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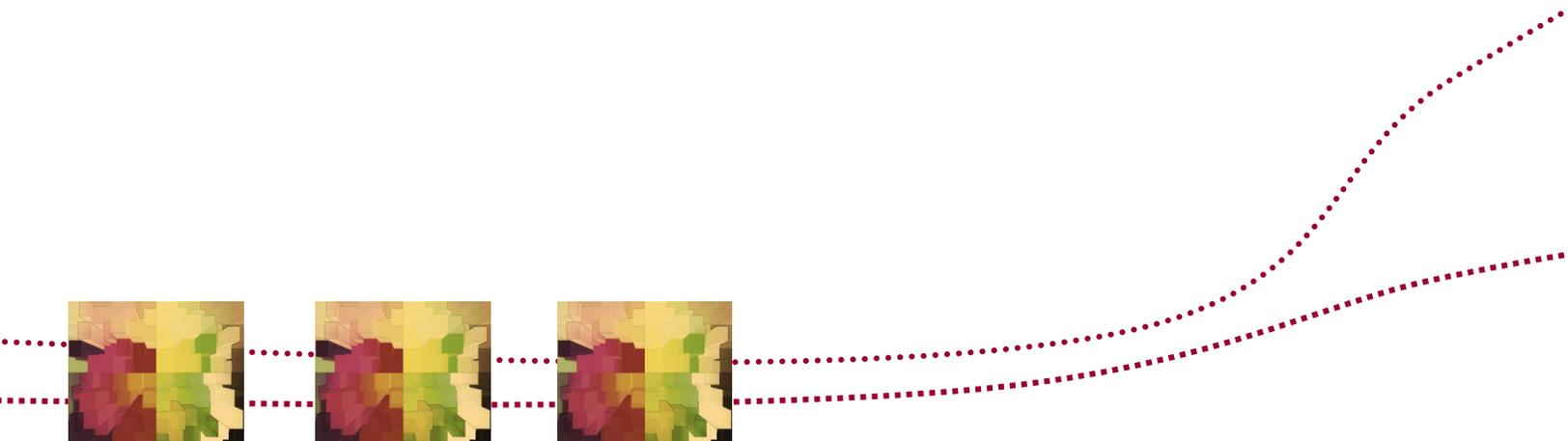
Annual General Report

2015

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MISSION.

OCTEVAW is a coalition of organizations and individuals dedicated to ending violence against women and, through leadership, education, advocacy and political action, to promoting a coordinated response to women and their children who have experienced abuse.

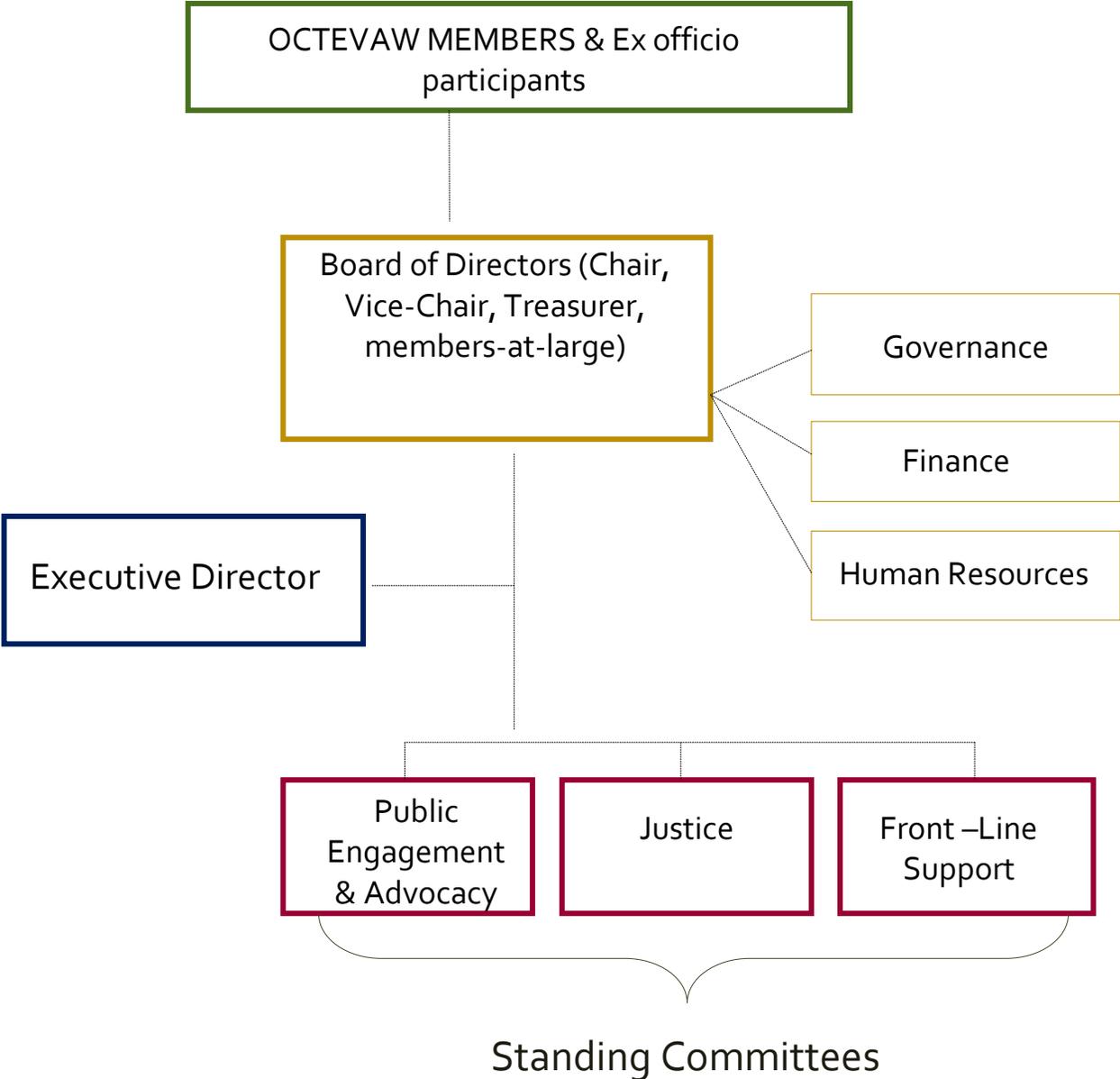
VISION.

