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and children in need. We are also extremely grateful for the businesses and citizens of this community who step up and support Cornerstone financially and as volunteers in various capacities. Together, we have created a strong foundation to anchor Cornerstone for the next 30 years!

Linda Goldie
CHAIR, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As Cornerstone continued to provide a high volume of quality services in Northumberland County this past year, our biggest challenge has been the operational funding that the Ministry of Community and Social Services provides in contracting with us to provide services. Since the beginning of the 2009/2010 fiscal year, MCSS has frozen all of our operating funds, to the penny. In addition, the Ministry did not fund the additional beds at Cornerstone that were developed in our 2009 expansion. This has created the most significant challenge in the Shelter where we had to turn away 105 women and 48 children who were fleeing abuse and needed a safe place to stay during this past fiscal year.

With the generous financial support of our communities in this county we have been able to continue to provide services, however this situation cannot go on. The funding freeze has stressed shelters across the Province to extreme and with no relief in sight the Ontario Shelter Executive Directors' Network has instigated a political advocacy campaign to unfreeze funding for our sector. Cornerstone is an active participant in this lobby. Many citizens and groups from our county have made their feelings about the financial situation known to various government

Our Vision

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

officials as well as our MPP. I am very pleased to say that the advocacy here and across the Province gained results. The recently presented budget, which then resulted in an election, included \$15 million for shelters operating budgets across the Province over three years.

It is our goal to ensure that whatever party attains power in the new election, our sector receives at least the \$15 million that was included in the past failed budget. To that end we are advocating to all candidates that their party make a commitment to us to ensure those funds be included in their budget should their party be successful. Across the Province, all candidates will be asked to do this. You can help in this process by asking candidates to support the needs of abused women and children in their party's position and in any budget they might strike should they get into power. Your voice can help women and children experiencing family violence in our county, and may even save a life. In the meantime, your ongoing support is greatly appreciated. Without the support of our community we cannot do what we do.

Linda Janzen
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



We would like to thank every organization and individual who has helped us in so many different ways in 2013/14!

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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.

Report of the Chair of the Board and the Executive Director

As we reflected on what to include in our Annual Report this year, two distinct themes emerged. The first is celebration for the ongoing work of Cornerstone and the service that is provided in this community. Sadly, the second theme is our funding situation and the daily reality of providing service in an environment of severe financial restraint.

Cornerstone has achieved a significant milestone this year as we are celebrating our 30th anniversary. We again pay tribute to the original five women with an answering machine who saw a need in this community and had a

over the years to our present expanded shelter, crisis line, community counselling services, housing support services and our youth violence prevention program for children in elementary school.

At a recent Board meeting, we reviewed some service statistics for the past 20 years alone. Since 1994, Cornerstone served 3,144 women and children in the shelter, 9,410 women and children in other programs and 1,913 children and youth in prevention programs. Clearly we have a great deal to celebrate on our 30th anniversary.

Although statistics are important, they are only one part of our celebration tonight. Cornerstone is only possible because of a community of people and they are the real heroes in our celebration. We applaud the Executive Director and an amazing group of committed staff who go the extra mile in this environment of restraint. They make the programs come alive for the people we serve. We are grateful for our community partners who work with us to make sure that the right service is available for women

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: 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.

Family Court Support Program

The Family Court Support Worker provides a variety of supports to victims of family violence, female or male, as they go through the family court process.

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.

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.

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.



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.

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.

Summary of Income Statement

For the Year Ended March 31, 2014

Provincial Funding	\$979,460
United Way Funding	\$76,183
Fundraising and Donations	\$172,506
Grants	\$62,689
Other Revenue	\$3,842
Interest Income	\$3,466

► **Total Revenue** \$1,298,146

Salaries & Benefits \$1,011,622

Transportation \$11,338

Communication \$13,671

Rent /Utilities / Insurance \$37,752

Training & Recruitment \$3,024

Advertising \$4,445

Repairs & Maintenance \$34,106

Supplies (Program & Admin) \$57,853

Professional Services \$14,572

Purchased Services \$20,943

Gift in kind \$13,808

Donation/Fundraising Expenses \$11,472

► **Total Expenses** \$1,234,586

► Reserves

Board Fund Reserve \$217,901

Restricted Fund Reserve \$21,762

► **Total Reserve** \$239,663

Management Team

Linda Janzen	Executive Director
Jane Lang	Manager of Community Services
Nancy Johnston	Manager of Residential Services
Wanda Brooks	Finance Officer

Retiring Board Members

Rosaleen Cutler Bill Lonergan Trish Reid

Counsel to the Board

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Youth Representative

Service Statistics 2013/2014

► Shelter

Women served = 65

Children served = 49

Turned Away = 105 women & 48 children

► Crisis and Support Line

822

► Community Counselling women

219

► Community Counselling children

121

► Transitional Counselling women

83

► Child Witness women

9

► CW Children

21

► Prevention Program Children Served

1175

