

YAK YOUTH SERVICES



# ANNUAL REPORT

2021

# YOUTH ACTION KOMMITTEE INC.

1881 ROGERS RD. PERTH, ONTARIO

REGISTERED  
AFTER SCHOOL  
PROGRAM  
EMPLOYMENT  
READINESS,  
LIFE SKILLS &  
SOCIAL ISSUE  
WORKSHOPS

PEER  
COUNSELLING  
SHUTTLES  
FREE FOOD KIOSK  
NIGHTLY  
DINNERS  
MARCH AND  
SUMMER CAMPS



ESTABLISHED  
**1996**

INCORPORATED  
**1999**

REGISTERED  
CHARITY  
**2002**

ACTIVE  
EDUCATIONAL  
FUN  
POSITIVE ROLE  
MODELS  
ACCEPTANCE  
ENCOURAGEMENT



BRING TOGETHER. ELEVATE. ACTIVATE

• A SAFE SPACE FOR LOCAL YOUTH 12-18 •

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# Overview

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**Once you  
choose hope,  
Anything is  
Possible.**

CHRISTOPHER  
REEVE





# 2021 Highlights

Over 30,000+ meals delivered and given out in centre

Moved YAK Youth Services to 1881 Rogers Rd

Supported 30 families weekly or bi-weekly with food and basic needs

Steady Increase in program participation throughout the year

Successful shifts from in-person to virtual

Partnerships

## Year in Review





1881 ROGERS RD





# Our Organization's Goals for 2021

## **STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIPS**

Work with other local charities to increase  
impact

## **IMPROVE EMPLOYEE SATISFACTION**

Create programs based on employee  
strengths and local youth needs

## **INCREASE PARTICIPATION**

find innovative ways to reach new youth





## **Programs and Services**

we strive to deliver high quality programs and services that reflect best practices



## **Financial Sustainability**

we focus on strategic fundraising initiatives, diversifying sources, and donor recognition



## **Partnerships**

we understand the importance of partnering with local businesses, service providers, local governments and schools



## **Governance**

we strengthen our board through diversity, training and recruiting qualified directors

# **STRATEGIC FOCUS**



# COVID-19 Pandemic in Ontario (2021)

A STAY-AT-HOME ORDER JANUARY 14, 2021 TO  
MARCH 8, 2021.

PROVINCE-WIDE SHUTDOWN, STATE OF  
EMERGENCY AND STAY-AT-HOME ORDER APRIL  
8, 2021, (ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED ON APRIL 12,  
2021) TO JUNE 2, 2021

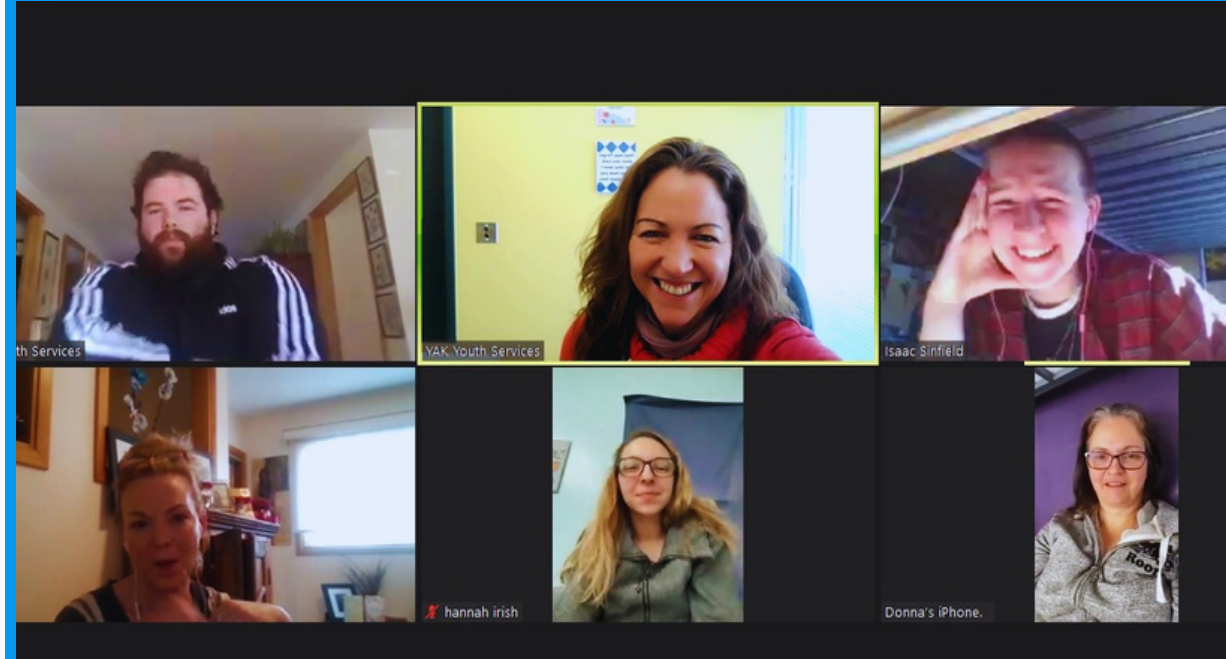






## IN CENTRE PROGRAMS

our doors opened as soon as the health unit gave the green light; in-person programs resumed and were well attended: most popular youth programming initiatives - gym fitness hour, trivia nights and art lessons with Isaac



## VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

we offered a number of workshops, trainings and online hang out times throughout the closures: youth leadership, online fitness club, mental health first aid



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

most popular community initiatives: flower therapy, porch visits, care package and art kit drop offs, food hampers, land acknowledgement signs in an act of reconciliation

# REACH IN 2021





Community Outreach



Registered After School Program

# YAK Services

Nightly Drop In



Workshops on Demand

Shared Space



# Registered After School Program & Nightly Drop In Hours

- Monday-Friday 2-5 followed by Youth Drop In 5-7PM
- Shuttles with Lanark Transportation from both High Schools
- Nutritious dinners and healthy snacks
- Physical Education
- Emotional Wellness Workshops
- Art Based & Music Programs
- Homework Help
- Multi-use Sports Court, Computer Lab, Quiet - low sensory room, Kitchen, Large, Fitness Room, +800 sq foot large room: pool table, shuffle board, foosball, ping pong, art section





# Perth & District Shared Space and Services

## Community Hub 2021 User Groups:

- Lanark County Community Justice
- The Table CFC
- Canadian Federation University Women (CFUW) Social Justice Club
- Girl Guides Canada
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lanark County
- Community Living
- Perth Fire Services/Firedawgs

## Partners specifically in the Youth Centre:

- Perth and District Union Public Library
- Maximilians Restaurant
- Mex & Co. Restaurant
- The Table CFC
- 4 BayFitness



# Workshops on Demand

- Workforce Readiness: First Jobs Program
- Social and Emotional Learning (ie anti-bullying)
- Home Alone Course
- Babysitter's Course
- Cyber Safety
- Leadership & Public Speaking
- Post-Secondary Preparation

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# Community Outreach: special projects

Free Food Kiosk

Flower Therapy Project

Land Acknowledgement  
Sign Sales

Community Wide Duck  
Race at Stewart Park

Food Hampers

Summer and March  
Break Day Camps





# 2021

## Community Builder Award Prix de bâtisseur communautaire

COVID-19 RESPONDERS INTERVENANTS DE LA COVID-19

### YAK Youth Centre

Thank you for helping to build  
a stronger, healthier and safer  
community for all of us.

Merci de contribuer à bâtir une  
communauté plus forte, plus saine et  
plus sécuritaire pour chacun d'entre nous.

**Michael Allen**  
President and CEO | Président et chef de la direction  
United Way East Ontario | Centraide Est de l'Ontario

Working with communities in Prescott-Russell, Ottawa, Lanark and Renfrew Counties  
À l'œuvre dans les communautés de Prescott et Russell, d'Ottawa et des comtés de Lanark et de Renfrew



This land is the ancestral, unceded territory  
of the Anishinaabe Algonquin Nation



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PLACED HERE IN AN ACT OF RECONCILIATION





# Financial Summary

Revenue: \$282,985

Expenses: \$293,819

Deficiency: (\$10,834)

Other Subsidies: \$64,722

Gain on Investments: \$10,466

Loss on Assets: (\$19,724)

Transfer to 2022: \$44,000

Net Excess for 2021: \$630



# Thank you to our Funders



# Parental Impact Statements:

IT'S A FABULOUS PROGRAM AND REALLY WELL-RUN. -  
KYLA HALEY

IT IS FABULOUS! THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE  
AND THE STAFF ARE SO PROFESSIONAL. - MELANIE  
IRETON

MY SON ATTENDS OFTEN THROUGH THE WEEK. IT'S A  
SAFE SPACE WITH LOTS TO DO FOR EVERYONE. MY  
DAUGHTER IS 8 AND CAN'T WAIT TO BE ABLE TO GO! -  
KATHI-ANN LOGAN

IT'S AN AMAZING SAFE AND FRIENDLY SPACE. IF  
ANYONE HAS ANY CONCERNS STOP BY AND MEET THE  
STAFF. THEY ALWAYS LOVE HAVING PARENTS STOP BY.  
- AMY POLLARD

MY 12 YR OLD IS LOVING YAK. HE GETS TO FEEL LIKE A  
TEENAGER AND HANG OUT WITH HIS FRIENDS BUT IN A  
SAFE AND WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT - SHEREE  
MULLIGAN

BOTH OF OUR TEENS HAVE BENEFITED  
TREMENDOUSLY FROM THEIR INVOLVEMENT  
WITH YAK THROUGH THE YEARS. STAFF ARE  
THOUGHTFUL, RESPONSIVE AND ENGAGED  
WITH EACH INDIVIDUAL YOUTH. WE ARE  
GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITIES THEIR  
CONNECTIONS THROUGH YAK HAVE  
AFFORDED THEM. THE TABLE AND AREA  
BUSINESSES ARE VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THE  
PROGRAM (LOOKING AT YOU,  
MAXIMILLIAN'S!) AND IN MY OPINION, YAK IS  
INTEGRAL TO YOUTH WELL-BEING IN THE  
TOWN OF PERTH. - HEATHER PAYNE



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