

We are proud of the Youth Violence Prevention Program which Cornerstone has launched in Northumberland County. This program is offered in elementary schools and is geared to the relevant age and stage of development of the grade level. We have also begun a Family Court Support Program to assist both men & women who have experienced family violence & are going through the Family Court system.

Programs and Services

As is the case in other organizations, the needs of our clients continue to grow and to become more complex. In order to meet the needs, we have relied upon the support of the community and various partnerships. In addition to our partnership with Four Counties and the County of Northumberland Social Services which was continued an additional year, we have increased our partnership with Port Hope Community Health Centre. The CHC has provided us with a nurse practitioner in the shelter twice a month and equipped an examination room on site for this purpose. Bringing health care to our clients is an important service and we are pleased to continue that relationship with the CHC.

A new program that we are piloting, with funding from the Ministry of the Attorney General, is the Family Court Support Worker program. This program provides services to women and men who are involved with Family Court and are victims of domestic violence. With funding for 8 ¾ hours per week for the Cobourg court, we are pleased to be able to offer this service.

As previously mentioned, our Youth Violence Prevention Program was launched in the elementary schools late in 2011/2012. In the 2011/2012 fiscal year we provided

17 grade 5 and 6 classrooms with single sessions of the 'Our World' program, and provided a group program called 'Stereotype Busters' to the grade 6 class at Percy Centennial School. These programs were very well received and have had a positive impact on the children. We are very pleased to have received funds from the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the Northumberland United Way for this program. Additional programming will be added in the 2012/2013 year.

The Financial Challenge

Our primary funding from the Ministry of Community and Social Services has remained frozen over the past three years. Cornerstone is experiencing increasing pressure to fund cost increases in utilities, services and costs of living under our service contract with the Ministry. Our strategic program directions, such as prevention, must be funded through fund-raising, grants and assistance from other funding partners such as the United Way. We continue to rely heavily on community support through donations and fund-raising events and activities such as Walk a Mile in her Shoes, the Christmas Campaign and Bingo and a range of smaller events, to meet operating cost needs.

Conclusion

2011/2012 has been another challenging & significant year for Cornerstone –formerly known as Northumberland Services for Women. We met all the challenges associated with ongoing and increasing demands for our services. We acted both to improve our existing services and to launch new programs.

Cornerstone cannot do it alone. Increasingly, there is the need to deliver programs in partnership and to share and stretch resources.

Highlights 2011/2012 ► Implementation of the Youth Violence Prevention Program



We would like to thank every organization and individual who has helped us in so many different ways in 2011/12!

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Our Mission

Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Centre is breaking the cycle of family violence by providing immediate shelter, counselling and prevention services throughout Northumberland County.

Our Vision

Together we are a community committed to healthy, respectful relationships free from family violence.

We have come a long way since our inception under our first name-“Women in Crisis” founded in 1983 by five women with an answering machine. Our first shelter on Division Street, was followed by our current Swayne Street premises in 1997. In September 2009 we completed our \$1.5 M facility expansion –five additional beds and new counselling & administration space. All this growth & evolution is a tribute to the many donors, volunteers, supporters & staff working together over the years.

Recognition has grown that family violence is not just a women’s issue. It is also a community issue. Our goal is to prevent family violence -with women, men and children all being a part of the solution. As part of the Board’s strategic focus, we thus identified the need for a gender-neutral name to describe our programs and reflect our commitment to ending family violence.

Our new name **Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Centre** was developed with discussion and feedback from staff, volunteers and community stakeholders. Cornerstone was formally launched on March 27, 2012 along with:

- the new logo and the motto “Safe Families–Strong Communities”;
- a new more-user friendly website; &
- new brochures and promotional materials

Under our new name, we are proud to continue building our collaboration with other organizations and the community to ensure a strong range of services now & in the future.

Cornerstone is primarily funded to provide programs & services to women & children, with much of our work continuing to be intervention based.

