

# Mission

Effective, Just and Humane  
Responses to Crime and Its Causes

Services that prevent crime, reduce  
poverty and build self-sufficiency

# Core Values

1. We believe that every individual has intrinsic worth and has the right to be treated with dignity and respect.
2. We believe in the potential of all human beings and in their capacity for growth and change.
3. We believe that all individuals have the right to live in a safe and peaceful society and that justice is best served through measures that resolve conflict and promote the reparation of harm.
4. We believe that individuals are responsible for their own actions and must be held accountable for those actions.
5. We believe that the root causes of crime are found within communities and that the solutions to crime are also found in communities.
6. We believe in serving community needs by cooperating and collaborating to achieve a healthy and safe society.

## Message from the President

What can one say about sixty years of dedication, determination, outstanding public service, enormous contributions to society, and an atmosphere of caring, support and honour? How does one sum up in one “message” in an Annual Report that a dream, a vision, a wish for a better tomorrow, a better Ottawa and, especially, a realization that the way we treat and manage those who have been in contact with the criminal justice system is not only a reflection of our own humanity (or lack thereof) but also a major influence on whether or not they are likely to reoffend or reintegrate into society? Or that this dream, this vision has grown so far beyond what, I suspect, was its humble beginnings in 1951, as has the organization itself? One “message” cannot even begin to accomplish this, so I will not even try.

One thing I know beyond any doubt, and with absolute certainty is that Tom Lamothe, E.P. Newcombe, and Louis Titley (the founders of the John Howard Society of Ottawa) would be so proud of what has grown from the seeds they planted. They would be in awe, as I am, of the amazing men and women who, as employees of JHS Ottawa, contribute so much of themselves to make JHS Ottawa the success it is today. It was close to thirty years after the founding of JHS Ottawa that we were first able to establish our halfway house, and another twenty years passed before we were able to purchase a permanent office site on Old St. Patrick Street. During this last ten or twelve years, however, our growth (from the two locations at the end of our first half century to our eleven different sites today) has been almost breathtaking; certainly for our amazing Board members who tremble, sweat, discuss (and sometimes even argue) and then tremble and sweat some more while weighing the pros and cons of acquiring yet another property that will enable us to provide additional much needed services and housing. The hesitation (and sweating) is never about the need, of which there is no doubt, but rather about our ability to manage the costs and the rapid growth while ensuring the continuity of our programs and services during times of political and economic uncertainty.

A few years ago, I described in my message in the Annual Report how when I joined the Board of JHS Ottawa as its Treasurer in 1997, the main floor of our Old St. Patrick Street building still housed the now-defunct “factory” where, a year or two before, our clients had learned to make furniture and canoes, and the JHS Ottawa offices occupied cramped space upstairs. (Furniture that was built in our own factory continues to be used in our Executive Director’s office today.) At the time I joined the Board, JHS Ottawa was barely treading water financially, after a few years of nearly drowning in dreadful economic times during which some of our faithful employees carried some of that burden. Our two properties were heavily mortgaged, but we were optimistic and determined as we continued our uphill climb. I think it appropriate at this time for me to commend our Executive Director on his frugality, and his careful financial management and oversight.

Those are but vague memories today. While part of our corporate history, these painful but inspiring memories are particularly well worth mentioning because they also serve to brightly highlight how far we have come to where we are today. Our Executive Director very ably provides the “headlines” of our past six decades in this report, and reading it reminds me how grateful I am to be connected to this amazing organization. Today, “social enterprise” has a whole new meaning. No longer are we the infant of the 1950’s, just learning to crawl, nor the youth of the 1990’s trying to determine what we want to be when we grow up, nor even the adolescent of the 2000’s experiencing a rapid and breathtaking growth spurt. In this second decade of the 21st century, we have grown up and matured into a strong, effective and highly respected organization, one that can create, manage and efficiently deliver a variety of valuable services in the four key sectors that influence and guide our expanded client group: criminal justice, employment, housing and health.

None of this would be possible without the efforts of our incomparable Executive Director, Don Wadel, and we are truly blessed to have him in this position. With his steadfast direction and support, our dedicated team of Directors leads the one hundred plus exceptional employees, the wonderful volunteers and the enthusiastic students to the success that we are able to enjoy. To paraphrase the saying, “it takes a village to raise a child”, I’ll say that it has taken these amazing employees, volunteers and students, with Don Wadel at the helm, to raise the John Howard Society of Ottawa to its present heights. Our founders, who planted the seeds in 1951, dreaming that they might one day flower, could never have envisioned the giant oak tree that we have grown into today, and which will continue to grow greater and stronger well into the future.

