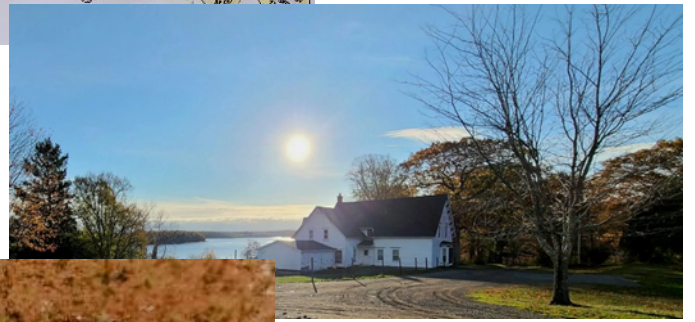


Gratitude Report 2021 Year Presented AGM June 3, 2022



Attending to Spirit, Embracing Social Justice, Building Inclusion, Encouraging Transformation, Honouring Interdependence, Fostering Sustainability

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2021 Board of Directors' Report

Over the past year, the Board and Centre staff continued to navigate the tides of the pandemic. We were not always able to operate as we envisioned, but we consistently worked to be a place where spiritual questing and justice leadership come together.

As named in last year's report, we remain attentive to exploring and offering paths toward connection, healing, and transformation. In particular, we have dug into what the Centre's work is, and what sort of structures are needed to lean into and lead through these times.

Nanci has provided leadership in many areas, including financial stability in challenging times. Her work with staff, community and other retreat centres has helped guide the Centre toward new roles and distributions of work.

We also want to acknowledge the immense contributions of the staff team, who have been so open and willing to adapt to the challenges, new directions and important calls from our community this past year. Each staff member brings such important gifts to this work and a much-appreciated commitment to and stewardship of the Centre. We thank Jennifer, Katja, Lacey, Lee, Megan, Michelle, Mohamed, Sis'moqon, Trudie and Tionda (volunteer) for all that you do and all you are!

The collective wisdom and experience of the Board has allowed us to remember what has been tried before so we can transform with humility, care and accountability. We are excited for the capacity brought forward by the team as well as the physical spaces that we continue to retrofit and improve. The sense of readiness and potentiality is strong.

Alongside these feelings we also bring gratitude for some members who will be stepping down from the Board. Many thanks to Angela Simmonds, Charlie Sark, Kendi Tarichia, Sam Sternberg, and Robyn Brown-Hewitt, who has been in service of the Centre in many ways for many years.

We have been walking towards our next strategic plan through dreaming and scheming. We will be focusing on finalization, with your help, and delivery of the plan in the upcoming year.

We also want to thank you, the members and friends of Tatamagouche Centre for your support and your care. The Centre is a special place for many reasons, not the least of which is the people who gather here. You, your presence, your support, your care, have all helped shape Tatamagouche Centre into what it is—a sacred and grounded place of renewal, possibility, and transformation. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your journey.

On behalf of the Tatamagouche Centre Board of Directors,

Sam Sternberg

Lauren King

Robyn Brown-Hewitt

Amy Brierley

Laura Hunter

Michael Henderson

Margie McIntyre

Marney Simmons

Executive Director's Report

On behalf of all of us at Tatamagouche Centre, we hope that you and yours are coming out of this challenging time also with a feeling of opening and possibility, lengthening light.

We're still in the groundlessness of what has been thrown into relief but one thing is clear. More than ever, we need spaces like Tatamagouche Centre that combine and strengthen our spiritual and justice practices. Practices that take time and centre relationships.

I'm grateful for a caring and creative team in Lee, Megan, Katja, Lacey, Jen, Sis'moqon, Michelle, Nancy, Mohamed and now Hina. I thank Trudie for her cheerful years of work with us. It has been gratifying to have a close and passionate team committed to our own work on communication and teaming. Also deeply appreciative of a committed and thoughtful Board of Directors that helped steer some difficult waters; especially to Sam who stepped newly and so solidly and mindfully into the role of Chair; and to Robyn who has given so many years of heart-centred service in so many roles. Thank you to passionate Kendi, wise Charlie and thoughtful Angela.

We come back together this year with a renewed love and longing for gathering, healing, being on the land together and deepening our personal and community work. How to listen. How to build containers of trust and belonging. How to reduce harm and hold space in ways that people can bring more of their full selves.

