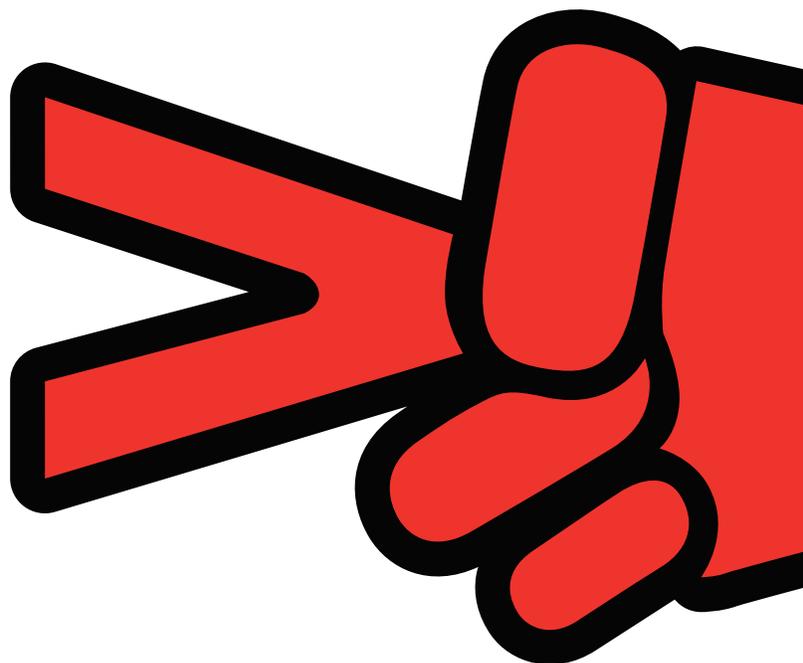


LOVE

Leave Out Violence (LOVE) Society BC



Annual Report

04/2017-03/2018

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LOVE'S MISSION

To break the cycle of violence in the lives of young people and in our communities by building a team of youth leaders who communicate a message of anti-violence.

LOVE'S LENS

We use a broad youth-driven definition of violence, which allows for issues such as cyber-bullying (cyber-violence), physical, sexual and emotional violence, marginalization, as well as racism, sexism, homophobia and all other forms of intentional exclusion, to be included in our conversations about violence.





MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

LOVE. It's greater than anything.

That's the message supporters like you helped share this year with 4600 young people across the Lower Mainland – through outreach events, workshops, drop-in sessions and core programs.

It's also the principle behind a project the Central LOVE Board took on this year: evolving the LOVE brand.



This year, directors, youth and staff across the country collaborated on a new look, feel and message for LOVE.

For 25 years, LOVE has empowered young people. Through our expansion across the country, we've grown and evolved to meet the needs of the youth that we serve – and it was time for a new brand that better reflects the intangible things we love about LOVE.

We're rolling it out this fall, and we can't wait to share it with you.

In addition to the new "face" of LOVE nationally, LOVE BC welcomed many new faces this year: incredible staff; an exciting new team of Directors; new young folks; an entirely new program in collaboration with Van Tech.

Despite all the "new," this year has affirmed for me some things that never change: such as the integral role LOVE and supporters like you can play in the Lower Mainland.

By empowering young leaders to build and share emotional intelligence, we're also building safer, happier, connected communities.

I can't wait to see what the future holds for LOVE, and for all of us who feel its effects.

Thank you for all your support,

Heather Stoutenburg
Chair of the Board

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Youth at LOVE BC continue to relay messages of anti-violence through a diversity of multimedia art forms (written, painting, digital stories & short films using DSLR cameras & iPads, photography, spoken word etc.)

They are also developing their public speaking, facilitation and group dynamic skills by presenting on social media platforms, at school presentations, at community events and at workshop presentations.

93% of LOVE youth in our programs reported that participating in LOVE gave them the tools to respond to the violence, discrimination and bullying in their lives. They were able to practice these tools in our programs where they felt respected and supported to be creative.

Youth participants continue to shape our organization as they identify the specific issues, topics and skills that they would like to develop in our programs.

It's this youth-driven nature that allows us to grow in demand and to develop as our youth, environment and consciousness do.

The youth participants, staffs, and board members at LOVE BC form a creative, innovative and driven team, which continues to exceed our ambitious funding and program objectives.

We've strengthened and developed resilient and symbiotic relationships with like-minded community organizations, business and community members, so that LOVE BC can be a supportive presence for youth and the wider community.

