



# SEKWEHA

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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From resilience to recovery:

**SEKWEHA GETS BACK  
TO RAISING A GENERATION**

**Janvier Sekweha Youth Centre**  
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# Rebounding strong and returning to normal

2022 was a year of getting back to normal. Sekweha was able to transition early in the year from any COVID restrictions to none, and our doors were finally opened fully to the youth again. It was a huge breath of fresh air for everyone involved. We had adapted to the restrictions, but it just wasn't the same as working directly with the youth face to face. Everyone was happy to get back to work as usual. I'm not sure who was happier, the youth or the staff.

With the lessons learned and training completed over the last couple of years, the staff was back to enjoying time with the youth and providing new resources and programs.

The board was excited to see the centre open daily again and continue offering the leadership and direction it needs. A huge thank you to Kerri Ceretzke for providing years of guidance to Sekweha as Executive Director.

Thank you to our sponsors who keep our programs alive and well. The support has helped our community tremendously. We will continue to see the benefit it has for our youth and future generations for years to come. I would also like to thank the board, staff and volunteers for their dedication to Sekweha. We will continue to raise generations of our future leaders.

**Dustin Nokohoo**  
Sekweha Chair





# Revitalized and thriving



## What did 2022 look like at Sekweha?

Full of life again. Once the pandemic restrictions were fully lifted, our organization had to adjust to the “new norm.” We had to learn how to make everyone feel safe around others again and not to be scared but to enjoy activities in a safe and fun manner. Being able to finally watch everyone come together again was so meaningful because I know we all needed each other. We missed the smiles and laughter that had once surrounded us. The youth give us so much joy, and the centre was brightened back up by their presence. We had so many opportunities for the youth to experience again.

## If you could capture the year in one word or phrase, what would it be?

*Strong, creative, adaptable.*

Watching Sekweha make changes and adapt to any challenges that came our way was incredible. We had to be creative to ensure the youth’s needs were met for their mental, emotional and physical health. Our board and youth team are stronger than ever. We all worked so hard together to continue what we love most; to be there for the youth of our community.

I would like to thank the youth team for their passion for reaching the values and goals of our organization. You all make the workplace such a fun place to be. Thank you for the shine you all bring to Sekweha.

I would like to thank Kerri Ceretzke for all her hard work during her time with Sekweha. She was so kind-hearted and filled with joy. Kerri is the one that held us and the organization together. We learned so much from this amazing woman. We are going to miss her.

## What were some important highlights and lessons learned in 2022?

A highlight in 2022 was hearing the youth’s excitement before and after the Toronto Raptors NBA game and the Summer Youth Cultural Camp. The youth were excited about these life experiences with Sekweha again.

## Do you have any final thoughts and plans for 2023?

Sekweha is working hard to complete major renovations to the building in 2023.

**Jessica Read**  
Sekweha Manager





# Sekweha Directors



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**Kayla Marceniuk, Secretary**

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# 2022 Sekweha Staff

Thank you to our staff for your dedication to our youth and for providing friendship, a safe space, healthy meals and educational programming.