In 2021, we really took a pause to listen and reflect. We were able to hold 13 core programs or events central to our mission and values and offer over \$50,000 in bursaries but were also intentional about the pause needed. People were reeling from loss, grief, re-opened wounds around racism, residential schools, violence that continues. We recognized the need for affinity groups, Black spaces and programs, for example, while recognizing the importance of building bridges of belonging and trust across and within communities.

We were grateful to have Tionda's volunteer support and Mohamed part-time work advancing our anti-racism, program and BIPOC leadership with conversations - What is this time asking us? How can we better support your work? This work helped us to see that there is also more healing and repair that needs to be held for those who have experienced harm and a commitment to healing and land-based learning. Also, that the Centre has been a safe and sacred place for so many.

We had good conversations and reflections about history, memory, our spaces and symbols, our origins. These led to the decision to make our Sanctuary Space more welcoming to our communities of diverse faith, gender, social identity and race while honouring our United Church origins and ownership. Last year, on top of our regular programs we focused even more on healing, collective care, gathering and rest. Again, we were able to offer Invitation to Rest as well as continue to support digital literacy and equipment for seniors and Elders, a world-building game for strategic visioning, and an audio tour of our past, people and places when programs were cancelled.

We have also focused on our systems (especially new online ones) and ensuring that our spaces are comfortable and welcoming as possible. Last year, we invested over \$400,000 in our green retrofit and needed renovations including a technical plan for Stewart Hall heat pumps and solar energy.

The year ahead now is about widening the conversations, growing our circles of belonging, especially BIPOC leadership. Like so many organizations committed to decolonizing, we're laying strong

foundations for a more embodied, land-based future for our gathering, learning, collective care and healing.

We remain grateful for program facilitators and Elders who hold space that is nourishing and sacred. Thank you to all of our friends and supporters for your love and accompaniment. We look forward to gathering with you again on the land around a delicious meal.

In loving welcome and gratitude,

Nanci Lee (Community, strategy, stewardship) on behalf of Tatamagouche Centre staff team

Lee Fleming (Bookkeeping, facilities stewardship); Katja Burtis (Social business; hosting, donor stewardship); Megan Miller (Hospitality, food & local relations); Jennifer Nicholson (Housekeeping); Lacey Miller (Maintenance; housekeeping); Michelle Halliday (Kitchen, housekeeping); Sis'moqon (Indigenous and Youth communities); Hina Shezhadi (Registrar, Programs, Office coordinator); Mohamed Yaffa (BIPOC communities, Anti-racism work)

Nominations Committee Report for June 2022 AGM

The nominations committee was appointed by the Board and consists of three board members, Amy Brierley, Lauren King, and Marney Simmons.

There are eleven positions on the Tatamagouche Centre Board. Continuing with their terms are Amy Brierley, Laura Hunter, Lauren King, Marney Simmons, Margie McIntyre, Michael Henderson. We are grateful for the continued dedication and work of these folks!

Stepping off the board this year are Angela Simmonds, Charlie Sark Jr, Kendi Tarichia, Robyn Brown-Hewitt, and Sam Sternberg. We are so grateful for the leadership and dedication of these board members. To those of you who are leaving this year: thank you for stepping into unknown roles, taking on important work, and offering your wisdom. We have been a lucky board to have your gifts these past few years. We look forward to your continued participation in the life of the Centre!

This leaves five spaces open for nomination.

The nominations committee is pleased to nominate to the board the following people to be elected by the members at the annual meeting on June 3rd, 2022.

Emma Patterson
Karen Fish
Rev. Pix Butt
Gordon Johnson

It has been exciting to chat with each of these individuals and we are deeply grateful for their willingness to serve on the board. We are confident that these individuals, along with those already serving, will bring a depth of experience and a breadth of perspective.

Respectfully submitted,

The Nominations Committee

Programs and Events in 2021

- Anti-Black Racism Workshop for Board & Staff– Community Conversation online February 25, 2021
- Invitation to Rest for Black & Indigenous Activists & Elders April 9-11, 2021
- Soulful Aging online April 20-21, 2021
- ASPIRE Primer April 30, 2021
- Tatamagouche Centre AGM online June 24, 2021
- Invitation to Rest for Black & Indigenous Activists & Elders July 16-18, 2021
- Licensed Lay Worship Leaders 1st Annual Gathering September 16-18, 2021
- Contemplative Pathways Silent Retreat: In Stillness Dance Sep 29 – Oct 2, 2021
- Designing Games That Matter with Avery Alder, Oct 7-11, 2021
- BIPOC Gathering Oct 14-17
- Dialogue for Peaceful Change; Community Conflict Mediation Training Nov 7-12, 2021
- Courage to Lead for Young Leaders and Activists November 4-6, 2021
- ASPIRE Foundation Program: Facilitation, Design and Leadership Nov 21-26, 2021

Special projects: Digital literacy and equipment for Seniors and Elders; Audio tour of our past, people and places (for a walk of the grounds); Tatamagouche Game for gathering our own spiritual and legacy bundles and dreaming, small group world-building 150 years into the future.

