



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HALTON



Annual Impact Report

2014 - 2015

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Our Mission

Through research, community development, planning and promoting volunteerism, Community Development Halton strives to improve the quality of life for all residents of Halton.



Our Principles

Independence
Community Accountability
Knowledge-based Action
Inclusiveness
Empowerment
Citizen Participation

Our Values

Community
Volunteerism
Diversity
Equity
Social Justice

Community Development Halton is a nonprofit agency in Halton Region, Ontario, committed to social development for all members of our community.

We have two distinct programs:

- **Social Planning** helps communities identify strengths and weaknesses and determine ways to improve the quality of life in the community.
- **Volunteer Halton** supports nonprofit agencies with training, consulting and the promotion of volunteerism.

Report of the President and the Executive Director

This past year at Community Development Halton (CDH) has been busy and exciting. We continue to persevere and work with tenacity to build strong, vibrant and inclusive communities across Halton. The organization improves the well-being of residents through education, cross-community dialogue, and community mobilization for change. We collaborate with community partners to shape a consensus on the challenges facing individuals and communities; we support community responses that offer innovative changes; and we advocate for change to those structural forces that disadvantage and marginalize people.

CDH translates data into community-based evidence and 2014 marked another addition to CDH's social profile series, a valuable socio-demographic knowledge base of our Halton communities. It is used to inform the work of a wide range of practitioners in health and human services agencies, funders, local government, and

grassroots community organizations. Along with findings of other participatory social research carried out by CDH, community is empowered to make evidence-based decisions that, in turn, guide their actions for change.

CDH is embedded in community, builds and nurtures community through civic engagement and volunteerism. This year marks a series of innovative initiatives with Halton's older residents through volunteerism. CDH

continues to support the development of the Age-Friendly Seniors organizations along with the creation of the *Southern Ontario Network Age-Friendly Communities of Practice*. Furthermore, CDH's Volunteer Halton program has introduced the *Senior Ambassador Connectors Program* where trained and educated senior volunteers provide face-to-face contact, helping to connect seniors with community information and service across Halton. This empowers seniors with knowledge to make informed decisions. The program has gone 'viral' with communities growing their own version of this initiative.

Another creative program flowing from our partnership with the *Burlington Age-Friendly Seniors Council* has been the scaling up of *HomeShare Halton*, a practice that empowers home providers and home seekers with the opportunity to live in affordable, shared accommodation where both are respected and treated with dignity.



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CDH's collaboration with Halton youth expands as more and more youth participate in building community through volunteerism. This year *ChangeTheWorld* engaged over 3,260 Halton youth in over 50 events. They planted more than 30 trees, picked up more than 100 bags of garbage, tutored and mentored dozens of people, and raised thousands of dollars for causes they care about. Halton can be proud of its youth!

CDH continues its journey into neighbourhood work where we have come to understand the power of place, reducing barriers to human solitude and marginalization. Neighbourhoods, whether in Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton, or Oakville are places that create space for intergenerational understanding, places where people belong and participate in collective action to resolve obstacles to well-being. Neighbourhoods have demonstrated that they are places where issues of food



security can be addressed through community pop-up markets, dinners, gardens, and where sport and recreation can be inclusive, providing opportunities for all. Neighbourhood nurtures relationships, social solidarity, creativity, health and well-being.

Complimenting this work deep in local spaces is our constant and continuing effort to contribute to the dialogue on the human right to decent work with decent pay. CDH, along with many partners, is active in *Living Wage Halton*, part of a growing campaign across the country. It inspires employers to adopt a living wage that allows working people to enjoy a decent quality of life in which one can raise a family, be healthy, and participate in the social and recreational life of the community.

and the Executive Director

CDH strives to address the critical issues raised by Walter Mulkewich at the 30 year celebratory Annual General Meeting in 2014, where he outlined three great challenges facing our communities. He spoke of: i) the increasing inequality gap; ii) climate change as a social issue; and iii) the dual decline of democracy and social capital, two important concepts that are interrelated and need more attention.



Others throughout our community have identified

similar concerns and are coalescing into a dialogue about action for change. CDH senses and documents the trepidation of our community and its institutions as they face these enormous structural issues. CDH continues to be influenced by new directions and transformative actions for these times, on building new allies, relationships and partnerships among environmental groups and social groups, on other forms of dialogue often electronically or via social media, and ultimately, on how our work will continue to grow contributing to a just, healthy, and vibrant Halton.



The success of CDH is built on its strong tradition of equality and social justice, of civic engagement, relationships, partnerships and networks that cross sectors and run deep in community, of a capable, experienced and knowledgeable staff, and a dedicated Board of Directors.

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*Left during the year

...and many
VOLUNTEERS!

Our Five Strategic Priorities

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TO STRENGTHEN THE SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE OF HALTON REGION
by ensuring its sustainability and vibrancy so that it can better address human needs and contribute to building a participatory, stable and socially inclusive community.

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TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY THROUGH THE ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT
and participation of community members.

three

TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY THROUGH APPLIED SOCIAL RESEARCH
on important social and economic issues affecting human needs.

four

TO EDUCATE, CONSULT AND RAISE COMMUNITY AWARENESS, so that community members and organizations are well informed and engage in evidence-based decision making.