Haley Herman

Emily Laprise

Keisha Lemaigre

Aiden Black

Amber Lemaigre

Pamela Nokohoo

Kerilynn Herman

Tatianna Herman

Karley Emerson

Marley Applegarth

Isiah Janvier

Kaitlyn Haineault

Krystyn Haineault-Critch

Connie Mercredi

Tia-Rae Woodward

Raeanna Herman

## Summer students

Aiden Black

Mersadies Herman-Morice

Shania Larocque

Landon Patterson

Joshua Houle

KI Applegarth

Frankie Janvier

Dawson Deltess

Luke Houle

Landon Janvier

Emma Harpe

Ashten Cornell

# In loving memory



## Maurice “Uncle Moe” Lemaigre

Sunrise, October 31, 1960  
Sunset, September 16, 2022

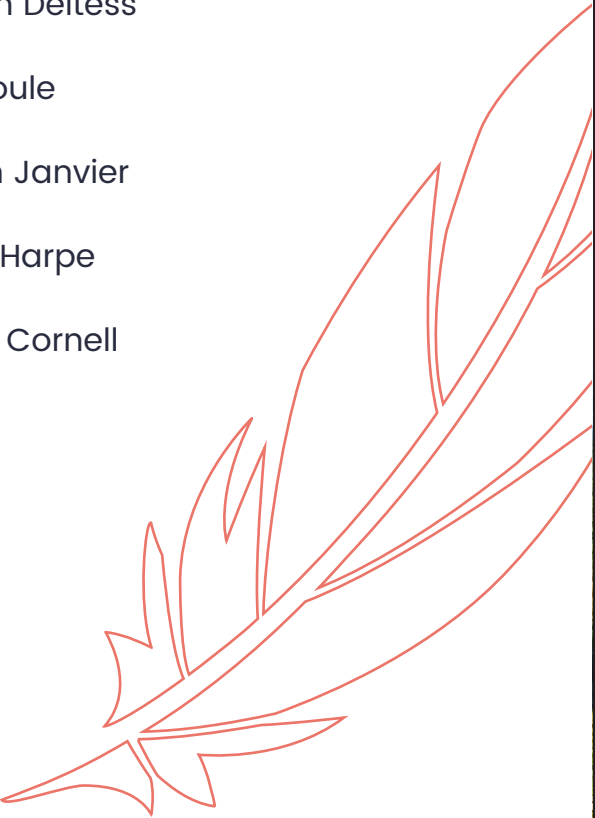
Maurice Lemaigre was a man of heart. He loved advocating for the youth whenever he had a chance to. He was always a part of Sekweha camps by providing meals. Camp cooking was where we could always find Uncle Moe, with kids always surrounding him, happy and cheerful. Camp food will never taste the same without Uncle Moe. He is loved and will be missed tremendously.



## Samuel Gavin Cardinal

Sunrise, May 7, 1986  
Sunset, April 23, 2022

Sam was Sekweha’s first male youth worker. He loved the youth and loved to see them flourish. All his work within and out of the community was solely for them. With his sudden passing, his loss was felt throughout the hearts of everyone. He is missed, and, most of all, he is remembered for his love and dedication to the community.





# Thank You ❤️ Donors

A heartfelt thank you to our generous donors. We are grateful for your continued support.