Learning Programs /Hosting Guests

We welcomed 1,026 guests - 13 Learning programs - 239 Program participants onsite - 105 online participants - 384 Hosted gathering guests - 203 guests through recurring local group meetings

In 2021, Tatamagouche Centre welcomed 1,026 people through its doors, close to the same number of guests as the year before the Covid-19 pandemic started! That is the total for all onsite guests for program participants, hosted guests, Airbnb guests and short recurring meetings of local groups such as the Sunrise Quilt Guild and Josette Coulter's Yoga classes.

We are working to prioritize aligned organizations and build community partnerships for hosted events. Hosted gatherings this year included: Reclaiming our Roots, L'Arche Atlantic, Nova Scotia Islamic Cultural Centre, Indigenous Women Trail Blazers Writing Retreat, NS Community Sector Council gathering, Indigenous Youth gathering; Halifax Public Health; Election Nova Scotia, Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce Breakfast. Many scheduled events were again cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic and as restrictions lifted we were really busy.

Green Retrofit

We invested over \$400,000 in our Green Retrofit. This included furthering the Sanctuary Space renovation - walls and windows, ash floors, painting and temporary audio baffles. We also got funding to get a technical review by an architect, mechanical engineer and electrical engineer for heat pump,

solar and energy efficiency recommendations for Stewart Hall. We excavated and insulated most of the perimeter of Stewart Hall to eliminate drainage issues and heat loss. We are currently fundraising to carry out the additional recommendations. We also did much-needed insulation of the Lodge, repair to our Stewart Hall chimney, Campbell House partial roofing repairs.

Donations

In 2021 we received close to \$80,000 in monetary and in-kind donations. This includes one-time donations and monthly givers. Your generous contribution is such a support to help us to live into our values and continue to offer gatherings and programs that combine love and justice!

Thank you to all our donors for their continued support!

Foundations, funding agencies & project partners

Program supports and bursaries, particularly for those facing barriers: [Catherine Donnelly Foundation](#); [Community Foundation of Nova Scotia](#); [Congrégation de Notre-Dame Visitation Province](#); [Edwards Family Charitable Foundation](#); [Halifax Youth Foundation](#); [Mental Health Foundation of Nova Scotia](#); [Nova Scotia Health Authority](#); [Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception \(SCIC\)](#); [Sisters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul Halifax](#); [Sisters of St. Martha of Antigonish](#); [IAC – St. Croix Presbytery](#); [South Shore United Church](#); [New University Co-Operative](#); [Pictou United Church](#); [Stairs Memorial United Church Women](#); [Giftfunds Canada](#); [UCW Fellowship Unit](#); [CND Visitation Province](#); [Jody Varughese Professional Corporation](#); [Westmount UCW](#); [Trinity United Church Women](#); [Winsloe United Church](#); [United Way of Colchester County](#); [Northumberland Pastoral Charge](#); [CUT Foundation](#); [Tatamagouche Brewing Company](#); [Restigouche Congregation](#); and [Ste. Croix-Elleshouse Pastoral Charge](#)

Peace and Friendship Partnership: [Mennonite Central Committee](#).

Indigenous youth and land-based learning: [Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia](#), [Royal Bank of Canada](#)

Local food boxes: [United Way Colchester County](#) & [Waldegrave Farms](#), Tatamagouche. Donation for racial justice: [Tatamagouche Brewing Co.](#), Tatamagouche

Local Sourcing

We continue to be grateful for our local producers and small companies. Glooscap Trading

Post, We'kopekitk ; [Appleton Chocolates Company](#), Tatamagouche; Ashton's nursery and Garden Centre, Tatamagouche; [The Crafty Shore](#), Tatamagouche; [Deb's Handmade Chocolate Delights](#), Tatamagouche; [Dickie's Meats Ltd.](#), Leicester; [Hard Honey Beverage Company](#), Tatamagouche; [Jost](#)