OCTEVAW aspires to a future in which: no woman in our community need fear for her safety and well-being, or that of her children; respect for inherent worth and dignity of all women is reflected in our public institutions; all members of the community are united in supporting efforts to ensure a permanent end to violence and abuse of women and their children in Ottawa.

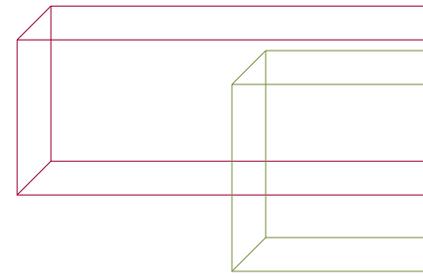
VALUES.

In working collaboratively to achieve equality of rights, fair access to services and resources, and social justice for women and their children who have experienced abuse, OCTEVAW adheres to feminist, anti-racist, anti-oppression and pro-choice principles, and is committed to celebrating diversity, inclusiveness and the dignity of all women and their children.

COALITION STRUCTURE.



Board of Directors' Report.



It has been a productive year for the Board of Directors. Our focus has been on reviewing the existing Strategic Plan by asking ourselves the following questions:

- Do the current mission, vision and values reflect the coalition's goals and objectives?
- Do our current program platforms need to be re-examined and possibly changed?
- Does our current Board structure support the overall goals and objectives?
- Do we need to move toward a more formal Board structure (ie. move away from members at large and create job descriptions eg. Director, Volunteer Management and Succession Planning) to better support our goals and objectives?

We have met 3 times to review and answer the above noted questions and continue to meet to build a Strategic Plan that will build on the previous years' efforts to ensure that we continue to move forward serving our membership and our staff. We will be reaching out to the membership to ask you those same questions to ensure open communication and transparency.

In order to implement the goals outlined in the current Strategic Plan for 2015-2016, the Board developed a work plan and subcommittees that have been focused on the following objectives, to continue improving on:

- Member engagement and internal communications.
- A complete review of our existing HR; Finance; and Governance policies.
- Board Governance by moving toward a more formalized interview process for interested volunteers wanting to become Board members.
- A formalized complaints policy.

The Board of Directors would like to recognize the hard work of the Chairs of the Standing Committees:

- Front Line Support: Adriana Oatu as Coordinator
- Justice: Peter Jupp and Steve Sullivan
- Public Engagement: Bailey Reir
- Advocacy: Valerie Collicott

As a Board we continue to be motivated by the work of committees and proud of the membership's accomplishment this past year. We are proud to be a part of OCTEVAW, working together with members to end violence against women in our community.

As Chair, I have found this year to be such an interesting and motivational one and am so proud to have been given the opportunity to lead such an incredible, proactive and dedicated group of volunteer Board members. I would like to especially thank our Executive Director, Erin Leigh, who has been an incredible support to me while I learn the ins and out of OCTEVAW.

I look forward to connecting with the membership over the coming year to share ideas and insights on the future of OCTEVAW.

This has been a time of personal growth and a true appreciation for what OCTEVAW and its membership does to end violence against women in our community.

