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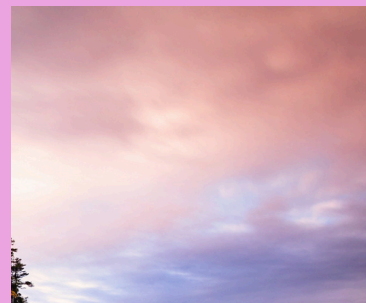
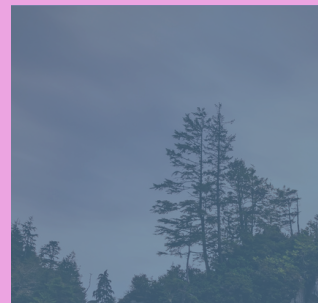
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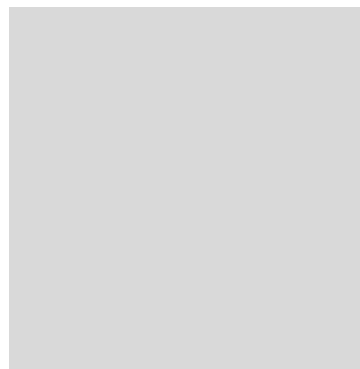
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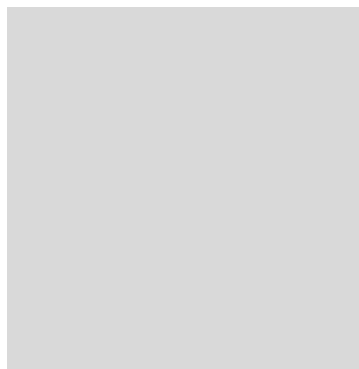
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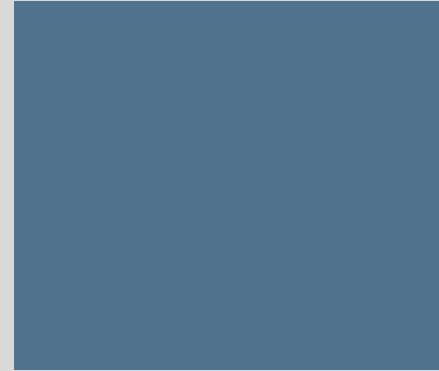
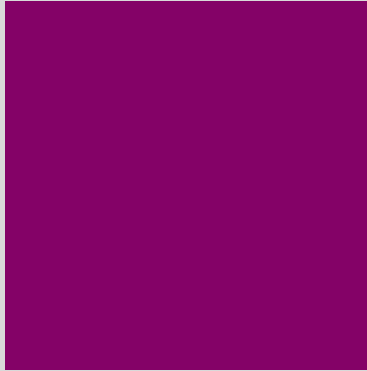
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VISION

A community grounded in respect, dignity, and equity, where everyone lives and thrives in a safe, supportive environment.

MISSION

Haven Society provides a compassionate, respectful and safe community for women, families and individuals impacted by violence and/or abuse by offering shelter, support services, education, and advocacy.



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MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

It has been a privilege to lead the Board of Directors of Haven Society for the last three years. Here is a summary of what we have done in this fiscal year and what we are working on.

Strategic Plan

It has been two years since we started working on a Strategic Plan for the organization. We now have a living document that is helping us to focus on our goals and view with greater clarity the decisions we are making. We have rewritten the Mission Statement, clarified our vision and written a set of values. A very important exercise which helped us to clarify our direction...no small feat.

We refer to the document frequently and have declared October the month when we update the document and revisit our goals and objectives for the next year.

Fundraising

This committee has decided to do one activity a year that will increase our profile, connect with our community and raise some much-needed funds for Haven. This year, they put on a very successful Beer and Burger. It was well attended by staff, the Board and the community at large. This coming year will see a Hike 4 Haven, currently scheduled for August 30th. As always, we are grateful to those organizations that put on events on our behalf. The time and energy they invest are fundamental to our success.

Policies

Our strategic plan has identified the need for a refresh, rewrite and, in some cases, outright creation of governance policies. It is a huge challenge that the policy committee has taken on. It is a long-term project, and we are looking forward to seeing the new documents take shape as time passes.

Board Succession and Development

The Board considers its own development and succession a priority. A newly formed committee ensures that future boards have the skills, diversity and experience to meet the needs of the organization now and in the future.

Second Stage Housing

Our new transition house and second stage housing are completed and operational. This has greatly broadened the services we provide. This project was done in partnership with BC Housing





MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

Old Transition House

With the opening of the new building, the question of the use of the old facility is being contemplated. This creates new opportunities and challenges. For a start, we have partnered with Sources, who are renting the space to provide their Mid-Island Sexual Assault Services program.

We are also exploring the possibility of taking part in the creation of a Children and Youth Advocacy Centre (CYAC) that would reside in this building. A much-needed service, but there is a lot of work still to be done both in the facility itself and in developing partnerships. It is exciting to watch something new be created.

Move to a new Sector

Amid all this activity, our organization was notified by the Public Sector Employer's Council Secretariat at the end of the last fiscal year that our organization will be changing from Social Services to the Health Sector. This is a significant change for our unionized employees, including reclassification of all positions, different collective agreements, and benefit packages. Fortunately, the government realized the scope of the work involved, and implementation has been delayed until next year. Although the board is not directly involved, the energy and resources this has taken out of our operations and the effect on staff have not gone unnoticed.

In summary, we are morphing into an even more resilient and flexible organization that understands that change is inevitable and is confident that it can be navigated.

My heartfelt thanks to the staff for their focused and unwavering commitment to the work that we do. To the board for their time and energy, particularly the committee chairs, who work tirelessly to achieve what the board asks of them.

