



2017 Annual Report

Sagesse empowers individuals, organizations and communities to break the cycle of domestic violence by curating environments to heal and lead safe, healthy lives. The literal translation of Sagesse is *wisdom*. Our agency encourages the wisdom to seek help, to support and connect, to share knowledge, to self-reflect, and lastly, to mindfully curate space for healing, learning, and growth.

Since its inception, Sagesse has been committed to disrupting the cycle of violence for individuals, organizations and communities. Sagesse works closely with many associations, collaborations and collectives across Alberta to expand discussions of domestic violence, its impact and how we can work collectively to prevent violence. Sagesse has served as the backbone agency for the Calgary Domestic Violence Collective for over 20 years and has demonstrated effective, efficient and transparent support to collective impact, vision, activities and evaluation.

In 2017, our budget increased by over 19%. This increase allowed us to expand our programming to meet the growing needs of our clients and the communities in which we serve. The Statement of Financial Position reports assets of **\$943,476**. The Statement of Operations shows a deficit of **\$4,402** for the year. At the end of the year, Sagesse had sufficient cash balances to meet liabilities.

We refer to 2017 as an ‘inspirational year’. We developed two new programs to address the systemic and deep rooted causes of domestic violence: Stand By and BELIEVE in YOU. Our Stand By program aims to educate informal supports on how to recognize, respond and refer for domestic violence – it is all about empowering the bystander. Our BELIEVE in YOU peer support program is for women who are facing an increased risk of violence and abuse because of their involvement in sex work. BELIEVE in YOU is about empowering women to achieve their goals and create safety. We also built a complete agency evaluation framework and implemented our theory of change to disrupt structures of violence within all aspects of society.

This year’s annual report is all about giving thanks. The culmination of our efforts this past year can be distilled into this:

Theory of Change

When processes of deconstruction and reconstruction are curated and facilitated, then people, organizations, communities and systems are empowered to heal, leverage knowledge, and foster relationships in order to disrupt structures of violence.

In 2017, Sagesse employed the following outcomes to ensure a collective and coordinated response to end domestic violence:

Outcomes That Matter

<p>Movement Building Approach to Address Domestic Violence is Established Across Alberta</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 74% of partner agencies engage in collective impact • 89% of partner agencies indicated that their practice is enhanced as a result of collaboration
<p>Organizations and Communities Approach Domestic Violence in Innovative Ways</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 88% of organizations and communities implemented new practices as a result of working with Sageesse • 87% of organizations and communities developed new narratives to approaching domestic violence as a result of working with Sageesse
<p>Individuals Impacted by Domestic Violence have Improved Self-Efficacy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 66% of individuals who have experienced domestic violence expressed increased internal capacity to cope • 83% of individuals who have experienced domestic violence reported an increase in reliable and strong support

Our Impact



150
volunteers engaged



4500
volunteer hours contributed



50 +
partner agencies throughout
Alberta



327
women benefited from
participating in Sageesse programs



2914
Individuals engaged in capacity building
and education

To those that empowered us ...

To our volunteers,

Sagesse is especially grateful to all our volunteers who donate their time, talent and passion to empowering individuals experiencing domestic violence across Alberta. Over the past year, more than 150 volunteers have donated over 5,000 hours to empower individuals, organizations and communities to break the cycle of violence. Their generosity has impacted over 700 individuals as part of our mission to break the cycle of violence.

To our donors, sponsors, and funders,

Your generous donations, both monetary and in kind, have allowed us to expand and scale our programs to create a bigger impact for those affected by violence. You have also allowed for us to grow our team and bring on experts that help us reach our goals.

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