



# Community

Resource Centre Killaloe

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021





## COMMUNITY MESSAGE

At the CRC, we think about a future where everyone has access to the connections, opportunities, supports, and services they need to live full lives in vibrant, sustainable rural communities. We offer innovative holistic programs to support children, youth, adults, seniors and families to learn new skills, build on their strengths, access supports and services, and work together to nurture positive individual and community growth. The past year has been like no other. The global pandemic impacted the ways we deliver programs, connect with our community, and serve our most vulnerable, but it didn't prevent us from having a lasting and meaningful impact on the people and communities that we serve.

We work to increase and sustain access to programming for all community members, particularly our most vulnerable. Over the past year, we had to rethink how we work. We delivered online programs – both live and prerecorded, we developed and delivered a

wide array of activity kits geared to people of all ages, and we offered modified in-person programming when it was safe to do so. We were pleased to be able to offer Emergency Child Care in 3 communities so that essential workers could get back to work. We also focused on providing direct supports such as vouchers for groceries, gas, and essential items to those most heavily impacted by the pandemic. And we initiated new programming, our Survivor Advocacy and Support Initiative, a grassroots feminist response to gender-based violence.

The CRC seeks to increase availability of, and access to, healthy food for all. Earlier in the year we welcomed the Killaloe Food Bank into a newly renovated space at our North Street Community Centre. Through this partnership we have helped them to triple the number of community members they support, access new funding sources, and attract new volunteers. We also took the opportunity to renovate and upgrade our community kitchen with an investment from the Local Food Infrastructure Fund.



We look forward to resuming our in-person cooking programs when it's safe to do so. We partnered with Barry's Bay and Area Home Support to increase a hot meal delivery program in both Killaloe and Whitney by leveraging the assets and access we already have in those communities.

This year we welcomed 2 new Board members who committed their time, knowledge, expertise, questions, perspectives, and hopes for the community to the organization. Thank you to Sharon Neff and Anne George. We also extend our gratitude to retiring Board members Michelle Bozak and Ashley Prince who have served the agency well during their tenure.

This new past year required us to break out of our comfort zone and learn new skills. Each and every staff member and volunteer showed tremendous resiliency, dedication, and compassion. Without their brave works, we would not be where we are today.

There is a light at the end of this pandemic and I know that CRC will emerge stronger than ever on the other side. With your continued support and encouragement, we can do this, together.

Bil Smith  
Executive Director



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# OUR STRATEGIC GOALS

## ACCESS & INCLUSION

**We work to increase access to programming for all community members.**



## FOOD SECURITY

We work to increase access to healthy food for everyone in our rural communities.

## TELLING OUR STORY

We work to raise awareness of CRC programs, services and our impact in rural communities.

# OUR RECIPE FOR CHANGE

## Prenatal: CRC

**69 expectant families**

attended groups, built connections with other parents and community services, contributed knowledge, cooked and shared recipes.

Grocery deliveries supported participants cooking together over Zoom. Participants accessed grocery and gas cards.

Serves: 6 communities

## Toy Bus

**333 children**

learned through play and made connections.

**220 parents & caregivers**

connected with their children, other parents and early childhood educators.

Serves: 10 communities

## Kidz Kastle

**125 rural children**

attended local childcare programs in Killaloe, Barry's Bay and Whitney increasing parent access to social supports and opportunities to pursue education, employment and training.

Serves: 3 communities

## CRC Youth Programs\*

**159 youth**

participated in Fall outdoor in-person programming, virtual groups, challenges and activity kit outreach.

Kits included physical activity, arts and crafts, food literacy and emotional wellbeing activities.

Serves: 6 communities

**\*Game ON! Mobile Youth Activity Program, RISE Empowerment Program/RISE 12+, IMPACT Youth Mentoring**

# OPENING DOORS ★ GROWING TOGETHER ★ MAKING A DIFFERENCE

## Direct Accountability

**77 individuals**

Participated in the program to take responsibility for the actions which led to their low level criminal charges by completing court sanctions.

## Direct Supports

**1261 adults**

**1171 children**

accessed direct supports including grocery cards, basic needs kits/gift cards, gas cards, and tech supports.

## Volunteer Tax Clinic

**168 tax returns**

were filed by volunteers at no cost for low income individuals.

## Seniors Active Living

**300 rural seniors**

participated in social, cultural, learning and recreational programs to promote lifelong health and well-being.

Serves: 3 municipalities

## Information & Referral

**Over 2000 people**

accessed information, advocacy, support and referrals to local supports and services.

## Food & Toy Drive

**311 children**

received toys and gifts

**119 families**

received holiday food boxes

**14 individuals**

received grocery gift cards



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IT TAKES A VILLAGE.  
THANK YOU TO ALL  
WHO CONTINUE TO  
SUPPORT OUR  
COMMUNITY!



### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Cathy Lyons
- Greg McLeod
- Melissa Lindsay
- Kristen Callaghan
- Ashley Prince
- Karen Schimansky
- Dan Harrington
- Scott Pond
- Roberta Della Picca
- Michelle Bozak
- Sharon Neff
- Anne George

### BURIED TREASURE VOLUNTEERS

- Stasia Recoskie
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