In closing I want to thank the executive director Daylene Jones, both personally and on behalf of the board, for all her hard work. Her skillset has allowed us to navigate through some turbulent times. She is currently on leave. She is missed, and we look forward to seeing her at the helm soon.



Carol-Ann Borody-Siemens

CHAIR



MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“The seasons change teach us the very inevitability of change. Our duty is to adjust our sails and flow with the current of change – adjust and learn, adapt and modify to the newness that life presents from time to time.” – Sanchita Pandey

As I look back over 2025/26, **change** is the word that best describes this part of Haven’s journey. Some changes came after years of planning and preparation; others emerged through new opportunities and the need to adapt along the way.

After years of advocacy and strategic planning, our new building officially opened this spring. While the opening was delayed several months to address security system deficiencies and ensure the safety of residents and staff, the Second Stage program welcomed its first residents in May 2025. Throughout the year, the program continued to evolve as we learned and developed best practices for supporting residents within the shared space.

In July, our Transition House moved into the new building. The move went more smoothly than expected, although saying goodbye to the home that had housed thousands of women and families and held more than 30 years of memories was bittersweet.

We wondered whether the new space might feel too industrial rather than like a home. Our incredible staff quickly changed that, using artwork and hand-painted murals to create a warm, welcoming environment.

As part of our Strategic Plan, the Board also identified the future of the former Transition House as a priority. For many years, our community has advocated for a Child and Youth Advocacy Centre (CYAC) in Nanaimo. A planning committee has now begun work toward transforming the former Transition House into a hub where young survivors and their families can access multiple supports and services through collaboration with partners including Sources, MCFD, Island Health, and the RCMP.

Within our programs, new opportunities also emerged: our Community-Based Victim Services program hosted a presentation for service providers on Human Trafficking; the PEACE Program piloted a youth leadership component in its Violence is Preventable school workshops; Stopping the Violence began developing ongoing psycho-educational support for past participants.



MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Safe House staff in Oceanside were trained to lead the 16 Steps to Empowerment group, and art therapy and wellness volunteers expanded healing opportunities for Boundary Housing residents.

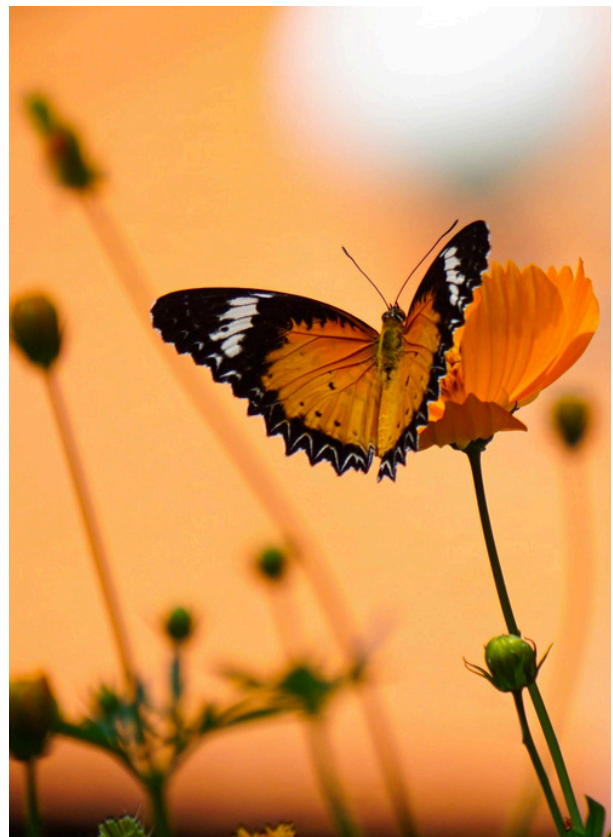
In June, we were also notified that Haven, along with 40 other organizations, would transition from the Social Services sector to the Health sector. Although the transition has been extended to the coming year, preparing for this significant administrative change required considerable work across the organization.

I am deeply grateful to our staff and Board for their dedication throughout a year of significant change and for supporting me through my own.

In December, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. As I balanced treatment with work, our team stepped forward to keep Haven moving forward. By year-end, I knew I needed to focus fully on my health and began my leave. I am grateful that Maeve O'Byrne was able to return as Interim Executive Director during my absence.

Change can be challenging, but this year has reminded me of Haven's resilience, compassion, and ability to adapt. I am proud of what we have accomplished together and look forward to what comes next.

Daylene Jones
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Learn more about Child and Youth Advocacy Centres: www.bccyac.ca

STATS ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

80,000+

Referrals, safety planning services and community supports provided through BC Women's Transition Housing programs in 2024-25.

Source: BC Housing, WTHSP Annual Reporting 2024-25.



of stays in BC Women's Transition Housing programs were by **Indigenous women.**

Although Indigenous women represent approximately 5% of Canada's population, they accounted for 38% of stays in BC women's transition housing programs.

Source: BC Housing, WTHSP Annual Reporting 2024-25.

Family violence continues to rise across Canada.

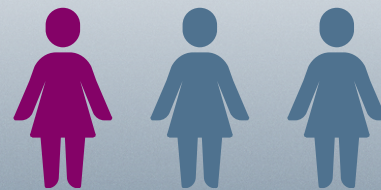
Source: Statistics Canada, "Police-reported family violence in Canada, 2023" [StatCan, Oct 2024](#)

8,549
stays

provided to women and children in BC transition housing programs during 2024-25.

Source: BC Housing, WTHSP Annual Reporting 2024-25.