Rita Thompson — President



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## Message from the Executive Director

Looking back at the first 60 years of JHS Ottawa, I am struck by the involvement of so many prominent and thoughtful citizens who have led the organization through our volunteer Board of Directors. Senior civil servants, judges, lawyers, police, educators, and successful business representatives have ensured the effective stewardship and continuous development of the organization during times of struggle and times of opportunity. I am pleased to share pictures of some of these wonderful volunteers and only wish that we had been more diligent in maintaining visual records of their essential contributions to our growth and financial health.



Don Wadel — Executive Director

# Adult Justice Services

## Adult Housing Programs and Federal Reporting Centre

Last year Kirkpatrick House Community Residential Facility (CRF), Tom Lamothe Ste. Anne's CRF, and the Tom Lamothe Transitional Apartments assisted 150 clients with community re-integration. These three residential programs provided housing, supervision, and case management activities for men who were returning to the Ottawa community from a federal Institution, men on probation, and men involved in the Ottawa Drug Treatment Court. In spite of their very busy schedules ensuring the smooth daily operation of the Tom Lamothe Transitional Apartments and Tom Lamothe Ste. Anne's CRF, Kevin Dolan and Eric Corneau took time to give assistance and guidance to the John



Howard Society of Kingston staff, as they planned and opened their first transitional apartment complex for ex-offenders in the Kingston area. This brand-new facility was modeled on the Tom Lamothe Transitional Apartments in Ottawa, and was supported by the City of Kingston and the Correctional Service of Canada. In the winter of 2012 our Federal Reporting Centre was asked to participate in a Canada-wide research project funded through Public Service Canada to research and develop best practices and guidelines for Federal Reporting Centres; and, in the spring of 2012 the staff of the three residential programs took part in a research project to identify best practices and promising models of transitional and supportive

housing for ex-offenders. We look forward to the publication of these two important research projects by St. Leonard's Society in the fall of 2012 as both will enhance the knowledge of what works for the smooth transition of ex-offenders back into our communities.

## Ottawa and Cornwall Court Programs

The Bail Verification and Supervision program, Court Diversion program, and Crisis In-Reach to Mental Health Court assisted over 450 people who were involved in the criminal justice system in the period April 2011 to May 2012. Many of those people were homeless, struggling with mental health and addiction issues, and living in poverty with little or no social support. Through the hard work of the Bail team, the Court Diversion team, and the Mental Health team the majority of these clients successfully completed their bail period, found adequate housing, improved their financial situation, and sought treatment for their mental health and addiction needs. These programs also successfully diverted many people out of the criminal justice system, and allowed those on bail an opportunity to improve their lives outside of the custodial setting.



## Community Re-integration Program

In the last year the Ottawa Carleton Detention Centre Community Re-integration program, the Crisis and Housing program, and the Post-Incarceration Housing Support program assisted over 900 clients with discharge planning, practical supports, community referrals, housing search, crisis intervention services, and short-term counselling. These programs provide a continuum of support for clients who are exiting Ottawa Carleton Detention Centre and other provincial and federal institutions, and assist clients to address both their criminogenic and social determinants of health needs.



## Supports in Social Housing Programs

In partnership with Ottawa Community Housing and the City of Ottawa, JHS Ottawa had the opportunity to house 16 chronically homeless men who were living with mental health and addiction problems. Using a Housing First model, these men were housed in their own individual apartments and provided with intensive case management support by two caseworkers and a support worker. As a result of their stable housing, these men have been able to access financial support through the Ontario Disability Support Program, and now have access to a mental health nurse and have been able to find a family doctor. Many of these men are now able to work part-time or return to school to upgrade their education. We wish them well in their new lives and extend our heartfelt thanks to our community partners for giving our clients a safe and supported home in which they can recover and grow.

# Child & Youth Services

## Non-Residential Attendance Centre (NRAC)

This alternative-to-custody program had another busy year supporting a total of 111 youth. Satellite services continued at Summerville Supportive Housing; some groups that brought together girls living at Summerville and girls participating at NRAC took place with significant success. Throughout the summer NRAC also provided Carleton Place clients with groups within their community. Thank you to the NRAC team for their ongoing commitment to assisting youth in achieving success in satisfying their court-ordered conditions and moving beyond the justice system.



