



Elizabeth Fry Society
of Greater Vancouver

Annual Report 2024

THE ELIZABETH FRY SOCIETY OF GREATER VANCOUVER (EFRY) is a non-profit, community-based organization providing support to women, girls and children at risk, involved in or affected by the justice system. Our more than 30 programs work to break the cycle of poverty, addiction, mental illness, homelessness and crime.

For over 85 years, we have helped women across Metro Vancouver and Vancouver Island take control of their life circumstances, empowering them to build brighter futures for themselves and their families.



We acknowledge that our work takes place on the unceded and traditional lands of the *stó:lō* (Sto:lo) and Seabird peoples, the *Skwxwú7mesh* (Squamish), *xʷməθkʷəy̓əm* (Musqueam), *səlilwətaʔ* (Tsleil-Waututh), *scəwaθən* (Tsawwassen), *qíqéyt* (Qayqayt), Kwantlen, Kwikwetlem and *semi'a:mu* (Semiahmoo) and our work on Vancouver Island on the unceded and traditional lands of the *ləkʷəŋən* People (Esquimalt and Songhees) First Nation.



Our Mission

To support vulnerable women, girls and children in achieving their potential. With the right support, we know that individuals facing difficult circumstances can transform their lives—and those of their families—for the better.

Why Women?

Most women in prison are non-violent offenders, two-thirds are mothers, the majority are sole caregivers, and many struggle with addiction, mental illness, poverty, and homelessness. Despite these challenges, women do not receive equal access to programming, educational opportunities, or transitional housing options available to men.

Our Vision

To have stronger communities by ensuring women and children impacted by crime and its risk factors can access the supports necessary to build positive futures. Those in conflict with the law need more positive interventions than incarceration.

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A message from our CEO and Board Chair



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alison Dantas".

Alison Dantas
CEO

This past year, EFry celebrated 85 years of transformational impact for our clients and for our community. As much as we want to focus on the incredible work happening today, it is hard to do so without acknowledging our roots as an organization and the pioneers like Elizabeth Fry who championed prison reforms for women in the early 1800's.

Much of our work today continues to follow in Elizabeth's original footsteps.

Supporting incarcerated women, providing critical resources for low-income women and women with children and advocating for systemic change continue to be part of our core strategic pillars as a society.

We also celebrated the important 1-year milestone of the opening of our Rosewood Apartments and the opening of our Anna Buxton Apartments, providing 106 permanent and affordable housing units for women and single mother-led families. Our priority of preventing homelessness for women has significantly strengthened with this new program offering.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clare Mochrie".

Clare Mochrie
Board Chair

Celebrating 85 years at EFry

As we commemorate 85 years of dedicated service, we invite you to join us in reflecting on EFry's enduring legacy of advocacy, support, and transformative change for vulnerable women and children. From our humble beginnings as a small charity to expanding our programming beyond the mainland, EFry has strived to empower those affected by the justice system and systemic barriers through a commitment to challenging the status quo, developing innovative programs, and advocating for meaningful change. Today, we remain focused on expanding our services, addressing emerging needs, and championing the rights of those we serve to create a more just and equitable future.



1939

85 years ago, EFry was founded by a **small group of volunteers**, becoming the first of many Elizabeth Fry Societies to begin their chapters across Canada.

Pictured: Fraudena Eaton, one of the founding members.

Every individual who walks through our doors has a unique story, and we are honored to be a part of their journey. Thanks to your generous contributions and belief in our mission, we have been able to expand our reach, innovate our approaches, and make a deeper impact in the communities we serve.

This year's report highlights some of the measurable outcomes of our programs, but beyond the numbers, it tells the stories of hope, resilience, and impact. These are stories of women finding strength, families finding stability, and communities coming together to build a more equitable future.

We would also like to express our gratitude to our incredible staff team of more than 260 and our passionate volunteer team of more than 100 who operate our programs around the clock. The high level of impact we have in the community is a testament to the quality of the team we have.

Our Board and staff share a commitment to continue driving impact amongst the most vulnerable women, girls and children in our community. With you supporting our efforts, nothing is impossible.

Thank you

for your support in
making a **lasting impact**
on some of society's most
vulnerable populations.



1949

In the 1940s and 1950s, EFry transformed conditions for women at **Oakalla prison** by building new quarters and establishing an arts and crafts program and a library service as part of its education and rehabilitation program.



1965

Despite several setbacks and neighborhood resistance, EFry successfully opened Duncan House, **the first group home for adolescent girls exiting prison**. This groundbreaking initiative was designed to provide juvenile girls with a caring familial environment.



1987

EFry negotiated the **Burnaby Exchange of Services Agreement**, enabling federally sentenced women from B.C. to be incarcerated in their own province. **Pictured:** the Burnaby Correctional Centre for Women, which replaced the old women's unit at Oakalla.

