



ANNUAL REPORT 2021 - 2022



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- MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT, CYNTHIA EDWARDS -

It was our third year of uncertainty and challenge on many fronts, yet our Unit remained strong, capable and committed, and continued to expand its support from the community.

The Future of Alberta's Victim Services Program Was Announced

August 2021 featured the announcement from Alberta Justice and Solicitor General (JSG) of the long-awaited Victim Services redesign. Details on vital items such as funding for rural police-based units and rural service delivery were not highlighted, although the announcement featured other major and welcome funding improvements that were enacted immediately.

While we work through the details with JSG, our Unit's commitment to our clients remains very strong. We're determined to provide strength and continuity of support during the transition to the new service delivery model for as long as it takes to get it right. The government continues to speak strongly of its support for victims of rural crime; we're counting on that support as we work together in this new endeavour.

We Expanded Funding Support from Our Community

We were able to carry out a very successful fundraiser Charity Check Stop in December of 2021 and received per capita funding from the Town of Blackfalds for our fiscal year. Thanks to the excellent work of our fund developer, Amber Casey, we secured other sponsorships and financial support from our community. These have helped to strengthen our financial position and we're very grateful for this vital support!

In spite of ongoing challenges, we were blessed with significant strengths: dedicated and talented staff who responded with resolve and adaptability, committed volunteer Advocates, and a strong board. In 2021-22 we offered exemplary service to our clients, we strengthened and supported each other, and we once again exemplified our motto of Onward and Upward!

Sincerely,
Board President

Cynthia Edwards



CAVWSS MISSION STATEMENT:

Our mission is to equip clients to engage positively and productively in their community through our professional and compassionate provision of direct support, information, referral and education.



- MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SHAWNA WYATT -

I have to say, the year has been passing by quickly as I settle into the role as the Executive Director of Central Alberta Victim & Witness Support Society. The warm positive welcome I have received from the staff, volunteers, Board of Directors, RCMP Members, RCMP administrative staff and the community has been overwhelming. It did not take long to know I had made the right decision to join this amazing team.

The passion and dedication the staff, advocates and volunteer Board Members have to provide service to our clients is insurmountable. Despite all the difficulties Covid-19 has presented, and the transition of leadership, they have all stepped up and battled through to ensure there was no disruption to our clients or the daily operations of the organization.

While the overall crisis call-outs were slightly lower, 87 in 2020-2021 opposed to 78 in 2021-2022, staff and advocates keep busy with court files, many of which, have been backlogged due to Covid- 19. Along with new referrals that did not require crisis call-outs (377).

We have also focused our efforts on community awareness and engagement. In May, CAVWSS collaborated with St. Gregory and Iron Ridge Junior Campus' to host a Walk-a-thon in conjunction to National Victim & Survivors of Crime Week. It was a successful event and a great way to engage the younger citizens of our community.

CAVWSS staff and volunteers also participated in The Blackfalds Bulldogs ceremonial puck drop, the Central Alberta Crime Prevention's annual Touch-A-Truck event, and the Blackfalds parade, in collaboration with the Blackfalds RCMP Detachment.

While the year has been full of so many positive interactions and success stories, we have also received news from the Government of Alberta of a change in governance for Victim Service Programs across the province. Sadly, this will affect our amazing unit. With the new model being put into place, projected for April 1, 2024, Blackfalds and surrounding areas will still receive information, support and referrals from Victim Services, it will just look a little different than what we know it to be now. Regardless of these pending changes, we are dedicated to assisting our communities and Members of the Blackfalds RCMP Detachment through this transitional phase and into the new model. We remain optimistic that the changes will improve access to services, as well as, the quality of the services we offer our clients.

