



Offering services that support and advance children, individuals and families in the Lakes District.

2023

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Lakes District Family Enhancement Society



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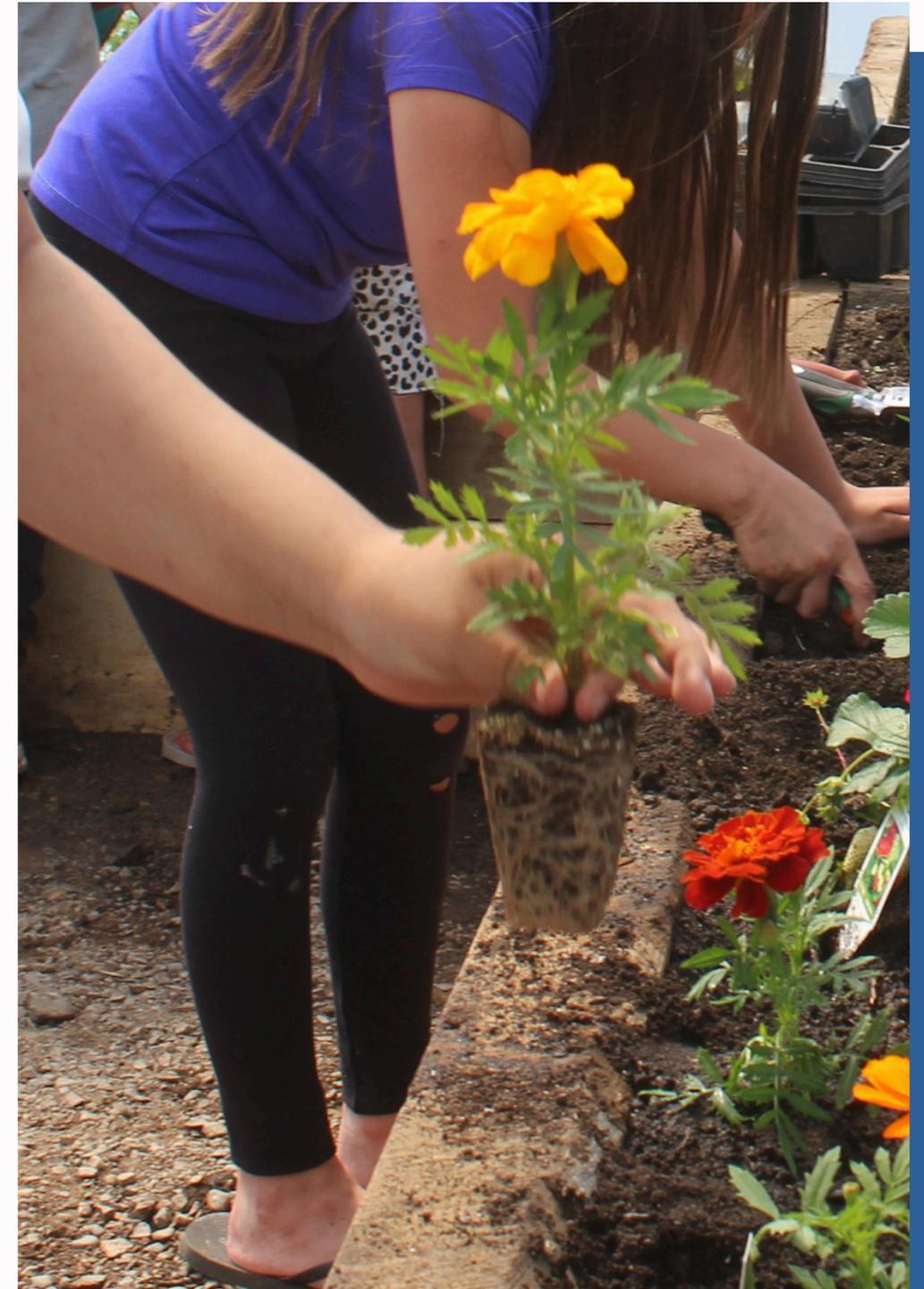
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About Us



01

Our Story begins over 30 years ago, with a handful of people who recognized that some families in the community were struggling, and the supports they needed were not locally available.

