

PERSONAL AND PRACTICAL TRANSFORMATION

CHANGING THE
CONDITIONS
THAT THREATEN
A WOMAN'S
SAFETY

AMPLIFY WOMEN'S VOICES
ACCOMPANY WOMEN
DIGNITY
EQUALITY
LEGAL ADVOCACY

BUILD LIFE FREE FROM VIOLENCE

DIVERSE, SKILLED
AND COMPASSIONATE
STAFF

ONE WOMAN MANY CHAMPIONS ONE SERVICE MANY SUPPORTS



I GOT MY LIFE BACK SOMEONE
clinic appeared on internet to publicise our services
I dialed the number to answer the phones
I met with a lawyer to open the door
she understood to provide legal support
referred me to a counsellor to counsel
food vouchers and tokens to listen and translate
gifts for my little girl to think of the little things
regained freedom and safety to share the story

Dear Clinic Staff,

With a broken heart, I typed the words "abused woman" on the Internet and the Barbra Schlifer Clinic appeared. I dialed the number immediately. Very soon after, I met with a staff lawyer who I will never forget for the rest of my life. She understood what I was experiencing – she was my strength when I was weak and my voice when I couldn't speak. She referred me to a great counsellor at the Clinic who helped me bring back my being that was shattered and scattered.

Though years have gone by, it feels like only yesterday. I am extremely grateful to have my life back and it is all because of you.

When I was hungry, the Clinic gave me food vouchers to feed myself and my daughter, and transit tokens to help me get home. During the holiday season, I received gifts for my little girl; this really made a difference.

But the most important thing—I was given custody of my daughter and I regained my freedom and safety.

I thank all of you who have touched my life and helped me to get it back.

** Angela*

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Freedom From Violence.



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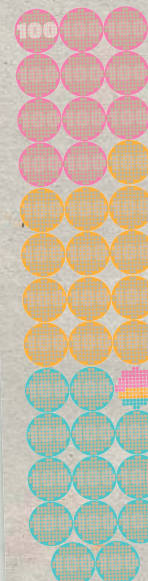
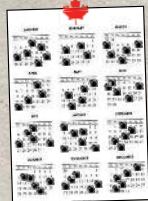
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Message from the Executive Director and the President of the Board

Violence against women is a global pandemic and Canada is not immune. Shockingly, half of all Canadian women have experienced at least one incident of physical or sexual violence since the age of 16.

It is simply unacceptable that one in three women globally will experience violence in her lifetime and that approximately every six days a woman in Canada is killed by her intimate partner.

The Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic helps women build lives free from violence. In 2015, the Clinic provided more than 3,800 women with the vital resources they needed to rebuild their lives. For example,

- 1,161 women received the support of a professional Schlifer Clinic counsellor, helping them to heal from the impacts of violence;
- 1,330 women received access to their legal rights through a Schlifer Clinic lawyer; and
- 1,317 women were provided with a Schlifer Clinic-trained language interpreter, so that they could ensure their experiences were properly understood.

On average, 15 WOMEN A DAY sought out our services, called us for information, and made an appointment to speak with a lawyer, counsellor or translator. Many sought safety with us until their personal crisis was resolved. It is here, at the Clinic, that women seek and find support and solutions for the violence that threatens them and their children.

Consistent with our mandate, we unwaveringly served the underserved, and represented the unrepresented. Your help made this possible. We are specialists in the complex intersections of law and life that a woman facing violence of any form is forced to navigate. We provide skilled counselling, access to stable housing and group support when her past erupts into her present life through memory and trauma. We step up when international treaties fail to protect her, whether in civil war, migration or settlement in Canada, or when a husband or partner is not prosecuted. We help women tell the truth about the brutal facts of the many forms of violence that cause women's emigration and immigration, and that are still not fully recognized by our immigration system.

The Clinic's multi-faceted services and programs described above account for only a fraction of the resources needed to help women rebuild their lives. Funds raised must also cover the cost of the communication services that first allow her to locate us; administrative staff to answer the phones and serve as the Clinic's interface with clients; and, intake staff who will carefully guide a client's experience to ensure she receives the most appropriate service. Funds are also needed to provide access to our Parent Relief program so that a mother can focus on her next step toward freedom, knowing that her child or children's needs are being met. Only once these primary services are realized, can a woman access the free legal, counselling and interpretation services and education programs available to her.

In order to provide the myriad services and programs we offer, we continued to adhere to a strict code of efficiency and maximize the funds we raised by keeping our costs low. There is, unfortunately, always more demand for our services.

Thanks to an unexpected bequest, this year we were able to put a small surplus away for a rainy day. This will not always be the case.

As you read this year's annual report, we hope that you will be moved to ask us crucial questions, and motivated to join us in our commitment to prevent, and end violence against women and girls in all its forms.

Amanda Dale, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Tamara Jordan, BOARD PRESIDENT

FINANCES

This statement of operations is an excerpt extracted from the audited statement

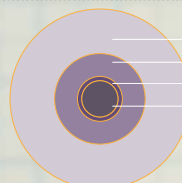
BARBRA SCHLIFER COMMEMORATIVE CLINIC—STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS—YEAR ENDED MARCH 31

Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic Charitable Business Number 11879 9162 RR0001

	2016	2015
Revenue (Schedule A)	\$3,646,329	\$3,580,417
Expenses		
Salaries and benefits	2,212,040	2,062,793
Interpreters fees and training	497,680	508,317
Building occupancy	248,016	236,139
Purchased services	92,221	131,749
Insurance	29,268	30,167
Special events	43,252	42,868
Client disbursements	41,183	29,423
Promotion and publicity	15,210	12,314
Printing, postage, delivery	24,870	20,193
Telecommunications	63,777	51,401
Equipment, furniture, software	25,132	22,712
Travel	56,231	30,124
Volunteer expenses	6,701	7,430
Office and general	33,167	23,359
Program expenses	169,176	344,173
Renovations	48,280	-
Professional development	9,185	11,005
Membership fees, legal and other	15,229	15,488
	3,631,158	3,579,655
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	\$17,171	\$762

Revenues—Year Ended March 31

	2016	2015
Revenues	\$	\$
Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration (Note 7)	765,309	729,166
Ministry of Community and Social Services (Note 8)	508,093	518,190
Ministry of the Attorney General (Note 9)	599,156	577,500
Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care	358,248	358,248
United Way of Toronto and York Region	222,824	206,272
Ontario Women's Directorate	-	86,773
Donations—foundations, corporations and gifts in-kind	416,097	557,219
Special events	181,678	174,617
Donations—individuals	203,629	93,024
Social Enterprise Fund	37,000	-
City of Toronto	79,898	64,546
Investment income	4,854	7,804
Fees for services	246,365	-
Other income	25,178	17,350
Total revenue	\$3,646,329	\$3,580,417



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