



JohnHoward

SOCIETY OF YORK REGION

Annual Report 2017



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MISSION

Effective, Just and Humane responses to crime and its causes.

METHODS

In furtherance of its mission, the Society:

Provides for the effective integration into the community of those in conflict with the law and provides, or encourages others to provide services to those in contact with, or affected by the Criminal Justice System

Promotes changes in the law and the administration of justice which will lead to the more humane and effective treatment of individuals

Promotes citizen awareness of the problems of crime and its causes, acceptance of responsibility to respond to these problems and involvement in the delivery and management of justice related programs

Promotes the fair and humane treatment of all incarcerated persons and seeks to ensure that all forms of detention and imprisonment comply with relevant and human rights standards.

DESCRIPTION

The John Howard Society of York Region strives to offer the most effective services possible to our clients and their families while contributing to the health, well-being and safety of our community.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Each year, our staff team at JHSYR take on an increasingly active role in York Region, from neighbourhoods north to south. Through your direct, hands on efforts, with support from the many community partnerships you have built across the Region, you helped residents of our community tackle some of the most difficult challenges of their lives this year. Congratulations, JHSYR – 2016/17 marked your biggest community impact yet!

Here are some of the ways you made an impact on people's lives this year.

Together, you:

- Helped approximately 150 women living with domestic violence develop a safety plan to help keep them and their children safer
- connected over 3,000 residents to services in their home community
- Brought information about healthy relationships and dating violence to 138 teenagers across York Region
- helped approximately 50 people escape the stigma that an old criminal record had on finding meaningful employment and housing
- gave over 550 individuals new tools for communicating to their partners in a healthy way
- made transportation more accessible for 350 residents



Jackie Wilson
Board Chair



Christin Cullen
Executive Director

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STAFF CONFERENCE 2017

In June 2017, staff from JHSYR attended the John Howard Society of Ontario Provincial staff conference, held in Barrie, Ontario at the Horseshoe Valley Resort. The purpose of this conference, entitled "*Strategies to Lead*", was to strengthen our role as community justice leaders in communities across Ontario. Over the course of 4 days, staff had the opportunity to participate in various workshops to increase their knowledge in areas such as management, mental health, trauma, youth, and fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. The conference was an opportunity to network with colleagues from across Ontario allowing us to enhance existing services in our local community.

JHSO UPDATES

Over the past year, the Centre of Research, Policy & Program Development (“the Centre”) at the John Howard Society of Ontario has continued to advance initiatives which further our mission for effective, just and humane responses to crime and its causes. These initiatives are core components of the Centre’s ongoing work in research and policy, public education, and program evaluation in the criminal justice sector. The Centre has continued to support the 19 local JHS offices across Ontario by providing evidence-based research, program evaluation and policy services.

REINTEGRATION

In November 2016, the Centre co-authored *Reintegration in Ontario: Practices, Priorities, and Effective Models* with Dr. William O’Grady and Ryan Lafleur from the University of Guelph, and members of the Association for Effective Reintegration in Ontario (AERO). This report was the culmination of a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council’s (SSHRC) Partnership Development Grant, which began in 2013. The Centre worked alongside academics and front-line service providers to document best practices in discharge planning, housing, employment and education, social supports, and reducing stigma. The report is a tool for front-line service providers seeking to implement evidence-based practices, and a launch-pad to inform broader policy initiatives on effective reintegration.



POLICE RECORDS

The Centre continues to build on our foundational On the Record and Help Wanted* research to further investigate the deleterious use and impacts of police and criminal records. In the past year, the Centre has been working on a project funded by the Metcalf Foundation to examine the use and impact of police and/or criminal records from the perspective of employers and those with lived-experience in Toronto. Once research is complete, a report and online hub for information on police records will be launched.

BAIL & REMAND

The Centre has remained focused on the issues of bail and remand, and [advancing solutions](#) from our extremely well-received [Reasonable Bail?](#) report to the public and key stakeholders. Over the past year, the Centre has concentrated new research efforts on youth bail. In late 2016, the Centre began a new collaborative project with Legal Aid Ontario and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association funded by the Law Foundation of Ontario. This project will uncover underlying issues with youth bail in Ontario to ensure reasonable and timely access to bail for youth

