

Shifra Homes Inc.

Annual Report 2015



Welcome to our Annual Report for 2015

It is with great pleasure that we share with you the following updates about another successful year at Shifra Homes.

Board of Directors

Randy Matters – President of the Board
Geoff Cauchi – Vice President
Jordan Matters – Treasurer
Heather-Anne McDougall – Secretary
Antoinette Mendes de Franca

Funding

Shifra Homes has for the first time received regional funding from The Regional Municipality of Halton.

We received two streams of funding:

Halton Community Investment Fund (2 year funding)

&

Halton Region Homelessness Grant (4 year funding)



SHIFRA HOMES INC.**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS***Year ended December 31*

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
REVENUES		
Donations - General	137,241	55,718
Donations - Angel Program	16,990	16,135
Donations - Baby Bottle Program	35,279	49,061
Donations - Foundations and Grants	78,766	28,419
Residential Contributions	31,535	22,691
Other Income	9,403	21,104
	309,214	193,128
EXPENDITURES		
Administration and postage	3,504	4,193
Advertising	590	464
Bank charges	827	379
Computer equipment	1,371	-
Household and food	15,990	22,253
Insurance	4,513	2,980
Membership and education	960	583
Miscellaneous	2,470	2,766
Professional fees	7,064	-
Program	40,741	30,318
Rent	19,122	17,710
Staff and personnel	132,346	105,301
Supplies	12,014	12,414
Telephone	4,522	1,904
Travel and mileage	4,543	4,203
Utilities	5,629	10,177
	256,206	215,645
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	53,008	(22,517)

(See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements)

Thank You!

Shifra Homes would like to gratefully acknowledge the following individuals, businesses and organizations for making a difference in the lives of these young women and their precious babies:

- Canadian Tire- for donating a beautiful shed for our outside storage
- Mary Kay Ash Foundation- Grant for counselling services
- Dr. Elizabeth Vella- Cedar Springs Dental- Care and dental for residents
- The Regional Municipality of Halton
- Burlington Foundation
- Oakville Community Foundation
- Hadrian Manufacturing Inc.
- Boehringer Ingelheim
- Knights of Columbus Council Mary Mother of God
- Knights of Columbus Council 5073
- Knights of Columbus Council 3881
- Knights of Columbus Council St. Christopher's
- Knights of Columbus Council St. Gabriel's
- Rotary Club of Burlington Lakeshore
- Rotary Club North Burlington
- Zonta Club of Oakville
- St. Paul the Apostle Parish
- St. Anthony of Padua
- Rattle Snake Member Charities
- Roy Law Offices
- Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton
- Burlington Alliance Church
- United Way
- Timothy & Catherine O'Brien
- Bethel CRC
- Burlington New St. CRC
- Faith CRC
- Burlington Christian Fellowship
- Holy Rosary Parish
- Connon Nurseries
- St. Andrew's CWL
- St. Dominic's CWL
- St. Gabriel's CWL
- St. Patrick's CWL
- St. Paul the Apostle CWL
- St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School
- Holy Trinity High School & Elena Silvestri
- St. Timothy School
- Harry & Ann Voortman
- Canadian Million Dollar Round Table Foundation
- Stephen Pustai
- Jamal Family Law
- Sophia's Bows
- Julie Rock Photography

Statistics for 2015

• Young women served:	25
• Babies:	21
• Family/Partners:	16
• Outreach clients:	33
TOTAL:	95

Accounting Changes

Last year we changed our accounting system and practices. We implemented QuickBooks as our new accounting system. Donation receipts are now sent as soon as the donations are received.

In 2015 we crossed the threshold for donations and as a result have had to have our first audited financial statements. This is a remarkable accomplishment for Shifra Homes.



Programs

We have expanded our programs as a result of the success that we have had.

The Residential Program:

This is our leading program, and has been an on-going initiative for years. In this program, we accept young, homeless, pregnant women between the ages of 16 and 27 and assist them throughout their pregnancy and subsequent months following birth. At Shifra Homes we strive to build an environment which is embracing and nurturing for our residents. Our atmosphere is one in which we strive to encourage and develop a sense of stability, support and family.

The Seeds of Hope Program:

During 2014 and 2015 we have been able to increase our support by supplementing one year's rent for each resident that has successfully applied for the Seeds of Hope Program's financial assistance. We expect this project to be continuous and plan to include it in our services for all of our future residents, with the financial support being offered should they successfully qualify. We have found it not only necessary to provide support to our residents during their stay at Shifra Homes but especially during their transition back into the community. This program has helped us ensure that these women do not return to homelessness but continue to be successful while living independently.

Programs

The Outreach Client Program:

Due to our limited space and resources, we aren't able to house every young woman who requests assistance. We have an extensive waiting list throughout the year of young, homeless, pregnant women looking for shelter, support and resources. However, even though we cannot house them in our Residential Program, we do make sure to refer them to other shelters and maintain an open door policy for them to stop by for support. In this past year, through funding we received for counselling services, we were able to provide an outreach client with access to our psychotherapist. This opportunity to assist young women in distress that aren't in our program is highly beneficial.

The Family/Partner Program:

In our home, we have found that our residents are successful because we help them work on the relationships in their lives that need assistance. We are constantly working with the involved families, healing relationships and acting as mediators and peacekeepers in interactions. Re-connecting our residents with healthy relationships in their lives provides them that extra support that they need.

Message from the Executive Director



As I reflect on this last year I cannot help but smile. What once seemed impossible is now reality at Shifra Homes. It all started with my belief that these young, vulnerable pregnant women and their precious babies needed a home, services, support and a voice in our community.

During the past year we have continued to rebrand, renovate, expand, engage with the community, and add services but most importantly assist these young pregnant women and their babies at their time of great need.

At one time Shifra Homes only offered shelter under our roof. Under my guidance Shifra Homes has developed into so much more and something to really be proud of. While it is my vision and hard work that makes everything and everyone come together, I would not be able to have a vision or do the work that I do without your belief and the generous support of each and every person that supports Shifra Homes in some way. How can one ever properly articulate the gratitude that they feel in this amazing journey.

It is each and every one of you that assists me in this journey and I hope that you are all as proud as we all are of each and every one of you for making a difference in these children's lives and futures. Shifra Homes is where miracles happen. Thank you for believing in our mission and for continuously supporting us. Most importantly thank you for providing us the support and encouragement to help miracles come to life.

With the greatest gratitude!

Nancy Romic

Executive Director