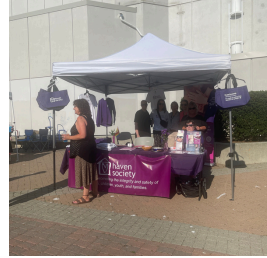
1 in 3



of women report having experienced intimate partner violence **since the age of 15.**

Source: Government of British Columbia – [News Release 2024FIN0024-000580](#)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



LEGACY

In Memory of Carolyn Collyer (February 9, 1936 to April 29, 2026)

Carolyn Collyer lived a life of kindness, commitment, and devotion to education and to her loving family. Born in London, Ontario, Carolyn spent most of her career in Toronto working for the City of York school board, where she served as principal of Weston Collegiate Institute from 1980 to 1987 and of Adult Day School from 1988 to 1993. After retiring, she moved with her husband David to the Parksville area, where she became deeply involved in the local community, volunteering with both CFUW and Haven Society. **Carolyn was driven by her desire to help others, especially underprivileged women and new immigrants.**

Her unwavering passion and inspiring kindness will be remembered by her friends, colleagues, and family. When Carolyn passed away earlier this year, her family chose to ask for memorial gifts to Haven Society in lieu of flowers, one final way of extending the same generosity she gave throughout her life.

There are many ways to give to Haven Society, both in your lifetime and as a legacy for the future. Like Carolyn's family, some supporters choose memorial gifts. Others set up a legacy in their will, through either a direct gift or as part of the residual of their estate. Still others choose to make a gift through the donation of shares. Every gift carries a special meaning for both the donor and their family, and gifts can be designated in support of any of our programs or facilities. Every gift, of every size, is gratefully received.

It is important to Haven Society that all gifts are recognized and celebrated. If you would like to make a legacy contribution and have questions, please get in touch with Camila Shinohara at 250-756-2452 or email camila@havensociety.com.

It's also important to seek advice from your lawyer and/or accountant.

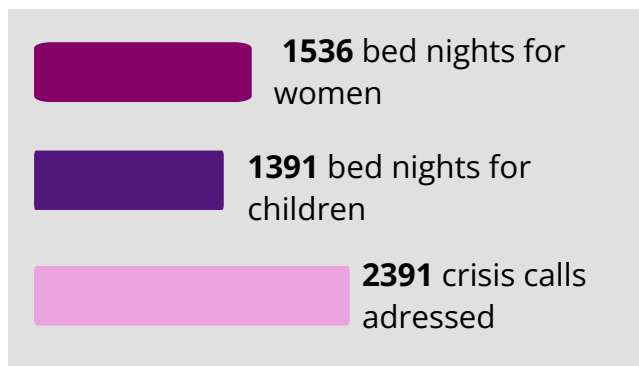


HAVEN HOUSE

With the generous support of our community donors, we have continued to create a warm and welcoming environment within the transition house, which is connected to our new Second Stage program. This year, we have worked intentionally to strengthen the connection between the transition house and Second Stage programs, supporting women as they move from crisis toward greater stability, independent living, and long-term housing options. When women and children arrive at the transition house, community donations ensure they are welcomed with care and comfort.

"I was able to get the resources I needed to get back to a safe mental state. I gained a feeling of self worth. Everyone was inviting and kind. Thank you so much"

Impact



Contributions like furnishings, toys, bedding, and toiletries create a safe environment.

Play areas are equipped for children, and shared spaces feature comfortable seating and calming decor.

Welcome bags for women and activity bags for children offer practical essentials, while food donations provide daily meals. Additionally, gas cards support essential transportation for residents.

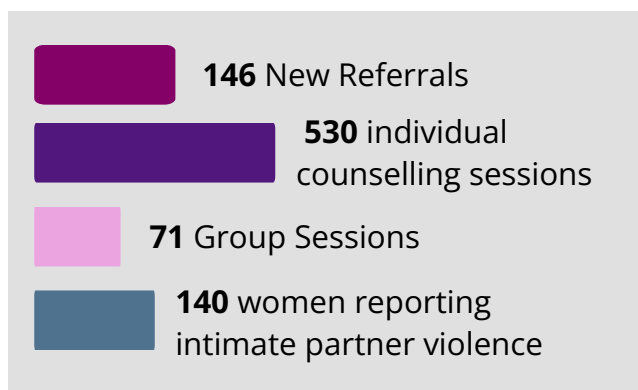
Challenges

This year, we faced challenges including rising inflation, limited storage capacity, and transportation needs. Inflation has increased operating costs, forcing tough funding decisions. Limited storage hampers our ability to accept donations and organize supplies, affecting our responsiveness to residents' needs. Looking ahead, we will need to replace our aging van to continue meeting residents' transportation requirements.

STOPPING THE VIOLENCE COUNSELLING PROGRAM

Stopping the Violence (STV) Counselling Program supports self-identifying women (19+) who have experienced domestic violence, childhood abuse, and/or sexual violence. Through individual and group counselling, the program provides trauma-informed support, coping strategies, and connections to community resources. The program also offers two ongoing groups, **Strategies for Empowerment and Weaving Our Voices**, which help participants build resilience, strengthen coping skills, and connect with others in a supportive environment.

Impact



Clients feedback:

"The session reinforced how much better I feel when I experience life from a place of presence and groundedness."

Group feedback:

"More relaxed, more of a sense of safety."

"Be more mindful to appreciate what I have. Be more open to different opportunities."

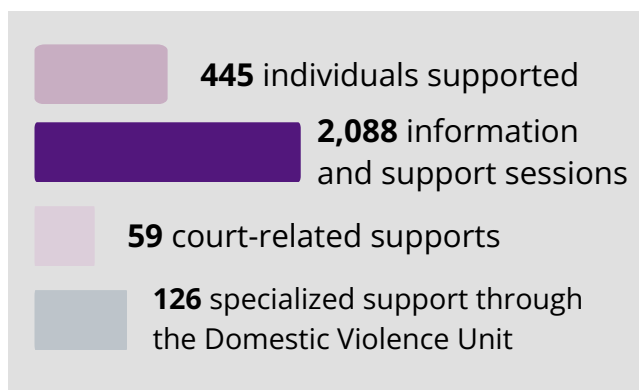
Challenges

In 2025-2026, the STV team of two full-time and one part-time counsellors continued to provide essential services despite staffing challenges, successfully reducing wait times to less than six weeks by year-end.

