

Message from the Executive Director and Board Chair

making a difference, one woman at a time

For over 26 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 see the reality that we are at a crisis level: both in access to, affordability, and sustainability of housing, leading to a higher risk of homelessness. Therefore, IWAV's commitment to address this need is even more resolute.

With all levels of government, service organizations, our community and housing providers working together to ensure the development and delivery of rental housing that people can afford, IWAV continues to make great progress in the development 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 and commitment to our values;

Respect: We demonstrate respect for our clients and each other

Integrity: We maintain the confidentiality and dignity of our clients

Compassion: We are kind and caring in our work

Resourcefulness: We seek out opportunities to achieve our mission.

Safety: We provide an environment that feels safe for our clients and staff

Dana Ypma - 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 Store staff and volunteers for tirelessly working to provide much-needed funds for IWAV. Transitions Thrift Store is owned and operated by IWAV and provides a valuable source of funding to our programs, supplementing the deficits in funding.



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

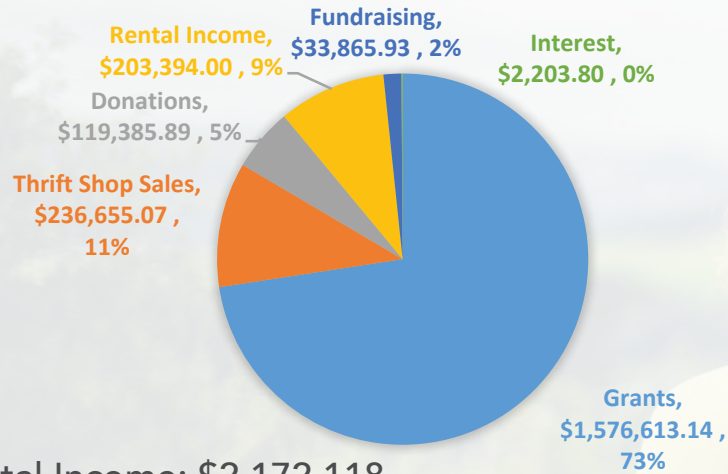
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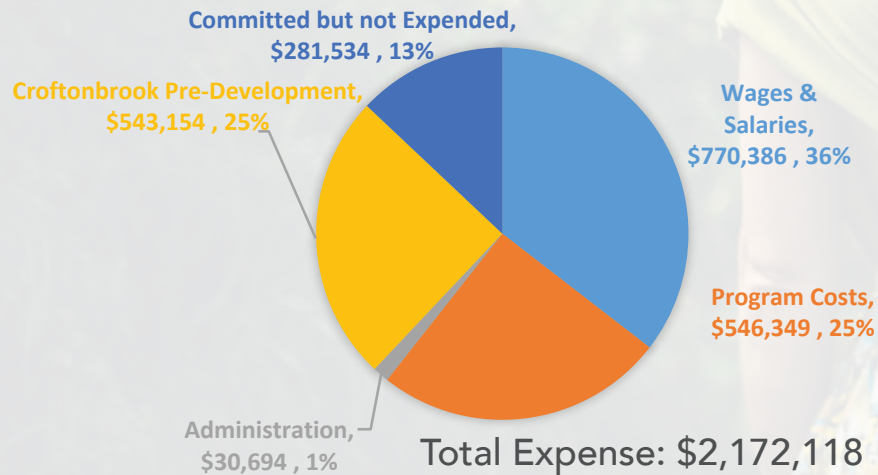
IWAV Financials 2018-19

IWAV INCOME 2018-19



Total Income: \$2,172,118

IWAV EXPENSES 2018-19



Total Expense: \$2,172,118

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

Highlights of 2018-19

- Successful \$10,000 for Change fundraiser event
- Annual Appeal Campaign launched
- IWAV social media presence expanded to include Facebook and Instagram
- Croftonbrook housing expansion development initiated
- IWAV's New 2019-2022 Strategic Plan launched

For the Future...

- First phase of the Croftonbrook housing expansion completed, and second phase initiated
- IWAV Name Change implemented
- Fundraiser event – fall 2019 – \$10,000 for Change

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

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 65 Stopping the Violence Counselling – 888 hours of 1:1 counselling - 65 women served

PEACE 15 **20** Program for Children and Youth Experiencing Violence (formerly CWWA) – 888 hours of 1:1 psycho-educational services, parenting support and violence prevention education in schools. 15 Children 20 caregivers served

ORS 92 Women's Outreach Services – 1680 hours of 1:1 individual support, and community outreach - 92 women served.

One woman's journey

"In the Transition House, the staff helped me through a very hard period and supported me in accomplishing so many overwhelming things. I was amazed at how far out of their way they went to help me. Living at the second stage house has been really helpful with my independence. The time I've spent here has taught me how to set boundaries. I've learned to not feel badly about saying no to people, which has been a struggle my whole life. This housing has started me on a steady, healthy rhythm for me and my kids, and that's what I've needed for years and years. Everyone at IWAV has been understanding, compassionate and kind. It's been a positive healing experience that's pushed me forward on my path of growth in so many ways."

Housing

Access to housing is critical for the health and safety of those who have been impacted by poverty, violence or abuse. IWAV continues to be a leader in the provision of safe and affordable housing.

Salt Spring Island Transition House & Crisis Line

336 crisis calls

49 **20** women & children served

[Some women and children had more than one stay during the year]

The Cedars Second Stage

15 **8** Second stage transitional housing and support for women and children fleeing violence.

Croftonbrook

23 4 men and 19 women housed. 95 applications on waitlist.