## Choices School-based Prevention

This school-based prevention initiative continued to support youth in Grades 7 and 8 in selected schools; specifically, those who would benefit from added guidance and development in areas such as peers and other relationships, cognitive and social skills, and attitudes, values and beliefs. Choices expanded to a second school this year, and a total of 64 students participated from both schools. Thank you to Crime Prevention Ottawa for supporting this project during its first two years, and to Haleigh for her ongoing dedication to the success of Choices.



## A Different Street Housing (ADS)

ADS continues its work with young men who are homeless or unsuitably housed and require comprehensive on-site support. This year efforts were focused on collating and reviewing data that we have tracked over the past few years—an example of the ongoing commitment to program reviews with a goal of continuous improvement. Thank you to Mark and the entire ADS team, including our partner agency Eastern Ontario Youth Justice Agency, for their continued support with ADS and its clients.



## Summerville Supportive Housing

Our second anniversary came and went this year at our supportive housing program for young women. The completion of our second-year evaluation through the Department of Justice gave us an interesting snapshot of the program data to date. The kindness of the community was realized once again when volunteers from Public Safety Canada came and spent a day fixing up our group space in the basement.



## Diversion services

Our partnership continued with Ottawa Community Youth Diversion Program of the Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa with 14 individual and three group contracts. Supporting pre- and post-charge youth to satisfy conditions that will divert them from the justice system is something of which JHS Ottawa is proud to be a part.

## Saint John Bosco Achievement Centre (JBAC)

This innovative school program, in partnership with the Ottawa Catholic School Board and Eastern Ontario Youth Justice Agency, had another successful year. JBAC began a blog this year, which has increased communication about the program. It also provides a place to showcase the great work that gets produced throughout the year; and, it serves as a tool for reminding students about upcoming field trips.

Check out what is happening at JBAC at [jbacupdates.blogspot.ca](http://jbacupdates.blogspot.ca).

# Employment & Training Services

Employment and Training services are offered to the community through our Community Employment Resources Centre (CERC), Hire Power Employment Services and Pre-Employment Training (PET)

## Community Employment Resource Centre

CERC is an Employment Ontario funded network site which provided access to job search assistance services to over 3,500 people in Ottawa west in the past year. CERC has responded to the increased numbers of people in our community who are losing jobs by providing resume writing, interview preparation and linking job seekers to employers. Over the years we have built strong partnerships with employers who receive assistance in hiring suitable candidates, support with training subsidies and access to apprenticeship supports. CERC had an outstanding year and plans are in place to continue growth and increase access for more people to these free services.



## Hire Power Employment Services

Hire Power provides employment services primarily to people who have had involvement with the criminal justice system, serving over 500 people this year. Hire Power plays a crucial role in providing access to employment for residents of our housing programs and the Lowertown community, and is a resource for all Employment Ontario programs in Ottawa. Hire Power has a strong supportive pool of employers who have enabled clients to gain and retain employment with positive outcomes for the clients and the community.

## Pre-Employment Training



Pre-Employment Training (PET) Programs provide essential skills training to prepare individuals for employment, further their education and training and promote movement towards personal independence goals. Programs offer individualized, goal-oriented training in reading, writing, numeracy and computer skills. Workshops are also offered to enhance communication skills and self-advocacy skills as well as self-management and self-direction skills. Over 500 clients accessed services, which include Literacy & Basic Skills training, Grade 12 Equivalency, Early Intervention Employment Skills Training, Outreach Drop-In Literacy Programs in the community and the ARCHES Program that connects individuals with mental health and addiction issues back to the workforce.



# JHS 60 Years

Celebrating 60 Years!



**A Look Back Over The Decades...**



# 1950s

Businessman Tom Lamothe and his associates E.P. Newcombe and Louis Titley, all of whom served terms as President, founded JHS Ottawa in 1951. A newspaper article from 1958 notes that, while the Society was starved for funds in the first years of operation, it now had a budget of \$16,000 with two staffed social workers (Louis Zeitoun as first Executive Director, and Donald Blacklock as first Social Worker)



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**JOHN HOWARD SUPPORTERS**  
 John Nelligan, left, was elected president of the John Howard Society of Ottawa during the group's seventh annual dinner meeting held in the Murphy Gamble Ltd. Rideau Room. Center is guest speaker Arthur Maloney, lawyer and MP for Parkdale riding in Toronto, and at right is the society's past president, T. P. Lamothe. —Photo by Newton

## Criminals Law "Unfair"

A plea for the abolition of present laws concerning habitual criminals and minimum sentences was made last night by Arthur Maloney, MP, at the annual dinner meeting of the John Howard Society.

Mr. Maloney, a lawyer who represents the Parkdale riding in the House of Commons, is also Parliamentary assistant to Labor Minister Starr.

