

*a year of growth*



## OUR MISSION

The Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver (EFry) is a charitable organization that supports some of society's most vulnerable populations — women, girls and children at risk, involved in or affected by the justice system. Our more than two dozen programs work to break the cycle of poverty, addiction, mental illness, homelessness and crime.

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## MESSAGE FROM EFRY'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CHAIR



**EFry is growing.** In the past two years, the scope of our programs has increased by more than a quarter. Part of this rapid growth is fueled by the expansion of successful pilots like Growing Great Kids, an early years parenting program that now also supports mothers with children up to age eight. Our individual and family counselling services doubled this past year, and expanded to include a focus on therapeutic parenting support.

With so many clients sole parenting, supporting families has become an important area of focus for us. Our JustKids programs for children with incarcerated parents continue to be highly valued by participants and caregivers. EFry now offers programs that support children from birth to adulthood. With so little data on supportive interventions, EFry has begun working with UBC's Dr. Ruth Martin and Leanne Donnelly to monitor the impact of the work we do on children and reducing their adverse life experiences and improved life outcomes. The impact of their work will help us and others deliver the most effective programs possible.

In response to the spike in homelessness, EFry has also become increasingly engaged in facilitating access to housing. We expanded our two Housing First programs for long-term homeless women. As part of BC Housing's Rapid Response to Homelessness initiative, we are also involved in planning two new modular housing projects for women, one on our land in Abbotsford and the other in New Westminster, which will open and operate shortly. Together, these modular projects will provide housing for 83 homeless women.

EFry has also expanded the spectrum of addiction support services we offer. In addition to supportive recovery, our services now cover detox to intensive drug addictions treatment. We made this decision because we know the services save lives. They continue to operate at capacity.

As always, we strive to support women and their children at every phase of justice system involvement. While most of our programs, like those above, target the risk factors that lead to conflict with the law — trauma, poverty, addictions and mental health — we still operate a roster of programs in prisons and community reintegration initiatives. This past year, EFry launched a new social enterprise, called Woolwerx that provides women leaving prison with job training and employment processing local fleece into yarn and woolens. Recently, we received the go ahead to expand Woolwerx into prison, where we will employ incarcerated women who can continue to work with us upon release if they choose.

While all this has been underway, EFry has also been in the midst of developing our most ambitious project yet: The Rosewood, a 55,000 square foot building in Surrey that will bring together ultra affordable housing, a shelter, health care services, and a variety of EFry programs for women and children. We continue to actively fundraise for this innovative venture that is the first centre of its kind in BC. To date, private and public donors have contributed over \$17.1 million dollars to this life-changing project that will break ground in spring 2019 and open its doors in fall 2020.

To all our donors, funders, volunteers and staff, we extend our thanks. We could not do what we do without you.

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Shawn Bayes  
Executive Director

Handwritten signature of Robert MacDougall in black ink.

Robert MacDougall  
Chair



## The Rosewood moves forward

EFry's innovative 55,000 square foot centre for marginalized women and children garnered support from BC Housing with agreement to support 57 long-term apartments for ultra low income women and children, with 15 specifically for young Aboriginal women that will be operated by the Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Centre Association. UBC Dentistry confirmed its students will provide services to women and children; donors committed to \$17.1 million in support (including the generous donation of land by the City of Surrey), and Ventana Construction was hired to oversee the build. We are continuing to fundraise, with \$647,000 left to achieve our goal, and expect to break ground in spring 2019 and be open by fall 2020.



## Two modular housing projects

EFry was chosen by BC Housing to operate two supportive modular housing projects for homeless women that will be built as part of their Rapid Response to Homeless initiative. These critically needed homes will provide housing and case management for 39 women in Abbotsford and 44 in New Westminster.

## All staff training conference

In February, all EFry staff took part in an intensive two-day training conference where the internationally recognized Dr. Stephanie Covington, Dr. Donna Beegle and Stephen Epp led practical workshops on providing gender responsive, trauma-informed support to clients living in poverty with complex needs.