Marie-Louise Doyle, Chair
Board of Directors, OCTEVAW

ELECTED DIRECTORS AS OF APRIL 2015

- Marie-Louise Doyle (Chair)
- Ubah Hersi (Vice-Chair)
- Ertha Doliscar (Treasurer)
- Jessica Barrow (Member-at-Large)
- Mandy Faulkner (Member-at-Large)
- Carrolyn Johnston (Member-at-Large)
- Peter Jupp (Member-at-Large)
- Bonnie Stephanson (Member-at-Large)
- Rima Zabian (Member-at-Large)

DIRECTORS WHO ENDED THEIR TERMS

- Ertha Doliscar (Treasurer)
- Carrolyn Johnston (Member-at-Large)
- Jessica Barrow (Member-at-Large)
- Rima Zabian (Member-at-Large)



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

2015 was a year full of ups and downs in Canada for greater awareness of violence against women (VAW) and gender-based violence (GBV), but at great cost. The general public demonstrated a greater willingness to #believesurvivors of sexual violence following the Ghomeshi and Cosby scandals. At the same time, data emerged from Statistics Canada showing that women now eclipse men as being more likely to be a victim of violence than men – as a result of constant rates of sexual violence in contrast to decreases in all other forms of violence.

Intimate partner violence against women also took centre stage following the terrible murders in Wilno, but the sentiment at large continues to be shock when these things occur, rather than anger that VAW is so endemic to our society. Our member agencies and our committees continue to be fuelled by the drive to eliminate violence, while being responsive to the needs of survivors.

The Board has been working to begin the process of considering a new strategic vision to engage members on in the coming year.

Certainly, OCTEVAW has been integral to some major initiatives to help address and prevent VAW and GBV in the City of Ottawa over the past year. Dillon Black has been exploring how to prevent cyberviolence with the leadership of the Youth Services Bureau's Purple Sisters group of young women. This work has been complemented with our ongoing engaging men work through the MANifest Change program. Over 1000 young people were reached in local high schools and after-school spaces. The program is shifting to focus on the needs of campuses, as our campus project finished, but the need remains great.

Underpinning our prevention work is the core work of our committees. The Front Line Support Committee underscored the need for understanding the Office of the Children's Lawyer's role and impact in a VAW context. The Justice Committee led on key advocacy initiatives including challenging the closing of the Immigration and Refugee Board Office, Bill C-36 on sex work, and gun control. Meanwhile, Public Engagement continued to *Shine a Light* to help raise awareness of VAW in the city through innovative means, including engaging with small businesses.

Members of each of these committees also support the Ottawa Police Service (OPS) review of how it responds to violence against women. We are buoyed by the collaborative spirit the OPS has demonstrated and are hopeful that the engagement with front line members of the VAW sector; hearing directly from survivors and work on prevention through MANifest Change. By placing the voices of survivors and advocates at the centre of this work the OPS is demonstrating leadership and openness that will serve it well.

Thank you all for providing such an incredible source of inspiration and engaging in the struggle to end violence against women. Only by working together can we work towards this end.



STAFF. OCTEVAW continues to have one (1) paid full time staff (35 hours a week), which is the Executive Director. Her position is both funded by the City of Ottawa (4 days) and the Ministry of Community and Social Services (1 day).

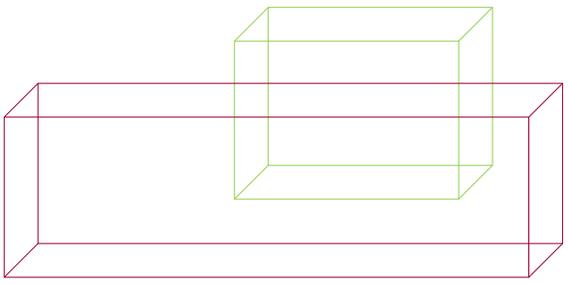
CONTRACT STAFF.

The OCTEVAW contract staff is as follows:

- **Dillon Black**-VAW Prevention on Campuses / Cyberviolence project
- **Matt Schaaf** – I Can MANifest Change
- **Sonia Figuracion** – Bookkeeper
- **Annelies Van Oers**-Web Administrator
- **Caron Translation**
- **Wolfworks** printing

I have learned so much from the talented individuals that contribute to OCTEVAW's mission and mandate. Thank you for helping us in working towards eliminating violence against women.

VOLUNTEERS.



OCTEVAW relies on the intelligence and dedication of volunteers to underpin its programming. Our CourtWatch Program, MANifest Change and Cyberviolence projects would not have the leadership necessary without volunteers. Many thanks for contributing so fundamentally to our work.