[Vineyards](#), Malagash; [Just Us! Coffee-Roasters Co-op](#), Grand-Pré; [Tatamagouche Brewing Co.](#), Tatamagouche; [Tatamagouche District Lions's Club](#), Tatamagouche; [Vista Bella Farm: Cidery, Orchard, and Apiary](#), Malagash; [Waldegrave Farms](#), Tatamagouche, [Bonnyman's Wild Blueberries](#), Tatamagouche, [Dexter's Butcher Block](#), Tatamagouche

Government Partners

Government of Canada

- Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency- Green Retrofit
- Low Carbon Communities - Green Retrofit
- Employment & Social Development - New Horizons for Seniors Grant
- Canadian Heritage Youth Forums Canada — Gaming retreat
- Department of Community Service Sexual Assault Prevention and Supports - Prevention Innovation Grant
- Canadian Heritage - Culture, History and Sport Anti-Racism Action Program

Government of Nova Scotia

- Communities, Culture & Heritage - Racial Justice Fund, Community Facilities Improvement Grant, Social Justice Youth Camp Grant, Diversity and Community Capacity Fund
- Connect2 program
- Nova Scotia Health Board - Wellness Grant

Municipality of the County of Colchester - Insurance Rebate Grant

Volunteers

Wanda Miller, Tionda Cain, Kim Langille, Mary Macaulay, Josie Baker, our dedicated Board of Directors.