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TO STRENGTHEN THE CAPACITY of Community Development Halton to achieve its mission.

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ACTON COMMUNITY GARDEN

The *Acton Community Garden* completed its third year of growing together through community participation. In fact, the garden has been so successful that CDH role supporting the emergent initiative is now completed.

The twenty-bed garden is an accessible cooperative garden, located in Rotary Park off Elizabeth Street in Acton. The garden grows a large variety of produce inspiring broad community participation in both growing and harvesting food. Some produce grown includes: spinach, cucumber, tomatoes, strawberries and several herbs.



Community participation was evident when local elementary school students with the Acton Branch of the Halton Hills Public Library planted seedlings in March to help kick start the garden.

The Acton Garden expanded with the help of a conservatory group to include a pollinator garden. Just look at our garden grow!

Many hands make light work!



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BAFSC Vision:
Dedicated to making
Burlington the best
place to live, work
and play as we age.

CDH continues to guide the emergent Burlington Age-Friendly Seniors Council (BAFSC) which educates and advocates for policies, services, settings and structure that support and enable people to age gracefully, actively, and with dignity. This work has been strengthened by BAFSC's four working committees: Housing, Mobility and Transportation, Communication and Information, and Social Participation.



Activities have included:

Empowering Seniors: educational sessions on *Long Term Care & Client Rights* (Jane E. Meadus), *Adjusting to Life Changes* (Geoff Sansom, Val Walters and Joan Ulrich), *Solterra Co-Housing* (Shelley Raymond) and *Financial Security and Pension Reform* (Susan Eng).

Senior Connector Program, in partnership with Volunteer Halton.

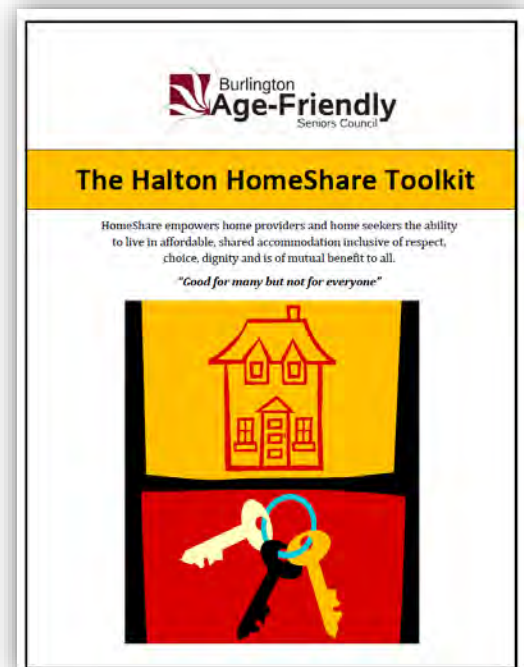
Grandpal Intergenerational Program, a partnership with Burlington Public Library, Brant Hills Public School, and Chartwell Brant Centre.

The Halton HomeShare Toolkit, a resource tool created in response to the need of housing alternatives in Halton.

Speakers Bureau engaged in sharing and presenting information about Age-Friendly projects and philosophy to community groups.

Founding Member of the Southern Ontario Network of Age-Friendly Communities of Practice.

Information on learning opportunities, and resources are available on BAFSC website: www.burlingtonagefriendly.ca



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CDH is a founding member and continues to support the Halton Nonprofit Network (HNN) which received a two-year grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation allowing it to focus on building capacity within the nonprofit sector in Halton.

HNN was able to develop and host a variety of capacity-building activities with nonprofits in Halton including three learning sessions: (1) Board of Director Self-Evaluation; (2) Board of Directors Recruitment, and; (3) The New Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation.

New working relationships have been created and resulted in an opportunity for HNN to develop and deliver learning sessions for both the Regional Municipality of Halton and the Oakville Arts Council. These sessions are of great significance and are consistently resulting in real learning as demonstrated by the positive feedback:

"Excited about upcoming programs."

"Covered all the bases – very helpful."

"Thank you for a very useful seminar."

"Very thought-provoking for me as President of a Board during my first term."

The HNN is pleased to have more than 60 members. HNN provides a voice for the sector, and continues the development of reflection papers which are intended to encourage discussion, provide insight into key challenges and issues faced by the sector, and make an interesting and thought provocative reading.

The HNN is increasingly seen as the "go-to" organization in Halton for nonprofit learning, information on the sector and for advocacy around issues that have an impact on nonprofits.

The most significant accomplishment was the successful pulling together of a five member HNN consulting team focused on building HNN's own capacity to develop and deliver resources and support to the sector, committed to the design and delivery of affordable, quality consulting support, and learning opportunities to the nonprofit sector in Halton. This has led to the introduction of a full year-round training and learning calendar.

The HNN Coordinating Committee has been focused on the development of a sustainability strategy of which the first elements are in refinement. These include not only the revenue generating potential of HNN learning sessions and consulting services, but also on a variety of other strategies that will be announced later.

