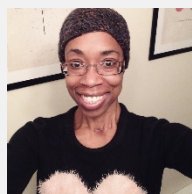


2015-2016 ANNUAL REPORT



Dear members and supporters,

Our 2015-2016 fiscal year has been quite exciting for us. We were very happy to sign a lease for our new office space at St. Paul's University—our first physical office in five years!

This calendar year began with a presentation to the Canadian Council of Child and Youth Advocates. Their annual meeting was being held in Toronto and hosted by our friend and supporter, Irwin Elman. They received us well and committed to supporting YICC's mission.

Speaking of Irwin Elman—he has been a long-time supporter of YICC as well as efforts to create an independent youth in care network in Ontario. To that end, he facilitated a partnership between his office (OPACY) and YICC to lay the groundwork for such an initiative.

January and February were very busy months as we embarked on a tour of Ontario to fulfill our contract with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada (BBBSC). BBBSC partnered with YICC to conduct focus groups with youth in and from care regarding their experiences with mentoring. Since we were already going to be traveling throughout the province, we invited Jenn Binette to join the tour so that she could meet with youth regarding the development of Youth in Care Ontario (YICO). In all, we met with 112 youth!

Our annual in-person board meeting took place at the end of April. We went back to our old haunt—the Elgin Business Inn—and made use of our new facilities at St. Paul's. In this meeting we revised our mission and vision statements, reviewed our strategic plan, and engaged in several team-building activities. Our meeting was funded by funds provided by the Children's Aid Foundation, OPACY, the Manitoba Child & Youth Advocate's office, and individual donations.

We had a lovely summer working with our two student employees (funded through Service Canada). Charissa Feres & Patrick Teed helped to build our social media profile and review our future research options (among many other things). They were both instrumental in helping to implement SUMAC, our new membership management system.

In July, we ran our first online fundraising drive, which raised \$3,500. We also participated on several national committees: National Youth Serving Agencies (NYSA), Accreditation Canada's Child Welfare Standards Working Group and the Exemplary Practices Workshop put on by Volunteer Canada. We also held the founding meeting for YICO (see more in our Project Profile).

This year was all about relationship building and paving the way for future partnerships. Our love-fest with Irwin Elman and OPACY continues. John Sharpe of Partners for Youth in NB has agreed to mentor our fundraising efforts. In furthering the development of YICO, we also met with Jules Wilson and Debbie Cox of the Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks (FBCYICN), WoodGreen Community Services and the Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services.

Whew! That was more than a mouthful! We are very thankful for all the support we have received in rebuilding the organization. Most of all, many thanks to our amazing volunteer board members.

Respectfully,

Carleen Joseph, President of the Board

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

NOVEMBER:

- Lease signed for YICC office at St. Paul's University.

JANUARY:

- Presentation at Canadian Council of Child & Youth Advocates meeting in Toronto
- Youth in Care Ontario (YICO) province-wide focus groups
- Partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada (BBBSC) to conduct youth in and from care focus groups throughout Ontario.

MARCH:

- Contributions to National Youth Serving Agencies (NYSA) brief to the PMO

APRIL:

- In-Person Board Meeting in Ottawa (revision of mission & vision statement and update of strategic plan)
- Launch of SUMAC, YICC's new membership management system.

MAY:

- Participation in NYSA Meeting in Ottawa
- Summer Student Employee—Patrick Teed joins YICC team.

JUNE:

- Summer Student Employee—Charissa Feres joins YICC team.
- Participation in Exemplary Practices Workshop (Canada's Volunteer Awards) Employment & Social Development Canada—Technology in Volunteering & Intergenerational Volunteering

JULY:

- Established a partnership with Partners for Youth (John Sharpe mentoring YICC with fundraising strategies)
- YICO Founding Meeting in Toronto
- Rebuilding YICC Fundraising Drive

AUGUST:

- 2016 Ken Dryden Scholarships recipients announced.

SEPTEMBER:

- Accreditation Canada Child Welfare Standards Working Group meeting.
- Partnership meeting with FBYICN.
- Partnership meeting with WoodGreen Community Services.
- Partnership meeting with Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS)

PROJECT PROFILE



YICO Founding Members

YOUTH IN CARE ONTARIO

Young people who grew up in the care of the Ontario government met in July 2016 to launch a new non-profit, provincial organisation called Youth in Care Ontario (YICO). The focus of this independent, youth-led organisation is to provide much needed opportunities for youth in and from care so they can connect and provide support to each other by sharing their ideas and their lived experiences, and to identify opportunities to positively influence the Ontario Child Welfare System.

The founding meeting came after a year of planning and consultations led by Youth in Care Canada (YICC) and Ontario's Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth (OPACY). Focus groups were held in a number of cities involving several hundred youth and key child welfare stakeholders were consulted. The YICO founding group includes youth who have been in care of Children's Aid Societies in Toronto, Windsor, Sarnia, North Bay, Ottawa, Highland Shores, Peel, Renfrew County, Huron-Perth, Durham region and York region.

Vision: An Ontario that values and supports children and youth in and from care.

Mission: YICO strives to improve outcomes for children and youth in and from care through an independent network.

YICC will be working to incorporate YICO as a non-profit organization and will oversee its projects until it achieves its independence

Welcome YICO!

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



We are very proud of our new office space at St. Paul's University. Thanks to Mike McGuire and his spouse, the office was cleaned and equipped with refurbished computers.



Our fabulous summer student employees Charissa & Patrick did a lot of work regarding communications, membership, and research.



We held our annual in-person board meeting in Ottawa. This was due to funding received from the Children's Aid Foundation, OPACY, and the assistance of several Child & Youth Advocates



YICC held its first online fundraising campaign through CanadaHelps. Our goal was to raise funds to help rebuild the organization. With the hard work of our board members and volunteers, we were able to raise \$3,500.



Meeting with Sydney Blum & Matthew Dewar at WoodGreen



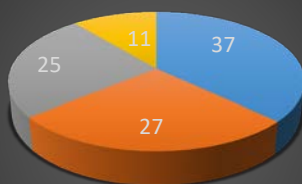
Catching up with Debbie Cox and Jules Wilson from FBYICN



Members of YICO's board meeting with Jennifer Morris and staff at MCYS

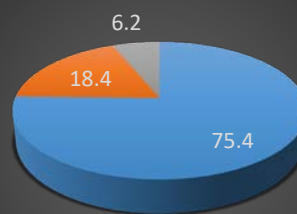
FINANCIALS

Expenses



■ Rent (37%) ■ Consulting (27%)
■ Office (25%) ■ Amortization & Fees (11%)

Revenue



■ BBBSC Contract (75.4%) ■ Membership Fees (18.4%)
■ Donations (6.2%)

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