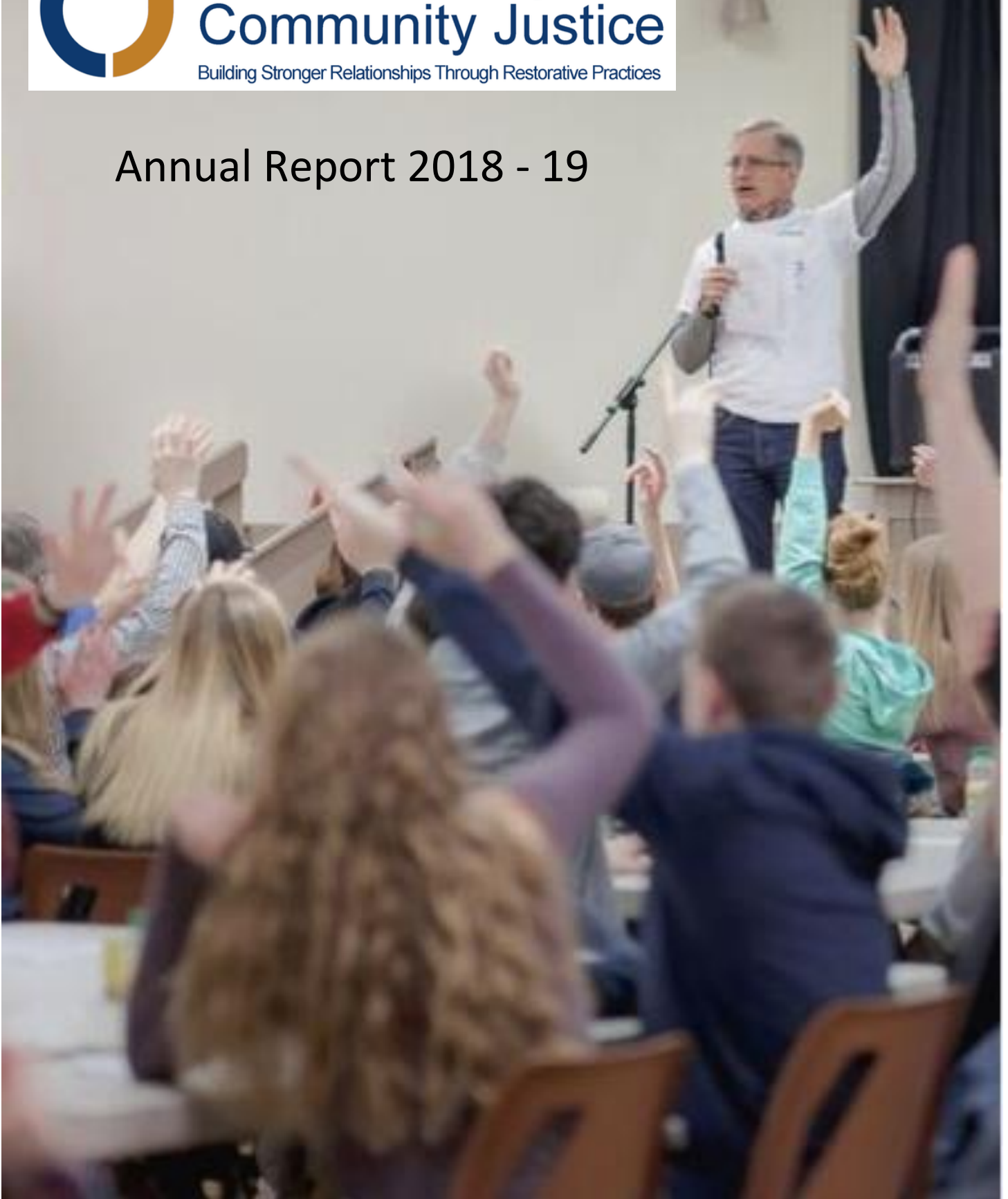




Lanark County Community Justice

Building Stronger Relationships Through Restorative Practices

Annual Report 2018 - 19



Executive Director Message – Joellen McHard

It is with great pleasure that I re-join Lanark County Community Justice (LCCJ) as the part-time Executive Director. Accordingly, I am looking forward to LCCJ's future after all the recent hard work and numerous hours that the Board of Directors and many other community members have contributed. Also I am particularly pleased to be working with our Program Coordinator, Sheri Halladay again and I am enjoying getting to know our bookkeeper Theresa Welch. I wholeheartedly believe in the transformative impact of restorative approaches on the lives of our clients. Our highly trained, competent facilitators are the foundation of LCCJ. Accordingly, we could not operate without the countless volunteer hours our Board members, Committee members and Facilitators give to the Agency.