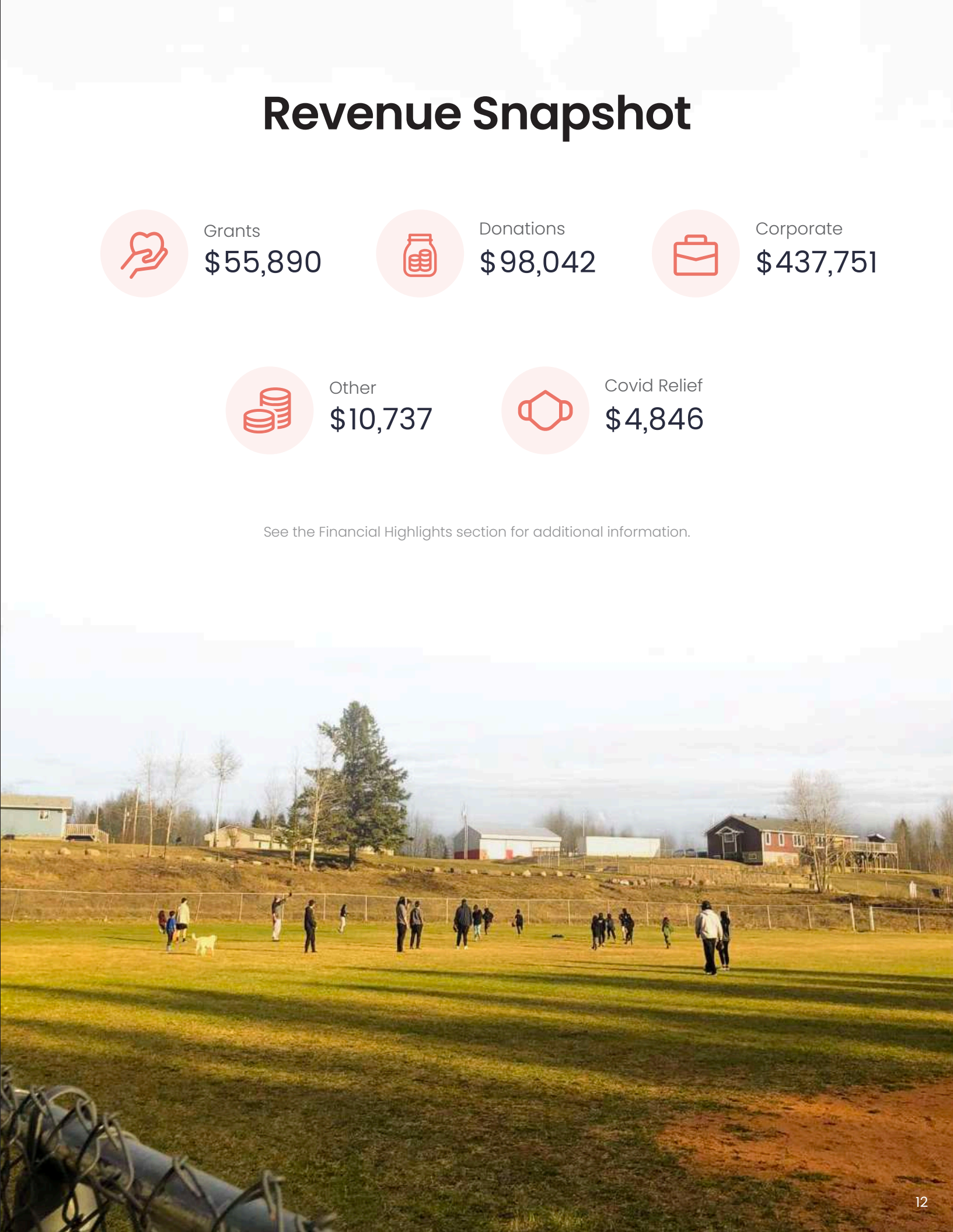


Sekweha would also like to thank the numerous organizations, companies and individuals who volunteer and provide donations of all types. Your generosity is appreciated by many.

# Revenue Snapshot



See the Financial Highlights section for additional information.







# Programming and Activities

## January 2022

- Delivered meals, activity kits and hygiene kits
- Hockey equipment (donated by Hockey Bros)
- Staff training
- Boys/girls teens day
- New years arts and crafts
- Board games/icebreakers
- Movie night
- Anzac hockey camp
- Virtual events

## February 2022

- Valentine's Day arts and crafts
- Youth cooking/baking lessons
- Movie nights
- Board games/icebreakers
- Minute to Win It/Fear Factor
- 50/50 fundraiser (snow drags)
- Snow art
- Janvier cadets' program



## March 2022

- Youth-led community cookout
- Reading club (Wood Buffalo Library)
- Shamrock lotto basket fundraiser
- Cat in the Hat week
- Board games/icebreakers
- Youth cooking/baking
- St. Patrick's Day arts, crafts and activities
- Sliding
- Minute to Win It/Fear Factor
- Ribbon skirt making (Vicky Herman)
- Girls (Girls Inc.)/boys teens day
- Community poker rally (CPFN)
- Bottle cap race
- Bake sale fundraiser
- Scavenger hunt
- Cadets' program

## April 2022

- Rest in peace Sam G. Cardinal
- Hand games (Djean, Nighthawk)
- Website launched
- Tubing trip
- Flowers/garden
- Spring arts and crafts
- Elder visit (Dene syllabics)
- Movie night
- Board games/icebreakers
- Earth Day community cleanup
- Youth bake off
- Easter bake sale fundraiser
- Boys/girls teens day
- Easter events (crafts, bingo, chicken dance contest, colourful outfit contest, egg hunt, youth-led Elders egg hunt and races) partially sponsored by RTP
- Cadets' program





May 2022

- AGM
- Vision board (ATC)
- Mother's Day arts and crafts (youth gifts)
- Baseball
- Sponsor a cabinet began
- Pie eating contest (winner pie manager)
- Boys/girls teens day
- Bush day
- Youth baking for Elders
- Minute To Win It/Fear Factor
- Graduation
- Language/smudge teaching (Elder)
- Snare fishing



July 2022

- Summer student program
- Baseball/floor hockey (gender equality)
- Water activities
- Arts and crafts
- Treaty Days youth events
- 50/50 golf tournament fundraiser
- Bush day
- Tie dying
- Comic book making
- Movie night
- Boys/girls teens day
- Berry picking
- Swimming
- Youth prize bingo
- Field games

June 2022

- Bannock making
- Board games/icebreakers
- Science experiment
- Summer arts and crafts
- Cooking class
- Water activities
- Baseball/ball hockey (gender equality)
- Paintball trip
- Smudge teaching
- Beading
- Bush day
- Giving back to Elders day
- Art/craft teacher's gift
- Boys/girls teens day
- Gardening
- Cadets' program
- Field games

August 2022

- Summer student program
- Parents participating in cooking
- Fishing
- Arts and crafts
- Board games/icebreakers
- Minute to Win It/Fear Factor
- Science experiments
- Baseball/field games
- Gardening
- Water activities
- Movie day
- Swimming
- Boys/girls teens day
- Youth summer camp





September 2022

- Passing of Maurice Lemaigre
- Selling pop fundraiser ATC cultural festival (CIVEO, CP Services)
- Hide-and-seek
- Apple bobbing
- Tie-dye
- Boys/girls teens day
- Science experiments
- Movie day
- Minute to Win It/Fear Factor
- Cadets
- Baseball/field games
- Taco-in-a-bag fundraiser
- Board games/icebreakers
- Orange Shirt Day (RMWB)
- Hunting trips