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Working together, the College of New Caledonia, School District 91, First Nations and community members began to identify important issues and concerns.

03

Over the next several years, the society acquired funding to help create the Early Intervention Services program, FASD training and support, and The Link Food Centre

04

Today, we continue our commitment that began over thirty years ago: to nourish family and community. We do this in an interconnected hub of services called The Link.



Mission

To offer services that support and advance children, individuals and families in the Lakes District.

01

Respectful, dignified and inclusive services that focus on improving the quality of life for all members of our communities.

Supportive environments that are thoughtful, non-judgmental, considerate and focused on solutions.

02

03

Reflective and dynamic practices that allow services to best meet the needs of those the Society serves.

A commitment to reconciliation and decolonization, and to supporting and learning from local Indigenous communities.

04



UPDATES

An interconnected hub of services
called The Link



ASHURST CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Community Childcare

27 families and 43 children served this year.

Finances

The funding model continues to be a challenge.

We were fortunate to have a private donor contribute \$13,000. This contribution went toward playground equipment, toys, books, art supplies and snacks.

Quality

The staff continues to offer quality early years programming.

There were 43 special days and field trips planned throughout the year.





BETTER AT HOME

Client Services

This was the first full year of the program.

There were 43 clients who were visited over 4,000 times.

Food Security & Emergency Preparedness

There were over 3,000 meals served to clients through our Food Security program as well as Meals on Wheels.

The program also handed out 70 Disaster Kits to seniors in the region.

Transportation

Transportation continues to be a barrier for seniors in the region.

The program provided 614 rides, but there is still a need for more individualized transportation options.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Client Services

49 clients and 74 children received services and attended classes and workshops.

This program is 100% funded by community donations.

Food Security

70 lunches were prepared with clients throughout the year.

Community Partnerships

Services were offered on the Southside and in Burns Lake.

The program worked closely with 6 other community partners.



FOOD CENTRE

Client Services

1,068 clients (29% children and 20% seniors) received services.

There were over 3,000 hampers distributed.

Food Security

In addition to food distribution, the Food Centre also rescued food from the land fill, planted and harvested a garden and greenhouse and delivered hot meals.

Community Partnerships

Services were offered in Topley, Granisle, Tachet, the Southside and in Burns Lake.

There were 12 community partners who also received support to tackle food security.



HEALTHY START

Client Services

62 clients and 55 children received services and attended classes and workshops.

This program is funded through the Canadian Prenatal Nutrition Program.

Food Security

80 lunches were prepared with clients throughout the year

Community Partnerships

Services were offered on the Southside and in Burns Lake.

The program worked closely with 6 other community partners.

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FINANCIALS



Financials

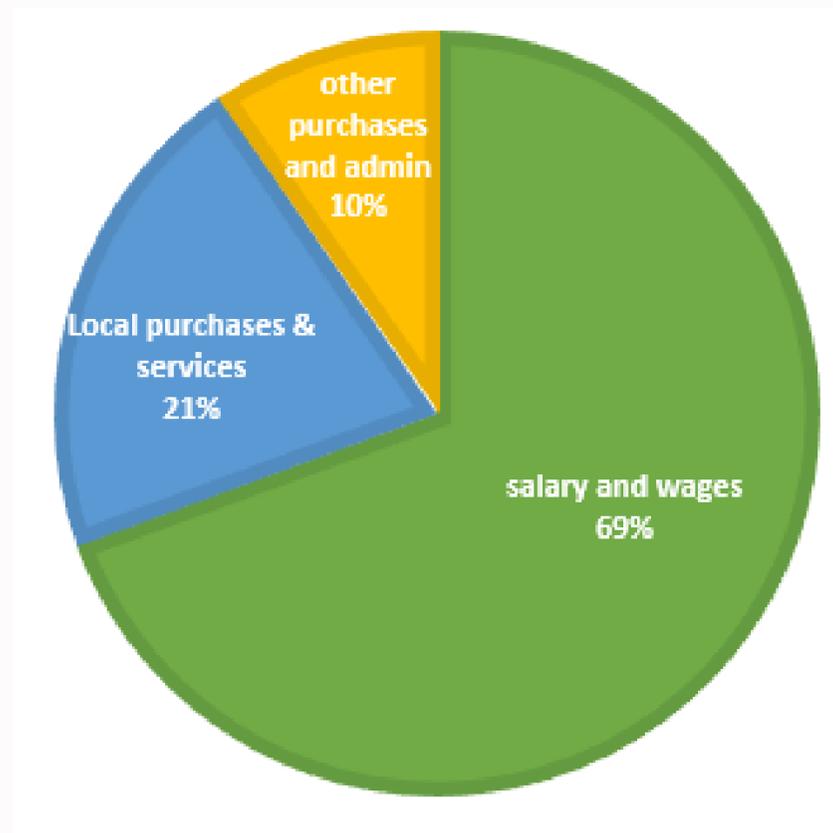
There was \$320,000 carried over into the 2023-24 fiscal year for operations. This is made up of internally and externally restricted funds.