COMMUNITY VICTIM SERVICES

Nanaimo Community Victim Services **supports all survivors of intimate partner violence, sexual violence, and power-based crimes.** The program offers short-term emotional support and safety planning, along with guidance to help survivors understand their rights and navigate the criminal justice system. This program is part of the Nanaimo Domestic Violence Unit, which provides specialized support to high-risk domestic violence survivors.

Impact



The program continued to build its working relationship with the new Sexual Assault Services program to strengthen coordinated support for survivors of sexual violence.

Also, the CVS team alongside RCMP officers, co-led a group of community and justice agencies in developing a response to support survivors of human trafficking, with a focus on sex trafficking, a largely gendered offence.

Challenges

The program provided essential supports despite ongoing staffing challenges, including months of record referrals and the absence of funding for casual coverage during staff leaves. **Delays in the Criminal Justice System** add to the challenges survivors face, requiring files to remain open longer and increasing the need for ongoing support and navigation.



PEACE

The PEACE (Prevention, Education, Advocacy, Counselling, and Empowerment) Program **provides support to children and youth ages 5-18 who have been impacted by family violence.** Using trauma-informed, psychoeducational approaches, counsellors provide individualized and small-group support through age-appropriate, play-based and art-based methods.

The program helps children and youth understand that the violence is not their fault, build emotional awareness, develop coping and problem-solving skills, and strengthen their sense of safety, confidence, and connection.

PEACE also works closely with protective parents and caregivers to support their child's healing and to build understanding of how violence affects young people. The overall goal is to break cycles of intergenerational violence by supporting children, strengthening families, and raising community awareness.

Impact

One of the year's true bright spots was the Safe Futures for Youth project, made possible through funding from the City of Nanaimo and a growing partnership with Vancouver Island University's Child and Youth Care program.

What began as an idea and some early curriculum-building blossomed over the year into something real: practicum students stepping into classrooms to deliver Violence Is Preventable presentations, and by the end of March 2026, a brand-new Digital Safety presentation. This project reached roughly **450 elementary students across two schools in SD68.** It's the kind of project that shows what's possible when community partners invest in young people together.

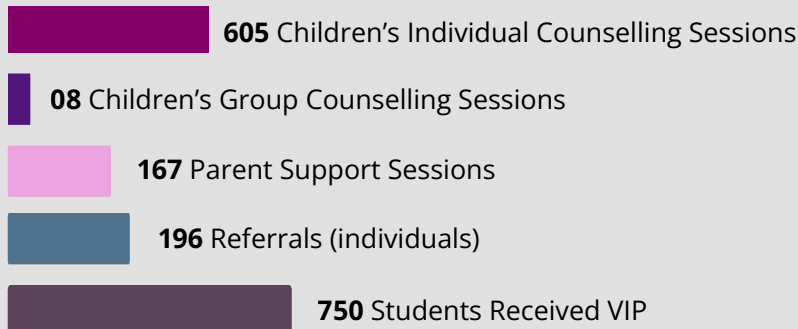
PEACE also put real energy into **strengthening relationships across the community this year.** By reconnecting with partner agencies, clarifying mandates, and sharpening how referrals are made, the program cut down on out-of-mandate referrals, all while overall referral numbers climbed. Fewer families getting bounced around, more getting to the right support faster.

And the growth spoke for itself. New clients came through the doors in bigger numbers than ever, active clients jumped by as much as 78% in a single quarter, and parent support sessions nearly doubled, twice! Direct counselling and support for children and youth kept climbing right alongside it.



PEACE

Impact



"Thank you for just being there so I can vent about my problems and thank you for everything." - Child, aged 11

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you have done for my child this year. They have grown so much, and seeing the joy and excitement back in their eyes has meant the world to me." - Parent of child aged 11

Challenges

Waitlist times were one of the program's most significant challenges this year. Some families waited more than 20 weeks for support, and for many, that length of time was too long during an already difficult period.

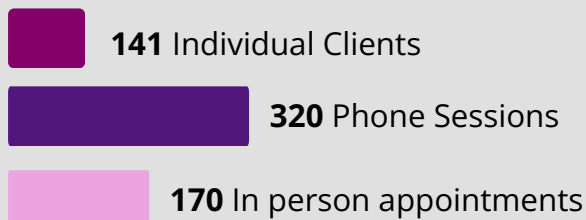
The team also saw an **increase in referrals that fell outside the PEACE Program's mandate.** This reflected the breadth of need in the community, as well as some uncertainty about which agencies provide which types of support. In response, the team focused on strengthening communication with partner agencies, clarifying referral pathways, and reducing confusion for families seeking help. These efforts contributed to improved referral accuracy as the year progressed. Interest in group counselling also declined at points during the year, with enrollment too low to run groups consistently.

At the same time, a critical service gap remained for children and youth affected by sexual abuse, who continue to need coordinated, wraparound support. A future Child and Youth Advocacy Centre presents an important opportunity to respond to this gap, but families navigating these needs now require timely, accessible support.

CVS PARKSVILLE

We offer **information** and **emotional support services** for adult female, male, and child survivors of sexual abuse, sexual assault, criminal harassment, and family and dating violence (power-based crimes). Additionally, we extend our support to victims who may be hesitant to engage with the criminal justice system. Our services include guidance and information to help navigate the criminal justice process, updates and assistance with court attendance, and help with completing necessary forms. We provide support and information regarding the dynamics and impact of abuse and identifying risk indicators. Together, we develop **personalized strategies** aimed at enhancing safety. Furthermore, we provide information and referrals to various community resources.

