

# ANNUAL REPORT

Healthy Children, Healthy Families, Healthy Communities.

## Mission

The Hub Family Resource Centre works to strengthen capacities and encourage the best possible development of children and families in Wood Buffalo.

**Vision** Healthy children, healthy families, healthy communities.

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## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

#### Board Members, Staff, Partners, and Stakeholders:

It is with gratitude that I reflect on the 2022-2023 year with The Hub Family Resource Centre.

As we all know, the Hub is a pillar of support and connection for families in our community. Our commitment to the well-being of families, the growth of children, and the development of healthier communities has remained unwavering since our inception in 2003.

#### **Program Highlights:**

Over the past year, the Hub has made significant strides in our mission. Our comprehensive services touched the lives of more than 1000 families this year and have been instrumental in helping them overcome challenges and thrive. Some of the highlights from the past year include:

- 1. Early Childhood Development: Our programs catering to various stages of early child development continue to reach countless families. From postpartum support to toddler playgroups, we are actively nurturing child development and fostering lifelong health.
- 2. Parenting Supports: The Hub continues to be a trusted resource for parents and caregivers seeking guidance and support. Our workshops, classes, and support groups have empowered parents to build stronger relationships with their children and help them reach their potential.
- **3. Family Access Services:** We continue to offer Safe Visitation and Safe Exchange services for families who have experienced family violence. This remains an integral service for those who are in high conflict co-parenting relationships and those who have experienced custody and access issues.
- **4. Community Engagement:** We continue to engage with families throughout Wood Buffalo through The Hub on Wheels program, reaching families in remote areas of the region. This mobile initiative has allowed us to increase equitable access to critical programming.
- **5. Partnerships:** Our collaboration with the Wood Buffalo Family Resource Network partners at the YMCA and WJS Canada has strengthened our ability to provide comprehensive services. Together, we are working towards a shared vision of fostering resilient children and families.

*I would also like to thank our numerous other partners who help make this work possible* including, but not limited to, the United Way Fort McMurray and Wood Buffalo, Alberta Health Services, the Nistawoyou Association Friendship Centre, Athabasca Tribal Council, Aunties Within Reach, Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation, the Fort McKay Family Centre, Fort McMurray First Nation 468, Chipewyan Prairie First Nation, and the Regional Recreation Corporation of Wood Buffalo.





#### **Financial Overview:**

Our financial health remains stable due to the continued support of our funders, sponsors, and donors. We have diligently managed our resources to ensure the sustainability of our programs and services. I would like to extend our gratitude to all those who have contributed.

The *It Takes a Village Campaign* was a tremendous success thanks to our many donors and sponsors. This campaign allowed us to design the Hub's new space to meet the needs of our community, including adding a sensory room, Indigenous corner, and numerous imaginative play spaces.

#### **Challenges and Resilience:**

While we celebrate our successes, we must acknowledge the challenges we've faced in the past year. Despite the continued decrease in funding and organizational capacity, we see the need for services rising steadily. In the 2022-2023 fiscal year, we served 47 per cent more unique individuals than the 2021-2022 year, and we are well on our way to surpassing that number in the upcoming year.

#### Looking Ahead:

As we move forward, the Hub remains committed to its core values and mission. We are actively exploring ways to expand our reach and enhance our impact. This includes seeking sustainable funding options, exploring new partnerships, and conducting outreach to identify emerging needs in our community.

In conclusion, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff, the board of directors, our funding partners, volunteers, and the families we serve. Your unwavering support and dedication have been the driving force behind the Hub's success.

I look forward to continuing to work together to foster *Healthy Children, Healthy Families, and Healthy Communities*. With your support, we will build a brighter future for the families of Wood Buffalo.

Sincerely,

Samantha Simpson Board President



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## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

As I embark on my second year as board chair, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the dedicated efforts of our exceptional staff and volunteers at The Hub Family Resource Centre. Together, they have tirelessly worked to provide invaluable programs and services to families in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. I would also like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the community, our invaluable partners, and our dedicated investors. Your unwavering support has made it possible for us to extend our reach to families in and around Fort McMurray.

The past year has been a whirlwind for us, primarily due to our capital campagin *It Takes a Village to Raise a Child*. The resounding success of this campaign has allowed us to relocate to a more central location and create an optimized space to deliver our essential programs and services. This achievement, made possible through the support of our community and investors, coupled with the relentless efforts of our board of directors, has enabled our staff and volunteers to establish a warm and welcoming haven for families in Fort McMurray.

