REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In my fifth year as the Executive Director, I am pleased to announce that this year WSAC will be celebrating our 30th year of providing services to survivors of sexualized violence in Greater Victoria. We are proud of the many women who built the centre over the years: our former staff, volunteers, community partners and the women who came to heal. You also have all contributed to the success of our service and the positive impact of our work. On behalf of all the staff, volunteers and community partners, I would like to thank you for your contributions.

Our work has evolved over the years and continues to do so. In addition to providing crisis and information services, we have expanded our service offerings to include Youth Specific Counselling (ages 13-19), Short-term Crisis Counselling, Transgender Community outreach and information, and Project Respect - Youth Prevention Program.

Over the past year, we have continued to develop our collaborative partnerships with other organizations in the community. We have expanded our network of partners to include many community agencies including VIHA’s Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners, Crown Counsel, Victim Legal Services, and RCMP Detachments in the Greater Victoria Region; and Central Vancouver Island Crisis Line Society. We refer people on the basis of need to other community partners as well as work collaboratively to enhance services to our clients.

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based youth groups; Victoria
training program followed by a
is designed to engage youth from
violence. The first phase of this new

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PROJECT RESPECT

led social action projects; and, key community events.
Respect reached 1025 youth during the 2011/12 school year through: 82
youth
Workshops:
Arbutus Middle School, and Bayside Middle School) to provide sexualized
serving marginalized youth; community
Immigrant and Refugee Centre's Youth Strides camp; and more.
In the summer of 2011, Project Respect restructured its youth leadership
actions throughout the subsequent year. The Project Respect youth team
produced a short film, called The Imperfection Project, exploring the
silencing of young women's experiences of sexuality and violence. They also
created the Revolution Letters Project as part of the Girls Action Foundation
members in writing more than 200 alternative love letters that explored love
as social justice. 2000 copies of the letters were then hidden all over the city

Walters,
Victoria Community Branch, Victoria Fire Fighters
Project Respect's success over the past year is due
obtainable with government funding alone. Maintaining quality
led social action program. Based on her work with us and with

PREVENTION TEAM

THANKS TO DONORS
for 55% of WSAC's operating budget, allowing for a breadth and depth of
services for survivors of sexualized violence is truly a collective effort.
extend special recognition to the following:

Halford, Rudi Hoenson, Josephine Irwin, Island Acupuncture and Herb, Don
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Redman, Makenna Rielly, Robert Cameron Law Corporation, Janet Rowney,
Royal Oak Lions, Sacred Heart Christian Charities, Eugene Sander, Philip
Charitable Foundation, Victoria Foundation, Jennifer Waelti
Kathleen Wagg, Western 66 Motor Inn, Louise White, Norma Wuester,
funding from the federal government's Canada Summer Jobs
program. Seventeen year old Samantha Claver was hired into this
integral to the development of the new format for Project Respect's
youth
Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre, Sam was awarded the BC
Youth Leadership.

YOUTH ACTION

Crisis and Information Line
WSAC continues to operate a broad spectrum of programs and
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with our
SART Responses
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ATTACHMENT

WSAC about stranger assaults in Victoria.

The Canadian SlutWalk and WSAC's Walk a Mile engaged communities
that they are not to blame, and through this knowledge individual
survivors and their supporters become part of that larger body of
funders who continue to commit resources to the cause of assisting

Crisis and Information Line
Calls

WSAC's Crisis and Information Line
received 1423 calls in 2011,
many calling for information
on issues of sexual assault
and domestic violence.

It may be that people know these acts
are sexual assault, but they may not
know how to report them. Our
Crisis and Information Line
is staffed and volunteers
are trained to provide
information and
education.

SART Responses
The Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) continued to provide a level of specialized
service to survivors of sexual assault.

They are working with a team of forensic nurses, pathologists, and other medical
professionals. This team provides medical and forensic care to sexual assault survivors
in a setting that is safe and respectful. They also help survivors navigate the
criminal justice system and connect them with other resources they need.

The SART team consists of medical professionals who are specially trained to work with
survivors of sexual assault. They are able to provide medical care, forensic
procedures, and emotional support to survivors. They are also able to
connect survivors with other resources, such as legal aid and
support groups.

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