Information on learning opportunities, consulting support and reflection papers are available on the HNN website: www.haltonnonprofitnetwork.ca



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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

April 6th to 12th, 2014

Volunteers are special people who in a busy world give their time to help others. They see and respect the dignity of their fellow men and women. In a thousand different ways they lighten the load for those who are burdened by illness, troubles or disadvantage. Volunteer impact creates healthy and vibrant communities.



In Halton, over two thirds (67%) of the population aged 15 and over volunteered their time through a nonprofit organization, a grassroots or a community group. Halton's volunteering rate is higher than both the provincial (43.3%) and national (46%) averages. We can safely say that Halton volunteers shape Halton

Region and are the foundation on which our future is built.

On Monday, April 7th 2014, those efforts were acknowledged and appreciated at our annual *Volunteer Recognition Awards Breakfast* hosted by CDH's program Volunteer Halton and generously supported by the Regional Municipality of Halton.

Cheers to Volunteers Award has been presented to twelve individual volunteers, *Community Volunteer Award* has been received by four volunteers, one from each of Halton communities, and *Community Development Award* recognized a volunteer team who has made a significant contribution to the community.



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES DATABASE

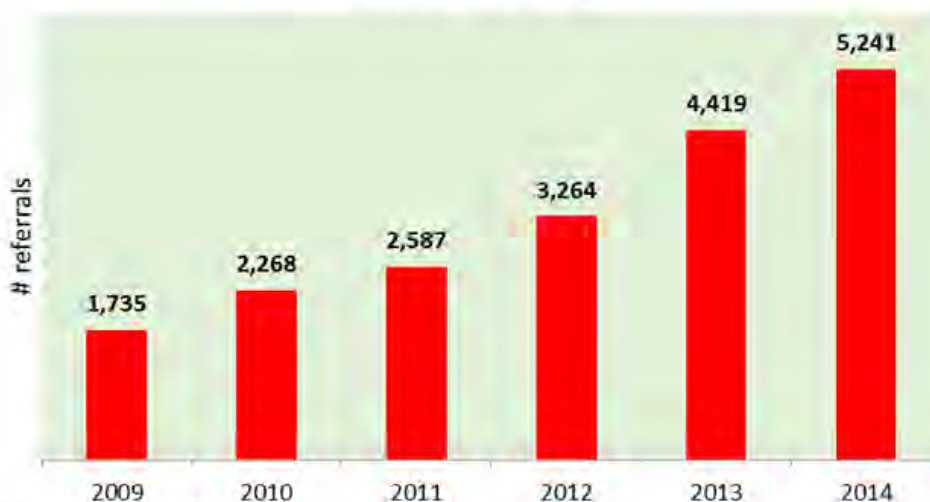
Volunteer Halton, a program of Community Development Halton (CDH), matches people looking to volunteer with volunteer opportunities via the Volunteer Halton online database. This is where CDH member agencies post volunteer opportunities online. Potential volunteers can then search opportunities by keyword, age (for students), interest or community. If there is a match, a referral will be forwarded to the posting member agency and the potential volunteer will be contacted directly by the agency needing volunteers. If they choose, potential volunteers can also contact the agency directly.

CDH has approximately 140 member agencies consisting of grassroots groups, nonprofits and registered charitable organizations. Each year for the past three years, more than 20 organizations have become new CDH members, with over 90% using the online database.

The number of volunteer referrals has been growing substantially. Between 2009 and 2014, the number tripled in total to over 5,000 referrals. A referral is the point of contact between an individual and an organization. This growth is driven largely by new member agencies, more volunteer opportunities available from existing agencies, and an increase in the public looking for volunteer work.

In order to facilitate the search for matching volunteer opportunities, they are grouped by interest, and can span across a number of areas of interest. Most popular are: (1) training and education, (2) human services, (3) office work and business, and (4) communication and outreach.

**Volunteer Referrals (CDH member agencies)
2009-2014**



Source: CDH Volunteer Halton



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ChangeTheWorld was bigger than ever! From April 6th to May 19th, 2014, CDH's Volunteer Halton program participated in the sixth annual Ontario Youth Challenge: *ChangeTheWorld* campaign. The Government of Ontario, in partnership with the Ontario Volunteer Centres Network (OVCN), sponsored this campaign across the province. The campaign increased from four weeks to six weeks.



All across Halton, high schools and agencies were engaged to encourage and support students ages 14 to 19 to participate in volunteer work in their community. Community clean-ups, fundraisers, education campaigns and homework assistance programs were just a few of the amazing endeavours Halton teenagers did to give back to their community and their world.

The 2014 *ChangeTheWorld* campaign was once again the most successful it has ever been for the Halton area. We engaged over 3,260 youth in over 50 events. For a second year, the *Volunteer Halton Youth Advisory Council* hosted the *Youth In Action Conference*, connecting students with agencies they may not have previously known about. Over the course of the six week *ChangeTheWorld* campaign, students planted more than 30 trees, picked up more than 100 bags of garbage, tutored and mentored dozens of people, and raised thousands of dollars for causes they care about.

Halton can be proud of its youth!