PUBLIC HEALTH OPPORTUNITIES

The Centre continues to work towards improving the complex health needs of incarcerated people as identified in the report [Fractured Care: Health Opportunities in Ontario's Correctional Institutions](#). The Centre is spearheading the [Correctional Health Care Coalition](#), composed of key health care and justice stakeholders, to identify the constraints in delivering equitable health care in Ontario's correctional institutions and to advocate for equitable health outcomes for the criminal justice involved individuals. The Centre continues to monitor and investigate systems and solutions in order to raise the standards of care in correctional facilities.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CENTRE AND OUR WORK AT:
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CLIENT TESTIMONIALS

"I feel that I was so blessed to have met you (although we haven't seen each other in person). You not only helped me successfully gain the police's attention to the matters, most importantly you helped to get my hope back! My life is more meaningful when I have hope. I don't know how to express my gratitude to you and your coworkers who had helped in this case. THANK YOU ALL is the only thing I can say."

-PAR Partner

"I have never opened up about my personal life before, I never felt comfortable. Thanks for not judging me."
- youth age 25

"I learned to talk and think more reasonably in tough situations rather than using violence as an approach."

-youth age 18

"It is not hard to make a difference in someone's life, just ask how they are feeling."

- youth age 16

"Please keep an attached copy for your own personal records at the Newmarket Courthouse, my daughter and her parents are grateful for the psychological counseling on her ongoing mental state.

Thank you once again to the entire staff at the John Howard Society."

-MA

"This program really made me think about what I did. I wouldn't have realized why I cheated on my girlfriend in the past. Now I see how much I was influenced by media growing up."

- youth aged 18

"I liked that everyone had the chance to speak without judgement."

-youth age 18 and age 17

"I thank you for all your help and mentoring. I truly feel I am a better person and have learned so much from my experiences with you and the group at JHS."

-Anonymous

"I learned that relationships are more difficult to handle than I thought."

- youth age 14

"I wanted to send you a quick note thanking you for your work with several of my clients. They all tell me about what a positive experience it has been, and how much they have learned. I suspect that yours can sometimes be a thankless task, so I wanted you to know how appreciative my clients have been for your help."

-Community Partner

"I wanted to tell you what an excellent group we have. The group has really helped me in my time of need. I really look forward to Thursdays. I think it is such an excellent support tool...As I sit awake in my room, listening to a branch scratch the window in my boss's house, I feel like I'm gonna lose my mind... but thinking about the group is great! You do an excellent job and there are a lot of people that are lucky to have your guidance."

-REACH Client

2016-17 Financials

John Howard Society of York Region

Incorporated under the Laws of Ontario Without Share Capital
Statement of Financial Position- March 31st 2017

Assets	2017	2016
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 278,599	\$ 237,721
Accounts Receivable	19,917	19,312
Prepaid Expenses	15,473	15,452
Long Term Investments	58,132	20,161
Property, plant, and equipment	4,329	12,326
Total Assets	\$ 376,450	\$304,972

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses.	\$ 42, 853	\$34, 303
Funding Repayable	14,872	853
Funding contributions related to property, plant , and equipment	4,329	12, 326
Net Assets		
Internally Restricted	255, 885	55,000
Unrestricted	58,511	202,490
Total Liabilities	\$ 376,450	\$ 304,972

Condensed Statement of Operations- General Fund

Year ended March 31st 2017

Revenues	\$ 955,947	\$ 844,652
Expenses	899,041	829,262
Excess of Revenue over expenses for the period	\$ 56,906	\$ 15,390