Court Watch Coordinators

Helena Beeker, Sherley Merise,
Kevin Putinski

Court Watch Volunteers

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| Alydyl | Krysta Mclsaac |
| Arienne Carew | Natasha Szach |
| Baveeta Uthayakumar | Rachel Georgina Gopaul |
| Brianna Garneau | Rita Sarker |
| Caroline Hards | Sarah Mack |
| Emma Loader-Ricci | Savannah Gentile |
| Emma Skowron | Sukhman Grewal |
| Farah Zaman | Thelma Essibrah |
| Ferne Leigh | |
| Genevieve Boulay | |
| Joanna Chan | |
| Kathryn McKinleyanna | |
| Katrina Baumeister | |

YSB Purple Sisters Cyberviolence Project

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| Athourina | Tamara |
| Holly | Amira |
| Lyra | Rayanne |
| Munea | Kayla |

MANifest Change

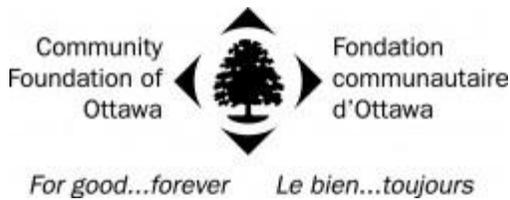
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| Alex Jarocki | Phil Mineau |
| Clayton Dignard | Nick Lebrun-Ellerton |
| Omar Mahfoudhi | Corey Bourguignon |
| Christophe Tremblay | Benjamin Miller |
| Brendan Vidal | Sharmaarke Abdullahi |
| Mitchell Wanless | Ali Beshir |
| Wilder Tweedale | Beck Hood |
| Alex LaRochelle | Aaron Leach |
| Kevin Putinski | Shai Kohen |
| Tyrone Lehmkuhl | |
| Colin Stokes | |
| Ray Tucker-Peel | |

Placement Student

Jenna Spagnoli, Carleton, BSW

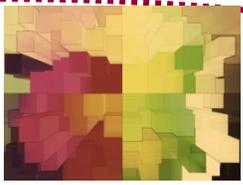
THANK YOU FUNDERS!

Our funders demonstrate wisdom and confidence in supporting the Coalition. Without the generous support of our funders, the important work of enhancing a coordinated response to violence against women, and prevention programming to ultimately end violence would not be possible. Thank you!



**Status of Women
Canada**

**Condition féminine
Canada**



PARTNERSHIPS.

In 2015 OCTEVAW began or continued to contribute to and/or support the following agencies, projects or committees:

eQuality
project

City for All Women
Initiative (CAWI)

Provincial
Domestic Violence
Community
Coordinating
Committee

Planned Parenthood
Ottawa
VAW & SRH

Committee on
Disability and Abuse
(CODA)

Sexual Assault
Network Advisory
Committee

Women's
Event
Network

International
Women's Day
Pan-
Organizational
Committee

In Love and In Danger
Family Services
Ottawa

Domestic Violence
Court Advisory
Committee

OCTEVAW MEMBERSHIP.

VOTING MEMBER AGENCIES (2015)

Amethyst Women's Addiction Centre
Canadian Resource Centre for Victims of Crime
Carleton University- Equity Services
Carleton University -Department of Safety
Carlington Community Health Center
Catholic Family Services
Comité Réseau d'Ottawa
Dress for Success
Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre
Elizabeth Fry Society
Family Services Ottawa
Families of Sisters in Spirit
HURT Association
Interval House of Ottawa
Immigrant Women Services Ottawa
Jewish Family Services-Shalom Bayit
Maison d'Amitié
Nelson House of Ottawa Carleton
Ottawa Victim Services
Ottawa Rape Crisis Centre
Pinecrest-Queensway Community Health Centre
Planned Parenthood Ottawa
Rae of Light
Safe Pet Ottawa
Sexual Assault Network
Somerset West Community Health Centre
University of Ottawa – Department of Criminology
University of Ottawa Legal Clinic
Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre
Women's Initiatives for Safer Environments (WISE)

OCTEVAW CURRENTLY HAS 11 VOTING COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

Halina Siedlikowski
Holly Johnson
Joan Gullen
Lynne Oreck-Wener
Toby Brooks
Khoa Hoang
Bailey Reid
Jordan Fairbairn
Marie-Louise Doyle
Jamie Liew
Kathryn McKinley
Steve Sullivan

NON-VOTING MEMBER AGENCIES (2015)

City of Ottawa-Ottawa Public Health
City of Ottawa – Social Services Department
Crime Prevention Ottawa
Crown Attorney's Office
Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services-Probation and Parole
Ottawa Community Housing
Ottawa Police Services, Partner Assault Unit
Ottawa Police Services, Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Unit
Ottawa Police Services, Victim Crisis Unit
Victim Witness Assistance Program



REPORT FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Frontline Support Committee

There are approximately 69 members of the FLSC with about 30 active members (those who attend meetings regularly). Attendance is approximately 15 members per meeting.