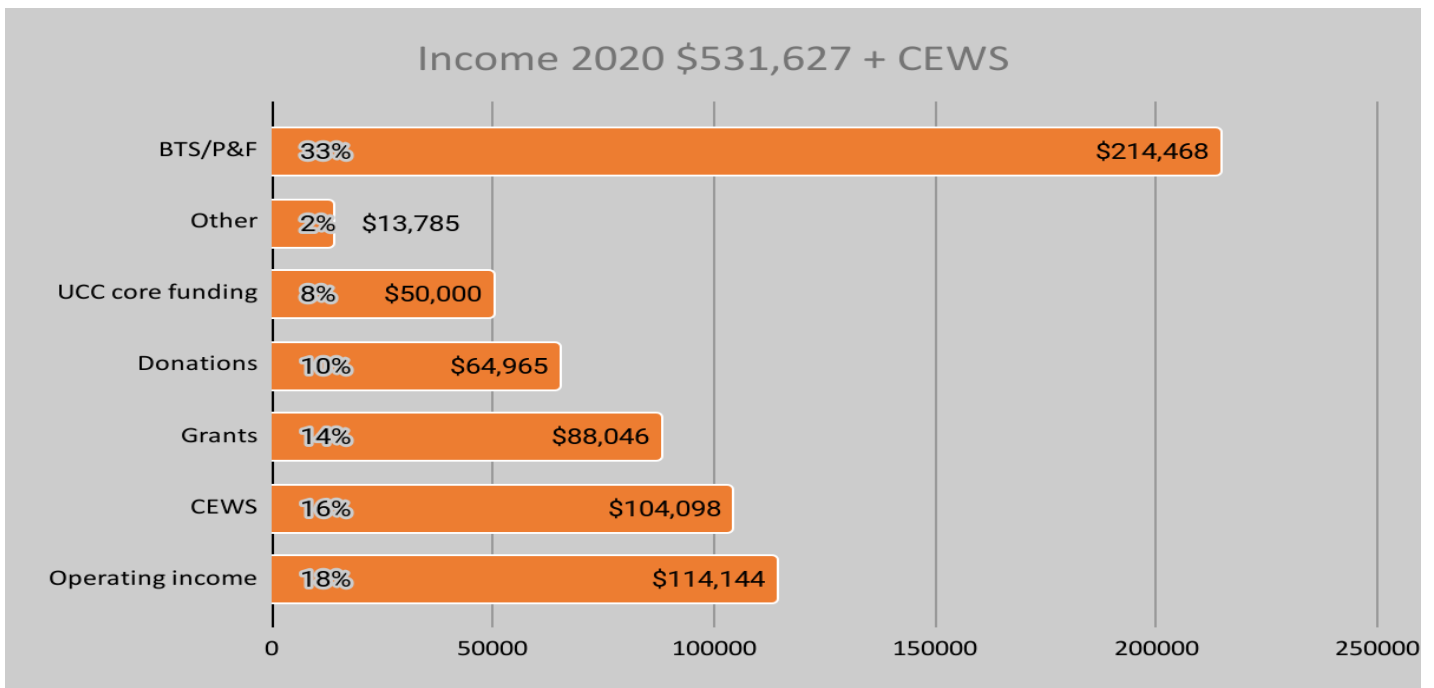
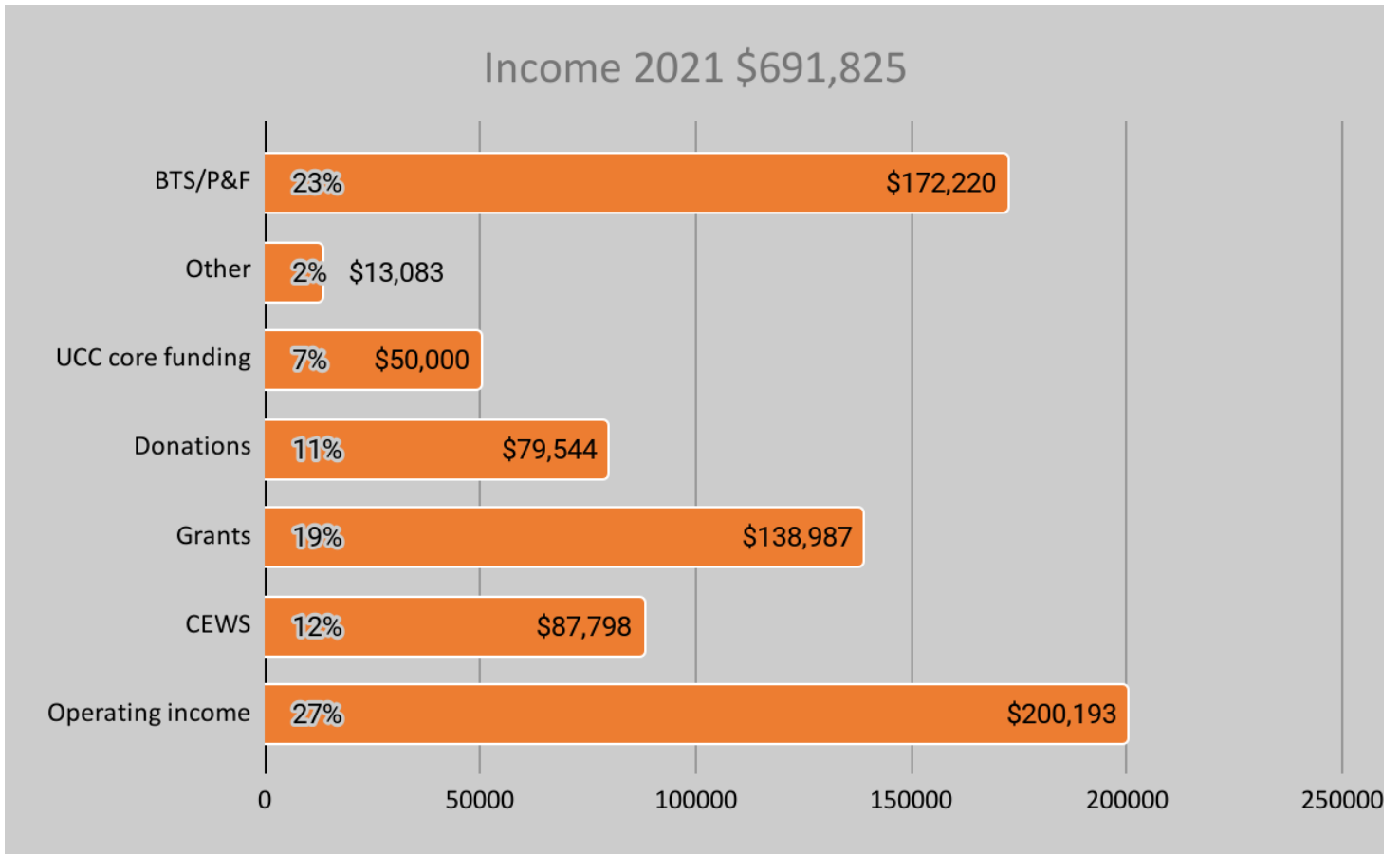
We want to extend a particular thank you to The [United Church of Canada](#) whose core funding through [Region 14](#) & [Region 15](#) continues to provide us with a stable foundation this year to navigate the COVID crisis.

