

## **OUR MISSION**

Sheena's Place offers support to individuals, families and friends affected by eating disorders by providing a wide range of professionally-facilitated support groups. We are committed to inspiring hope, reducing stigma, raising awareness and offering meaningful help and information at all stages of recovery.

We offer our programs at no charge. We receive no operating funding from any level of government and rely solely on the support of individuals, corporations and foundations.

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#### **Executive Director**

Deborah Berlin-Romalis 2016 was such an exciting and busy year! Sheena's Place served 1,223 unique clients, 38% of whom walked through our door for the first time. And, of course, we celebrated our 20th anniversary at the Sparkle Party, the Client Art Show, the Community Carnival, and the Robert Pilon and Friends Concert.

Twenty years also means that we have learned a lot. Our clients have taught us what it means to LIVE with an eating disorder—the isolation, the stigma, the misconceptions, and the barriers that continue to exist: wait lists, unaffordable costs and limited treatment options. Perhaps most importantly, we have grown to understand how vital it is to respond quickly, because early intervention increases the likelihood of transforming someone's life consumed by this illness.

That's why we offer 203 programs, 12 months a year – the only community-based support centre for eating disorders in the GTA. Sheena's Place operates with NO government funding along with a commitment to provide all programming free of charge, an objective made more urgent by the knowledge that 57% of our clients live on some form of social assistance.

Reflecting on 2016, we wish to thank everyone who worked with us – our Board, our staff, our many volunteers and especially our clients who have had the insight and courage to act. We are deeply grateful to our generous donors who have provided the resources to help tens of thousands of people ever since our Founders created Sheena's Place more than twenty years ago.

We look forward to another 20 years of supporting our clients, learning from them, and raising awareness in the community.

Sincerely,

James Jewett, Board Chair Deborah Berlin-Romalis, Executive Director



# 2016

# 2,034 HOURS OF PROGRAMMING

**506** 

#### **SUPPORT SESSIONS**

Clients are guided by a facilitator as they help one another

- Mothers Living with Eating Disorders
- Life Beyond Active Treatment: Living Life to the Fullest
- Moms Group: Caring for Someone Living With An Eating Disorder
- Eating Disorders Across the Lifespan
- Adult Support
- Young Adult Support
- Be There: Men's Group
- Breaking Through Binging
- Family, Friends, and Partners
- ...and many more

#### **WORKSHOPS**

Specialized, one-time events, evenings and weekends

- Caregiver Bereavement
- Combatting Calorie Counting
- Dialectical Behavior Therapy
- Siblings Support
- Care System
- Challenging Societal Norms: Where Do We Fit In?
- Creating Space for Anger
- Grocery Shopping & Meal Planning
- Exploring and Managing Technology with Recovery
- ...and many more

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#### SKILL BUILDING SESSIONS

Clients learn to modify behaviors and alter circumstances that impact on healthy living

- A Closer Look at Eating Disorders & Trauma
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) for Eating Disorders & Addictions
- Navigating the Adult Health Coping with Binge Eating Disorder
  - Perfectionism in Perspective
  - Relapse Prevention
- An Introduction to Nutrition: Taking Charge of My Life
  - Applying CBT to Eating Disorders and Addiction
  - Ways to Stop Binge Eating
  - ...and many more

New clients are enrolled in programs within 24 hours

At Sheena's Place we believe that individuals are the experts of their own experience. We offer clients and their loved ones opportunities for engagement across six categories of program activity.

2016

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All programs are free of charge



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#### **EXPRESSIVE ARTS SESSIONS**

Members find their own voices Awareness of the connection through various artistic mediums

- Open Art Studio
- Art Journaling
- Creative Writing
- Theatre
- Exploring Altered Books
- Exploring Within Using Cognitive Behavioral Art Therapy
- Drop-In Knitting Circle
- Quilting Together One Stitch at a Time
- Healing Art Chakra Journey
- Nine in Nine

**120** 

#### **BODY IMAGE SESSIONS**

between mind and body is heightened

- Body Satisfied
- Our Relationship With **Exercise**
- Reclaim Your Body and Your Health; Learn Taoist Tai Chi
- Taking Action to Living in the Body We're In
- Nurturing the Mind, Body & Spirit with Yoga
- Wen-Do Women's Self-Defense
- A Closer Look at Exercise: Moving Toward Recovery
- ...and many more

#### **RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Social connection and community building decrease isolation and daily stress

- Sheena's Camp: A Vacation from Eating Disorders
- Drop-In Self Care Space
- Fun in the Sun
- Fall Festivities
- Computer Time



## **OUTREACH**

The Program Team at Sheena's Place has been effective in raising awareness of eating disorders and the services offered at Sheena's Place. They are sought out by other counselling professionals and have been invited to speak to corporate groups, media outlets as well as high schools and universities.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Sheena's Place continues to thrive due in large part to the dedicated and important work done by our committed volunteers. They are the people who serve on the Board or on the various committees or those who volunteer in the Program Office and at the Front Desk making Sheena's Place a safe and supportive environment for people suffering from an eating disorder.