There were 198 community donors (business, industry, organizations and people). Many of these donors contributed more than once throughout the year.

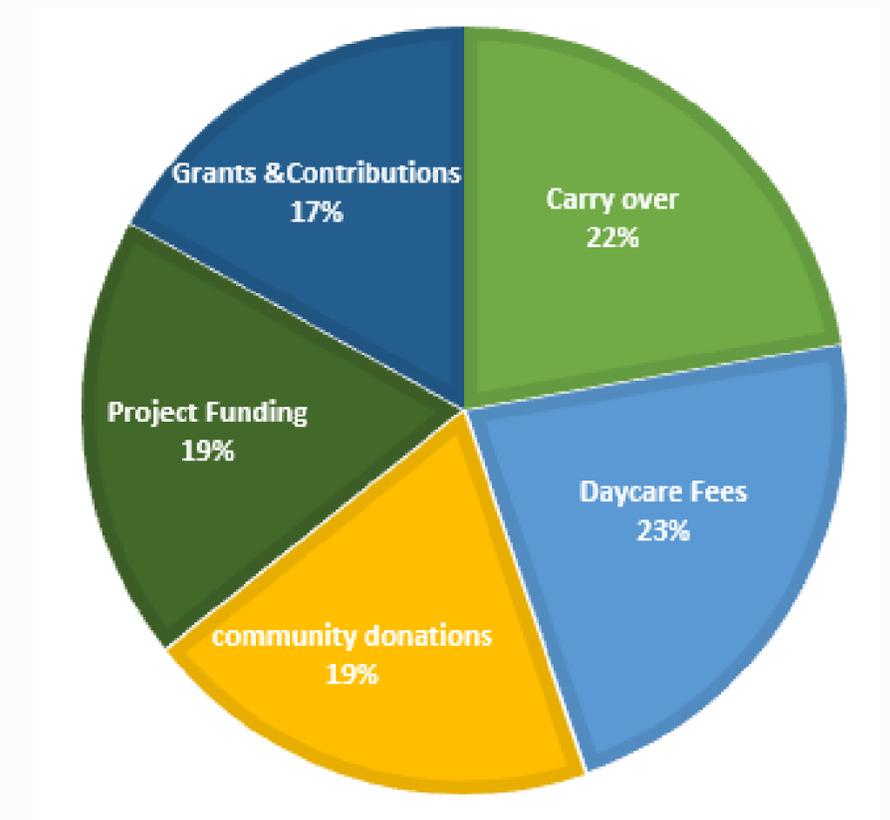
For the 2022-23 fiscal, there were no staff wage increases. There was a holiday bonus provided in December 2022.

The internally restricted reserve fund remained at \$216,303. This fund is an important part of the organization's operational stability. Funds will be used to leverage other funding, and protect against unexpected budget shortfalls and future obligations.

Expenditures



Revenue





BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board of Directors

Bernice Magee

Cathy Ashurst

Monty
Palmantier

Priscilla
Crouse

Rick Pooley



Board Roles

The Board of Directors for the Society is a legal entity, and as such is responsible, accountable, and liable for all legal and operational aspects of the Society.

All not-for-profit organizations in BC are required to comply with the Societies Act. The Act states that all Societies must develop a constitution and bylaws which are subsequently filed with the B.C. Societies registry.

The Board is responsible for:

- Governance
- Mission, vision and values
- Strategic planning
- Recruitment
- Community, agencies and government relationships



THANK YOU

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