By the Numbers

Our Impact at Glance



15,693

clients supported, of which **2,418** were children

207 volunteers contributed approximately

10,000

hours across our programs



72%

of women transitioned from our shelters to stable housing



262 total staff members

Across all our programs,



853

clients were housed or provided support to maintain housing

66

women successfully took strides towards brighter futures through completing our **STEPS empowerment program**

166

clients were supported through our **substance use treatment** programs



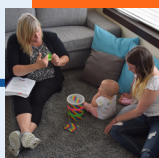
1,735

clients accessed government services with our **third-party administration** support



1997

EFry opened its **flagship blue building in Sapperton**, now home to many key programs and services and our most recognizable site today.



2002

Recognizing the strong link between parental incarceration and children's involvement in the justice system, EFry launched **Canada's first programs for children of incarcerated parents.**



2008

Our report, ***BC Girls in Custody***, successfully advocated for ending co-ed youth prisons in B.C., introducing gender-responsive programming for addiction and violence, and training correctional officers accordingly.

Dignity Equality Opportunity



2018

Launched **Woolwerx**, EFry's social enterprise that employs incarcerated women and those transitioning back to community life to process donated waste wool and turn it into artisanal yarns.



2020

EFry **opened our office in Victoria**, providing Third Party Assistance programming to clients living on Vancouver Island.



2022-2023

Opened **Rosewood**, a one-stop support hub that combines a shelter, affordable housing, programming, and a health clinic. One year after, we launched **Anna Buxton**, our second affordable housing building in Burnaby.

Incarceration Prevention

Breaking the Cycle

For many women at EFry, the journey to a stable life begins with a safe place to call home. Preventing incarceration starts long before someone comes into contact with the justice system. By addressing risk factors—such as homelessness, addiction, mental illness, violence, and trauma—we can break the cycle of incarceration before it begins.

We are committed to reaching women in the most dire of circumstances. Our gender-focused programs provide essential services like permanent housing, emergency shelters, bed-based substance use programs, and clinical individual and family counselling, offering the stability and care needed for at-risk women to rebuild their lives. By intervening early, we help prevent the circumstances that often lead to justice system involvement.



Supporting Women Through Substance Use Service

At **Ellendale**, the journey to abstinence is supported by a holistic approach, offering participants group therapy, psychoeducation, individualized case management and relapse prevention. This year, the program served **42 women**, including one client who overcame severe mental health and substance use challenges through dedicated recovery and trauma counselling during her five-month stay.

Ellendale Cradle builds on this foundation by supporting expectant and new mothers in addressing substance use within a safe, bed-based environment. This year, the program supported **15 women** in achieving significant milestones such as family reunification, securing stable housing, and transitioning to other EFry support programs.



Nurturing Resilience and Community at Legacy Manor

Legacy Manor continues to be an essential resource for women overcoming partner violence and homelessness. Celebrating its fifth anniversary, the program has been a cornerstone of support, offering essential services like housing, meals, case management, and healthcare to help women rebuild their lives. This year, Legacy Manor provided **1,782 meals and 48 medical trips**; 75% of clients reported decreased isolation, and all reestablished family connections.

One client, after previously enduring severe partner violence and addiction, was able to regain custody of her children and secure stable housing. Others found the strength to leave unsafe relationships, reconnect with loved ones, or embrace motherhood, supported by the program's prenatal care and counseling. Throughout the year, clients engaged in activities that fostered social bonds, such as working in the community garden, which provided both nourishment and shared purpose. Many participants reported increased confidence in managing their lives, from budgeting and cooking to maintaining a safe living environment. These experiences highlight the profound impact of Legacy Manor's integrated approach, as clients continue to make meaningful progress toward their health, wellness, safety, and housing goals.



Building Pathways to Stability

EFry's **Reaching Home** programs, operating in Abbotsford, Surrey, New Westminister, and Victoria, work to prevent and reduce homelessness by providing tailored support to individuals and families. Over the past year, the programs assisted **676 adults and 401 children** in securing essential resources such as housing, healthcare, and funding for basic needs, with several clients successfully transitioning from shelters or unstable conditions to permanent homes.

In Victoria, a refugee client was able to secure housing and employment with the help of EFry's outreach and emergency funding services. In Abbotsford, a widow and mother of two found stability for her family after experiencing homelessness for 10 months. In another case, a client facing mobility challenges was connected to accessible, affordable housing and received support in obtaining electric and manual wheelchairs through EFry's New Westminister program.

Transforming Lives Through Support and Community Building

This year, **Cynthia's Place** continued to provide a safe and supportive environment for **70 women and 54 children**, launching initiatives like a community garden where staff and clients bonded while growing fresh crops. One notable success involved a mother and her two children, who arrived at the shelter after losing their home. With support from a housing worker, Legal Aid, and EFry's Poverty Law Clinic, they secured housing, legal assistance, and visitation rights within six weeks. Now settled in their two-bedroom apartment, the family continues to receive ongoing support as they begin to rebuild their lives.

"When I first arrived, I felt like I was at the end of my rope, unsure if there was any hope left for me. The team welcomed me with such kindness and understanding; it was the first time in a long while that I felt I wasn't alone in my struggles."