Thank you to our community partners and supporters for your unending belief in the power of young people to change our communities for the better, today and tomorrow.

Lambrini Soulos
Executive Director



*Every time I feel down and I come to LOVE, I feel a bit better.
LOVE is a place where I can be myself.
I am better when I come to LOVE.*

LOVE youth

MEDIA ARTS PROGRAM

MAP is a free year-long after-school program offered to youth ages 13 to 18. MAP is a safe space to explore a variety of anti-violence and social justice topics through an anti-oppressive framework.

Youth learn a range of multimedia skills that allow them to express their experiences and participate in group discussions regarding the social issues that matter most to them.

This year, MAP was held at the Broadway Youth Resource Centre, Byrne Creek Secondary School, Kwantlen Park Secondary School and Vancouver Technical Secondary School.

LEADERSHIP

Leadership is a free year-long program for those who have completed the MAP program. Youth continue to explore important social justice topics and build on their media arts and leadership skills.

Youth receive opportunities to develop leadership and become changemakers in the community by learning facilitation and public speaking skills through co-facilitating workshops and participating in the planning of LOVE's programs.

LOVE's annual National Camp in Quebec is a chance for Leadership youth to engage and collaborate with youth leaders from across the country.



BYRC ART DROP-IN

LOVE runs art drop-in sessions in collaboration with Broadway Youth Resource Centre. This year, it was held every Thursday from 4 - 7 pm and co-facilitated by staff and our volunteer, Catherine Hart. The sessions were centered around art activism as a way to explore various social justice issues, such as environmental and animal rights. We brought in several guest artists to lead workshops, including Meaghan Iversen, who led a workshop on making zines, and Igor Sanchez who taught repetitive symbology in art. The pieces created by youth were featured in this year's art show at the grunt gallery.

OUTREACH

LOVE outreaches are workshops facilitated by LOVE youth and staff and hosted in community spaces. The workshops are customized specifically for each group. This year, LOVE BC held 29 workshops with 1608 attendees.

BEATS MAGAZINE

BEATS magazine is a publication by and for immigrant and refugee youth in the Lower Mainland. BEATS is youth-run in every aspect of the publication including editing, writing and decision making. In the 2017-2018 year, BEATS Magazine published three issues thanks to the support of Fresh Voices and the Telus Community Fund.

VIOLENCE PREVENTION COMMITTEES

Violence Prevention Committees are 4 to 8 week programs that aim to provide youth with media arts and anti-oppression based leadership training to create positive change and self-sustaining communities. Youth work collaboratively to generate multimedia pieces that identify issues within their community and ways to apply anti-violence strategies.

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HIGHLIGHTS & EVENTS

April 24 - 28 2017

INTERWOVEN: THE SPACE WHERE OUR STORIES MEET

LOVE BC partnered with grunt gallery and the Broadway Youth Resource Centre to host *Interwoven: the space where our stories meet*. In this youth art exhibition, youth artists explored intersections of stories and experiences through a variety of mediums. On the final day of the exhibition, we celebrated with food and an open mic session.



May 5 - 7 2017

BC LEADERSHIP CAMP

Our annual weekend retreat at Camp Potlatch brought together youth from LOVE's Leadership and Media Arts Programs. LOVE youth made new friends, connected with nature, and discussed decolonization.

May 13 2017

MAP SPRING GRADUATION

In response to youth feedback, LOVE BC delivered our 2016-2017 Media Arts Program in two 12-week cycles. In May, we celebrated graduates from the Spring Cycle. Upon further input from LOVE youth and staff, we returned to year-long programming for 2017-2018.

June 18 2010

LOVE OUT LOUD 10

At Main Street Car Free Day, LOVE youth used their leadership skills to engage community members, facilitate arts activities for the community, and host open mic performances.

June 2 2017

BEATS MAGAZINE ISSUE 9 LAUNCH

BEATS magazine launched their ninth issue. The issue speaks to the reality of being a racialized woman in this community, exploring situations that the editors face because of their race, gender, identity and values.

July 7 2017

LEADERSHIP GRADUATION

We celebrated graduates from our Leadership program with food, cake, and a movie. All graduates received gifts and personalized cards as a thank you for their involvement and commitment throughout the years.