Impact



Emotional support, safety planning, advocacy, transportation, paperwork, accompaniment

A number of **clients shared feedback** such as:

"I'm so grateful-you have the ability to cut through the b/s and have the patience. You are an incredible resource."

"Can't thank you enough for all your support-you've been a great advocate."

"Thank you. You were super helpful. You were very thoughtful and had a lot of insight. I really appreciated it."

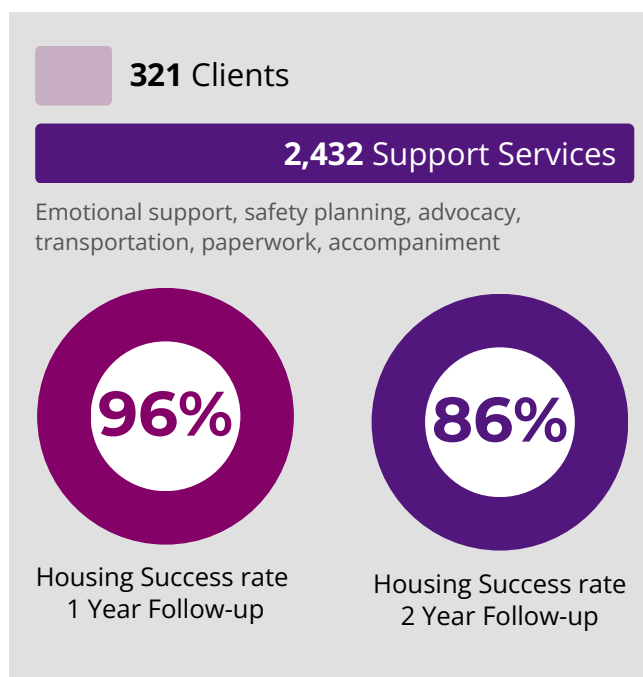
Challenges

There are newly funded programs across the province that are providing free outreach for survivors of recent and historical sexual violence. We have started working on a referral and local protocol process and look forward at finalizing an agreement in the fall of 2026 and working closely with our community partners. Clients continue to deal with the economic hardships, rising costs of housing, food and transportation as well as long wait lists for counselling. This increases the need for additional community victim support and time spent with clients.

OUTREACH & SAFE HOUSE

The Outreach Program in Nanaimo and Parksville remains active and occasionally innovative in addressing the needs of women facing Intimate Partner Violence. Our focus is always to create a **continuum of care** to firstly address the immediate needs of the women we serve and then promote long-term stabilization through affordable housing and connection to community resources. Key services provided:

- **Crisis Housing** at PQHH
- **Support Groups** to promote growth, healing, and empowerment
- **Rental Subsidies** and food assistance to alleviate economic pressures
- **Goal Setting** and problem-solving sessions
- Introduction to **Education and Employment Training** for financial independence



Impact

PQHH was able to buy a vehicle for program use which enhanced the services we can offer clients. *The money was received from Oceanside 100 Men Who Care.*

Outreach continued to receive *support from Nanaimo Foodshare* in the form of free Food boxes to distribute to clients struggling with food insecurity.

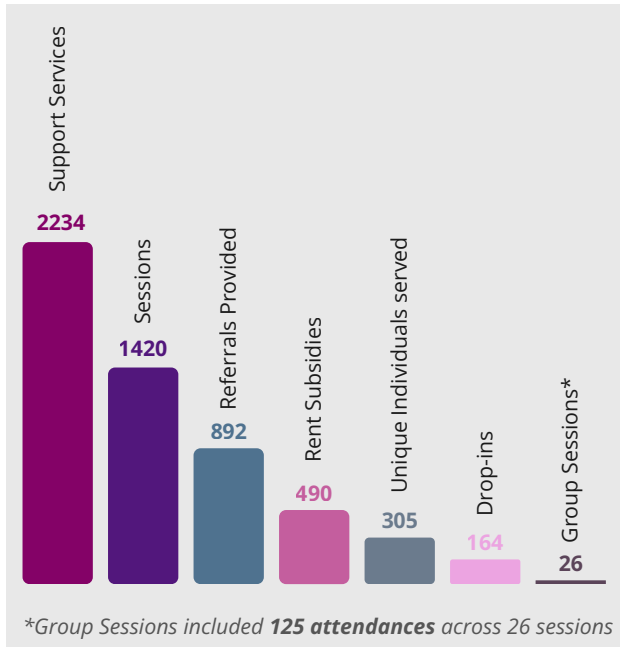
We were able to transition **20 families from HPP to SGBV** rent subsidy which provides long term financial supports to maintain market housing.

Challenges

We had one of our busiest years at the safe house. **The cost of living has affected not only the clients' ability to secure housing and meet their basic needs, but it has also impacted the cost of providing services.** In response, we actively sought long-term funding solutions and enhanced partnerships with community agencies to support housing stability and improve service coordination. The PQHH has been in operation for 10+ years and the house is needing some TLC. This year we were finally able to purchase a new couch, that was very exciting for clients and staff. We are hoping with community support that we will be able to replace some more well used items.