- Ellendale Client

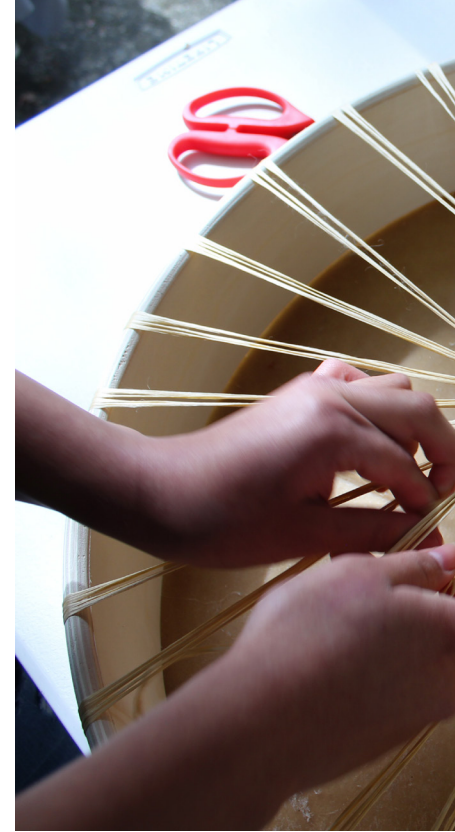


From Confinement to Confidence

Empowering Women and Youth Behind Bars

At EFry, we understand that incarceration can be an isolating and disempowering experience for women and youth. Our work is rooted in the belief that every individual, regardless of their circumstances, deserves the opportunity to heal, grow, and reclaim their life.

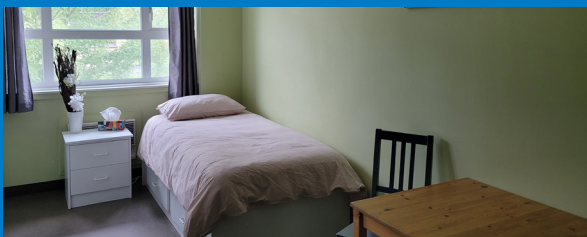
Empowerment behind bars isn't just about preparing for the future—it is about giving women the resources and support they need to thrive today. With a focus on rehabilitation, resilience, and recovery, EFry's programs ensure that those who are incarcerated are treated with the dignity and respect they deserve, fostering a sense of possibility and hope for healthier futures.



Guiding Women Through Safe and Supported Transitions

Transitioning from prison to community life presents significant challenges, particularly for women facing barriers like employment difficulties and managing parole conditions. At **Columbia Place**, women are provided with the structured and supportive environment needed to overcome these hurdles. Through strong case management, advocacy, and tailored support—including on-site substance misuse and trauma programs—they are empowered to rebuild their lives and reduce the risk of recidivism.

Each successful transition—whether through completing a sentence or preparing for independent living—reflects our commitment to addressing the core issues that impact long-term reintegration and help women achieve lasting stability.



Transforming Lives Through Cultural Safety and Healing

EFry's **A'mut Program** is a 20-week bed-based Full Time Attendance Program dedicated to reducing recidivism, promoting abstinence from substance use, and fostering cultural reconnection among adjudicated Indigenous female youth. This year, A'mut provided comprehensive care, including 24/7 supervision, detox support, and personalized case planning tailored to each youth's unique needs.

One participant, who arrived with severe health challenges and struggling with substance use, exemplified the program's impact. With the support of program staff, she successfully achieved abstinence, completed her high school diploma, and secured stable housing. A'mut's culturally inclusive approach played a crucial role in her journey, offering Indigenous activities that strengthened her sense of identity and community. The program connected her with healthcare providers, including arranging over \$10,000 in dental and vision support, which significantly improved her physical well-being. Throughout her stay, the youth also received continuous emotional support, helping her build resilience and confidence as she worked toward her goals. By her graduation, she had laid a strong foundation for her future, setting new goals, including pursuing post-secondary education.



Removing Barriers Through Legal Advocacy

EFry's **Poverty Law Clinic** continues to make a lasting impact by providing crucial legal support to individuals facing housing instability, financial barriers, and challenges within the healthcare system. Many clients struggle to obtain the necessary documents to support their legal cases. Our legal advocates help them overcome these obstacles by preparing them with the proper documentation for medical appointments, ensuring that they can navigate the legal and healthcare systems more effectively.

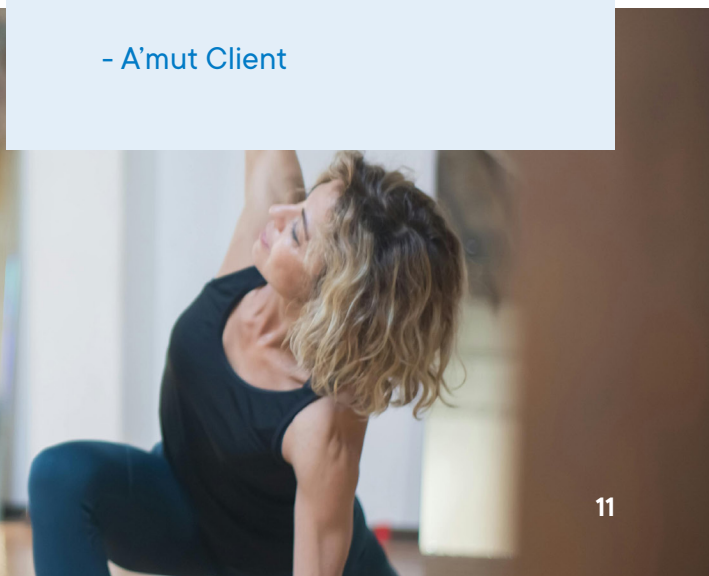
This year, the Clinic successfully helped **15 clients** avoid eviction by representing them in tenancy dispute hearings and assisted one client in securing Person's with Disability status after a decade-long struggle. By gathering medical records and support letters, the client was finally able to access critical healthcare and focus on their well-being.