The lawyer-politician felt the law covering habitual criminals was unfair. Under that law, he said, any person having been convicted, since the age of 18, of three crimes which could have brought jail sentences of five years or more, can be detained indefinitely for leading "a persistently criminal life."

He said the "indefinite" period provided by law could also mean life imprisonment. "In the last ten years, 50 persons have been convicted by the courts as habitual criminals."

Mr. Maloney also felt strongly that the laws covering minimum sentences should be abolished so that magistrates could decide "after acquainting themselves with all the facts" what the proper punishment should be "for individual cases."

The speaker also praised Maj.-Gen. Ralph B. Gibson, Commissioner of Penitentiaries, whom he felt was responsible for the "marked improvements" in the Canadian penal system.

"Maj.-Gen. Gibson will go down in history as one of the greatest of penal system reformers," Mr. Maloney said.

More teenagers sought help from the society last year than any year before.

The society reports that 31 young people after release from prison went to the society for help in 1958 as against 23 in 1957.

Louis Zeitoun, executive secretary for the society, told the seventh annual banquet last night that the long term "help process" of parole rather than the "reporting process" was proving to be one of the most effective means of rehabilitation for young people.

He noted that young people on parole were usually resentful of authority in a supervisor and yet were in constant search for direction. The treatment became effective, he said when the young person began to feel that the supervising authority was not there simply as a reporting agency.

The number of men on parole and ticket of leave under supervision of the society during during 1958 and 33 representing a 43 percent increase over 1957.

Of these, 20 completed their parole period successfully and the remainder, still under supervision, are making satisfactory adjustment.

The society also conducted 1,656 interviews last year, 30 percent more than in 1957. The average number of interviews for each person served was raised from 3.9 in 1957 to 4.5.

The society also gave \$3,960 in material assistance last year, as against \$2,250 in 1957, an increase of 35 percent.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1958.

## John Howard Society Asks Municipal Grant

The John Howard Society of Ottawa has asked the city for a municipal grant, to help meet increased requests for financial assistance in the rehabilitation of discharged prisoners.

The increase is due to the present "difficult unemployment situation", directors said.

At present, the society is often unable to meet these requests because of limited funds, they pointed out.

Their major source of income is the Ottawa community Chest. In 1958 they were allotted \$2,500 for material assistance, which was consumed two months before the end of the year.

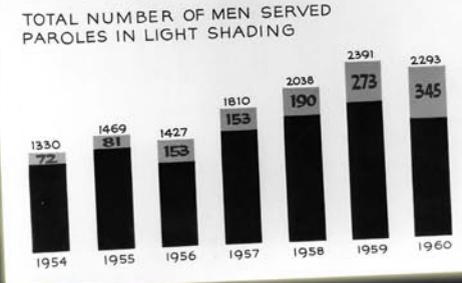
In their brief, they pointed out that the Society, which is devoted to the rehabilitation and re-establishment of ex-prisoners on their release from prison, assisted 250 men and held 815 interviews last year. This year the volume of work has been even greater.

An important part of their service is the granting of material relief in cases where their professional case workers feel it is required.

"There are few areas in which more valuable work can be done at a smaller cost, than in the prevention of crime and the rehabilitation of former criminals", the brief said.

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## JOHN HOWARD SOCIETY OF ONTARIO



# 1960s

The Society budget had increased to \$30,000 due to funding from the United Appeal, Kiwanis Club, and City of Ottawa. Prominent Presidents included J.P. Nelligan, R.J. Wilson, R.L. Elliott, Lyle Blackwood, and Louis Titley. Founding President Tom Lamothe was honoured for his 18 years of service to JHS. The inaugural Executive Director, Louis Zeitoun, moved to Manpower and was succeeded by Richard Ramsay MSW.



### JOHN HOWARD EXECUTIVE

The John Howard Society of Ottawa Tuesday night elected 1965-1966 officers at an annual meeting at the Bruce MacDonald Motor Court. Left to right are Lawrence Bilsky, treasurer; Louis Titley, president, and Louis Zeitoun, executive secretary.

(Journal Photo by Dominion Wide)

### Ottawa Times Weekly May 3/67 Tom Lamothe Is Honoured



Mr. Tom Lamothe

Mr. Tom Lamothe, Director of Industrial Relations for Morrison-Lamothe Bakery Limited received an honorary life membership from the John Howard Society of Ottawa at the Annual Meeting in Toronto April 27.

Ottawa Branch and Past Vice-President of the John Howard Society of Ontario.