OUTREACH & SAFE HOUSE

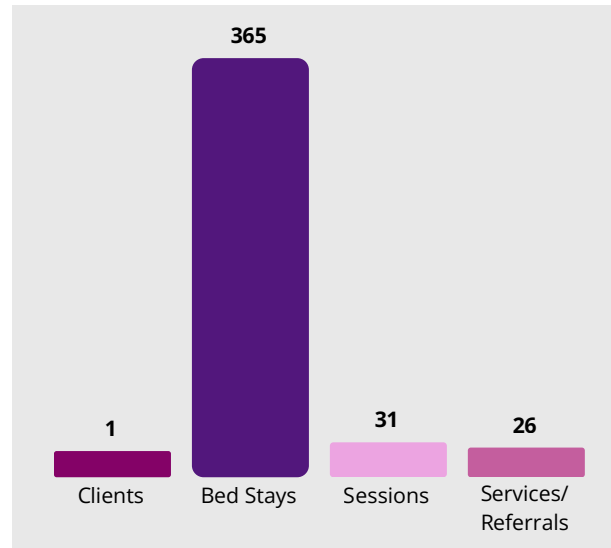
Outreach / HPP Service Delivery



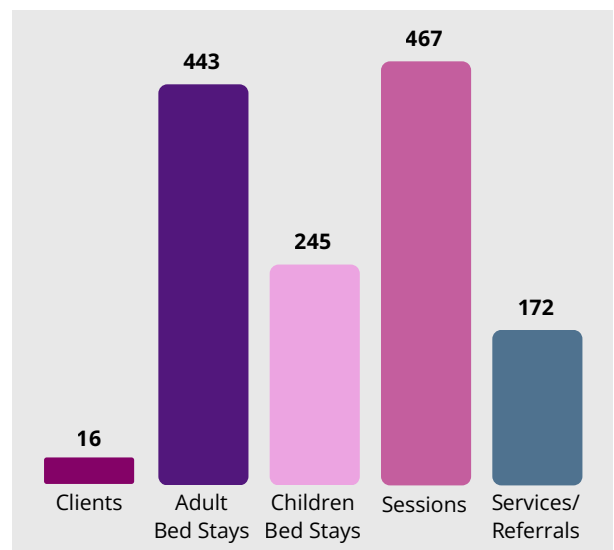
Testimonial

"The Haven Society Outreach Program has made a huge difference in my life. **The 16 Step to Empowerment Group** has helped me a lot in my recovery and has given me a safe place where I feel supported and understood. **The Homeless Prevention Program** has also been a lifesaver. **The monthly rent support** I received has helped me keep a roof over my head and has taken away so much stress. I honestly don't know where I would be without that help. **The Outreach workers** have always treated me with kindness, respect, and compassion. They've been there to support me when I needed it most, and I never felt judged. I'm really thankful for everything Haven society has done for me. **These programs truly change lives, and I hope they can continue helping people like they helped me.**"

Dufferin Cresc. Second Stage



PQHH



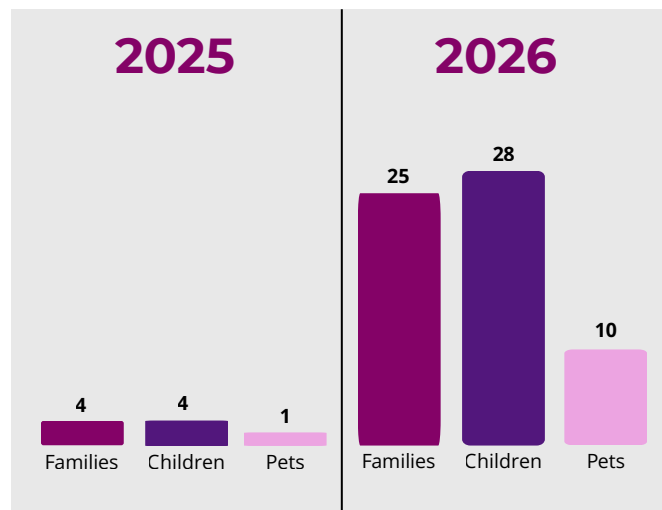
Testimonial

"The staff at PQHH are so kind, my children and I felt safe. I couldn't have achieved my goals without their support and guidance."

SECOND STAGE

The **Second Stage Housing Program** provides transitional support for women and children fleeing violence, **bridging the gap between emergency shelter and permanent housing** with a focus on safety, stability, financial independence, and empowerment.

Impact



We greatly appreciate the donations we've received, which have helped make the units warm and welcoming. These contributions provide **essential items** such as towels, sheets, blankets, small kitchen appliances, toys, and so much more. Often, families must leave belongings behind when they leave their homes. Having the donation available makes it easier for families to feel welcome and cared for.

Food donations also make it easier for women to provide healthy meals and get through the week without their pantries going empty. **With the Transition House and Second Stage programs now located in the same building, clients have access to a broader range of supports.** Groups, activities, childminding, and other services and staff are more accessible to women and their children.

We continue to build strong community partnerships so women and their families can access the information, resources, and support they need **to move forward with safety and confidence.**

BOUNDARY

The second floor at Boundary Crescent is for Haven Society clients and has been open for 10 years in partnership with **Vancouver Island Mental Health Society**. Haven has 13 self-contained units on the second floor with a beautiful common area and patio garden outside, strictly for second-floor residents. Of the 13 residents, four have been here for several years, and other units rotate every couple of years. **Haven provides a very safe place for single women learning to live on their own;** the building itself is staffed 24/7, no men or overnight guests are allowed on the Haven floor, and security in the building is paramount.

Impact

Haven provides:

- Weekly support groups for past and present residents;
- Weekly food bank runs with a company van and one-on-one sessions if anyone is in crisis or just needs emotional support.
- Community dinners on the second floor for all Haven clients

The sense of community and the way the women, young and old, support one another is really something to experience.



Challenges

The last year was not without its challenges. Addiction and mental health have their own difficulties; it becomes very hard to support a woman if she is immersed **in addiction or struggling with medications that are not agreeing with her emotional state of mind**. Another subject that comes up: when is it time for women to move on? Are they in need of all the support? Or should we free up space? In our economy today, with the cost-of-living crisis at an all-time high, how do you move women on to rentals that they cannot afford?