Promoting Movement and Self-Discovery for Incarcerated Women

For those detained far from home, isolation and mental health challenges can be particularly severe. The **Alouette Correctional Centre for Women Recreation Program** addresses these issues by helping women reconnect with themselves through movement, health, and fitness. This year, the program delivered **197 classes with 898 total participants** and provided **527 personal training sessions**, totaling **2,633 inmate sessions**. The program focuses on goal-setting, self-confidence, and well-being, offering both group and one-on-one activities tailored to each participant's abilities and mental health needs, ultimately building resilience for life during and after incarceration.

"Coming back to the program after four years, I wasn't sure I wanted to get involved again. But with the staff's support, I decided to give it a real shot. I ended up doing so well that I got an early discharge, which I never thought could happen."

- A'mut Client



Post-Release Support

Building New Beginnings

Reentering into society marks the beginning of a new chapter, but for many women leaving incarceration, it's also fraught with uncertainty and fear. EFry's post-release support programs help women overcome these challenges by offering a comprehensive range of services designed to build confidence, stability, and purpose.

Our commitment doesn't end with release. By providing continuous support, peer mentorship, and community resources, EFry ensures that each woman is empowered to leave her past behind and embrace the opportunities ahead. This is how new beginnings are built—through sustained care, practical solutions, and the belief that everyone deserves a second chance.



Weaving Together Opportunities for Employment and Sustainability

Over the past year, EFry's social enterprise, **Woolwerx Fibre Arts**, has been making its mark in BC's wool community. By partnering with local farms to process fleece, the studio offers a sustainable solution for managing surplus materials, earning positive feedback for the consistency and craftsmanship of its high-quality products,

Beyond promoting sustainability, the program actively creates employment opportunities for incarcerated women and those transitioning back to community life. As Wool Technicians, staff benefit from flexible work arrangements that accommodate their health needs and personal commitments, allowing them to build valuable skills and gain experience in a supportive environment as they work toward greater independence.



Guiding Clients from Crisis to Lasting Stability

EFry's **Third Party Administration (TPA) Program** has been a crucial support system for individuals unable to access services through regular ministry offices due to their history or high support needs. This year, clients across our Greater Vancouver, Fraser Valley, and Vancouver Island TPA programs have shown remarkable resilience, overcoming homelessness, addiction, and personal crises with the help of dedicated caseworkers.

One client was able to transform their life after TPA staff assisted in transferring their outstanding warrants from Quebec to B.C. Another client, who lost everything in a fire, found safety and stability through TPA's support, securing new housing and financial assistance. Similarly, a third client, facing homelessness while battling cancer, received grants for their essential needs and was placed in safe housing.

In addition to these individual successes, TPA strengthened its collaboration with Community Integration Services workers, who now regularly assist clients on high-pressure cheque-issue days and expedite benefits for those leaving incarceration. This partnership has significantly increased client satisfaction and eased the workload on TPA staff.



Pardon Me: On the Move!

Our **Pardon Me** program helps individuals with eligible criminal records navigate the process of record suspension, breaking down barriers to housing, employment, and education. For many, the stigma of a criminal record perpetuates a cycle of lost opportunities. Through personalized guidance and financial assistance, EFry ensures that those facing financial hardship can take vital steps toward reclaiming and rebuilding their lives.

Since the program's launch in February 2023, strategic marketing efforts—including targeted social media campaigns and high-visibility transit posters across Metro Vancouver and Victoria—have significantly increased program awareness and led to a substantial increase in record suspension submissions. In its second year, the program received **182 clients** eligible for a record suspension, up from 33 in 2023.

Creating Success By Taking STEPS to Employment

STEPS to Brighter Futures is a specialized program dedicated to supporting self-identifying women aged 15-29 who are navigating significant life challenges like homelessness, legal issues, or substance use. This year, STEPS supported **73 clients** in building resilience, setting personal goals, and exploring opportunities in education, employment, and training. With a focus on empowerment through workshops, guest speakers, and one-on-one guidance, the program enabled participants to achieve milestones, with one client completing her post-secondary education, securing full-time employment, and now living independently in her own apartment.

“After struggling with the tent sweeps and facing so many barriers to housing, I finally found stability with the help of my caseworker. They helped me secure housing and PWD status, and now my mental health has improved so much.”

- TPA Client



Stronger Roots, Brighter Futures

Laying the Groundwork for Generational Success

The impacts of parental incarceration, homelessness, and substance use can create a cycle that reverberates across generations, affecting children in profound ways. Through our JustKids initiative, we provide a continuum of care that disrupts this cycle by offering targeted support for both children and their families.