Mr. Lamothe is active in a variety of community work. He is a Director of the Youth Services Bureau, vice-president of the Ottawa Liberal Association, Alumni Executive of St. Patrick's College and a former Loaned Executive to the United Appeal of Ottawa & District.

Also at the Toronto meeting Mr. Louis Titley of Ottawa was elected vice-president of the John Howard Society of Ontario.

For Mr. Lamothe, the award highlights 18 years association with the Society. He is one of the original directors and was instrumental in organizing the John Howard Society of Ottawa in 1949. He is a Past President of the

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**RICHARD RAMSAY**, a caseworker with the John Howard Society, of Wind-Howard Society, of Windsor, who has been appointed executive secretary of the John Howard Society, of Ottawa, replacing Louis Zeitoun. The appointment is effective Nov. 1. Mr. Zeitoun has accepted a job with the department of manpower.

# 1970s

This is a busy decade for JHS with Ruth Addison appointed as President followed by Len Potechin, Scott Milloy, and Jane Johnston. Ward Adams MSW was appointed Executive Director. Through the efforts of President Jane Johnston and her colleague Sheila Arthurs, community opposition was overcome and a halfway house was established, first opening its doors in 1978. The residence was named Kirkpatrick House, in honour of A.M. Kirkpatrick, who was the first Executive Director of JHS Ontario and then of JHS Canada.



City has a new halfway house for federal prisoners. At the official opening Tuesday were: Jane Stone, local president of the John Howard Society; Tom Welsh, city police chief; mayor-elect Marion Dewar; Solicitor-General Jean-Jacques Blais and Ward Adams, society executive director.

## Halfway house opens despite some anxiety

By Rose Simpson  
Journal Reporter

A new halfway house for federal prisoners opened its doors Tuesday despite some anxiety about its place in the community.

The house — at 591 MacLaren St. owned by the John Howard Society — will be used as a residence for inmates — who will in most be out on day parole. It is a storey building — formerly a men's rooming house — which has been restored through the efforts of the society and a Central Age and Housing Corporation for \$104,000.

to allow inmates to adjust gradually to life on the outside, society worker Suzanne Brunet said. On day parole, inmates go out into the community during the week and return to prison on the weekend.

Day parolees either work or go to school during the day and must report back to the house in the evening, said Brunet. Any inmate caught taking drugs or alcohol will be sent back to prison.

Brunet said the house will also be used for inmates released on parole who have no place to stay while looking for work.

But the establishment of so-called "group homes" located in the community have recently come

under fire here, said mayor-elect Marion Dewar, a society board member.

Many residents agree with the concept of groups homes for the disabled, mentally retarded and other isolated groups, she said. But most residents would rather see them "in someone else's backyard."

Dewar said the city initially received some complaints about the house. She said some residents complained that changing the rooming house into a halfway house would lead to traffic problems. But she said there was a real fear about allowing the inmates into the community.

and federal officials alike see the halfway house as the first step in getting the community involved in rehabilitation of prisoners.

City's police chief Thomas said he hopes the new halfway house will help combat "the ping pong syndrome" which inmates repeating their misdeeds going back to prison.

The goal of the halfway house is



### SOME OF OUR BEST ARTISTS ARE PRISONERS

An exhibition of 105 paintings, sketches and sculptures, created by prisoners in penal institutions across Canada, was opened in Ottawa City Hall foyer Tuesday night by Paul Faguy, newly-appointed commissioner of penitentiaries. A highlight of the display was prize-winning painting "Old Man" by Donald Martin, a

former inmate of Kingston Penitentiary. Admiring Martin's painting are, left to right: Solicitor-General George McNeil, Mrs. Mary K. Marsden, Mrs. D. F. Knechtel, of Brantford, chairman of the exhibition, and Robert Turner, vice-chairman.

Journal Photo by Dominion

## Prison Inmates Rank High As Best of Canada's Artists

Many of Canada's finest artists are prison inmates.

Viewers at the Prison Art 70 exhibition opening at the Ottawa City Hall foyer Tuesday night saw the creative side of inmates in penal institutions across Canada.

Many of Canada's finest artists are prison inmates. The collection of 105 pieces,

including oil paintings, sculptures and metal designs has been sponsored by the St. Leonard's Society of Canada.

The paintings and drawings, priced from \$5 to \$200 are considered "a steal" by many art lovers.

One, an ink drawing "An Abandoned Cart and Mary Jane," modestly priced at \$5, was signed "Ex-Con."

