

Message from the Executive Director and Board Chair

making a difference, one woman at a time

For over 25 years IWAV has been dedicated to achieving our mission of providing services throughout the Southern Gulf Islands to women and their children affected by poverty, violence and abuse. We remain committed to attaining our vision of people living free from poverty, violence and abuse through our core activities:

- to operate transitional housing, and to provide ancillary services, for women and their children who are victims of violence and abuse;
- to operate an emergency crisis line;
- to work toward the prevention and elimination of violence and abuse in the Gulf Islands; and
- to operate (or provide) affordable housing for households in financial need.

Through our work and involvement with the women, children and seniors we serve, we understand that we are at a crisis level of homelessness for these households. As housing access and affordability worsens across the Province and Canada, IWAV is even more committed to address this need.

It is critical that all levels of government, communities, service organizations and housing providers work together to ensure the development and delivery of rental housing that people can afford. IWAV continues to provide leadership in the provision of safe and affordable housing in our community.

It is only through the skill, dedication and unwavering commitment of staff, board members and volunteers, that IWAV is able to do the work we do. We wish to share our very heartfelt thanks and appreciation to everyone for your continued devotion.

Dana Peace - Executive Director
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Donations & Funding:

Island Women Against Violence Society sincerely thanks its funders, government partners, community organizations, local businesses and the many individual donors, who fund and support our society in achieving our mission and vision. A big thank-you to the Transitions Thrift Shop staff and volunteers for tirelessly working to provide much-needed funds for IWAV. Transitions Thrift Shop is owned and operated by IWAV and provides a valuable source of funding to our programs, supplementing the deficits in funding.



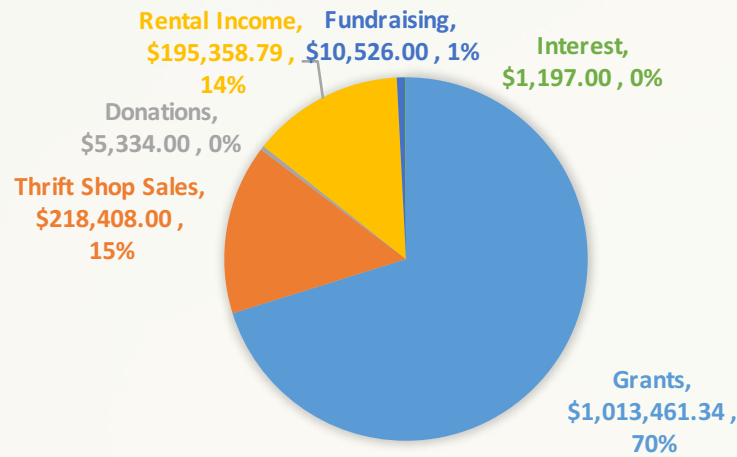
Violence against women and children remains a serious issue on Salt Spring and the Outer Gulf Islands.

2018 Annual Report



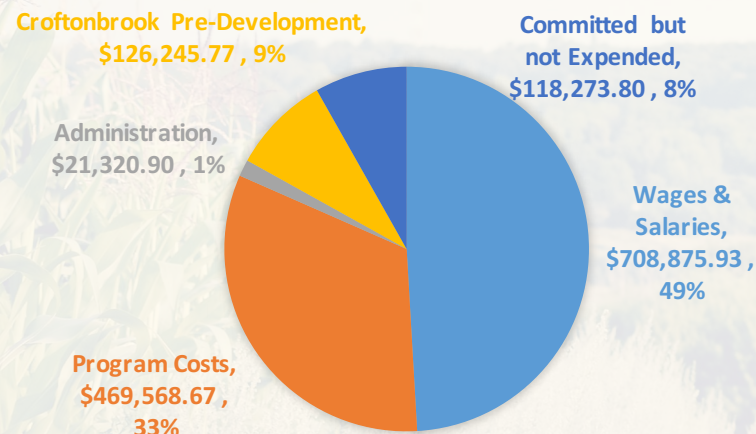
IWAV Financials 2017-18

IWAV INCOME 2017-18



Total Income: \$1,444,285

IWAV EXPENSES 2017-18



Total Expense: \$1,444,285

One woman's journey

"IWAV has been both a light in the darkness as well as a refuge for myself and my children. I was referred to IWAV due to domestic violence, but my life has been at risk for several years now. IWAV listened and took action, helped me release traumas, physical and emotional; walked with me so I could get my doctor support, helped us find a safe place to live, and helped me with the legal process. I honestly don't know what would have happened to us at this worst time of our lives, without IWAV's help".

Highlights of 2017-18

- Successful \$10,000 for Change fundraiser event
- IWAV website redesign launched
- IWAV new social media presence launched

For the Future...

- First phase of the Croftonbrook housing expansion initiated and completed
- IWAV Strategic Planning process for 2019-21
- Fundraiser event – fall 2018 – \$10,000 for Change
- Annual Appeal Campaign launched

The risk of violence can be increased by poverty, addiction and mental health issues.

Programs

Since 2007, IWAV has been operating the Stopping the Violence Service programs; Stopping the Violence Counselling, the Program for Children and Youth Experiencing Violence and Women's Outreach Services.

STV 75 Stopping the Violence Counselling – 8840 hours of 1:1 counselling - 75 women served

PEACE 20 **17** Program for Children and Youth Experiencing Violence (formerly CWWA) – 840 hours of 1:1 psycho-educational services, parenting support and violence prevention education in schools. 20 Children 17 caregivers served

ORS 89 Women's Outreach Services – 1680 hours of 1:1 individual support, and community outreach - 89 women served.

Poverty can be a key factor in the cycle of violence and abuse.

Housing

There is an urgent need for safe and affordable housing in our community. Access to housing is critical for the health and safety of those who have been impacted by poverty, violence or abuse. IWAV remains committed to responding to this need and developing leadership in the provision of housing in our community.

Salt Spring Island Transition House & Crisis Line



The Cedars Second Stage



Second stage transitional housing and support for women and children and permanent housing for low-income senior women.

Croftonbrook