By connecting them to a range of specialized programs, JustKids addresses every aspect of a child's life—from early development to post-graduation education—helping them build a solid foundation for the future. Through this continuous support, we aim to create lasting generational change stability, success, and hope for a brighter future.



Nurturing Parenting Skills for Stronger Families

This year, our **Growing Great Kids (GGK)** program expanded its reach with the addition of a second full-time facilitator, allowing us to extend services to **15 more clients** across the community and provincial prison system. With this expansion, one facilitator is now specially trained to provide group sessions and personalized support to incarcerated mothers, helping them strengthen their parenting skills in challenging circumstances.

One mother, recently reunited with her 2-year-old, was able to address her past struggles and start building a brighter future for herself and her child through the GGK program. Now living at Columbia Place, she continues to attend weekly sessions and is dedicated to fostering a positive and stable home environment for her family.



Building Confidence and Connections at Summer Camp

Our **JustKids Blue Sky Summer Camp** was a tremendous success, thanks to the dedication of our new camp counsellors and the enthusiastic participation of **51 campers**. Our mission is to provide children from diverse socio-economic backgrounds, particularly those with incarcerated parents, a safe and fun space to simply be “just kids.” With activities ranging from bowling and swimming at the Newton Wave Pool to kayaking at Deer Lake and laser tag, the camp offered a balanced mix of fun, outdoor adventures, and personal growth. The inclusion of One-to-One sessions ensured that campers needing focused attention received personalized care from a dedicated camp counsellor, enabling them to fully participate in the camp experience.

Programming focused on building resilience, fostering social connections, and exploring new opportunities. Highlights included visits to Science World, trips to the Hawthorne Water Park, and educational outings to the Burnaby Village Museum. The success of this year's camp was reinforced by an **average attendance rate of 90%** and overwhelmingly positive feedback from both campers and parents. Looking ahead, we plan to continuously refine our approach to better serve our campers, ensuring each child leaves camp with new skills, confidence, and cherished memories.



Bringing Joy and Creating Memories Through Holiday Giving

Over the holiday season, our Small Frys Toy Bank brought gifts to **323 children**, ranging from newborns to teens. Mothers and guardians were able to 'shop' from a variety of new, age-appropriate toys, games, and gifts, choosing the perfect presents for their children. This joy was made possible by the incredible generosity of our donors and community members, who helped us distribute **1,938 stocking stuffers, 323 stuffed animals, 323 puzzles and games, and 646 additional gifts.**

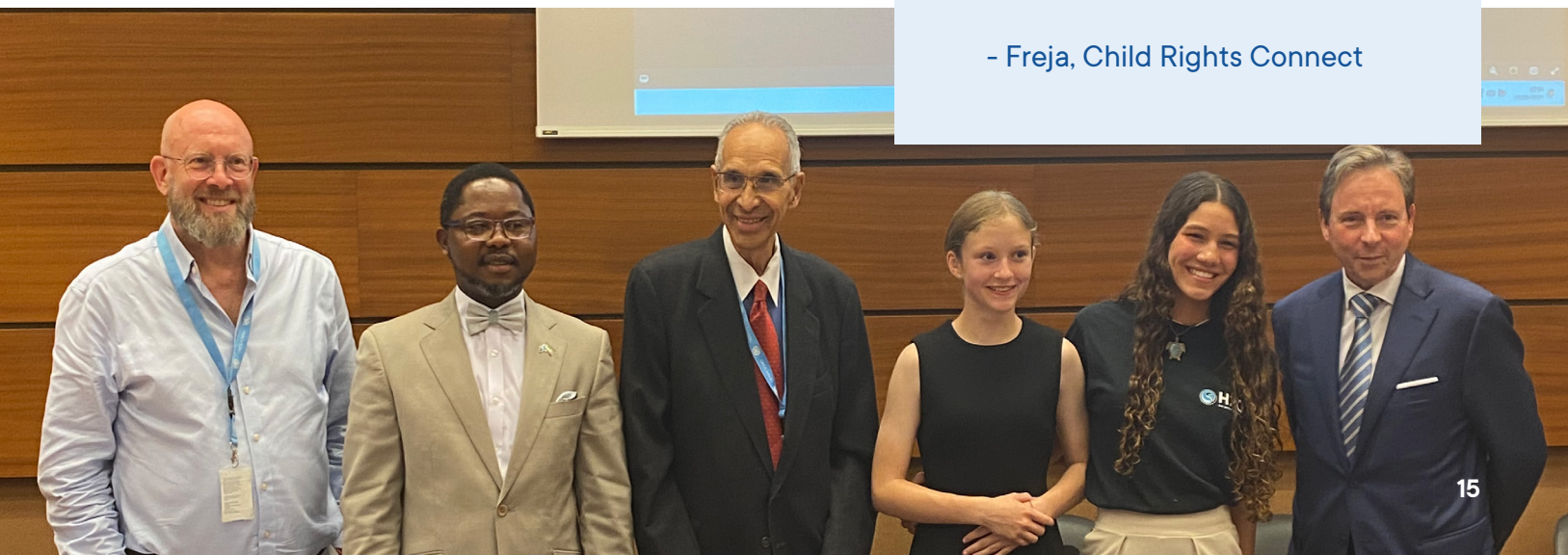
A highlight of the season was the JustKids holiday party, where children enjoyed a winter BBQ, festive crafts, and a special visit from Santa. Thanks to the ongoing support of our community, EFry continues to provide families with not just gifts but also lasting holiday memories year after year.