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YOUTH LEADERS IN COMMUNITY (Y-LINC)



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Y-LINC finished its final year of a three year project funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Classroom visits and the highly popular Volunteer Roadshow continued throughout the school year. The Volunteer Roadshow is a volunteer fair in the schools engaging both students and local agencies. Visiting more than 20 Halton high schools in the public and Catholic school boards, the Volunteer Roadshow reached more than 3,000 students. As a result, more than 300 students were placed in volunteer positions. Consistent positive feedback from participating organizations and schools led CDH to continue the Volunteer Roadshow beyond the initial funding period in order to better serve the Halton community.



COMMUNITY EVENTS AND PARTNERSHIPS

CDH's Volunteer Halton program promotes the importance and value of volunteerism throughout the year to citizens of Halton, and is an active participant in many community events and committees. This participation raises our profile while creating opportunities for all community members to give back to their community.

Volunteer Halton is pleased to announce it has extended its presence in Halton Hills and Milton through partnerships with the Halton Hills Active Living Centre, the Halton Hills Public Library, Georgetown and Acton branches, and the Milton Public Library. CDH has supported over 200 Halton Hills citizens in exploring volunteer opportunities and promoting volunteerism.

SENIOR AMBASSADOR CONNECTORS PROGRAM

Senior Ambassador Connectors Program was initiated by Volunteer Halton in collaboration with the Burlington Age-Friendly Senior Council and funded by Ontario Seniors' Secretariat. This is a volunteer program offering resources and referrals to seniors and their families. Trained and educated senior volunteers provide face-to-face contact helping to connect seniors with community information and services in Burlington and Halton Hills, empowering seniors with the knowledge to make informed decisions. The first group of Senior Ambassador Connectors completed their training and graduated in December.

Congratulations!



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NORTH BURLINKTON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT

CDH continues to nurture the North BurLINKton neighbourhood development project has continued to evolve and grow with 250 volunteers, a list of community partners, and wonderful local businesses, all of which are creating new opportunities in the community.



*"Bravo!! What a happy 2nd birthday party celebration. It was an amazing, exciting, intense and perfect gathering... the **Dinner Night Out** was born to stay... our friends were so happy and surprised with all the things that we prepared for them. I would like to share some of my experiences from our party: I believe that in community we need to learn to expect situations, for we are so diverse in mind and culture, to appreciate these situations as opportunities to engage and to get to know each other better, to build relationships and to make a real difference in our lives and in others' lives."*

~Volunteer from Dinner Night Out



The project has a series of activities that ground it in community. Highlights from the past year include:

- Two Chill Zone after school sites
- Dinner Night Out 2nd birthday party
- Youth-led events in partnership with Halton Regional Police Services
- A monthly 55+ lunch
- A monthly book club for women
- Summer and March break activities in a variety of neighbourhoods
- Pop-up farmer markets, play sites and vegetable gardens



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- Participatory action research for a single parents support group through Tansley United Church, Burlington
- North BurLINKton's Got Talent show, a flood relief fundraiser
- An evening with Jim Diers on Neighbourhood Development supported by the City of Burlington and Poverty Free Halton



- The approval of a two-and-a-half year youth project through the Ontario Trillium Foundation's Youth Opportunities Fund, to develop two or three youth spaces for North BurLINKton.

- In addition to the above accomplishments, North BurLINKton undertook a strategic planning process lead by a leadership team of citizens and partners. The results were the development of a mission statement and a three year strategic plan.

The North BurLINKton mission statement:

Together we create inclusive and friendly neighbourhoods that help people connect and increase their sense of belonging.



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HAVE A HEART FOR BURLINGTON

Have a Heart for Burlington is a grassroots group, facilitated by Community Development Halton.

Their mission statement is:

To ensure that every child in Burlington has the opportunity to play every day.



Have a Heart for Burlington has been meeting since 2012, working collaboratively to increase access to recreation for children and youth in Burlington. Those efforts have resulted in an important dialogue about the relevance of neighbourhood place-based activities as a way of reducing barriers to participation in recreation.

Since working together a number of Burlington sports groups have been reaching out into neighbourhoods providing clinics, equipment and encouragement for skills development.

Sport Week in Burlington and *Sports Day in Canada* events and festivals, as well as, the development of a community award to recognize important contributions towards the group's mission. Most recently, Have a Heart for Burlington was awarded a *Royal Bank of Canada Learn to Play* grant which is focused on implementing a Physical Literacy Summit. Also, further conversations were facilitated regarding the development of supportive environments enabling physical activities for children and youth.