October 2022

- Movie day
- NBA game (CIVEO/CP Services/CNOOC)
- Halloween arts and crafts
- Thanksgiving arts and crafts
- Thanksgiving dinner
- Baseball/field games
- Gym nights/hockey camp
- Harry Potter week (activities and movie marathon)
- Haunted house
- Pumpkin carving/smashing
- Gingerbread haunted houses



November 2022

- Virtual events
- Meet and greet with mayor (cadets' program)
- Remembrance Day arts and crafts
- Boards games/icebreakers
- Minute to Win It/Fear Factor
- Skating in Conklin
- Boys/girls teens day
- Bake off/cooking class
- Gym/hockey camp
- Hide-and-seek
- Movie nights

December 2022

- Christmas market
- Christmas bingo
- Festival of trees fundraiser
- Gingerbread house making
- Santa's plates
- Christmas movies
- Bake sale fundraiser (youth-led)
- Sliding
- Board games/icebreakers
- Ski trip
- Arts and crafts
- Christmas cards for Elders



# Financial Highlights

## BALANCE SHEET | DECEMBER 31, 2022

	2022	2021
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 186,794	\$ 197,876
Accounts receivable	\$ 103,925	\$ 31,461
Net assets	\$ 153,496	\$ 119,909
	<b>\$ 444,216</b>	<b>\$ 349,247</b>
	2022	2021
Accrued liabilities	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.06
Accounts payable	\$ 18,051	\$ 6,493
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Visa payable	\$ 1,595	\$ 2,502
WCB payable	\$ -	\$ (220)
Vacation payable	\$ 537	\$ -
Receiver General	\$ 161	\$ -
Playground & parks fund	\$ 92,735	\$ 92,735
	<b>\$ 113,082</b>	<b>\$ 101,511</b>
	2022	2021
Retained earnings	\$ 331,134	\$ 247,736
	<b>\$ 444,216</b>	<b>\$ 349,247</b>

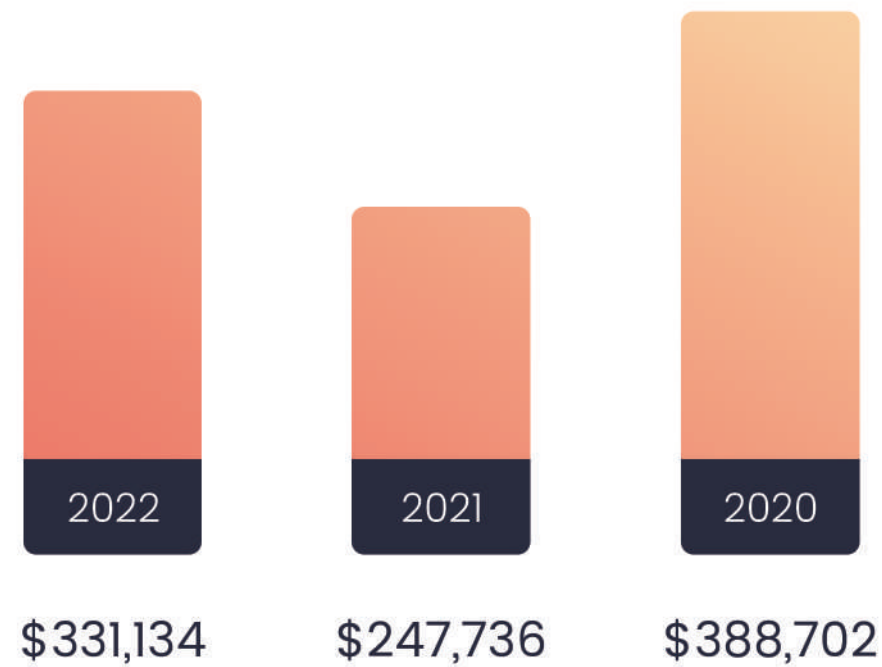


## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS | DECEMBER 31, 2022

Revenues	2022	2021
Grants	\$ 55,890	\$ 75,000
Donations	\$ 98,042	\$ 26,050
Corporate	\$ 437,751	\$ 196,430
Other income	\$ 10,737	\$ (1,267)
COVID relief	\$ 4,846	\$ 146,702
	<b>\$ 607,268</b>	<b>\$ 442,915</b>
Expenses	2022	2021
Payroll expenses	\$ 279,677	\$ 298,241
General & administrative	\$ 97,225	\$ 129,479
Program expenses	\$ 67,455	\$ 85,352
Honorarium	\$ 16,182	\$ 12,680
Interest & bank charges	\$ 1,712	\$ 2,010
Professional fees	\$ 33,606	\$ 31,121
Travel	\$ 28,012	\$ 24,995
	<b>\$ 523,870</b>	<b>\$ 583,881</b>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year	\$ 83,397	\$ (140,966)