Championing Access to Education on the Global Stage

As the Canadian member of **Child Rights Connect**, an international body advising the United Nations on child rights, EFry supported Freja Klausen, a passionate advocate, in delivering a powerful message at a Human Rights Council event in Geneva. As one of two members of Child Rights Connect's Children's Advisory Team, Freja urged all states to commit to making education free for all. She was joined by fellow child advisor Catarina, Philip Jaffé from the Committee on the Rights of the Child, and the Ambassadors of Sierra Leone, the Dominican Republic, and Luxembourg. Together, they emphasized the urgent need for a treaty ensuring free public education from pre-primary through secondary school.

"Having access to free, pre-primary education shapes a child into what kind of person they're going to be and helps them open the doors to a great future. Early childhood education should be a shared opportunity worldwide."

- Freja, Child Rights Connect



1939 to 2024

85 Years of Providing Dignity, Equality, and Opportunity



This year, EFW proudly celebrated **over eight decades** of advocating for vulnerable women, girls, and children across Metro Vancouver.

To commemorate this significant milestone, we dedicated our annual EFW Week under the theme “**Honouring the Past, Empowering the Future**,” to reflect on our achievements while acknowledging the ongoing challenges faced by women in conflict with the law.

Throughout the week, we invited our community to engage in thought-provoking discussions and actions, culminating in the **#BlueFryday** campaign on May 10th, when staff and supporters wore blue to raise awareness of the issues confronting women and girls in the justice system. As a highlight of our celebrations, we also launched the **85 Years of EFW Women** social media campaign, spotlighting a remarkable woman each day who has shaped our organization and left an enduring legacy in our communities.

Our anniversary was marked with celebrations across our offices, facilities, and sites in Metro Vancouver and Vancouver Island, featuring blue-themed events and activities that brought together staff, volunteers, and clients. We are deeply grateful to everyone who joined in celebrating our legacy as we look ahead to the next 85 years of promoting dignity, equality, and opportunity.





EFry's Woolwerx Fibre Arts team gathering together for a team photo with their handmade wool headbands.

EFry's Maintenance & Tenant Relations, TPA New West, Reaching Home New West, and Legal Aid teams enjoying a BBQ lunch behind Sherbrooke House.



Rosewood staff posing together in front of a wall of blue cutouts, where clients and their children shared messages of appreciation.



EFry's Maida Duncan Drop-In Centre volunteers and Columbia Place staff celebrating with a custom anniversary cake.

Former Ellendale and Cradle clients holding up messages reflecting on EFry's impact on their lives and those of their children.



Cynthia's Place staff and the Growing Great Kids team gathering with EFry's CEO for a celebratory potluck.



EFry's Victoria Office team joining in on the celebrations with a festive cake and decorations.

Creating Safe Havens

Providing Secure and Affordable Housing

EFry's permanent housing programs provide affordable homes for low-income women and women-led families, offering not just a place to live but also a foundation to build new beginnings.

EFry is proud to fulfill its ongoing commitment to providing safe, stable housing for marginalized women and families through our two permanent housing programs: **the Anna Buxton and Rosewood Apartments**. These programs are built on a women-led housing model, where leases are held in women's names, empowering them to take ownership of their homes and living environments.



Cultivating Independence at the Rosewood Apartments

The Rosewood Apartments, a 57,000-square-foot facility in Surrey, has served as a crucial lifeline for women, women-led families, seniors, and individuals with disabilities since its opening in 2022.

Each year, Rosewood plays an essential role in connecting its residents and their children to life-changing services through its main floor community care hub. This includes the EFry Health Centre, a community kitchen, drop-in centre, and specialized programs for children and parents. These resources not only address the immediate needs of residents but also foster long-term growth, stability, and self-sufficiency.

Conveniently located near Surrey Memorial Hospital and the King George SkyTrain Station, Rosewood ensures that residents have easy access to transportation, medical services, and community resources. The building itself is designed with resident well-being in mind, offering a variety of living spaces along with amenities such as shared laundry on each floor and reservable communal spaces that encourage social interaction and community building.

Through its combination of affordable housing, community services, and healthcare, Rosewood continues to make a lasting impact on the lives of women, families, and seniors, fostering resilience and offering the tools needed to rebuild and thrive.





Stories of Resilience and Renewal

Our permanent housing programs offer more than just shelter—they provide a pathway to stability, empowerment, and fresh beginnings for residents. One mother, newly arrived from Ghana and expecting her third child, secured safe, affordable housing within just 30 days of joining our Rosewood program. With EFry's support, she was able to access medical care, enroll her children in school, and receive vital legal assistance. Today, she is thriving in her new home and is on the path to building a brighter future for her family.

Another family found stability within 37 days at Rosewood, securing housing and rebuilding their lives with the support of counselling and community resources. Likewise, a client who had been recently released from a correctional facility was able to secure both housing and employment in under a month.