August 21 - 25 2017

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CAMP

National Camp brought together LOVE Youth Leaders from across the country to *le Ranch Massawippi* in Quebec. The camp provided an opportunity to learn from each other, collaborate on new projects, and to participate in canoeing, horseback riding and other camp activities.



September 18 2017

AGM AND VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION PARTY

Leave Out Violence (LOVE) Society BC members exercised their voting rights at our Annual General Meeting before we celebrated our generous volunteers.

CELEBRATION > DENIGRATION

September 18 - October 29 2017

DISPLACEMENT

Leave Out Violence partnered with the Access to Media Education Society to host disPLACEment, a media arts production and outreach program. The program brings Indigenous, migrant and refugee youth together to make and share short films about home, belonging, and the causes and consequences of displacement. The films are currently being screened at workshops across the province.

November 26 2017

BEATS MAGAZINE ISSUE 10 LAUNCH

BEATS magazine released its tenth issue, the last issue with BEATS magazine founder Jennifer Sarkar as the Creative Co-ordinator. The issue explores discrimination, racism and privilege.

December 12 2017

WINTERFEST

Leave Out Violence supported the Broadway Youth Resource Centre's annual Winterfest, helping out in the kitchen and accompanying youth from all our Leadership and Media Arts programs to join the celebrations.

February 14 2018

ANNUAL WOMEN'S MEMORIAL MARCH FOR MURDERED AND MISSING WOMEN

LOVE youth marched in the 28th Annual Women's Memorial March, which honours the memory of all women from the Downtown Eastside who have died due to physical, mental, emotional and spiritual violence.

February 22 2017

PINK SHIRT DAY

On Pink Shirt Day, the LOVE BC Team made wearable art and then hit the streets to raise their voices against homophobia, transphobia, and systematic oppression.

March 11 2017

BEATS MAGAZINE ISSUE 11 LAUNCH

BEATS launched their eleventh issue, the first issue with Golsa Golestaneh as the Creative Co-ordinator. The issue focuses on migrants' mental health for two reasons: mental health is not always a comfortable topic especially in migrant communities and migrants are often expected to talk about their migration journeys, while ignoring other aspects of their identities.

SOLIDARITY > SELFISHNESS

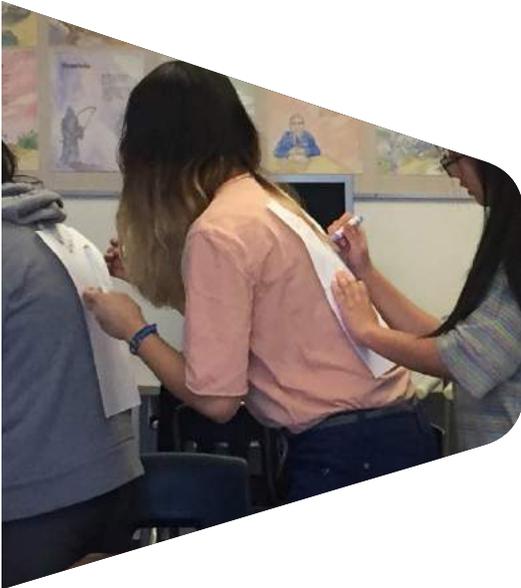


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LOVE BC STATS

124.25 hours

enjoyed by LOVE BC staff supporting youth at the Broadway Youth Resource Centre resource room.



93 percent

of LOVE youth say that participating in LOVE gave them the tools to respond to the violence, discrimination and bullying in their lives.

11 youth

hired to facilitate and speak at workshops in community spaces.

93 percent

of LOVE youth say that adults at LOVE respect them.

96 percent

of LOVE youth feel supported to be creative.

LOVE YOUTH SHARE WHAT THEY LOVE ABOUT LOVE

Fun

Painting, art, food, and the people who are there.

Doing art and expressing myself through my art, eating pizza/food, and getting to relax/wind down after a long day.

The creative process I am able to engage in thanks to the opening, encouraging space.

That we are like one big family, and it's a safe place, and fun with friends.

That it's really free-spirited and food and volunteer opportunities

It's a very safe place where I can share a lot of things without feeling judged.

The people who go there and the conversations we have.

The anti-oppressive environment

Being able to hear a different point of view

Everything and how everyone is weird.

All the people I meet and connect with

Fun activities, support, and food.

LOVE has helped me express myself through art; increasing my confidence, happiness, connection to people & the earth. Thank you so much!