Statistics for 2018/19

Youth Justice Committee: Funded by the Ministry of the Attorney General: April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019
29 Youth Cases, 203 Participants

Adult Diversion: Funded by United Way and Fundraising: 14 Adult Cases, 70 Participants

Be Strong: Funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation and United Way: 3 year project, November 25, 2015 to November 25, 2018: 13,266 Youth Participants giving 2,952 Volunteer Hours

Viva Change the World: Funded by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, Citizenship and Immigration Division: Feb. 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019: 296 Youth Participants giving 7,384 Volunteer Hours

Building Restorative Communities: Department of Justice Victims Fund, August 14, 2007 – August 31, 2018: 93 Workshops, 2,129 Participants

Many thanks to our individual donors, the Ministry of the Attorney General, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, Ontario Trillium Foundation, The County of Lanark, United Way and the Department of Justice.

Looking forward to 2019-2020, we are pleased to offer a new program called Restorative Families funded by the Perth and District Community Foundation where we will work with 25 families to build their capacity to use restorative practices and offer two Restorative Families workshops. Furthermore, an anonymous donor has pledged to match all donations 1:1 up to \$20,000!

In conclusion, it is my firm commitment that LCCJ will continue to seek out further opportunities to bring restorative approaches to our community, while remaining secure and faithful to our core diversion programming and public and fiscal accountabilities.

A Message from our Chair - Scott Ferguson

First and foremost, a tremendous Thank You!

When I assumed the role of Chair in September, much change was taking place. Many significant funding streams were coming to the end of their terms and LCCJP was looking at winding down BE STRONG, Building Restorative Communities and VIVA Lanark County. Additionally, as the 2018 calendar year wore down, it was becoming evident that additional challenges were facing the organization and a significant financial shortfall was likely to be the case for the end of year.

With the start of the new fiscal year in April, the Board was facing some hard decisions. The financial picture was one that indicated LCCJ would not be in a position to deliver its core programs in court diversion nor have an Executive Director at its helm. A decision by the Board to make a call out to the community was made and the response was overwhelming. Because of your support, LCCJ has rallied to not only overcome the deficit, but to be in a position to deliver both the youth and adult court diversion programs, as well as the new restorative families program. We have also engaged a part-time Executive Director that many of our long-term supporters know well. Please welcome back Joellen McHard into this role. Because of the hard work, generosity and very kind words of support that have been extended to LCCJ we have been able to not only persevere, but rise up again to be able to deliver beyond our core programming. Thanks is the very least that I can offer to the Board Members, staff, volunteers and to the community and our fellow organizations who have rallied for LCCJ.

With this support, we are very proud to say that LCCJ is again becoming a healthy and vibrant organization. We continue to fundraise, but now it is for the future versus for today. An anonymous donor has provided matching funds going forward, such that for every dollar raised, will be matched up to \$20,000. This example of exceptional generosity helps to drive the resurgence and will allow the new Board to build a forward looking strategic plan for the organization. Because of you, LCCJ is here to stay. We will continue to build stronger relationships through restorative practices in our community.
Scott Ferguson

Treasurer Report – Jennifer Greaves

The audited financial statements for 2018/2019 are available upon request and will be posted on our website www.comjustice.org

Highlights of Financial Results:

Financial Management:

The statement of Financial Position presents a difficult position for the Agency, in that liabilities are significantly higher than assets. It was challenging on many occasions for the agency to access the financial resources to meet its financial obligations. With a major grant in its final year of operation, the agency experienced a demanding cash flow situation. A reduction in deferred income is noted as larger grants were fully expensed and wrapped up in the 2018/19 year. Adding to the cash flow situation, LCCJ was not successful in many of its 2018/19 grant applications and fundraising was too limited.

Operating Results:

Following a year of significant growth, LCCJ was compelled to significantly pare back operations due to cash flow constraints and grant/project completion. A net loss of \$20,093 was realized in the 2018/19 year. As a result, a major fundraising campaign was launched in April 2019 and has fully eliminated the deficit. The agency will continue to build a solid financial foundation as it works to move forward.

LANARK COUNTY COMMUNITY JUSTICE					
Revenue 2018-2019			Expenditures 2018-2019		
			Salaries & Wages	82%	193,501.00
Ontario Trillium Foundation	40%	87,446.00	Office & computer expenses	5%	11,069.00
Ministry of Attorney General	22%	48,800.00	Rent	4%	9,947.00
VIVA	20%	44,082.00	Volunteer expense	2%	4,123.00
Department of Justice	9%	19,474.00	Program costs	2%	3,975.00
Donations	4%	7,944.00	Forum expenses	1%	3,164.00
Victim Services Week	2%	5,000.00	Insurance	1%	2,902.00
Memberships & Other Income	2%	4,169.00	Professional fees	1%	2,443.00
United Way	1%	2,029.00	Telephone & website	1%	2,289.00
Fundraising Revenue	0%	658.00	Travel and staff expense	0%	1,161.00
		219,602.00			234,574.00