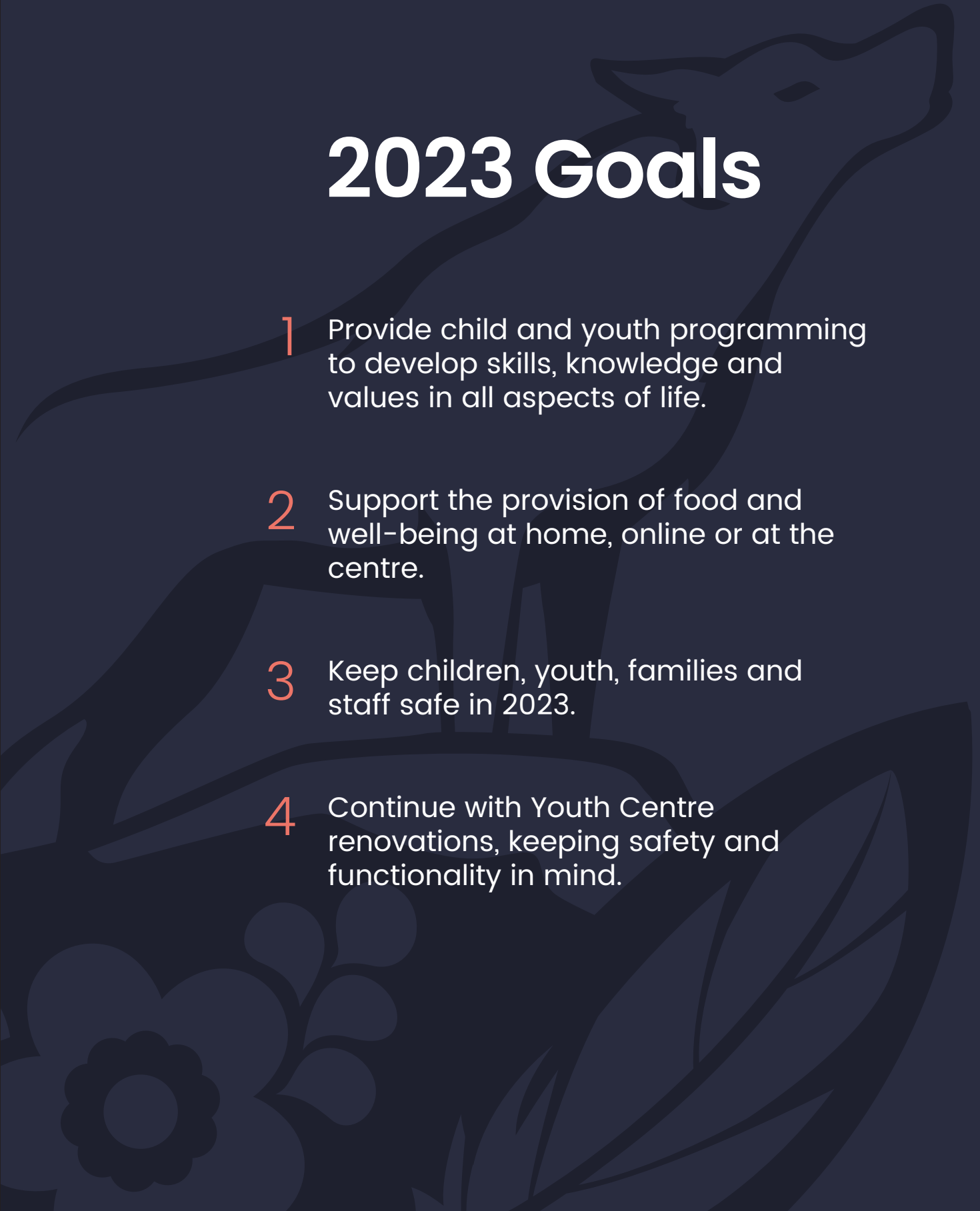


# Retained Earnings



# 2023 Goals

- 1 Provide child and youth programming to develop skills, knowledge and values in all aspects of life.
- 2 Support the provision of food and well-being at home, online or at the centre.
- 3 Keep children, youth, families and staff safe in 2023.
- 4 Continue with Youth Centre renovations, keeping safety and functionality in mind.





# 12 *Years*



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