"I've had dealers tell me they could put two zeros after that five and sell it easily," Rev. Neil Libby, an Anglican priest from Windsor said.

The first prize painting, an appealingly realistic work entitled "Old Man" was by Donald Martin, when he was a Kingston Penitentiary inmate. Martin went to Kingston when he was 18, began painting at 19, and now at 24, is studying art in Toronto. Martin and some other inmate-artists represented in the exhibition are considered to have bright futures as artists.

"The policy of the Canadian Penitentiary Service is to try and develop a program of treatment and training which will create in the inmate a positive response, so he will be able to change his values and attitudes," Paul Faguy, newly-appointed commissioner

of penitentiaries said at the opening ceremonies Tuesday night.

During the past two years, "we have encouraged community relationships through citizen participation," Mr. Faguy said. "Approximately 18,000 citizens enter our institutions to take part in varied and diverse programs."

Programs such as those provided for the talented artists "offer a valuable contribution to the treatment and training program as a whole," Mr. Faguy said.

Invited guests at the exhibition opening included Mrs. Georges Vanier, Solicitor-General George McNeil, and RCMP Commissioner W. L. Hoggitt.

The St. Leonard's Society was represented by Mrs. Marianne Knechtel of Brantford, who conceived the idea of the art display about two years ago. It was intended as a means to raise money for the society's halfway house program.

Houses are rented by the society to give those released from prison an opportunity to adjust more easily in society. The exhibition will remain at City Hall until the end of the week.

## Parolees ease their way back into society

By Beth Clune

An old rooming house in Centretown has been rejuvenated and will soon house up to 14 parolees from federal penal institutions.

The John Howard Society of Ottawa recently opened the new project — a halfway house for parolees returning to the mainstream of society. The John Howard Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting in the civil rehabilitation of inmates leaving Canadian penal institutions.

include a midnight curfew, house cleaning chores and absolutely no use of alcohol or drugs. As well, a resident must either be working or attending school to be eligible to live there.

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Others, she says, were concerned, mainly because they didn't know what was coming into their neighborhood. She says most people didn't realize that 80 per cent of all people in jail are there for non-violent crimes.

A meeting between area residents, the John Howard Society, and Dalhousie Ward Alderman Rolf Hasenack was to be held last Thursday. Mr. Hasenack says he has received some negative reaction from constituents who voiced concern over how the operation is to be run and how it might affect the price of their property.

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The house was purchased by the John Howard Society of Ontario

The new residence, located at 591 MacLaren St., was officially opened Nov. 28. Over 100 guests attended the opening ceremonies, including Solicitor-General Jean-Jacques Blais, Ottawa Mayor Marion Dewar and Ottawa Police Chief Thomas Welsh.

The newly-renovated house will be home for men on day parole from federal penitentiaries in the area. The Ottawa region has been without such a facility for two years now, although houses for provincial parolees do exist.

To date, there have been 70 applications for places in the house, says Suzanne Brunet, coordinator of public relations for the John Howard Society. There are no residents yet, but Ms. Brunet hopes it will be occupied by Dec. 15.

House rules for the residents will

include a midnight curfew, house cleaning chores and absolutely no use of alcohol or drugs. As well, a resident must either be working or attending school to be eligible to live there.

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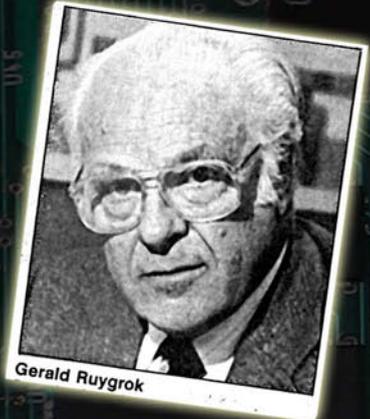


Celia Ruygrok

It is also hard to believe that any good could come from such a tragedy. But Gerry Ruygrok, Celia's father, is doing everything he can to see that it does. Through patience and determination, Mr. Ruygrok has achieved in a short time what others have been attempting for years.

"It's not difficult to see where Celia came from in terms of her commitment," says Ottawa lawyer Lawrence Greenspan of Mr. Ruygrok and his efforts to learn about the criminal justice system following Celia's death. Immersed in his daughter's textbooks, Ruygrok began to educate himself on how the system works and where it falls. Meetings with then Solicitor General Perrin Beatty, National Parole Board (NPB) Chairman William Outerbridge, Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) Deputy Commissioner Gord Pinder and Ottawa John Howard Society Director Ward Adams followed. The more Gerry Ruygrok read and heard, the more he recognized that the process was full of holes. "The word 'corrections' is a misnomer," he now says. "It's really non-existent in the present system." Armed with his new knowledge and guided by his dedication to his daughter's memory, Ruygrok decided to act.

