCES (USES) OF CASH:</b>		
<b>CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Excess of revenues over expenses for the year	\$ 85,866	\$ 36,950
Items not involving cash		
Depreciation	<u>2,220</u>	<u>3,131</u>
	88,086	40,081
Changes in non-cash working capital items		
Sales tax recoverable	3,454	(110)
Accounts receivable	-	589
Prepaid expenses	96	(483)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(11,247)	(2,977)
Deferred revenue	<u>(10,652)</u>	<u>9,134</u>
<b>NET INCREASE IN CASH</b>	69,737	46,234
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year</b>	<u>90,311</u>	<u>44,077</u>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of year</b>	<u>\$ 160,048</u>	<u>\$ 90,311</u>

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**WOMEN'S CENTRE OF YORK REGION  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2019**

**1. OPERATIONS**

J & J Women's Counselling Services was incorporated May 26, 1980 by letters patent without share capital under the Organizations Act of Ontario and operated as Women's Centre of York Region. Under supplementary letters patent, the organization changed its name to Women's Centre of York Region.

The organization is funded by various government agencies, charitable organizations and foundations, donations and volunteer fund raising efforts.

Women's Centre of York Region provides education, counselling and skills development opportunities to support women from diverse communities as they strengthen and sustain their personal growth and economic independence.

The organization is a registered charity (13485 9024 RR001) and therefore is not subject to income tax.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of presentation**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and are in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles, the most significant of which are summarized as follow:

**Use of estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expense during the reporting period. These estimates are reviewed periodically and any adjustments are reported in earnings in the period they become known. The principal estimates used in the preparation of these financial statements include useful life and valuation of capital assets, and accruals. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future.

**Revenue recognition**

The organization follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions, which include donations, bequests and government grants. Grants and bequests are recorded as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated, collection is reasonably assured and the organization has met its requirements under the related contract/agreement. Donations are recorded when received. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when initially recorded in the accounts. Externally restricted contributions are deferred when initially recorded in the accounts and recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are recognized.

**WOMEN'S CENTRE OF YORK REGION  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2019**

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Capital assets**

Capital assets are stated at cost. Amortization is calculated on the declining balance basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The percentages used are as follows:

Furniture and equipment - 20%  
Computer equipment - 30%

**Contributed services**

Donated services received by the organization are not recognized in the financial statements because of the difficulty in determining their fair value.

**Financial instruments**

*Measurements of financial instruments*

The organization initially measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value. It subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include sales tax receivable and prepaid expenses.

Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include accounts payable and deferred revenue.

*Impairment*

Financial assets measured at cost are tested annually for impairment. If there are indicators of impairments, the amount of the write-down is recognized in net income.

**3. CAPITAL ASSETS**

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Depreciation</u>	<u>Net Book Value</u>
Furniture and equipment			
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 3,909	2,756	1,153
Depreciation		230	230
	<u>\$ 3,909</u>	<u>2,986</u>	<u>923</u>
Computer equipment			
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 24,257	17,625	6,632
Depreciation		1,990	1,990
	<u>\$ 24,257</u>	<u>19,615</u>	<u>4,642</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>\$ 28,166</u>	<u>\$ 22,601</u>	<u>\$ 5,565</u>

**4. LEASE COMMITMENT**

The organization entered into a commercial lease on August 1, 2018 which expires July 31, 2023 and calls for annual rental payments of \$53,956.

**WOMEN'S CENTRE OF YORK REGION  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2019**

**5. BANK INDEBTEDNESS**

The organization has a \$25,000 operating line of credit. Interest on any outstanding balance is payable monthly at the rate of prime plus 2.1%. The balance at year end is \$NIL (2018 - \$NIL).

**6. GOVERNMENT REMITTANCES**

Included in accounts payable are government remittances of \$4,911 (2018- \$7,892).

**7. RISK MANAGEMENT**

*Liquidity Risk*

Liquidity risk is the risk that the organization will be unable to fulfil its obligations on a timely basis or at reasonable cost. Management manages liquidity risk by monitoring its operations requirements to ensure it has sufficient funds to fulfill its obligations. Cash flow from operations provides a substantial portion of the Organization's cash requirements. Additional cash requirements are met with the use of the Organization's available operating line of credit.

Thank you for considering our request for assistance. We are encouraged with how the town of Aurora and so many others are doing what they can to step up and step in during times of significant crisis. I appreciate you entertaining some of the financial needs that we face as we continue to work with the great people in our communities.

Many people will know that The Salvation Army is heavily engaged with meeting a myriad of community needs 365 days a year for those in greatest need. In the heart of being truly a 'not for profit' organization, we do all that we can to pour as much of our resources back into the lives we care for.

In our efforts to meet the needs of youth and youth in crisis we continue to develop partnerships with YRDSB, The Catholic School board YRP, specific community groups focused on meeting needs of youth and youth in crisis and many more. These diverse partnerships have helped us understand the diverse and complex needs of youth and youth in crisis. Since the COVID19 crisis began the types of services (the practical application of these services) that we provide have had to be reevaluated and diversified. With complex social and physical distancing limitations we have been forced to provide many of the services through online platforms. This obviously is not ideal as we truly lean into one on one and group relationships and strategic programming that serves youth and youth in crisis. Changing the format and the delivery of how we do this relationship programming has taken a turn to lean into technology a great deal more. Though there have been some very sharp learning curves along the way we are very confident that the services that we have been providing have been very effective. We meet with groups of youth online 4 times a week providing anything from cooking classes, emotional support groups, specific talk groups that are aimed at stretching how we see ourselves and the world around us. Within these online programming strategies we offer strong adult leadership and parental structures. Our programs provide opportunities for teen leadership development, trust, friendship, prizes, laughter, entertainment, interactive activities; overall care and support. Within the structure of the services that we offer youth we have a team of over 12 adult leaders and parents that give hours of their time freely to support these great youth.

To execute these online services we are currently dealing with some old technology 5.5yr plus Mac Book Pro that has limitations and can create practical setbacks and barriers. We are looking to purchase newer technology (<https://www.apple.com/ca/shop/buy-mac/macbook-pro/13-inch-space-grey-2.0ghz-quad-core-processor-with-turbo-boost-up-to-3.8ghz-512gb>) to run our online meeting forums, leadership development opportunities, friendship groups etc. Funding In addition to this newer tech we are looking to purchase a gold membership to 'DYM' ([www.dymmembership.com](http://www.dymmembership.com)). This membership will provide for us more relevant and interactive tools for students and their parents.

At the end of the day we realize that for the foreseeable future we will need to become more flexible in the way we offer relationship and student engagement. Our hope is to not only provide service to our students (the leaders of tomorrow) but to continue to provide that service

with quality and excellence. Each day, with our current resources this is becoming more difficult.

**The amount we are requesting is \$2500.00**

**We are looking to move forward as soon as possible.**

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration

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