As I reflect on my 6th year of work at the Women’s Sexual Assault Centre, I couldn’t have chosen a more poignant topic than that of community support and partnership. We accomplished many things in the past year, but none of them could have been done without a foundation of support from our community donors and the savings from our administrative consolidation in partnership with the Victoria Women’s Transition House. We have not received increases in our government contracts since 2008; therefore, we depend on our community to say no to sexualized violence by supporting survivors and keeping our programs strong. In addition, we were honoured again this year by multiple bequests, which leave a legacy for the agency and finally enables us to pursue more cost saving measures and reduce our overhead.

Donor bequests in the 2012/2013 fiscal year have allowed for transformational growth and planning. We are actively pursuing a co-location opportunity with our partner agency to lower our overhead spending. Because of donor bequests, WSAC is able to purchase an office suite for our counselling and prevention education services in the same building as the Victoria Women’s Transition House Community Office, which will allow us to save at least 25% of our current overhead costs. In the long run this will be a good return on investment for our Society.

So many times I am moved by the thoughtfulness and poignancy of quality of life, of support from WSAC, of the services we provide, and so many have such a strong tie to this agency and act on that commitment so generously each year. Thank you for allowing me to be part of such a wonderful community partnership over these past years!

Makenna Riely, Executive Director

REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

It’s always a pleasure for the Board to reflect on the year’s accomplishments at WSAC. What a year it has been! The Board has been fully engaged with the activities of the centre as well as building a solid new team. The Board has also spent time team building and on professional development, as well as brainstorming ideas for the future. Several new members to the Board have hit the ground running with all the goings-on, and by stepping into some of the executive roles. Kelly Branchi is the Board Secretary and Debra Scarfone is the new Treasurer of the Board.

As we do every year, the Board was eager to support a number of the Centre’s community events, including two of our most well-known annual events: Walk A Mile in Her Shoes and the Million of Compassion. As before, we offered our support where we could, attending pre-event planning meetings and showing up on event day to help out. Another event that has become an annual tradition is the Topless Trivia Night and speaker Jackson Katz to lead a public lecture and trainings on the role of men in ending gender-based violence here in Victoria. We were so thrilled to be able to support the hard work of many staff and fellow volunteers in seeing all these events – and many more – become great successes in both raising awareness and much-needed funds for the Centre.

We’re also passionately committed to continuing the work of up-dating relationships to WSAC, including partnerships, our services, and their impact on how to implement the suggestions brought forward into the coming months and years to ensure our services are more meaningful and relevant for the trans* community.

The Administration Consolidation with Victoria Women’s Transition House continues to show promise, with mutual benefits and efficiencies for both agencies. The Joint Negotiation Committee met quarterly over the past year to monitor the impact of the administrative consolidation. In November, the year evaluation of the consolidation was commenced. A financial analysis and staff feedback were identified as the most crucial area to review. Feedback from the community and donors was also incorporated. The evaluation was completed in December, and the Board unanimously decided to continue the administrative consolidation for fiscal year 2013/14.

A new committee has been created this year called the Gratitude Committee. The goal of this committee is to explore ways to show appreciation to our funders and donors. Board members have been actively involved in this committee, creating genuine and creative ways to say ‘thank you’ to our donors and supporters.

Not only is the Centre moving, but we are purchasing a space! No more landlords and leases! No more moving every 5 years! Over the past few years it has been recognized that the Centre has outgrown its current space and the high rent made a downsizing a desirable option. The Board discussed and deliberated over questions such as: when should we do this, how can we afford it and where can we move? Should we co-locate with another agency offering comparable services? Should we rent or buy? Since the current lease is up in August 2013 the first question was answered. Makenna and various Board members hit the pavement and began looking at office spaces downtown. Each month they would report back on various locations they visited with a list of pros and cons for each space. None of them were quite right and most of them were expensive. By March the Centre was looking quite seriously at a suite in the Transition House Community Office. Makenna and the Finance Committee crunched the numbers, and by April the Board voted unanimously to purchase the space.

Makenna continues to demonstrate strong leadership, financial and organizational skills. The evaluation of her role as Executive Director was completed in February 2013, and the results are summarized as follows. The Board of Directors commends Makenna for another three years of remarkable achievement. Staff, Board and community stakeholders overwhelmingly evaluated Makenna as having met or exceeded expectations in competencies such as Human Resource Management and Supervisory Skills, Communication Skills, Flexibility and Adaptability, Initiative, and Planning and Organization. It is with great pleasure that the Board assesses Makenna’s performance of her duties in 2012/13 as having exceeded expectations.

We conclude by acknowledging Natasha de Klerk and Elizabeth Holland, Board members who resigned this year. We thank you for your commitment and hard work over these past few years.

Sincerely,

Emily Arthur, Kelly Branchi, Kim Brown, Julia Denly, Sean Dillon, Heidi Exner (Co-Chair), Sally Gose (Co-Chair), Yanne Hais, and Debra Scarfone (Treasurer).

REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The generosity of individual donors, granting foundations, and businesses in the 2012/2013 fiscal year brought exciting opportunities to WSAC. Here are some highlights:

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- Over $300,000 in grant funds contributed to the breadth and depth of WSAC programs and projects, especially Project Respect, whose critical work with youth continues to improve understanding about gender based violence in our community.
- We put significant effort into community outreach this year. We delivered 25 public presentations to workplaces that support the United Way of Greater Victoria campaign and others, including the Provincial Employees Community Services (PECS) where we presented to learners for their tremendous fund raising efforts on behalf of hundreds of charities across British Columbia.
- Thank you to everyone who made financial contributions this year. Each gift, no matter the size, is truly appreciated and we sincerely value each and every donor.

2012-2013 WOMEN’S SEXUAL ASSAULT CENTRE STAFF

Makenna Riely, Executive Director

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REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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United Way of Greater Victoria – Project Respect

RBC Foundation – Project Respect


Canadian Women’s Foundation – Project Respect

Telus Community Fund – Project Respect

Victoria Foundation – Community-based Prevention Education

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PROJECT RESPECT

works to prevent sexualized violence among youth aged 12-19 by providing safe and skillfully facilitated spaces for young people to begin to think critically about, act to resist, and create positive alternatives to the harmful (yet normalized) messages they receive about gender, relationships, sexuality, and violence. Programming addresses individual, relational, and societal level influences by focusing on knowledge change, skill-building, attitude change, and social action. The Project Respect reached approximately 1020 youth and community members during the 2012/13 school year through 60 workshops in schools and community-based organizations; multiple youth-led social action projects; and, key community events.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY-BASED WORKSHOPS FOR YOUTH: This year Project Respect made exciting modifications to some of our curricula to make them more relevant and responsive for young people in middle schools. In the process, we added fun activities that turned out to be appealing to all ages. Our consent mingle game, which includes a “yes, no, maybe” dance warm-up, has been an awesome addition to exploring positive and respectful communication. We were also able to integrate new tools to explore how parents can teach and model consent with their children at every age, which provided some meaningful conversation with the amazing folks at the Young Parents Support Network. Project Respect provided workshops to: high schools in schools, attending 680, 621, and 676; and the Community Support Program served 670 in middle schools, 1207 in high schools.

COMMUNITY-BASED SOCIAL ACTION:

Rhzome: Youth-Led Social Action Camp: In June 2012 we held a new and exciting Rhzome: Youth-Led Social Action Camp to engage young people living diverse realities to develop youth-led social actions that address gender-based sexualized violence in their communities. This two-week participatory-action project was highly successful from the perspective of youth, youth leaders, and community organizations. Overall, these workshops were highly successful from the perspectives of youth, youth leaders, and Project Respect facilitators.

COMMUNITY MURAL PROJECT:

This year, Project Respect honed with two United Way of the North Region! This year Project Respect received a grant from United Way and Terry Chinese Culture Centre to support this project.

COMMUNITY-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION:

As noted above, clients may engage in services at different points in their recovery. Our counseling services range from short-term crisis support to longer-term, individual trauma therapy and group work with others. Our counselors are all trained specialists and bring a variety of approaches to their work, such as: EMDR, So- matic, Narrative and Art therapy. Practice students are also men- tioned in trauma-informed practice and hone their skills through a placement with the Project Respect coordinator. This commitment to supporting women and all trans* sexual relies on both individual and community-based action.

WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES 2013: A huge thank you to our returning presenting sponsor, Vancity, our visionaries, community leaders, and everyone that participated and supported our 7th annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes on May 26th, 2013. Our Walk a Mile came together for this event and to- gether we raised $22,000 in donations for our services for survivors of sexual assault. The Project Respect team, along with U Vic’s anti-violence project did an excellent job engaging the audience in arts-based projects that focused on violence prevention and this year, we had 3 very inspiring speakers join us on stage: Jean Rogers, Victoria Poet Laureate; Paul Luceter, Founder of Positive Change Campaign; and Jeremy Lovelady, Victoria Slam Poet.

JACKSON KATZ: With the support of Vancy and anti-violence project, we invited educator, author, and leader in engaging men in gender-based violence prevention, Jackson Katz to come to Victoria for three campus events. Events included a Public Talk, a Men’s Leadership Breakfast, and a Training for prevention educators and in total engaged over 500 people. Through a post-event survey, many people told us that they a had a better understanding of how violence is embedded in language, media and societal norms and how men can play an important leadership role in preventing violence in our communities.

COMMUNITY-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION: Our violence prevention education programming expanded this year to reach adults in workplaces and the wider community with a particular aim to engage men, women, and youth in violence prevention.

Thanks to a grant from the Victoria Foundation we offered violence prevention training for community groups, adult learners (through UVic’s Canadian Studies, Coffee, Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre Society, OUR Eckville as well as others. The training is based on Project Respect’s award-winning curriculum and explores the nature of sexualized violence and what we can do as individuals to prevent it.