## New social enterprise launched

Woolwerx, EFry's social enterprise that employs both incarcerated women and those transitioning back to community life began operations last summer. Under the guidance of renowned wool expert Diana Twiss, women learned to clean, card and spin donated wool into artisanal yarns. Visit [www.woolwerx.com](http://www.woolwerx.com) to learn more and link to our Etsy shop.



### JustKids camps and employment program

EFry supported 1,696 children through our JustKids programs this year. We provided Saturday Club day camps and week-long summer camps for 147 children up to age 15. To support those aging out of those much-enjoyed programs, we provided job training and employment to four teens ages 15 and up through our camp counselor-in-training program.

Thanks to support from the Vancouver TELUS Community Board, 12 JustKids youth were able to take part in an intensive leadership training program through Educo at 100 Mile House.



### Expanding parenting and child development services

Thanks to overwhelmingly positive feedback from participants in our Growing Great Kids birth to toddler parenting and child development program, EFry put eight additional staff through the rigorous week-long training program to enable us to expand our capacity. The program has also expanded to include Growing Great Families, which supports children up to age eight. We supported 67 women and 113 children through the program this year.



### Partnering on health research

EFry and UBC are collaborating on a three-year health research project, which will study marginalized women and children, and the benefits of interventions like Growing Great Kids.



### More addiction recovery services offered

To remove a barrier to recovery, EFry's Firth Residence in Abbotsford now provides active detox support for women, who then move on to supported recovery and sober living in the community. In total, 180 women benefitted from residential recovery support.

### Petition for vulnerable children's rights

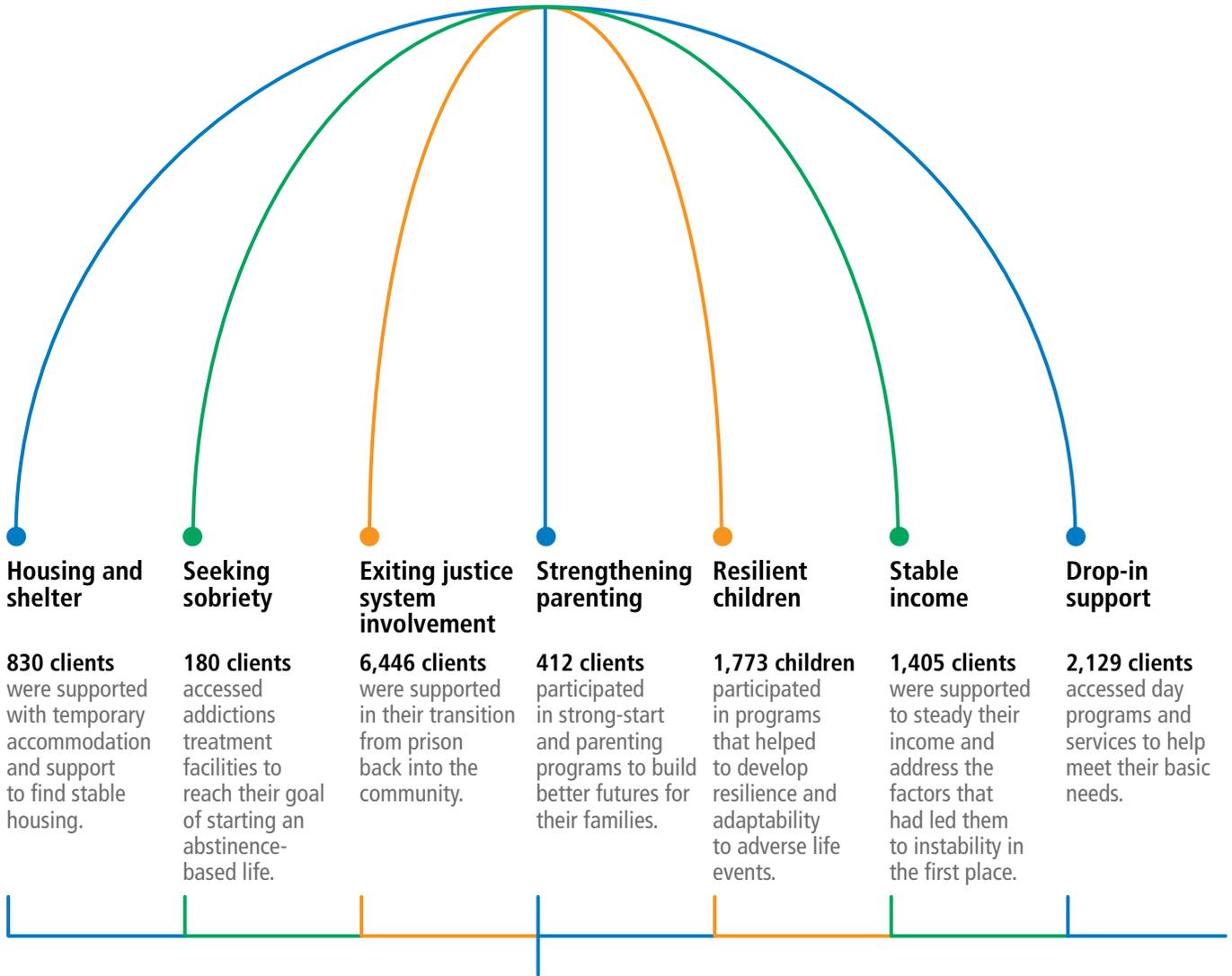
EFry secured the sponsorship of the Member of Parliament in our head office riding, Peter Julian, to bring our petition to Canada's House of Commons this fall. In keeping with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, it calls for the removal of barriers to accessing federally funded supports faced by children whose parents are homeless, incarcerated or have addictions. It also seeks recognition of these children as marginalized and for the provision of specialized supports for all such children across the country. If you have not yet signed the petition, please visit our website at [www.elizabethfry.com](http://www.elizabethfry.com).