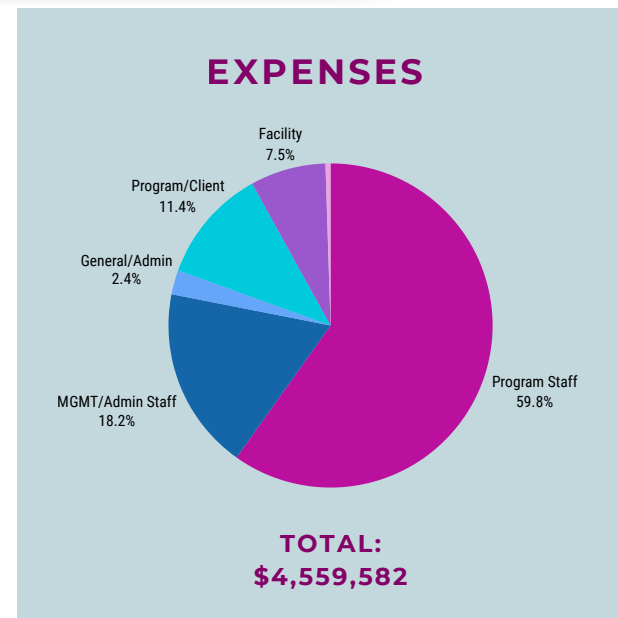
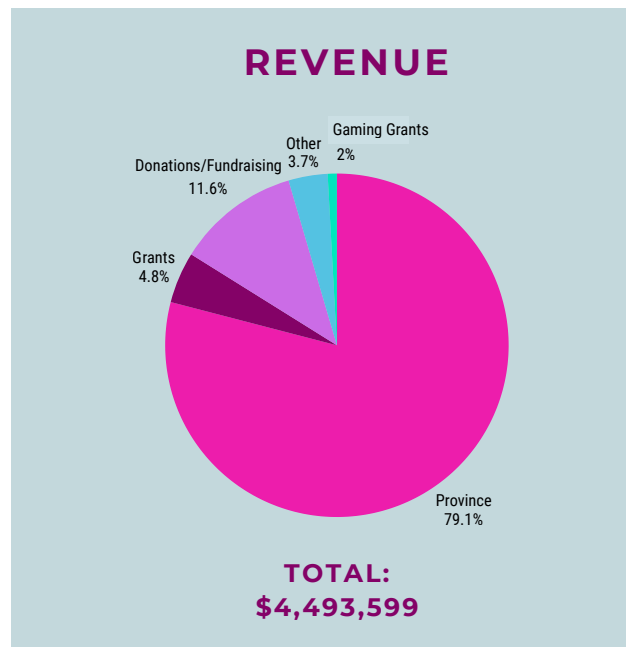
Year in Review

FINANCE

The financial position of Haven Society in the fiscal year 2025/26 showed improvement over the previous year. The improvement reflects increased provincial grant funding, higher donations, and increased program fees from the Second Stage Program.

Payroll expenses increased due to wage adjustments and increased staffing needs.

Facility expenses increased due to the addition of our new building, Kenworth, and additional maintenance and labour costs. We also saw an increase in individual and corporate community support for which we are so grateful as unfortunately we are also seeing an increase in numbers and complexity of the clients fleeing intimate partner violence.



	Current Fiscal year (FY26)		Previousd year (FY25)
Revenue	Budget	Actual	Actual
Province of BC *	3,549,776	3,552,344	3,202,955
Grants	262,500	216,913	142,858
Gaming Grant	50,000	38,685	55,500
Donations/Fundraising	467,500	520,211	489,423
Other	348,000	165,446	102,797
Total	4,677,776	4,493,599	3,993,533

	Current Fiscal year (FY26)		Previousd year (FY25)
Expenses	Budget	Actual	Actual
Program Staff	2,974,501	2,677,618	2,237,968
MGT/Admin Staff	873,752	816,305	751,648
General and Administration	188,515	108,985	112,947
Program Expenses	357,195	511,785	641,078
Facility Expenses	283,080	336,859	242,972
Fundraising Expenses	25,000	22,528	18,646
Amortization**	0	85,502	70,409
Total Expenses	4,702,043	4,559,582	4,075,668
Surplus (Deficit)	-24,267	-65,983	-82,135

* Includes subsidies

** Amortization not included in budget

OUR GROUPS

16 Steps to Empowerment

16-Week Open Group

Our 16-Step Empowerment Model is a holistic approach designed to support our clients' journey toward overcoming dependencies, whether they be toxic relationships or substances. This model focuses on the wholeness of mind, body, and spirit, encouraging personal growth.



Strategies For Empowerment

5-Session Closed Group

Our workshop offers women valuable insights into how trauma impacts us physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. Through education and support, participants are guided to heal and develop coping strategies that foster inner strength and personal empowerment.

Weaving Our Voices

Weekly Closed Group

This group is dedicated to fostering knowledge, sharing wisdom, and reinforcing support through a cycle of topics designed to build awareness, not disclosure. With a focus on safety, stability, and healing for women affected by violence, the group offers a secure and supportive environment. Registration required.



Children and Youth Groups

6-10 week closed groups

Groups are an effective way for children and youth to make connections with peers who understand their experiences in a safe environment. Through these groups, children and youth will learn to identify their feelings, explore healthy expressions and emotions, and expand on their understanding of safety, boundaries, self-esteem, and self-care.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

At Haven Society, our work relies on the ongoing support of our community. For nearly 47 years, donors, members, volunteers, and partners have stood with us to promote the safety and well-being of women, children, and families. There are many ways to get involved if you'd like to join us in this mission.