The United Church of Canada Foundation

Bursary funds for youth and young adults have been provided by The Seeds of Hope Fund, and the UCCF's General Fund. Bursaries for BIPOC participants have been provided through the Justice and Reconciliation Fund. Bursaries for seniors spirituality program streams were awarded from The Watkins Fund for Innovative Ministries with Senior Adults through the Seeds of Hope Fund.

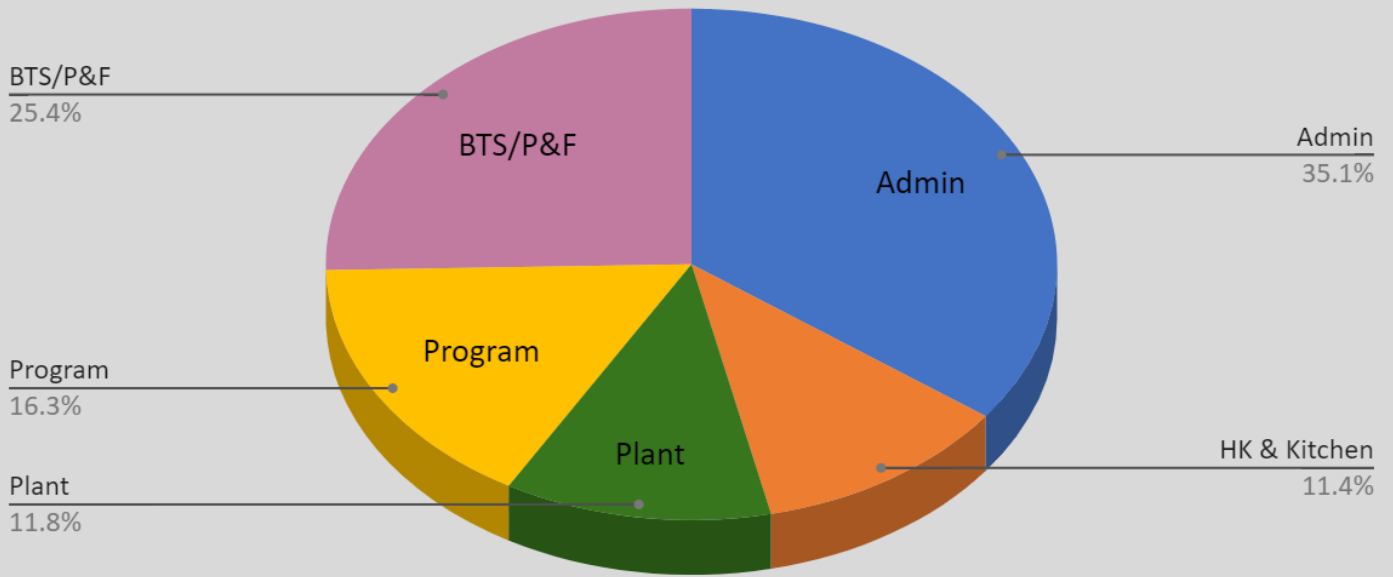
Thank you to all of our partners, donors and friends for your support and accompaniment at this time. Your gifts make the magic possible.

