

Community

Resource Centre Killaloe



ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024



COMMUNITY MESSAGE

At the CRC, we envision 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.

Over the past year, as we continued to respond to needs in the community, our program offerings expanded. With provincial funding, we started Watershed, an umbrella of programs and services that support rural women and 2SLGBTQQIA+ individuals, including those impacted by gender-based violence and social isolation, to move from survival mode into sustainable livelihoods. The work of Watershed brings us back full circle to our early days in the 1980s, when CRC's predecessor, Women Initiating Responsible Change, offered a range of information and supports to women and families in the community.

CRC programs are thriving. In childcare, we added a new program for toddlers in Killaloe, providing a rich early learning environment for 15 additional children. This brought the total number of children served to almost 190. Access to quality licensed childcare spurs both economic and community development as more parents can join the workforce, attend school, volunteer, and contribute to community life. When provincial funding for Game ON! ended, community partners stepped in to keep the program going. Municipalities, volunteer recreation groups, community and private foundations combined forces to back this program that focuses on building physical literacy in a fun and active environment.

Good food matters! CRC builds individual and community food security into most of our programs. This year, with the federal government's support, we added a second greenhouse and more garden

space. We donated fresh produce valued at about \$10,000 to the Killaloe Food Bank, giving patrons access to local, nutritious food. We also partnered with an area school to offer children the opportunity to learn the importance of local food.

The Community Resource Centre believes in building community and investing in people and families. We are one of the largest employers in the area with over 50 staff - most of them working in full time positions with access to pension and benefits. We strive to shop locally in all the communities where we offer services, and to support local businesses. When our communities and families prosper, we all win.

We welcomed 3 new board members who committed their time, knowledge, expertise, questions, perspectives, and hopes for the community to the organization. Thanks to Elizabeth Burchat, Sue Sheridan, and Rachel Worth-Cappell. We also extend our gratitude to retiring board members Greg McLeod and Andrew Capobianco.

This year, our board joined the 50 - 30 Challenge. The goal of the program is to challenge Canadian organizations to increase the representation and inclusion of diverse groups within their workplaces, while highlighting the benefits of giving all Canadians a seat at the table. We have begun the journey toward increasing diversity on our board and throughout the agency. We know that by including a wider range of people, we will provide better and more inclusive services and have better outcomes.

Many thanks to our staff, volunteers, supporters, and the communities we serve. Together we are making a great difference and improving the quality of life in our wee corner of the world.

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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 and services, and our impact in rural communities.



OUR RECIPE FOR CHANGE

Toy Bus

569 Children for a total of 5038 visits

learned through play and made connections.

447 Parents & Caregivers for a total of 3241 visits

68 Individual Fathers served for a total of 268 visits

Serving: 10 Communities

Cooking with Friends
over 1295 meals served to Adults and Seniors

Prenatal: CRC

140 Participants

628 Meals

600 Food Vouchers

10 Gas Cards

Groups and activities were in person, at parks, online and in community spaces.

Serving: 6 Communities

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189 Rural Children

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

Serving: 10 Communities

CRC Youth Programs

347 Rural Youth

attended youth programming in our Game ON! Mobile Youth Activity Program, RISE Empowerment Program/RISE 12+ and IMPACT Youth Mentor Project.

Serving: 7 Communities

Watershed

337 Community Members

including women, 2SLGBTQQIA+ people, those impacted by gender-based violence and social isolation accessed supportive counselling, basic needs support, peer support groups and community events.

OPENING DOORS ★ GROWING TOGETHER ★ MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Direct Accountability

131 Individuals

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

Direct Supports

over 150 Families

498 People

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

Volunteer Tax Clinic

289 Tax Returns

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

Seniors Active Living

over 332 Rural Seniors

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

Over 1251 Lunches served
Serving 2 Municipalities

Information & Referral

over 2000 People

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

Food & Toy Drive

421 Children

received toys and gifts

97 Families

received holiday food boxes

7 Individuals & Families

received grocery gift cards

100 Seniors

received gifts



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IT TAKES A VILLAGE.
THANK YOU TO ALL
WHO CONTINUE TO
SUPPORT OUR
COMMUNITY.



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