HERE ARE SOME WAYS TO GET INVOLVED WITH HAVEN SOCIETY:



DONATE

We accept donations via cash, cheque, credit card, stocks, and shares. To learn more, visit our website or find us on [Canada Helps](#). Your support makes a difference!



FRIENDSHIP PLAN

Join our monthly Friendship Plan. Sign up for monthly donations with automatic installments to support our mission.



ORGANIZE A FUNDRAISER

Host a meaningful event, create lasting memories, or simply enjoy some community fun while supporting Haven Society.



EVENTS

Save the date for our key events and join us in supporting our corporate partners, including Tim Hortons' Holiday Smile Cookie Days, Royal LePage Shelter Foundation and Shoppers Drug Mart.



RAISE AWARENESS

Invite Haven Society to your service club, workplace, group, or informational event to learn more about our mission. You can also help us expand our community by following us on social media and sharing our posts.



BE A VOLUNTEER

Join our community of volunteers at Haven Society to support the various activities of the agency!



NEWSLETTER

Subscribe to our newsletter to be up-to-date on Haven Society news, donation impacts, events and updates throughout the year.

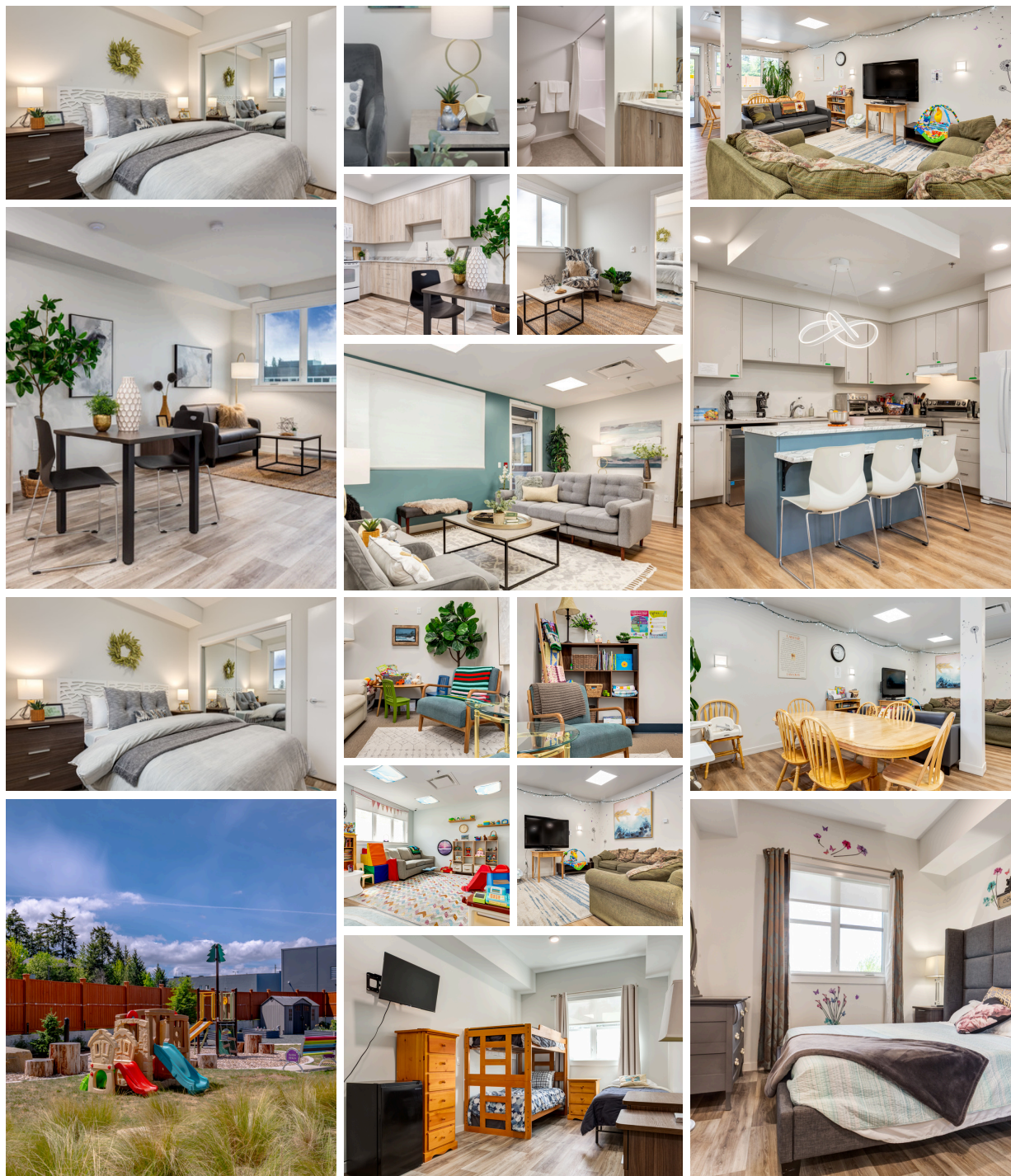


WISH LIST

Simply click on our Wish List link on our website, and purchase whatever items you'd like. Each item purchased will help us provide critical supplies to women and their children in need.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

SECOND STAGE & TRANSITION HOUSE



Haven Society is dedicated to providing safe shelter and comprehensive support services for women of all ages, along with their children, who have experienced physical, sexual, and emotional abuse. Through a range of programs including counselling, crisis support, and advocacy, we aim to empower those affected by violence. Guided by feminist principles, we are committed to innovative approaches that honour diversity, advocate for social change, and raise public awareness about violence against women and children. Our mission also involves collaborating with community partners and securing the necessary resources to continue our vital work.



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250-756-0616

Community Services Building

Our Community Services Building working hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm except statutory holidays.

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