LOVE youth

MESSAGE FROM THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

In today’s heated social and political climate, supporting LOVE BC is about more than supporting programs for youth. Support for LOVE BC is an investment in a kinder, more inclusive community.

At LOVE BC, we create safe spaces where young people are accepted, welcomed and supported – regardless of their gender, background or ability – and nurture their media, art and leadership skills.

And in doing so, we build youth leaders who stand up against violence and discrimination and lead change in our communities.

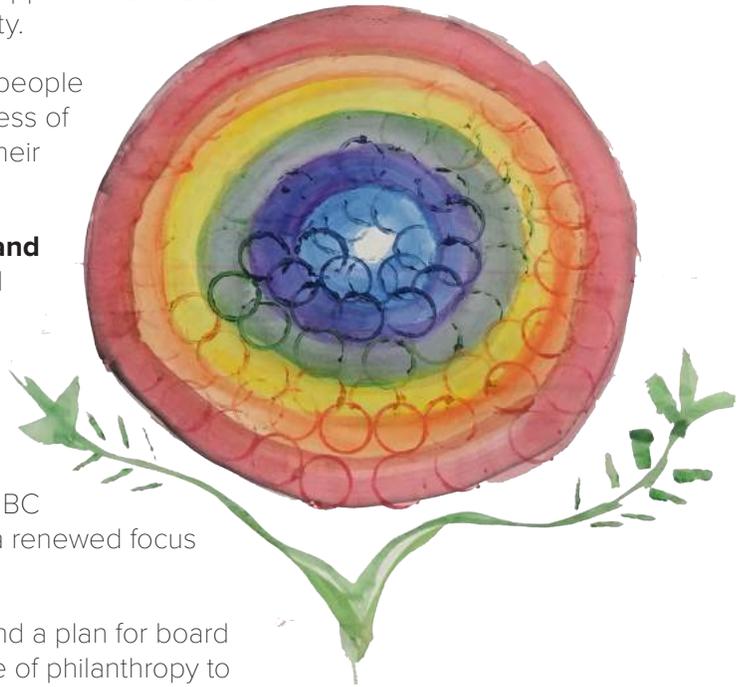
And we couldn’t do it without the help of generous corporations, foundations and individuals who respond to our calls for support.

In the spirit of new beginnings, this year, the LOVE BC board re-launched its fundraising committee with a renewed focus on individual giving.

With a spring storytelling fundraiser in the works and a plan for board fundraising training, we’ll continue to build a culture of philanthropy to sustain the work that we do.

Thank you again to everyone who’s helped us prove that **LOVE is greater than anything.**

