

THEORY OF CHANGE

This year, with the support of the JW McConnell Family Foundation and the PwC Canada Foundation, the Clinic embarked on a refinement of our outcome statements, making clear to all the difference we make in the lives of those who come to us. Each of the elements of our pledge to women and donors will be subject to measurement in the coming years. This is called a “theory of change”, meaning a pledge to what change we intend to make in the lives of our clients.

Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic
Annual Report to the Community
2013 – 2014

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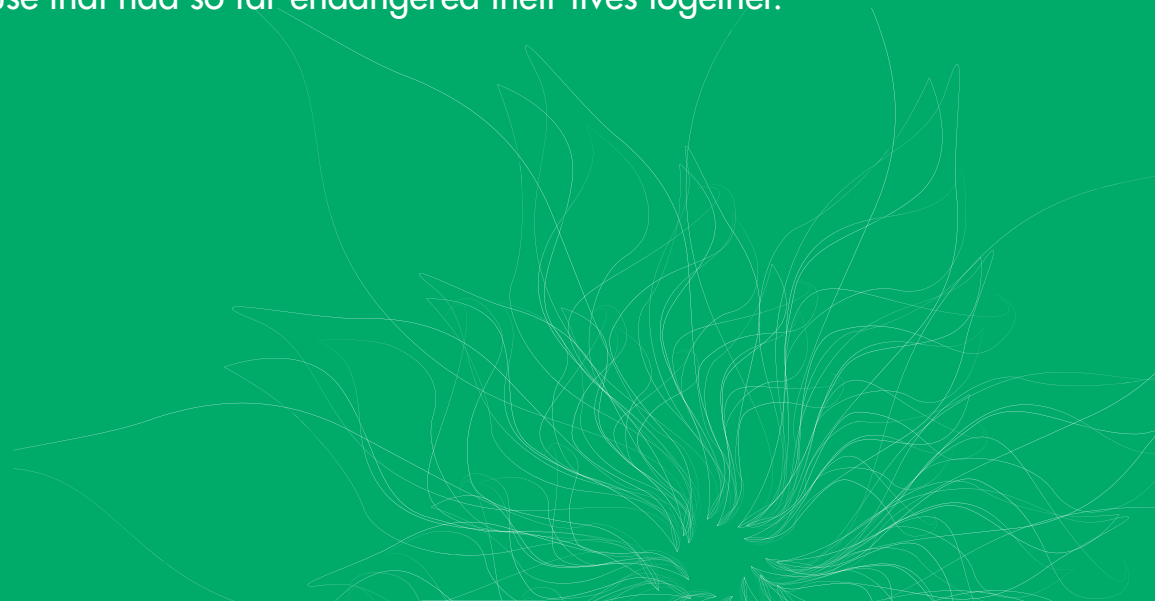
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**The Barbra Schlifer
Clinic works with
women from
underserved
communities who
are experiencing
violence or its
aftermath, of which
30% annually will
meet the definition
of having complex
needs.**

As a result of our services, women will experience less isolation, more stability, and expanded personal agency within relationships. They will also have improved knowledge of and access to legal rights and remedies.

Sarah has more to think about than most young mothers. Sarah is facing the violence of her ex-husband every time she sets foot outside her house. Sarah and her daughter Maia are also both deaf. It takes two interpreters for Sarah and Maia to get help: a Deaf Interpreter, and an American Sign Language Interpreter. This is why the Barbra Schlifer Clinic started the Deaf Interpreter and ASL interpreter training program, to ensure that those who have interpretation skills also understand the dynamics and language of violence against women. Sarah and Maia both got our help this year. Sarah participated in a workshop for skill-building and peer support with the help of our Deaf interpreter, ASL interpreter and our counsellor, who shared a cultural affiliation with her. Our support also ensured that little Maia would experience the connection and care she needs in our parent relief program, while her mother built a life free from violence for both of them. Sarah and Maia have now broken the isolation of abuse that had so far endangered their lives together.



**As a result of
our policy and
law reform work,
key decision
makers will be
aware of the
impact of their
decisions on the
women we serve,
and will have access
to progressive
policy options.**

Supreme Court Intervention: Quesnelle Case

Sexual-assault victims cannot have police records used against them in court when those records are not related to the case in question, the Supreme Court of Canada has ruled, thanks in part to the intervention of the Barbra Schlifer Clinic. The Clinic, given leave to intervene in March, was thrilled to see a unanimous decision confirming the so-called Mills regime applied to police records in cases of sexual assault. We argued that occurrence reports disclosed private information that put certain groups of women at particular risk, especially Aboriginal women, sex workers, childhood sexual abuse survivors, women with mental health issues, poor women, homeless women, and racialized women, among others. Identifying test cases that directly affect the women we work with is part of what we do each day.

CLIENTS

LEGAL: 1,360

COUNSELLING: 1,616

INTERPRETER SERVICES: 1,471

INTERPRETATION REQUESTS: 7,100

TOTAL: **4,447 CLIENTS**

Funding partners

ArtReach Toronto through Tides Canada Initiatives Society
Canadian Women's Foundation
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(MAG)
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Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic Statement of Operations Year Ended March 31

| | 2014 | 2013 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Revenue (Schedule A) | \$ 3,733,077 | \$ 3,123,356 |
| Expenses | | |
| Salaries and benefits | 2,090,601 | 1,856,179 |
| Interpreters fees and training | 545,357 | 427,532 |
| Building occupancy | 227,664 | 191,696 |
| Purchased services | 133,264 | 145,780 |
| Insurance | 33,480 | 32,169 |
| Special events | 47,884 | 24,143 |
| Client disbursements | 39,049 | 100,652 |
| Promotion and publicity | 25,297 | 12,540 |
| Printing, postage, delivery | 33,223 | 42,817 |
| Telecommunications | 55,768 | 73,071 |
| Equipment, furniture, software | 17,577 | 45,369 |
| Travel | 36,155 | 36,354 |
| Volunteer expenses | | |
| Office and general | 31,576 | 30,974 |
| Program expenses | 190,165 | 52,694 |
| Renovations | 154,383 | - |
| Professional development | 38,062 | 21,832 |
| Membership fees - legal and other | 18,950 | 13,632 |
| | 3,732,825 | 3,117,453 |
| Excess of revenue over expenses for the year | \$ 252 | \$ 5,903 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements. This statement of operations is an excerpt extracted from the audited financial statement. Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic Charitable Business Number 11879 9162 RR0001

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