Supporting Families at the Anna Buxton Apartments

The Anna Buxton Apartments, which opened its doors in 2023, provide 49 affordable homes for women and families in Burnaby, with a range of studio to two-bedroom units. Named after Elizabeth Fry's friend and fellow activist, the building goes beyond housing by offering residents onsite access to EFry staff, who connect them to a wide range of support services, including healthcare, legal aid, and employment assistance.

In addition to wraparound care, monthly events like game nights, community kitchens, and movie nights foster a sense of community and belonging. Central to this support is the Anna Buxton Tenant and Community Resources Program, which helps tenants maintain housing through access to community services, mentoring, and resources that promote healthier, safer living environments. Tenant Resource and Community Workers are available daily, providing crucial assistance with eviction prevention, food security, and healthcare referrals. This consistent support helps residents feel secure and empowered as they work toward self-sufficiency.

In 2024, the building also became home to EFry's Perinatal Parenting Program, which supports new mothers and families. Since its launch, it has successfully provided a stable home for a new mother, her newborn, and her partner.

The Heart of Our Work

Our Volunteers

At EFry, we are so grateful to have the continued support of over 200 volunteers who donate their time to help us drive our mission forward. Their dedication allows us to make a lasting impact on the lives of the tens of thousands of women and children we serve each year.

207 volunteers contributed approximately 10,000 hours of their time, skills and service to EFry. Whether through supporting our drop-in center, mentoring incarcerated youths, assisting our staff as court runners, or contributing in countless other ways, we appreciate you choosing to share your time, energy and compassion with us and our clients.



Celebrating National Volunteer Week

This year, EFry kicked off **National Volunteer Week** with a heartfelt video message from our CEO, expressing deep gratitude for the hundreds of individuals who pour their time, energy, and hearts into EFry's cause. The week-long celebration continued with a virtual event that brought together volunteers, coordinators, board members, and staff to exchange stories about their experiences volunteering with EFry. A special thank you goes out to our donors, whose generous contributions to the raffle prizes made this celebration even more memorable.

Supporting Youth in Custody

EFry's volunteer program at **Burnaby Youth Custody Services (BYCS) Centre** continues to play a crucial role in supporting incarcerated youth by providing recreational, educational, and individualized programming for residents. BYCS is the only secure custody facility in British Columbia that houses both male and female residents aged 12 to 18, who are on remand or have been sentenced under the Youth Criminal Justice Act. This year, **36 volunteers contributed 767 hours**, offering activities such as yoga, tutoring, and substance recovery programs.

These initiatives are tailored to meet the specific needs of the residents, helping them develop essential life skills, build resilience, and foster positive social connections—ultimately supporting their personal growth and successful reintegration into the community.

By prioritizing personal development and well-being, EFry strives to empower vulnerable youth during their time in custody, helping to set them on a path toward long-term success.



Continuing a Legacy of Care: Maida Duncan Drop-in Centre

Named in honor of Maida Duncan—a dedicated EFry volunteer for over 50 years who served as President during the '60s, '80s, and '90s—the **Maida Duncan Drop-In Centre** served **6,160 women and 479 children** this year. The Centre provides a safe and welcoming space where families can access essential services such as snacks, showers, laundry facilities, free clothing, household items, and a variety of social activities and programs.

With the support of **81 volunteers who contributed 5,316 hours**, the Centre continues to embody Maida's lifelong commitment. Located in our Blue Building, it stands as a beacon of hope, offering vital resources to disadvantaged women and children overcoming multiple barriers.

Advancing Justice Through Comprehensive Support

The **Downtown Community Court (DCC)** in Vancouver plays a vital role in addressing the complex needs of individuals facing challenges such as mental health issues, substance abuse, and homelessness. DCC takes a holistic approach to justice, focusing on rehabilitation and meaningful reintegration by partnering with justice, social, and health agencies. Through programs like *Crime and Consequences*, which diverted **26 individuals from further criminal activity** this year, and the *Court Runner* initiative, which supported **597 clients**, EFry has made a significant impact. This success was supported by **41 volunteers who contributed 1,444 hours**.

“Volunteering at Maida Duncan has been such a rewarding experience for me. Providing support and a safe space for women in our community is very close to my heart and it has been a pleasure working alongside the other staff and volunteers.”

- Helena, Maida Duncan Centre



Thank You to Our Generous Donors in 2024

EFry is deeply grateful to our valued supporters who have helped fuel our work this year.