Fundraising Committee

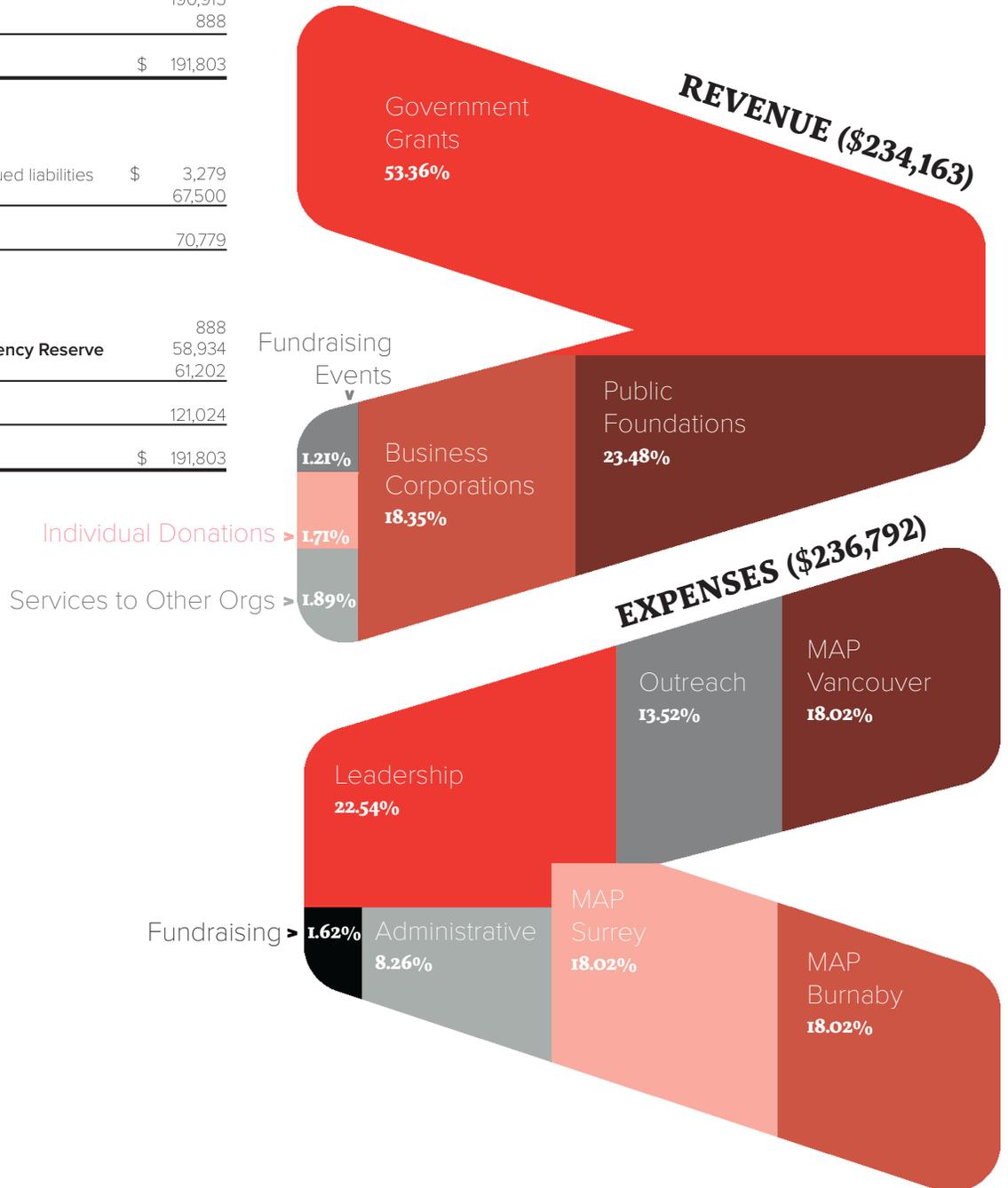


LEAVE OUT VIOLENCE (LOVE) SOCIETY BC

Balance Sheet

March 31

		2018
Assets		
Current		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	186,800
Accounts Receivable		424
GST Receivable		1,052
Prepaid expenses and deposit		2,639
		190,915
Equipment		888
	\$	191,803
Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	3,279
Deferred contributions		67,500
		70,779
Net Assets		
Invested in Equipment		888
Internally Restricted Contingency Reserve		58,934
Unrestricted		61,202
		121,024
	\$	191,803



SUPPORTERS

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GOVERNMENT

BC Gaming Fund
British Columbia Arts Council
Canada Summer Jobs
City of Surrey
City of Vancouver

CORPORATE

CKNW Kids' Fund
Coast Capital Savings Credit Union
TELUS Vancouver Community Board
Urban Systems Foundation
Vancity Community Foundation

FOUNDATIONS AND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

Face the World Foundation
The Hamber Foundation
Leon and Thea Koerner Legacy Fund
Provincial Employees Community Services Fund
State Street Foundation
Fresh Voices an initiative of the Vancouver Foundation

GIFTS OF LOVE IN-KIND

Broadway Youth Resource Centre

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Access to Media Education Society
Broadway Youth Resource Centre
Byrne Creek Secondary School
Check Your Head
Car Free Day on Main Street
Eagle High - PCRS
Engaged Immigrant Youth Program - VSB
Foundation Alternative
Guildford Learning Centre
grunt gallery
Invoke
ISSofBC MY Circle
Kwantlen Park Secondary School
Lighthouse Labs
Pathways to Education
Reel Youth
Richmond Addictions Services Society
South Granville Senior Centre
Urban Native Youth Association - Young Bears Lodge
Vancouver Public Library's Inspiration Lab
Vancouver Technical Secondary School

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Thank you Krista, Andrew, Nicole and Elinor for your service to the Board of Directors

CORE VOLUNTEERS

Catherine Hart
Julia Hill
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CURRENT STAFF

Lambrini Soulos, Executive Director
Golsa Golestaneh, Program Facilitator and
BEATS Magazine Creative Coordinator
Da Eun Chung, Program Facilitator
Omar Chu, Office Coordinator
Mandy Wong, Summer Student Position

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR STAFF WHO WORKED AT LOVE THIS YEAR

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LOVE > ANYTHING