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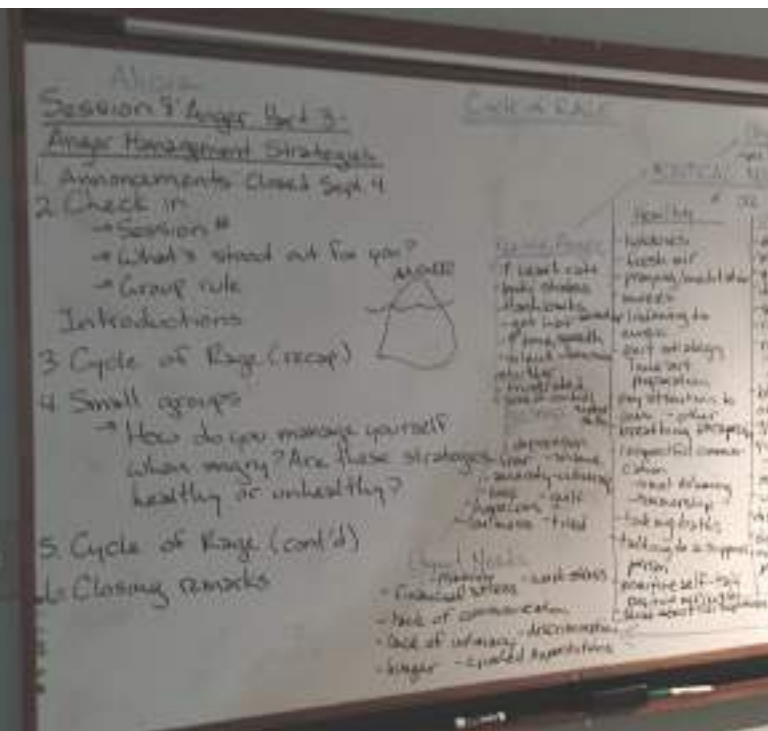
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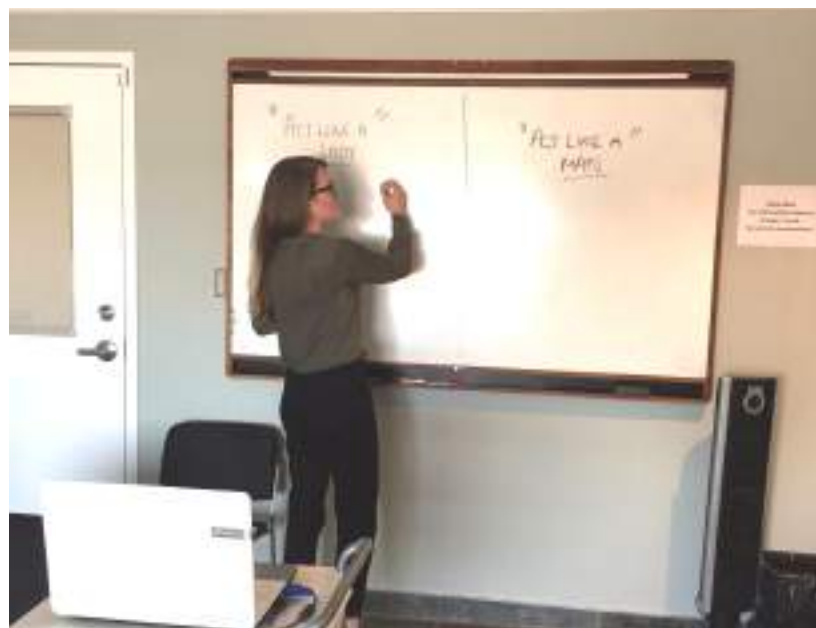
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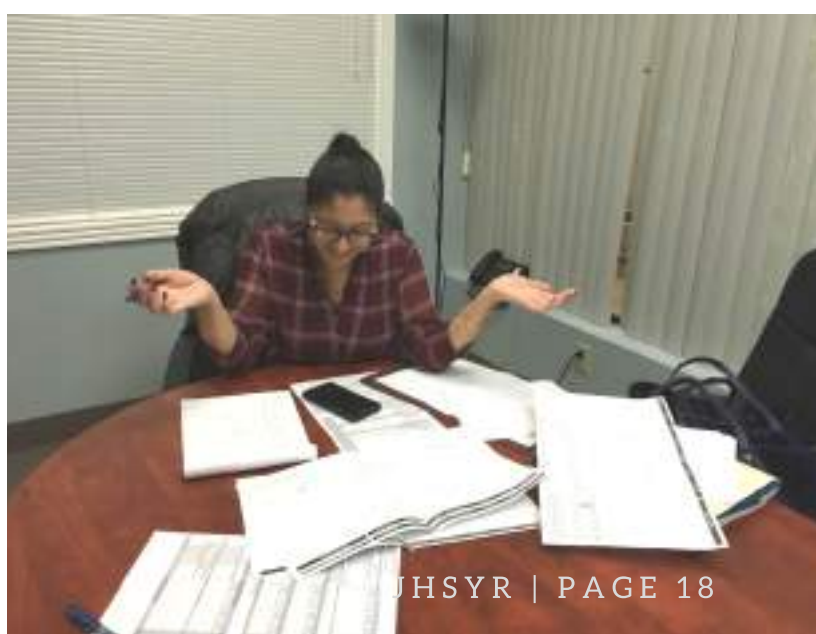




A YEAR IN REVIEW









In Memory of Harold Johnson

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