FLSC meetings are held from September to June every 6 weeks on Friday mornings at Family Services Ottawa. There were 8 meetings held in 2015. A total of approximately 390 volunteer hours were contributed by the members.

Our work plan continues to have the following goals:

- Provide a forum for networking, sharing information and providing support
- Identify trends / issues within VAW field
- Optimize options for women seeking service re: abuse
- Maintain a grassroots perspective of service delivery
- Engage in political action and advocacy
- Promote public awareness regarding VAW
- Support and promote diversity and accessibility
- Acknowledge workplace safety and emotional well-being

In the past year, the FSLC engaged in the following:

- FLSC members participated in continued consultation process between OPS and the community to review police VAW practices and women's experiences. There are 4 working committees: Advisory, Research, Prevention, and Response. Marie Louise Boudreau was a member of the Response Committee. Marie-Louise Boudreau and Lynn Urquart supported an analysis of mandatory charging with the Partner Assault Unit. FLSC members provided direct feedback on intake process at OPS stations to the Response committee OPS representatives : Peter Jupp and constable Stephanie Hillbow .
- Members participated in discussion with guest speaker Laurie Jo (West End Legal Clinic) regarding the multiple changes of the immigration law and impact on the clients.
- Members attended consultation on Legal Aid Ontario (LAO) Domestic Violence Strategy.
- Members advocated and engaged with VAW management on issues related to new MCSS Shelter Standards and changes in services provided by shelters to women across the community.
- Members discussed concerns regarding safety for women referred to the city emergency shelters (such as YMCA, Hope Outreach and Cornerstone). FLSC to further discuss and plan next steps.
- The research on VAW experiences of OCL interventions was shared with Justice Trainer from Ontario legal system Pam Cross <http://lukesplace.ca/resources/pamela-cross/>.The research will be showcased in Building a Bigger Wave's newsletter.
- Sandy Milne and Shar Chowdhury presented to High Conflict Forum on VAW issues.
- FLSC members continued discussion on new trends and impact on clients (ie court , legal aid, immigration, new shelters polices, technological abuse and safety planning)
- Maintain and review support group list for the members.
- December meeting was voted as informal, self-care meeting outside of agency. Not all members were available but received good feedback from participating members .

In summary, the FLSC continues to have:

- Actively engaged members who bring to the table issues affecting women experiencing abuse and their children.
- Members who participate in numerous community events bringing VAW awareness to the community.
- Members who participate in workshops and conferences and share information and resources back to the committee.
- Members who volunteer with tasks to enable the committee to work smoothly
- Professionals invited from the community to present on current issues/ trends such as Legal Aid, immigration law , OPS etc.

Frontline Support Members

Angelika Lorinser (Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre)
Annick Lavoie (Carlington Community Health Centre)
Adriana Oatu (Family Services Ottawa)
Anourath Phommachanh (Chrysalis House)
Ayala Sher (Safe Pet Ottawa)
Bernadette Ingungu (Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre)
Bonnie Stephanson (Somerset West Community Health Centre)
Claudia Van Den Heuvel (Pink Triangle Services)
Cindy Onwuachi (Children's Aid Society)
Dani Gaucher (Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre)
Deborah Conners (Carleton University)
Dillon Black (Ottawa Coalition to End Violence Against Women)
Elisaar Jalal (City of Ottawa)
Elke Keating (Family Services Ottawa)
Esther Cesaire (Family Services Ottawa)
Erin Leigh (Ottawa Coalition to End Violence Against Women)
Gabrielle Pelletier (CALACS)
Giovanna Buda (Elizabeth Fry Society)
Gundel Lake (Amethyst Womne's Addiction Centre)
Haney Logan (Community Member)
Helene Boucher (Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre)
Hillary Greer (Carlington Community Health Centre)
Honora Harvey (Interval House)
Iman Ibrahim (Muslim Community Centre)
Indu Gambhir (Indo-Canadian Community Centre)
Jamie Paradis (Children's Aid Society)
Jennifer Trankalis (Bethany Hope)
Josephine Basudde (Ottawa Rape Crisis Centre)
Kathryn McKinley
Kealey Dunlop (Cornerstone)
Kristine Pearce (Children Aid Society)
Linda Merali (Family Services Ottawa)
Lynn Urqhart (New Directions-Catholic Family Services)
Lynne Oreck-Wener (Community Member)
Mariana Migliorini (Public Health Ottawa)
Marie-Louise Boudreau (Catholic Family Services)
Marie Renée Bernagene (Catholic Family Services)
Mary Tersigni-Paltrinieri (Dress for Success)
Marie-Tharese Savage (Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre)
Martine Romulus (Eastern Ottawa Resource Center)
Maureen Parker (Family Services Ottawa)
Melissa Heimerl (Ottawa Victim Services)
Monica Tymofievich (Family Services Ottawa)

