

Community

Resource Centre Killaloe



ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022



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. Once again, we worked to achieve our vision by developing and growing our partnerships, knowing that together we can have a bigger impact and reach more people.

Over the past year, we reconfirmed our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation. Our newly formed Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity Working Group is helping us to walk this journey by examining our practises, sharing learning opportunities, and increasing our competence.

We work to increase and sustain access to programming for all community members, particularly our most vulnerable. Over the past year, we delivered programs both in person and online program, and we continued to develop and deliver a activity kits geared to people of all ages.

We amended our license so that all three of our 3 licensed childcare centres can accept children from 12 months old up to 12 years old, and our enrollment increased.

The CRC seeks to increase availability of, and access to, healthy food for all. We operate community gardens on property owned by the Seniors Friendship Club. Last year we were able to donate fresh produce from the garden valued at approximately \$2,000 to the Killaloe Food Bank. We look forward to expanding this program in the coming years once our new greenhouse and gardens at Killaloe Pathways Park is in operation.

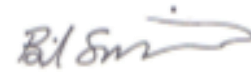


This year, our popular Cooking with Friends program added an outreach component, delivering a weekly meal to the residents at Millstream Seniors Apartments in Killaloe. And we continued to act as a lifeline to community members by distributing food vouchers and meals to those experiencing food insecurity.

This year we welcomed 3 new Board members who committed their time, knowledge, expertise, questions, perspectives, and hopes for the community to the organization. Thank you to Anne Burns, Duncan Noble, and Melissa Tremback. We also extend our gratitude to retiring Board members Karen Schimansky and Melissa Lindsay who have served the agency well during their tenure.



We now employ almost 50 people, mostly working full time, to deliver our growing number of programs. In addition, we are supported by almost 50 volunteers who generously give us their time leading exercise classes, tending gardens, preparing income tax returns, mentoring aspiring cooks, and operating our Buried Treasure store. Each and every staff member and volunteer showed tremendous resiliency, dedication, and compassion, without which, we would not be where we are today. 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

Toy Bus

425 Children

learned through play and made connections.

277 Parents & Caregivers

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

20 Virtual Programs

1,500 Activity Kits

Serves: 10 communities

Prenatal: CRC

52 Participants

750 Grocery cards

50 Gas Cards

Groups and activities were in person, at parks, on-line and on porches.

Serves: 6 communities

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125 Rural children

attended local childcare programs in Killaloe, Barry's Bay and Whitney.

Serves: 3 communities

CRC Youth Programs*

289 Youth

Attended 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 Mentor Project.**

OPENING DOORS ★ GROWING TOGETHER ★ MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Direct Accountability

130 Individuals

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

Seniors Active Living

Over 200 Rural seniors

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

Over 550 Lunches served

Serving 2 municipalities

Direct Supports

Over 690 People

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

Information & Referral

Over 2000 People

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

Volunteer Tax Clinic

177 Tax Returns

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

Food & Toy Drive

353 Children

received toys and gifts

94 Families

received holiday food boxes

22 Individuals and families

received grocery gift cards

100 Seniors

received Gifts



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
- Karen Schimansky
- Dan Harrington
- Scott Pond
- Roberta Della Picca
- Sharon Neff
- Anne George
- Melissa Tremback
- Duncan Noble
- Anne Burns

VOLUNTEERS

- Stasia Recoskie
- Pat Marshall
- Mary Hunt
- Marian Zohr
- Angeline Roach
- Karen Shimansky
- Cathy Lyons
- Linda Primeau
- Julie Andrews
- Betty Stewart

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