The Board, however, has expanded its focus to include prevention. Prevention programs are crucial in eliminating family violence in future generations.

Our Services

Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Centre is a not-for-profit, charitable organization composed of Shelter and a Resource Centre. A variety of services are offered to women in the County.

For more information on any of our services, please go to our website: <http://www.cornerstonenorthumberland.ca>

Residential Services

Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Centre has a 10 bedroom, 17 bed Shelter located in Cobourg. Within the Shelter we offer programs to women to assist them in staying safe, accessing legal assistance, securing financial support, obtaining housing, and becoming independent from their abuser. Supportive counselling is available 24 hours per day. Accompaniment to appointments is available should the women need this service. Women may access referrals, parenting support and childcare while in the Shelter. Counselling is also available for child residents, as well as variety of children's programming.

Support Line

Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Centre operates a crisis line to provide crisis counselling, support and information to women 24 hours a day.

Dedicated Domestic Violence Housing

Cornerstone offers apartments which are specifically for victims fleeing domestic violence. We do this in partnership with the TVM Group who own the property and provide the units under the Affordable Housing Initiative. Cornerstone offers women in those units intensive case management and support in developing independent lives free from family violence.

Transitional and Housing Support Program

This program provides assistance to women in the Shelter and in the Community to access and maintain stable accommodation and violence free lives in the community. Counselling, support and referrals are provided.

Child Witness Program

The Child Witness Program is a concurrent group program for children as they begin to heal from the effects of witnessing woman abuse, and mothers as they assist their children to heal from the effects of violence.

Community Counselling Services

The Community Counselling Services provides information, advocacy, counselling and support to women in Northumberland County who have experienced abuse. This service also seeks to heighten public awareness of the issues of violence and oppression towards women. Counsellors are available in the communities of Cobourg, Port Hope, Colborne, Brighton, Campbellford and Hastings, and are available in other areas throughout the County.

Student Placements

Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Centre offers educational opportunities for college and university students who require placements related to family violence for their programs. We are a practicum site for the Master of Social Work Program at the University of Toronto and York University.



Volunteers

Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Centre operates a busy volunteer program that augments services offered for women, as well as assists in fundraising and other activities.

Youth Violence Prevention Program

Through the generosity of the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the Northumberland United Way, Cornerstone has initiated a primary prevention program for children in the elementary school system. The program presently offers single session and group programs for classrooms at the grades 5-8 levels.



Summary of Income Statement

For the Year Ended March 31, 2012

Provincial Funding	\$984,750
United Way Funding	\$77,144
Net Fundraising & Donation	\$194,768
Grants	\$1,322
Other Revenue	\$984,750
Interest Income	\$2637,000

► **Total Revenue** \$1,330,729

Salaries & Benefits	\$981,916
Staff Training	\$12,639
Program Costs	\$84,394
Communication	\$13,342
Travel	\$11,911
Advertising	\$15,166
Administration	\$14,239
Purchased Services	\$15,128
Gift in kind	\$4,970
Building & Equipment	\$75,267

► **Total Expenses** \$1,228,972

► **Reserves** \$1,228,972

Board Fund Reserve \$128,440

Restricted Fund Reserve \$59,127

► **Total Reserve** \$187,567

Management Team

Linda Janzen
Executive Director
Jane Lang
Manager of Community Services
Nancy Johnston
Manager of Residential Services
Heather Norris
Manager of Resource Development

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Board Nominations

► Board Nominations 1st Term
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Peter Dounoukos

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Linda Goldie
Meaghan Adams
Rosaleen Cutler
Bill Lonergan
Peter Csefko

► Board Nominations 3rd Term
Barry Gutteridge

Volunteer Hours: 1501

Service Statistics 2011/2012

► Shelter
Women served: 84, Children served: 45
Annual occupancy rate: 106.7%

► Crisis Line
1563

► Community Counselling women
243

► Transitional Counselling women
88

► Child Witness women
15

► CW Children
18

► Prevention Program Children Served
415 (17 classrooms)