Michele Evans (Children's Aid Society)
Mignon Mildenberger (Community Member)
Melisa Heimerl (Ottawa Victim Services)
Nancy Isaac (Victim Crisis Unit-Ottawa Police Services)
Pauline Racicot (Military Family Resource Center)
Rene-Claude Vaillancourt (Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre)
Roberta Goldmaker (Dress for Success)
Sandy Milne (Family Services Ottawa)
Sadho Alibande (Immigrant Women Services Ottawa)
Sarah Alderwick (Community Member)
Sarah Caspi (Jewish Family Services)
Shahnaz Perveen- Immigrant Women Services Ottawa)
Shar Chowdhury (Family Services Ottawa-Minwaaashin Lodge)
Stefanie Lomataski (Sexual Assault Network)
Tara Leach (Sexual Assault and Partner Abuse Care Program – Ottawa Hospital-Civic Campus)
Tan Bokhari (Elizabeth Fry Society)
Theresa Willoughby (Family Services Ottawa)
Ureda Sylvestre (Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre)
Valerie Bah (Community Member)
Valerie AugeroVoyer (Eastern Ottawa Community Resource Centre)
Violeta Arroyo (Immigrant Women Services of Ottawa)
Vivian Chan-Brouillette (Immigrant Women Services Ottawa)
Vivienne Filitreault (Western Ottawa Community Resource Center)
Zahra Alam (Nelson House)

Public Engagement & Advocacy

OCTEVAW's Public Engagement and Advocacy Committee seeks to engage the public about woman abuse and develop proactive tools to end violence against women. This year, we held several events that offered opportunities for public engagement.

This was the most successful year for Shine the Light! We worked in three neighbourhoods: Elgin Street, Vanier/Beechwood, and West Wellington. Our expanded partnerships included a fundraising and awareness concert at The Record Centre, beautiful fabric for window displays courtesy of Fabrications, and a VAW trivia night at the Hintonburg Public House. We worked with over 40 businesses and received incredible support from the City of Ottawa, particularly with Councillor Catherine McKenney. Our partnerships with Crime Prevention Ottawa and the Ottawa Police Service also continued in this project, and our launch night included powerful community agencies like Minwaashin Lodge.

The Public Engagement and Advocacy committee also works to support VAW prevention through our Cyberviolence Project and I Can MANifest Change (in partnership with Ottawa Police Service and Crime Prevention Ottawa).

As well, the Advocacy and Public Engagement Committee worked in coalition with Up For Debate as an important voice for women's rights in Canada for the 2015 federal election. This included a game of debate bingo, unified messaging about a national action plan on violence against women, and support for an inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women.

Advocacy and Public Engagement also supported the development of an anonymous reporting system in partnership with OC Transpo. This projected made public transit a safer space in our city.

In the future, A&PE looks forward to working on a city action plan for violence against women. We will launch a report card on all forms of public transportation in Ottawa, expand Shine the Light in more exciting ways this year, and continue to support survivors' voices in the work we do.

Public Engagement & Advocacy Members

Bailey Reid –Chair of Public Engagement;
Sisters Achieving Excellence

Valerie Collicott – Chair of Advocacy; Women's Initiatives
for Safer Environments

Adrian Richardson- OC Transpo

Ann McGowan- Community Member

Brittany Basten- Carleton University Campus Safety

Caroline Brunette- Fem'aide

Carrolyn Johnston-Carleton University Equity Services

Catherine McNab- Planned Parenthood Ottawa

Dillon Black- OCTEVAW Cyberviolence Project

Erin Flemming- In Love and In Danger

Geneviève Charest- Amethyst Women's Addictions Centre

Heather Hazlett- Interval House of Ottawa

Jenna Easton- Carleton University Equity Services

Julie-Jeanne D'Arc Latrémouille- Comité réseau d'Ottawa

Kathryn McKinley-Community Member

Khoa Hoang- Community Member, OPS

Lindsay MacIsaac- Hopewell

Marie-Louise Doyle- OCTEVAW Board

Mark Hargreaves- Carleton University Campus Safety

Matthew Schaaf- OCTEVAW I Can MANifest Change

Shari Canning- Rae of Light Haven

Stefanie Lomatski- Sexual Assault Network

Tara Henderson- Ottawa Rape Crisis Centre



Justice Committee

The Justice Committee continued to draw on its collective strength to present a unified voice on issues affecting women experiencing violence and influencing systems change to be more responsive to their needs.

Numerous advocacy efforts were undertaken by the Committee over the year. We have participated in pan-provincial activity to challenge the non-evidence based changes to the Partner Assault Response Program and changes to Victim Services. This includes participating in a provincial survey to capture the impact of the changes in our community. The Committee initiated a dialogue with the University of Ottawa's Law School regarding inclusion of VAW expertise and skills in the law school, amongst other efforts.