## **STUDENT PLACEMENTS**

The Program staff provides clinical supervision to Master's-level students seeking a placement in the field of eating disorders. These graduate students are studying in the faculties of social work, medicine, nutrition communication, occupational science, and occupational therapy.





# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

12 Months Ending December 31, 2016 Audited (Financial Statements are available on our website)

#### Revenue

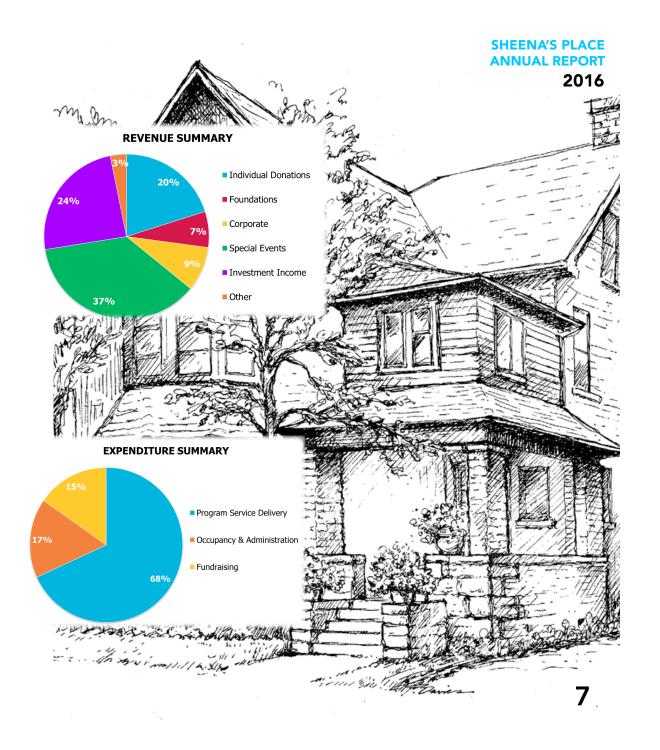
	563,525
Other	17,920
Investment Income	137,203
Special Events	206,277
Donations	202,125

#### **Expenditures**

	803,223
Fundraising	122,738
Administration & Occupancy	133,008
Program Service Delivery	547,477

#### **Net Assets**

	3,611,395
Externally restricted	2,749,589
Internally restricted	462,312
Unrestricted	408,494



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Every dollar raised at these events ensures that the programs at Sheena's Place are fully funded and free

#### **SPARKLE PARTY**



Spring saw Lainey Lui and Cynthia Lyst co-host the third annual Sparkle Party at Koerner Hall. Thanks to the support of our Sponsors, including Platinum Sponsors Bell Media, Rogers and Scotiabank, the event raised \$208,411.

# **EVENTS**

#### **ANNUAL ART SHOW**



The Annual Art Show in memory of Jennifer Haberman took place in June and raised \$7,932. Following the event, members of the public were invited to an Open House showcasing the artwork of our clients created in the Expressive Arts program at Sheena's Place.

# 2016

#### **SCOTIABANK TORONTO WATERFRONT MARATHON**



In late October, Team Sheena participated in the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon 5K Walk. Our team, together with other walkers and runners who collected pledges in support of Sheena's Place, raised a total of \$7,358.

#### **ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**



In September, 250 players participated in the Annual Charity Golf Tournament presented by Postmedia and Toronto Sun at Glen Abbey. Players enjoyed unseasonably good weather and a total of \$50,210 was raised.

#### **20TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT**



In mid-October, 400 guests joined Robert Pilon & Friends for a musical evening at the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts. This celebration of the 20th Anniversary of Sheena's Place raised a total of \$84,568.



# 2016 SUMMARY

1,049 clients in groups including new groups new workshops and first-timers one-hour visits with prospective clients community presentations reaching a total of people

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