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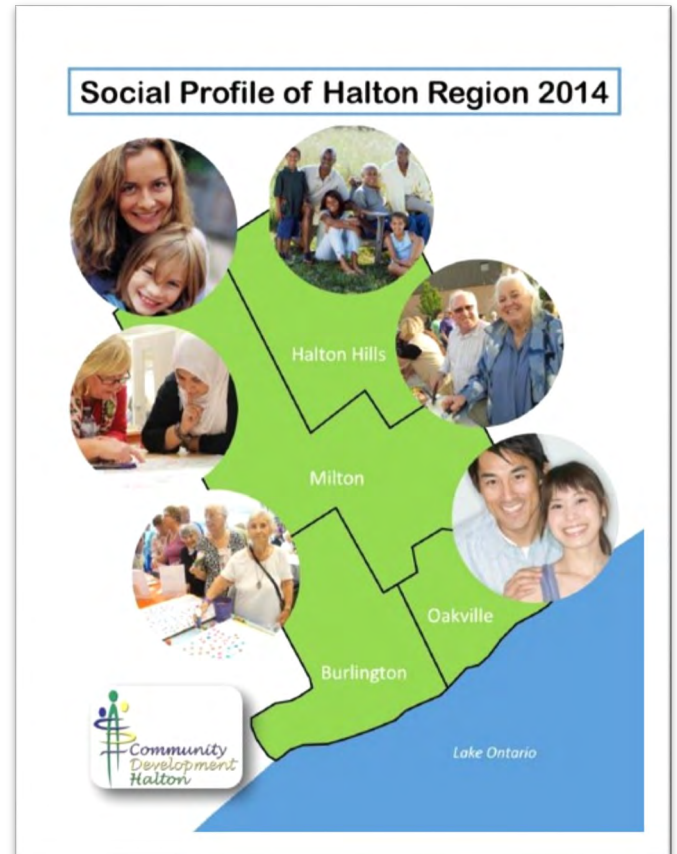
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SOCIAL PROFILE OF HALTON

CDH's Social Planning program published the *Social Profile of Halton Region 2014* capturing the changing social portrait of the community and highlights the socio-demographic characteristics of the community as a whole, and its population sub-groups (e.g. children, seniors, families, immigrants and low income populations).

Evidence of the current state of Halton and changes within the community provides vital information to all levels of government for their decision making process in the planning and delivery of services to residents. Social service agencies are in a better position to mobilize their often limited resources to bridge service gaps. Residents are better informed of the needs and potentials of their local communities.

Collectively, the social profiles will form a valuable knowledge base to a wide range of practitioners in community development, social planning and research, volunteer management, and other community-based activities.



COMMUNITY DISPATCH

CDH's publication, *Community Dispatch* is an InfoFacts series that provides the Halton community with important information on social and economic issues that affect our lives and collective well-being. Two discussions were published on the following topics:

- *Celebrating 30 Years Of Community Impact*
- *Time For A Civic Declaration On Decent Work and Basic Incomes For All*

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LIVING WAGE HALTON

Now in its second year, *Living Wage Halton*, is a partnership that includes Community Development Halton, Poverty Free Halton, and the Halton Poverty Roundtable. CDH continues to work on the living wage campaign in Halton and engage employers to commit to paying a living wage. We also engaged candidates for the municipal elections in the fall of 2014 via a questionnaire.



COMMUNITY LENS

CDH's publication, *Community Lens* continues to play a vital role in disseminating and interpreting community data. Nine issues of *Community Lens* were released, three focused on issues and challenges facing seniors such as living arrangements, sources of incomes and daily outings. These support the work and activities of the Burlington Age-Friendly Seniors Council (BAFSC).

- *Living Arrangements of Seniors*
- *Migration (2007-2012)*
- *Children in Low Income Families*
- *Low Income Families in 2011*
- *Walking to School*
- *Senior's Income Sources*
- *Seniors and Daily Outings*
- *2014 Ontario General Election*
- *Permanent Resident Landings in Halton 2012*



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SOCIAL PLANNING EDUCATING THE PUBLIC

The population in Halton Region is changing. It is important to understand the changes and how to use evidence for making decisions. CDH's Social Planning program delivered several presentations on data and its implications to various groups:

- United Way of Burlington & Greater Hamilton - *Burlington Overview*
- United Way of Oakville – *Oakville Overview*
- Burlington Public Library – *Burlington: Building a Vibrant and Inclusive Community*
- Town of Halton Hills – *Spotlight on Social Issues in Halton Hills*
- Community Data Canada – *Turning Evidence into Action: How Using Data Is Making a Difference in Our Communities*
- Inform Ontario – *Demystifying Open Data*
- Halton Equity and Diversity Roundtable – *Growing Inequality: A Challenge to Halton's Quality of Life*
- Food For Life – *Where We Live Matters: Collaborating for Change*
- Oakville Arts Council – *Making Data Work For You: Do We Know Who We Are?*



**POVERTY
FREE
HALTON**

REFLECTION AND DIALOGUE

Three reflection sessions were held in partnership with Poverty Free Halton:

- *Canaries in the Coalmine: What Today's Unemployed Youth Say About Tomorrow's Workplace* presented by Sean Geobey, PhD, Research Manager, Waterloo Institute for Social Innovation and Resilience
- *Where We Live Matters: Building Vibrant Neighbourhoods* with guest speaker Jim Diers, author of *Neighbor Power: Building Community the Seattle Way*
- *Communities of Shared Opportunities* - creating community leadership for collective solutions, with guest speakers Marvyn Novick and Peter Clutterbuck of the Social Planning Network of Ontario.