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Gerald Ruygrok

## 1980s

July 1985 marked the low point for JHS Ottawa with the tragic death of 21-year-old Carleton University student Celia Ruygrok who was working alone on an overnight shift at Kirkpatrick House. Significant changes resulted in the operation of the Society with important contributions from the Crown Attorney, Correctional Services Canada, our President (Bruce Simpson), neighbours (including future President Ross Greenwood), and a new Executive Director (Don Wadel). The most significant contribution, however, came from Gerald Ruygrok, father of Celia, who urged changes to halfway houses across the country and rather than being vengeful, offered his opinion that, "Society needs more halfway houses like John Howard's". We owe Mr. Ruygrok a great deal.

# Local

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## Death led to halfway house changes

By Sherri Barron  
Citizen staff writer

Kirkpatrick House, the halfway house for prison parolees where part-time employee Celia Ruygrok was murdered in July 1985, is trying to forge an identity from the worst kind of crisis.

Her death led to many changes in the operation of the three-storey red-brick house on MacLaren Street and, by extension, to the approximately 160 halfway houses across Canada with which correctional services have contracts.

we (Kirkpatrick House workers) were trying to do everything for everybody," he said in an interview Tuesday.

"We would basically take anybody and try to help. We didn't really have a clear focus. But now we do."

Wadel said Kirkpatrick House no longer accepts men who require day treatment of any kind, such as psychiatric help. The house offers only employment and education assistance.

Correctional services also began a major evaluation of Kirkpatrick House in May. It was the first of the federally-assisted halfway houses to undergo the extensive evaluation outlining 91 requirements that must be met in order to obtain funding.

The evaluation addresses a broad range of concerns, including staff training, an appropriate alarm system in case of emergencies and greater access by staff to residents' records.

"Staff training here used to be more ad hoc," said Wadel. Now the requirements say staff must receive five days of training and crisis management a year in addition to the regular orientation program run by the houses.

The evaluation requires halfway houses to develop detailed policy and procedural manuals, which include advice on the handling of virtually any problem that could arise during a shift, he said.

For example, the manual developed by Ottawa's John Howard Society, to which



Wadel sitting in Kirkpatrick House kitchen  
—Lynn Ball, Citizen

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# 1990s

This decade was marked by significant program growth under the leadership of President Bob Hoffman and his colleague Don Andrews, both professors at Carleton University. They also received supports from Presidents Jirina Bulger, Jeff Walker, Rob Lewis, and Georga Whitehall. With their influence, systematic risk/need assessments were instituted together with evidence-informed services targeted on higher risk/need cases. A new office site was purchased on Old St. Patrick Street from which to offer this new suite of services.



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## Careers club helps welfare recipients

BY JILL MURRAY

Job hunting may be a little easier for people on social assistance since the John Howard Society started up programs to help people focus on a career, find a job or learn job-related skills.

The society began a career planning program and job finding club in July after receiving new funding from Employment and Immigration Canada.

"The society is responding to a defined need in our community," says Ralph Meehan, a community liaison officer with Canada Employment and Immigration. "They got \$55,000 to run eight job clubs...and \$211,000 to run six career planning programs over the year."

A new job finding club starts November 30. Both programs run out of the society's head office at 506 Gladstone Ave.

The society set up two new programs after noticing common complaints from people about the difficulties in deciding on a career and the difficulty in getting, and keeping, a job.

"You have to think...if I had limited education, limited job skills...getting a job would be very difficult...especially now," said Lynne Thibodeau, an employment counsellor at the society.

The John Howard Society is known for its work with people in conflict with the law but it also helps people on welfare and family benefits.

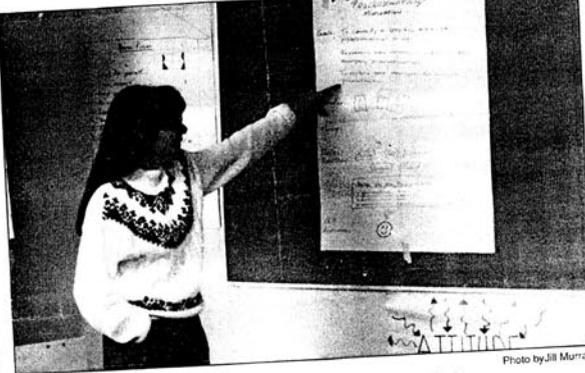


Photo by Jill Murray

Life-skills coach Susan Morse teaches job-hunters not to procrastinate.