Income 2021 vs. 2020

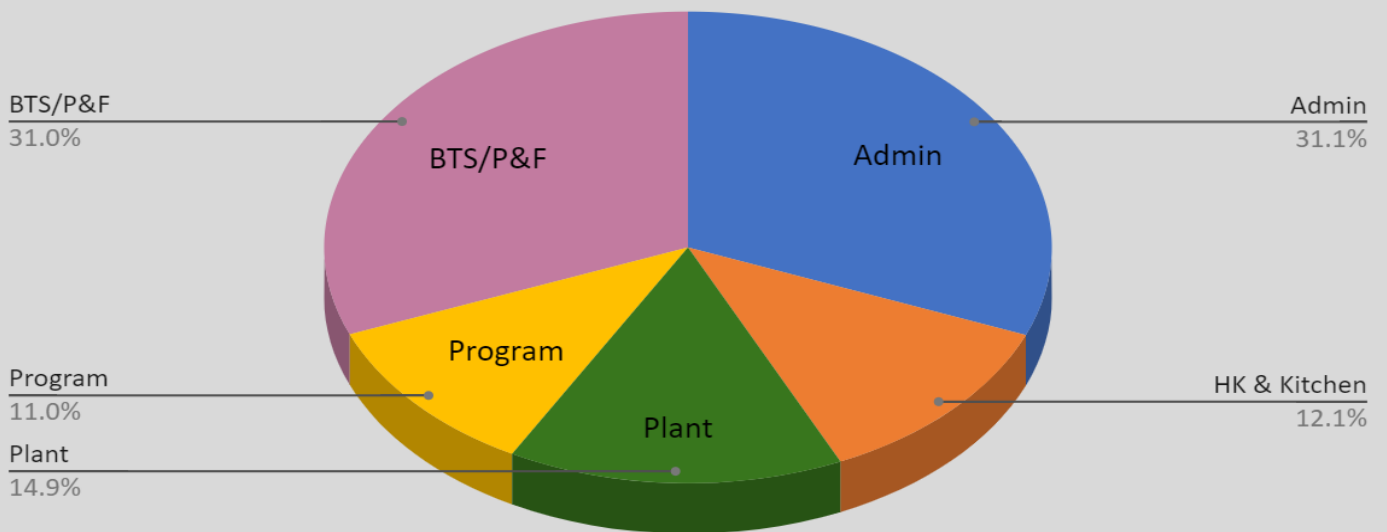


Expenses 2021 vs. 2020

2021 Expenses \$677,752



2020 Expenses \$691,628



ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN TRAINING CENTRE
(Operating as The Tatamagouche Centre)
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Budget (Note 13) 2021	Total 2021	Total 2020
REVENUE			
General donations & grants (Note 10)	\$ 132,184	\$ 226,604	\$ 203,014
Partnership revenue (BTS & P&F) (Notes 6, 11)	196,601	183,020	214,468
Operating revenue	108,804	190,947	114,145
	<u>437,589</u>	<u>600,571</u>	<u>531,627</u>
EXPENSES			
General administrative expenses	131,264	231,405	214,822
Housekeeping & kitchen expenses	32,506	77,182	83,394
Plant expenses	61,761	62,381	103,120
Tatamagouche Centre program expenses	41,127	108,656	75,824
Partnership expenses (BTS & P&F)	196,601	182,787	214,468
	<u>463,259</u>	<u>662,411</u>	<u>691,628</u>
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS	<u>(25,670)</u>	<u>(61,840)</u>	<u>(160,001)</u>
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSES)			
Government assistance (Note 11)	-	79,724	104,099
Unrealized gains (losses) on investments	-	16,456	(920)
Amortization of deferred capital contributions (Note 7)	-	11,926	10,299
Investment income	-	3,356	5,149
Loss on disposal of assets	-	-	(744)
Foreign exchange loss	-	(47)	-
Amortization of tangible assets	-	(20,933)	(17,230)
	<u>-</u>	<u>90,482</u>	<u>100,653</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$ (25,670)</u>	<u>\$ 28,642</u>	<u>\$ (59,348)</u>

ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN TRAINING CENTRE
(Operating as The Tatamagouche Centre)

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2021

	2021	2020
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 75,594	\$ 82,878
Accounts receivable (Note 3)	63,431	58,277
HST recoverable	22,433	14,268
Prepaid expenses	1,881	3,526
	163,339	158,949
LONG TERM INVESTMENTS (Note 4)	191,448	384,594
LAND, BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT (Note 5)	821,353	614,280
	\$ 1,176,140	\$ 1,157,823
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 16,363	\$ 44,730
Government remittances payable	2,250	3,771
Deferred revenue (Note 6)	255,619	302,435
	274,232	350,936
LONG TERM DEBT (Note 11)	40,000	30,000
DEFERRED CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS (Note 7)	418,852	362,473
	733,084	743,409
NET ASSETS (Note 8)		
Unrestricted surplus	(57,312)	72,686
Internally restricted and endowment (Note 9)	97,867	97,867
Invested in capital assets	402,501	243,861
	443,056	414,414
	\$ 1,176,140	\$ 1,157,823
OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENT (Note 11)		

ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN TRAINING CENTRE
(Operating as The Tatamagouche Centre)
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Unrestricted surplus	Internally Restricted and Endowment (Note 9)	Invested in Capital Assets	2021	2020
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 72,686	\$ 97,867	\$ 243,861	\$ 414,414	\$ 473,762
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	37,649	-	(9,007)	28,642	(59,348)
Investment in capital assets	(167,647)	-	167,647	-	-
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ (57,312)	\$ 97,867	\$ 402,501	\$ 443,056	\$ 414,414

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