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VOLUNTEER HALTON EDUCATING THE PUBLIC

Through the education series, the Volunteer Halton program of CDH offered nonprofit organizations and community members a safe place for honest conversations, the development of skills, and opportunities to experience immersed learning through interactive workshops. We hosted several educational sessions:

- *The Power of a Story* with Lianne Picot, was an interactive workshop where participants learned about the value of storytelling, developed skills in storytelling and created an impact statement for their organization.
- *The Effectively Managing Conflict with Volunteers* workshop with Leena Sharma, addressed how conflict is a part of life and how to understand the opportunities in conflict. Participants received training on how to de-escalate conflict and preserve relationships.
- In the *Learning Styles* workshop with Karin Davis, participants acquired knowledge of the different adult learning styles and how this would support in the training and orientation sessions of volunteers.



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STRENGTHENING CAPACITY

At CDH we are serious about professional growth and in achieving organizational goals and objectives. Therefore, as professionals and experts in our field, we constantly seek out new knowledge, data sources, and up-to-the-minute information. CDH strives to keep abreast of the critical issues, new technology and multiple techniques needed to maintain our leadership role within the Halton community.

- CDH transitioned to Microsoft Office 365 cloud storage utilizing both SharePoint and OneDrive
- CDH staff engaged in Microsoft Office 365 Training with Chris Bint of ETAG and in Evaluation Training with Jody Orr of Chrysalis Group
- CDH Board of Directors participated in a governance review and in a strategic planning with Jody Orr of Chrysalis Group

In September 2014, CDH celebrated 30 years of community impact, paying homage to Walter Mulkewich with an award called, *The Walter Mulkewich Community Development Award*, to honour his profound and lasting imprint on the Halton community. Community leader and former Mayor of Burlington, Walter Mulkewich said:

"Social planning has always been a difficult concept for many people to understand and, yes, for some to accept. Indeed there are many definitions and viewpoints as to what social planning is. My simple layperson definition is that it is a process to assess social issues in a community through research and community participation with a view to improving the wellbeing of the community."

I defined social planning as a process. The problem is that people have a hard time understanding processes – but rather want to see results and how those processes benefit them - and this has always been a challenge for Social Planning, not only to focus on process, but also to demonstrate results from those processes in terms of improvement in wellbeing of the community – and here is where good communication comes in."

Walter Mulkewich encouraged us to address the following three challenges facing our communities:

- The increasing inequality gap
- The challenge of climate change as a social issue
- The dual decline of democracy and social capital.

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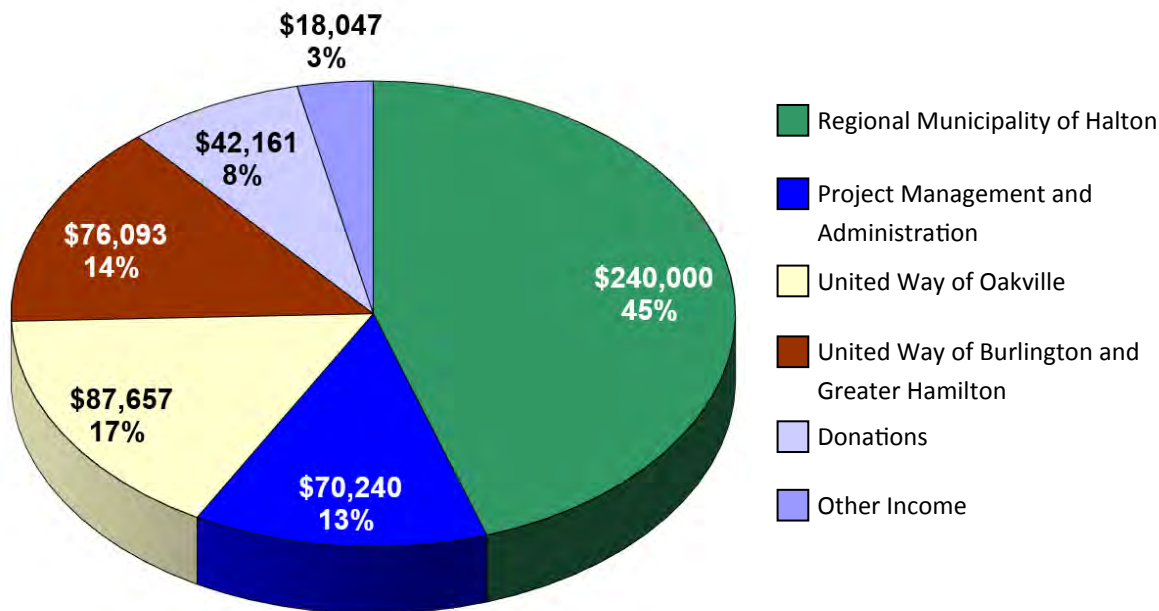
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2014-2015 Financials at a Glance