One of the initiatives the Justice Committee has championed was an examination of the mandatory charging policy in cases of domestic violence. OCTEVAW has led in securing partnership with VAW coordinating committees across the province, through the Building a Bigger Wave Network, to conduct the preliminary steps for designing a survey for survivors, front line service providers and justice system actors to determine the impact they see on women.

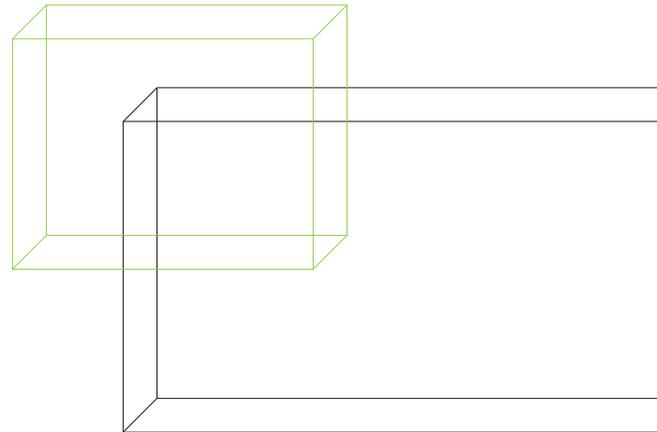
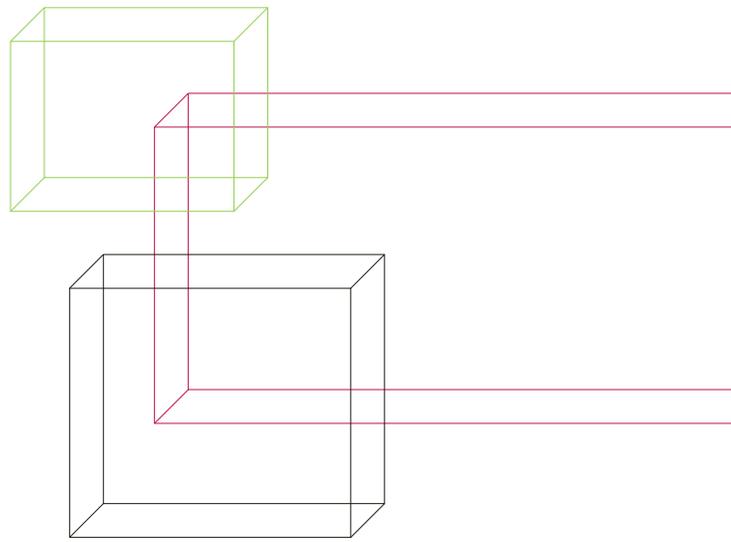
The Committee has been an active supporter in working with the Ottawa Police as it has undertaken a broad review of its approach to violence against women. The Committee has been working to determine the kind of statistics the community could benefit from receiving from OPS to help us all continue to improve our collective approach.

Thank you to the wonderful presenters that shared their expertise with us:

- Professor Holly Johnson – Survey of Women VAW Survivors on the Experience of Contact with the Police
- Sunny Marriner, ED of Ottawa Rape Crisis Centre on the VAW Advocate Case Review Model
- Dr. Angela Cameron and Dr. Elizabeth Sheehy on the Ottawa U Law School curriculum framework
- Tia Harza – Director of the Family Law department of the Ottawa U Legal Clinic
- Andrée-Anne Martel – Ottawa Legal Information Centre
- Lise Martin, ED, Canadian Network of Women's Shelters and Transition Houses
- Kaite Burkholder and Mike Bulthuis - Alliance to End Homelessness in Ottawa

Justice Members

Steve Sullivan (Ottawa Victim Services)
Tracy Bray (Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre)
Toby Brooks (Community Member)
Natalie Cooper (Children's Aid Society – VAW Team)
Diane George (The HURT Association)
Dave Fagan (Probation and Parole)
Jessica Poloz (Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre)
Jamie Dunlop (Ottawa Police Service – Partner Assault Unit)
Joan Gullen (Community Member)
Tia Harza (Legal Aid Clinic – University of Ottawa)
Mark Holmes (New Directions - CFS)
Heidi Illingworth (Canadian Resource Centre for Victims of Crime)
Holly Johnson (University of Ottawa)
Peter Jupp - Chair (Community Member)
Noha Kirkish (Victim Witness Assistance Program)
Jamie Liew (Community Member)
Sunny Marriner (Ottawa Rape Crisis Centre)
Charlene Maurice (Interval House)
Angela McDade (Ottawa Police Service - Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Unit)
Lynne Oreck-Wener (Community Member)
Sandy Pinhey (Western Ottawa Resource Centre)
Louise Quinn (Ottawa Probation & Parole)
Darlene Scantland (Victim Witness Assistance Program)
Halina Siedlikowski (Community Member)
Vivian Lee Stewart (Assistant Crown Attorney)
Barb Sohn (Nelson House)
Louise Toone (Legal Aid Clinic - University of Ottawa)
Megan Wallace (Safe Pet Ottawa)
Donna Watson-Elliott (Ottawa Police Service – Victim Crisis Unit)
Annette Werk (Community Member)





SOCIAL MEDIA.

