



ANNUAL REPORT

2016-17



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Board Chairs & Executive Director Report

With a focus on greater use of our facilities for the community we saw the inaugural winter market and wedding shows have a great start and have been added to our annual activities which include the Autumn Fair and our annual fundraiser. A focus on becoming a wedding venue of choice has seen fruition with over a dozen couples choosing Kits House to be the perfect start for them in our first year.

Our perpetually inspirational Tamara Little has spent her final year on the board with us. She has been an awesome asset with the raising of the building especially in building our fundraising efforts. She will continue to assist us on our fundraising committee. We are very pleased to see Tamara still with us, although her departure is a loss to the board.

Kits house has expanded with Better at Home clients, building rentals, childcare places and are venturing in to men's programs attached to our family and parenting programs. In our next year, we will continue to address isolation, children's childcare shortages, transportation and housing issues and continue to build a better Westside. A special thank you to our terrific volunteers and amazing staff. This special team makes an awesome difference in our community.

Michael Weber & Terry Vanderkryk (Board Co-Chairs) & Allen Smith (Executive Director)

Thank you to all our volunteers, staff, board members, community partners, donors and funders for making the work of Kits House possible. Your continued support is appreciated. To get involved, visit us in person or online.

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CONNECTIONS



92
partners

Kits House worked with 92 community partners throughout the year.

1,965
people

1,965 different people got involved with Kits House programs.

35,934
visits

Kits House had over 35,934 visits throughout the year.

11,340
volunteer hours

Volunteers contributed 11,340 hours to Kits House programs.



COMMUNITY IMPACT

SENIORS HUB PROJECTS

The Mission of the Hub is to build a more responsive & resilient seniors community on Vancouver's Westside through the power of collective action. This year, Council members and Partner Agencies have: hosted an Affordable Housing Forum & Dementia Training for caregivers; launched www.westsideseniorshub.org; and continue to create pedestrian visibility & awareness through Walk and Be Seen Neighbourhood Projects!

CHILD TO CHILD CONNECTIONS

This year, children in Bumble Bear have been connecting with older children in our out of school care programs, Kits Kids Club children lead fun and special activities with the Bumble Bear children. Dunbar Kids Club writes letters to Bumble Bear children with their pen pal program. Through these interactions they have built strong connections with each other.

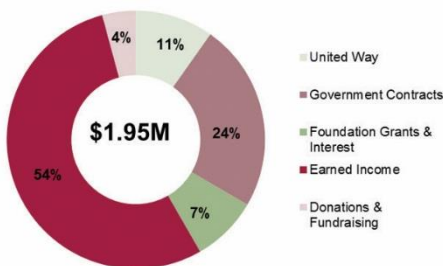
ENGLISH CONVERSATION CIRCLES

Laughter & light-hearted conversation connected over 100 newcomers and English speaking circle hosts. Circle participants from across the globe were able to practice and improve their English conversation skills and to find a sense of belonging at Kits House. Participants and hosts alike are inspired by the diversity of different cultures that are represented in each circle.

FINANCIAL REPORT



Revenue



Use of Funds