"Career planning is for people with no clear vocational goal...but are tired of banging their head against a brick wall and ready for changes," says Thibodeau.

Career planning runs full-days, five days a week, for six weeks. Half the time is spent on life skills that will help people keep jobs. These skills include anger management, learning communication skills, examining attitudes and values and problem-solving skills.

The second-half of the program is

spent on job readiness. The participants research careers, existing job markets and the training needed in different fields. This helps people get into career areas that suit their aptitudes and personalities.

"They make you explore your interests and your own abilities," said Dave, one participant in his sixth week of the career planning program, who asked not to be identified.

Some of the program tends to be "mickey-mouse,"

helped him. "I changed my career direction - it was business, now it's teaching. I discovered I didn't have an aptitude for business."

"It's oriented towards the long-term," said a 28-year-old woman in the program. "It opens your horizons."

The second program, the job finding club, runs for three weeks and focuses on job search skills. Participants learn to write a resume, interviewing skills and follow-up techniques.

It's generally for people who have specific jobs in mind, says

Thibodeau. "We're getting very skilled people on welfare these days."

Each program accept 10 people per session. The programs are free but demand a lot of time. Only people on or eligible for social assistance are allowed to take these programs.

People have to come to the society but once they have made that step these programs can help them overcome barriers they have to committing to a job, says Thibodeau. It's difficult to break out of a cycle but the programs help people learn how.

"A lot of people sign-up and don't show up at all but the ones who come tend to stick with it," says Thibodeau.

The programs are both designed to help people who want to get off social assistance learn the skills they need to stay off.

The society has no statistics on the number of people who have been successful at finding a job and it's too early to see any long-term results.

Susan Morse a life skills coach with the society says there are a lot of benefits involved in the career planning program.

"It (the training) increases their self-awareness and how to deal with problems. This transfers into other areas of their lives not just their careers," says Morse.

The two new programs' funding runs out in March 1993 but Thibodeau is hopeful it will be renewed.

For information call 276-9793.

## 2000 - 2010

During this decade the Society focused on planning for and establishing a variety of housing projects under the leadership of Presidents John Edwards and Rita Thompson. New housing included 13 apartments on MaClaren Street for male adults, 16 units on Cambridge Street for male youth, 25 apartments on Ste. Anne Avenue for male adults, 8 apartments on Summerville Avenue for female youth, and 9 units on Lebreton Street intended for a mental health program. In addition, the board authorized the purchase of an office building for youth programs and an office condominium for employment services. The number of staff and associated funding also increased significantly.





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## Service Awards

### 5 years of service

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### 10 years of service

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## Funders

In order to carry out our Mission and to provide effective services, the Society relies on funding from the following sources:

- Algonquin College
- Children's Aid Societies
- City of Ottawa
- Client rental payments
- Community Foundation
- Correctional Services Canada
- Crime Prevention Ottawa
- Department of Justice
- Donations
- Ministry of the Attorney General
- Ministry of Children and Youth Services
- Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services
- Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities
- Rideauwood Addiction Services
- Trillium Foundation
- United Way/Centraide Ottawa

# Financials

John Howard Society of Ottawa  
Financial Position  
31-Mar-12

	2012	2011
ASSETS	\$	\$
Current assets		
Amounts receivable	899,873	389,424
Prepaid expenses and deposits	66,464	66,767
Current portion of loan receivable from Rideau Social Enterprises	41,550	
	<u>1,007,887</u>	<u>456,191</u>
Long-term portion of loan receivable from RSE	12,900	
Term deposits	895,241	787,613
Capital assets	4,906,126	5,220,869
	<u>6,822,154</u>	<u>6,464,673</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Bank indebtedness	197,699	12,521
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	842,927	309,384
Deferred contributions - operations	377,298	452,512
Instalments on long-term debt	83,608	237,870
	<u>1,501,532</u>	<u>1,012,287</u>
Deferred contributions - capital assets	2,538,256	2,721,245
Long-term debt	883,211	979,768
	<u>4,922,999</u>	<u>4,713,300</u>
NET ASSETS (DEFICIENCY)		
Capital reserve	409,294	400,000
Contingency reserve	151,588	150,000
Acquisition reserve	396,043	149,808
Unrestricted	942,230	1,051,565
	<u>1,899,155</u>	<u>1,751,373</u>
	<u>6,822,154</u>	<u>6,464,673</u>