Join EFry in calling on the Government of Canada to ensure the rights of homeless and vulnerable children.



**Gender-responsive support to reduce women and children’s justice system involvement**



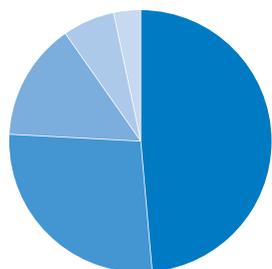
**Collective Impact**

Clients received personalized support from **263 employees** and **410 volunteers** who donated **18,244 hours** of their time. Of the **13,175 clients** we saw this year, **2,874 registered** to work closely and be case managed. We sampled the quality of this work by reviewing **41% of files**.

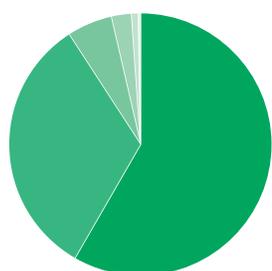
**Service Quality**

Timeliness is important in helping clients move forward. Over **98% of assessments** for clients are completed on time.

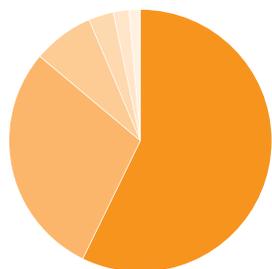
# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>\$ 11,476,929</b>
Women at Risk	\$	5,584,128
Community Justice	\$	3,116,278
Family at Risk	\$	1,665,650
Youth at Risk	\$	742,826
Management & Volunteer Services	\$	368,047



<b>Revenue</b>		<b>\$ 12,382,619</b>
Provincial Government Contracted Programs	\$	7,208,012
Federal Government Contracted Programs	\$	4,034,996
Grants & Donations	\$	685,736
Donated Volunteer Services	\$	323,865
Sales and Rental	\$	80,578
Investment Income	\$	49,432



<b>Assets</b>		<b>\$ 11,280,185</b>
Capital assets	\$	6,480,481
Current Assets	\$	3,260,837
Restricted Cash	\$	779,796
Prepaid rent	\$	349,059
Other assets	\$	226,752
Investments	\$	183,260



<b>Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>		<b>\$ 11,280,185</b>
Long-term debt	\$	3,605,731
Current liabilities	\$	2,682,331
Net Assets	\$	2,672,231
Deferred capital contributions	\$	1,189,053
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Replacement reserve	\$	32,296

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