2015 was a dynamic year for OCTEVAW in terms of connecting online as we continue to grow! OCTEVAW has an interactive website with elements such as audio, video clips, a blog section and an online volunteer form, a high-quality YouTube video channel, a Twitter account @OCTEVAW, a Facebook page, and we have continued hosting our mobile app, R.I.S.E., which is geared towards preventing sexual violence on campuses and is available for free on iOS and Android. OCTEVAW also continues to host www.justgotweird.com, which is aimed to help students prevent violence on their campuses and our I Can MANifest Change Program (#MANifestChange) is still continuing to do great work on with their microsite and social media campaign. You can check out #MANifest Change at www.manifestchange.ca. In 2015 our Media Hub, a project designed to allow media access to information, statistics and sources for reporting on violence against women gained incredible traction and momentum by leveraging it as a provincial resource with the Building a Bigger Wave provincial network of VAW coordinating committees: vaw-mediahub.ca.

OCTEVAW's Facebook page engagement is incredible! We have 2,459 Likes and an organic reach of 16, 578. Our main audience on FB is 78% women, 15% men & 7% trans and gender non-conforming folks. 18-24 year olds (20%), 25-34 year olds (31%), and 35-44 year olds (14%). As you can see from these statistics a major part of our work is engaging young people.

Our Twitter followers are mostly from Ottawa (66%), however we also have followers from all over Canada, North America and beyond. We have found that the majority of our on-line community prefers engaging with us on Facebook and Twitter, where Twitter and Facebook are equal in engagement. In April 2015, OCTEVAW had 1443 "Likes" on FB and 1446 followers on Twitter. As of Feb 2016, OCTEVAW has 2459 (up 170%) "Likes" and 2504 (up 173%) followers on Twitter. OCTEVAW's overall 'viral-bility' is skyrocketing! So don't forget to check us out online.

OCTEVAW FINANCIAL REPORT

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors,

Ottawa Coalition to End Violence Against Women:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Ottawa Coalition to End Violence Against Women, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2015, and the statements of changes in net assets, operations and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these 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.

Auditors' responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Ottawa Coalition to End Violence Against Women as at December 31, 2015, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

OHCD LLP

OUSELEY HANVEY CLIPSHAM DEEP LLP

Licensed Public Accountants

Ottawa, Ontario
April 4, 2016

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		
	2015	2014
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$63,307	\$125,018
Accounts receivable	\$4,550	\$11,295
Prepaid expenses	\$2,362	3,150
	\$70,219	\$139,463
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$8,679	\$5,456
Government remittance payable		-
Deferred revenue	\$9,538	\$80,517
	\$18,217	\$85,973
Internally restricted net assets	\$41,902	\$41,902
Unrestricted net assets	\$10,100	\$11,588
	\$52,002	\$53,490
	\$70,219	\$139,463

	2015	2014
INTERNALLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS		
Balance beginning and end of the year	\$41,902	\$41,902
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS		
Balance - Beginning of year	\$11,588	\$10,328
Net revenue (expenditure) for the year	(\$1,488)	\$1,260
Balance end of the year	\$10,100	\$11,588

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS		
	2015	2014
REVENUE		
City of Ottawa	\$80,519	\$79,329
MCSS	\$22,862	\$28,721
Crime Prevention Ottawa	\$14,790	\$28,373
Minister for Status of Women	\$93,464	\$107,020
Memberships	\$1,840	40
HRDC	-	\$2,903
Other revenue	\$7,447	\$2,906
	\$230,419	\$249,292
EXPENDITURE		
Salaries and benefits	\$147,612	\$127,319
Occupancy costs	\$8,921	\$9,929
Staff development	\$468	\$10,097
Travel	\$679	\$4,731
Outreach	\$3,086	\$5,981
Telephone	\$5,205	\$4,542
Translation	\$3,372	\$16,216
Professional fees	\$28,068	\$29,486
Administration	\$3,227	\$5,274
Supplies	\$4,650	\$7,207
Other expenses	\$20,708	\$15,810
Honorarium	\$1,897	\$4,050
Insurance	\$2,677	\$2,458
Website	\$1,337	\$4,932
	\$231,907	\$248,032
NET REVENUE (EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR	(\$1,488)	\$1,260