Sincerely,
Executive Director

Shawna Wyatt

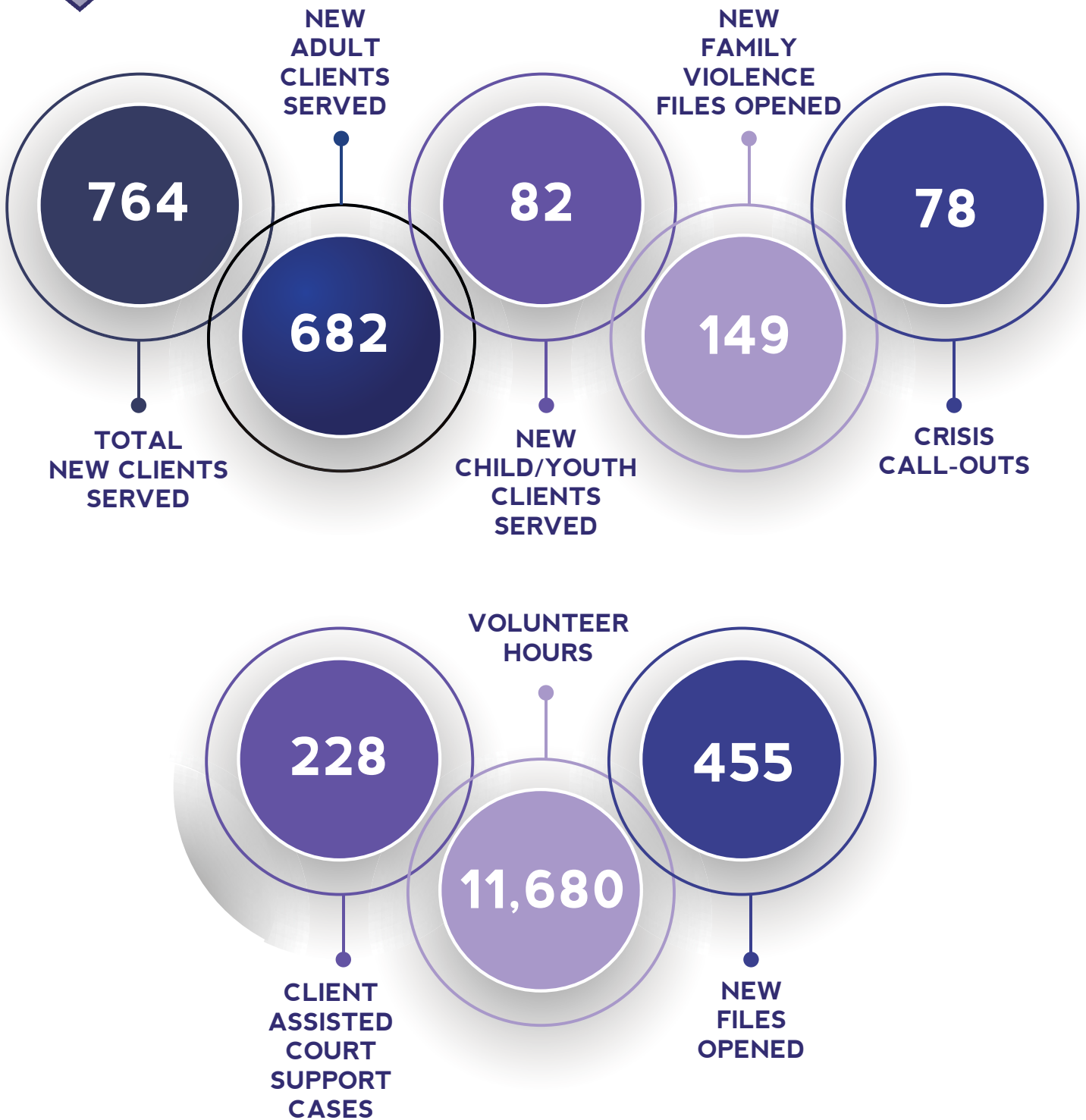


CAVWSS VISION STATEMENT:

We assist in bridging the gap from hurt to hope to empower survivors of crime and tragedy to take control of their lives.



- 2021/2022 STATS AND COMMUNITY IMPACT -



Note: These numbers reflect our last fiscal year cases only and do not include ongoing management of case files from previous years.



HOMICIDE

SUDDEN DEATH

ASSAULT

FAMILY VIOLENCE

FRAUD, THEFT, ID THEFT

BREAK & ENTER

VANDALISM

SERIOUS MOTOR
VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

FIRE

MULTI-
CASUALTY
DISASTER

INDUSTRIAL
ACCIDENTS

SCHOOL
CRISIS



**SERVING
COMMUNITIES
THROUGHOUT
CENTRAL
ALBERTA**

BLACKFALDS

SPRINGBROOK

SUMMER VILLAGE OF GULL LAKE

JOFFRE

CLIVE

RED DEER COUNTY

LACOMBE COUNTY



2021-2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

REVENUE

GRANT INCOME	\$145,580
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FUNDRAISING	\$66,430
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EXPENSES

DIRECT PROGRAM DELIVERY	\$166,982
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PROGRAM AWARENESS	\$18,850
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VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT & SUPPORT	\$8,732
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PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	\$9,724
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WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE? HOW YOU CAN HELP...

How to Donate

You can help us continue our work in your community by;

- *Making a financial donation*
- *Becoming a corporate sponsor*
- *Donating goods and services*
- *Contributing to and/or attending our annual events*

We accept donations as cheques payable to Central Alberta Victim & Witness Support Society.

Cheques can be mailed to:

Central Alberta Victim & Witness Support Society, PO Box 1780, Blackfalds, AB, T0M 0J0

To make a cash donation you can call **1-403-885-3355**. Contact our funding development coordinator today to learn more about how you can help by emailing **marketing@victimsupport.ca**.

Donate Now Online!

Visit **www.victimsupport.ca** and click "**Donate Now**" on the home page or visit our donations page directly to find the link to donate through ATB Cares!

We receive 100% of your donation and ATB will match 15% of every dollar donated!



CAVWSS Wish List:

Our organization is always collecting items or gift cards that could be used to assist victims in times of crisis such as;

Grocery Gift Cards | Gas Cards | Cell Phone Cards (pay as you go minutes) | Taxi or Uber Vouchers | Gift Cards to Cover School Lunches/Meals | Nonperishable Kid-Friendly Snacks | Prepaid Credit Cards

CAWSS CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Chair

Cynthia Edwards



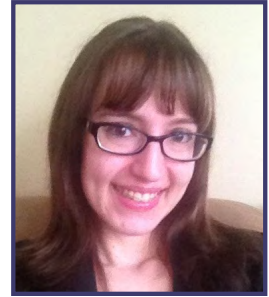
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St. Sgt. Dan Martin



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Director

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Don't know where to turn?



We can help 24 Hour Crisis Support

The Canadian Victims Bill of Rights defines a victim as an individual who has suffered physical or emotional harm, economic loss or property damage as a result of a crime committed in Canada.

Victims of crime and tragedy are often overwhelmed, confused and unsure of how to deal with the events and procedures which follow. Our organization offers support, programs and services such as court orientation and accompaniment.

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**THANK-YOU
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COMMUNITY PARTNERS,
DONORS, SPONSORS
AND SUPPORTERS!**



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