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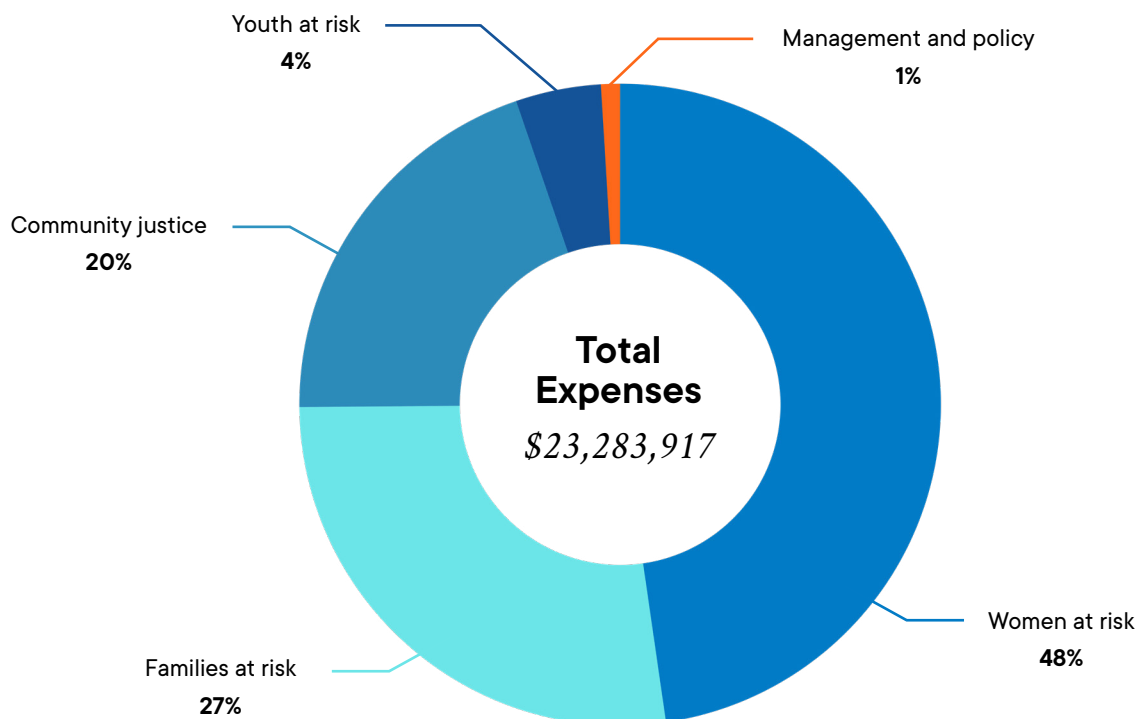
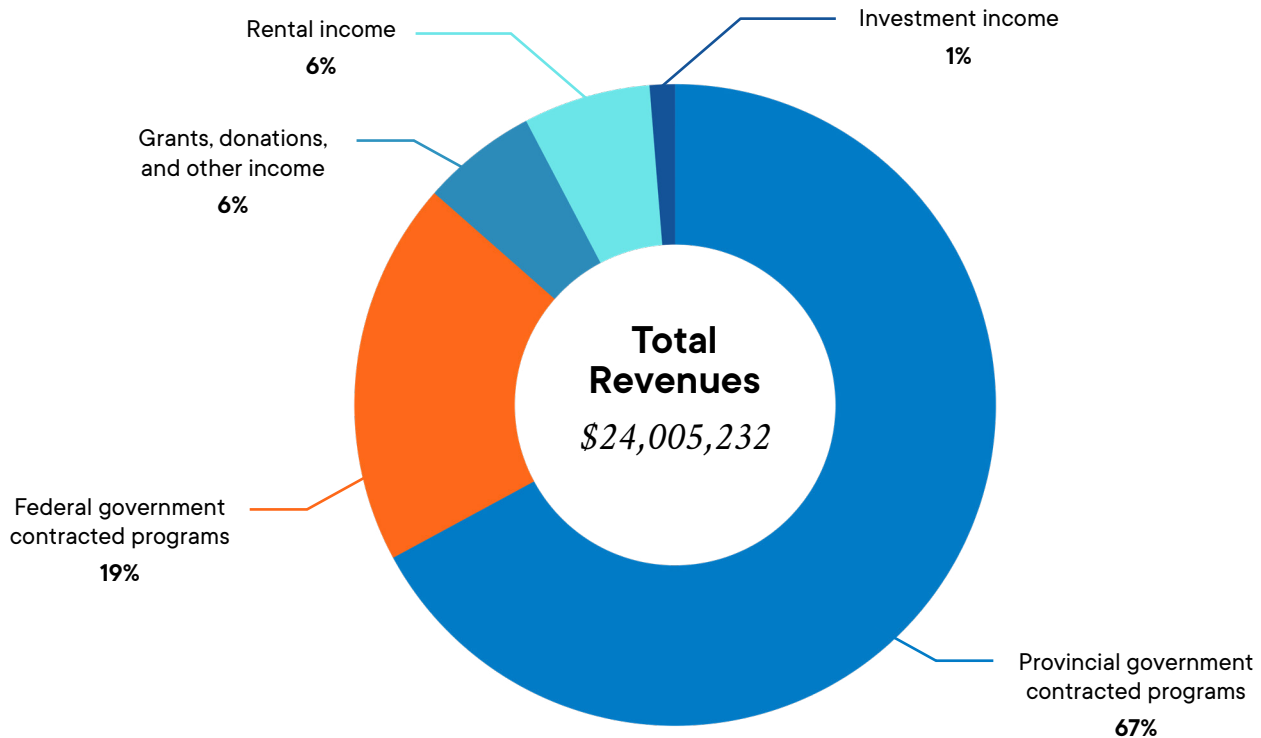
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