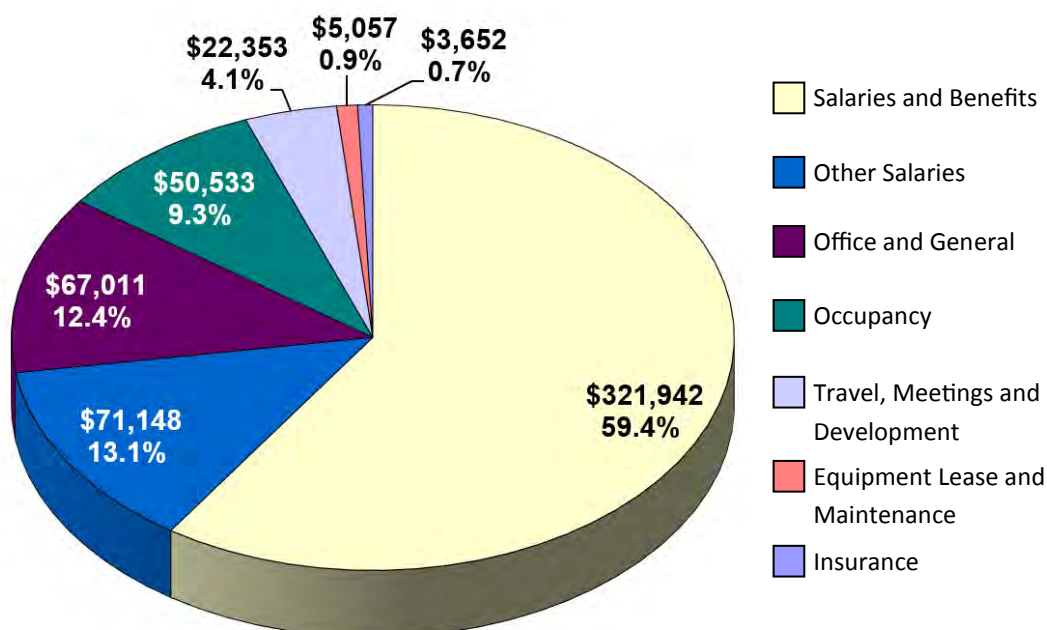


REVENUE CORE OPERATIONS (\$534,198)



Funded Projects (\$366,057)

EXPENSES CORE OPERATIONS (\$541,696)



Funded Projects (\$366,057)

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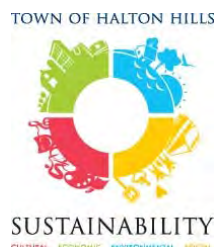
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Community Collaborations, Networks & Committees

Active Aldershot	Burlington Public Library
Acton Community Garden Committee	Burlington Sport Alliance
Advancement of Women Halton	Burlington Youth Soccer Club
Affordable Housing Halton	Canadian Association of Family Resource Programs
Aldershot Audiology	Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives
Applemead Cooperative Homes	Chartwell Retirement Residences
ArtHouse	Canadian Council on Social Development
Brenda McKinley – Keller Williams Realty	Canadian Council on the Social Determinants of Health
Books With No Bounds	Change by YOUth
Burlington Age-Friendly Seniors Council	City of Burlington, Park and Recreation Dept.
Burlington for Accessible Sustainable Transit (BFAST)	Community Youth in Action Network
Burlington Girl Guides	Feeding Halton
BurlingtonGreen Environmental Assoc.	Food for Life
Burlington Gymnastics Club	Halton Catholic District School Board
Burlington Lions Club	Halton District School Board
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Community Collaborations, Networks & Committees

Halton Food Council
Halton Food for Thought
Halton Fresh Food Box
Halton Hills Public Library, Acton branch
Halton Hills Public Library, Georgetown branch
Halton Community Housing Corporation
Halton Housing Alliance
Halton Multicultural Council
Halton Newcomer Strategy
Halton Nonprofit Network
Halton Positive Space Network
Halton Region Health Department
Halton Region Consortium, Community Data
Halton Regional Police Service – Burlington
Have a Heart for Burlington
Heart and Stroke Foundation
Hillview Active Living Centre, Georgetown
JumpStart Foundation
Living Wage Halton
Milton Community Resource Centre
Milton Public Library
Museums of Burlington
North BurLINKton Community Group
Oakville Beaver
Oakville Literacy Council
Ontario Nonprofit Network
Ontario Volunteer Centre Network
Our Kids Network, Aldershot Hub
Partnership West Food Bank
POSSE Project
Poverty Free Halton
Poverty Free Ontario
SAVIS Halton
Social Planning Network of Ontario
Southern Ontario Age-Friendly Network of
Communities of Practice

The Centre for Skills Development and
Training
The Georgetown Independent & Free
Press
The Harvest Table Family Restaurant
The Milton Canadian Champion
Town of Halton Hills
TVCogeco
Volunteer Canada
Volunteer Halton Youth Advisory Council
Willow Park Ecology Centre
YMCA Burlington Ron Edwards

Schools:

Craig Kielburger Secondary School
Frank Hayden Secondary School
Garth Webb High School
McKenzie-Smith Bennett Public School
M.M. Robinson High School
Robert Little Public School
St. Joseph (Acton) Elementary School
St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School
White Oaks Secondary School

Faith Partners:

Brant Hills Presbyterian Church
Burlington Christian Fellowship
Calvary Baptist Church
Compass Point Church
Forestview Church
Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church
St. Alban's Anglican Church
St. Christopher's Anglican Church
St. Stephen's United Church
Tansley United Church
The Meeting House



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Our Member Organizations

AbleLiving Services	Community Living Ontario
Acclaim Health	Compassion Society of Halton
ActiveChefs	Country Heritage Park
Alzheimer Society of Hamilton and Halton	Cystic Fibrosis Canada - Peel & District
Amnesty International Group 75 Oakville	Danielle's Place
Art Gallery of Burlington	Darling Home for Kids
ArtHouse	Distress Centre North Halton
Belonging: An Adoption Support Group	Distress Centre Oakville
Bereaved Families of Ontario Halton/Peel	Downtown Oakville BIA
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Halton	Drew Hildebrand Teen Benefit Fund
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hamilton and Burlington	Elder Technology Assistance Group
Bob Rumball Association for the Deaf	Elizabeth Fry Society of Peel-Halton
Breast Cancer Support Services	Erinoakkids Centre for Treatment and Development
Burlington Age-Friendly Seniors Council	Fareshare Foodbank
Burlington Animal Shelter	Food For Life Canada
Burlington Beer Festival	Food4Kids
Burlington Challenger Baseball	Friends of the Oakville Public Library
Burlington Community Foundation	Georgetown Musictown
Burlington Humane Society	Grace House
Burlington Public Library	Habitat For Humanity Halton
Burlington Vipers (Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League)	Halton Aphasia Centre
Burlington Youth Soccer Club	Halton Breastfeeding Connection
Burl-Oak Theatre Group	Halton Community Legal Services
C.N.I.B. Halton/Peel Region	Halton Environmental Network
C.N.I.B. West Region	Halton Family Services
Camelot Centre	Halton Food for Thought
Canadian Blood Services	Halton Fresh Food Box
Canadian Cancer Society, Halton Unit	Halton Healthcare, Georgetown Hospital
Canadian Mental Health Association	Halton Healthcare, Milton District Hospital
CARP Halton Chapter	Halton Healthcare, Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital
Carpenter Hospice	Halton Hills Public Library
Central West Specialized Developmental Services	Halton Multicultural Council
Children's Aid Society of Halton	Halton Villages - Creek Way Village
City of Burlington	Halton Women's Place
Community Conflict Resolution Services of Halton	Heart & Stroke Foundation, Halton Office
Community Living Burlington	Ian Anderson House
Community Living Oakville	John Howard Society of Hamilton, Burlington
	Joseph Brant Hospital
	Joseph Brant Hospital Foundation

Our Member Organizations

Joyce Scott Non-Profit Homes
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
Kerr Street BIA
Learning Disabilities Association of Halton
Links2Care, Acton
Links2Care, Georgetown
Links2Care, Oakville/ Burlington/ Milton
Literacy Council of Burlington
Literacy North Halton (Adult Learning Ctr)
Lowville United Church
March of Dimes Canada
Milton Community Resource Centre
MS Society - Halton Chapter
Museums of Burlington: Ireland House
Museum and Joseph Brant Museum
Musikay (formerly Oakville Ensemble)
North Central Community Association
Oakville & Milton Humane Society
Oakville and District Labour Council
Oakville Arts Council
Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts
Oakville Chamber Orchestra
Oakville Community Centre for Peace, Ecology
and Human Rights
Oakville Girls Softball Association
Oakville Improv Theatre Company
Oakville Kiwanis Meals on Wheels
Oakville Literacy Council
Oakville Little League
Oakville Minor Lacrosse Association
Oakville Museum at Erchless Estate
Oakville Public Library
Oakville Senior Citizens Residence
Oakville Seniors Recreation Centre
Oakville Stokers
Parkview Children's Centre
Posse Project
Poverty Free Halton
Radius Child & Youth Services
Reach Out Centre for Kids
Recycling Revisited
Rotary Club Oakville, Trafalgar
Rotary Club of Oakville West
Salvation Army Burlington
Salvation Army Milton, Khi Community
Salvation Army Oakville
SENACA Seniors Day Program Halton
Sexual Assault & Violence Intervention
Services of Halton
Sheridan College, Community Employment
Services
Sir John Colborne Seniors Recreation Ctr.
Sisters Achieving Excellence
SOAAR Day Program (Successful Options
for Adults with Autism Re-envisioned)
St. John Ambulance Oakville, Milton &
Halton Hills
S.T.R.I.D.E.
Summit Housing & Outreach Programs
Support & Housing Halton
Symphony on the Bay
The Centre for Skills Development and
Training
The Family Place
The Lighthouse Program For Grieving
Children
The Women's Centre
Town of Halton Hills
Town of Milton (Milton Leisure Centre)
Town of Oakville, Recreation and Culture
Tri-FUN Kids' Triathlons Inc
United Way of Burlington & Greater
Hamilton
United Way of Oakville
Upper Credit Humane Society
Victim Assistance Volunteer Program-OPP
Willow Park Ecology Centre
YMCA Hamilton/Burlington/Brantford,
Ron Edwards Family YMCA
YMCA Oakville



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