With our expanded facility, we are now able to accommodate a larger number of families participating in our programs and drop-in-play sessions. However, the growing demand for our services presents us with the challenge of doing more with limited resources.

I am delighted to announce that we recently completed our first successful casino event. As we eagerly anticipate the proceeds from this event, it is important to acknowledge that its success would not have been possible without the generous contributions of our volunteers, dedicated staff, and committed board members who generously offered their time and energy.

Our rural community programs, which resumed last year, remain a cornerstone of our mission. We recognize the ongoing need to support members of our rural community and are committed to sustaining the delivery of these vital programs. Currently, staffing and funding for these initiatives pose our primary challenges; however, our board of directors, in close collaboration with our executive director, are actively exploring solutions to address these challenges.

As we look ahead to the upcoming year, The Hub remains steadfast in its commitment to our community, staying true to our vision of *Healthy Children, Healthy Families, and Healthy Communities*. Together, with your continued support, we will overcome challenges and continue making a meaningful difference in the lives of the families we serve.

Thank you for being an integral part of our journey. We look forward to another year of growth, impact, and community-building.

Sincerely,

Kate Buczulak Board President



# 2022-2023 PROGRAM OUTCOMES



#### 94%

Agree that because of the Hub programs they are less isolated.

#### 90%

Agree they have more knowledge of community resources and how to access them.

#### 92%

Agree that because of the Hub they have created positive connections with new people.



#### **SUPPORTS**

#### 100%

of Primary Caregivers agree that because of Safe Visitation, they feel safer.

#### 100%

of Exchange Caregivers agree that because of Safe Exchange their co-parenting conflict has decreased.





#### 92%

Agree they have more information on how to support their child's development.

#### 100%

Agree that because of Hub programs their children have more opportunities to develop independence.

#### 96%

Agree that because of Hub programs their children have the opportunity to engage in social-emotional learning.



#### 100%

Agree that because of Hub programs they have more tools to encourage positive interactions with their children/teens.

#### 100%

Agree that because of Hub programs they are more aware of how to foster their child/teen's healthy development.

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## THE HUB TEAM



Alana Hansen



Amiee Reid



Ana Oliveira



Cindy Julaton



Crystal-Lee Combdon



Frank Power



Hilaryann McCorriston



Julie Penney



Katarina Semacikova



Lauren Odland



Maire Castro



Maysie Telan



Monique Williston



Samantha Simpson



Budesheim



**Past Staff:** Adewunmi Odetundun, Becca Woodill, Cavell Griffiths-Blair, Jennifer Champion, Jibran Hamayun, Magnifique Umutoni, Maira Khan, Melanie Wabano





## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



Kate Buczulak President Jadene Spitzer Vice President



Caileigh Rhind Secretary



Amanda Stuart Treasurer



Farhat Pervin Director



Rhonda Blanchette Director



Oliva Best Director



#### THE HUB FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Year Ended March 31, 2023

		2023		2022
REVENUES				
Grants	\$	928,759	\$	947,779
Fundraising		63,794		43,132
Donations		14,178		11,493
		1,006,731		1,002,404
EXPENSES				
Salaries and benefits		627,489		682,446
Rent		171,805		161,555
Program development		27,897		11,112
Office		19,193		23,372
Computer network maintenance		17,808		17,914
Advertising and promotion		15,384		7,622
Materials		13,686		10,411
Insurance		13,353		11,339
Professional fees		12,813		12,081
Training		12,614		6,763
Utilities		10,926		10,516
Telephone		10,024		11,833
Amortization		9,462		11,803
Facility repair and maintenance		7,985		9,700
Photocopying		3,957		8,059
Vehicle		2,980		1,794
Fundraising expenses		1,110		6,459
Interest and bank charges		725 634		825
Repairs and maintenance		034	-	5,655
		979,845		1,011,259
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FROM				
OPERATIONS	_	26,886		(8,855)
OTHER INCOME				
Expense recoveries		23,193		-
Government assistance (Note 10)		-		10,655
		23,193		10,655
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	\$	50,079	\$	1,800

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### THE HUB FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE

#### **Statement of Financial Position**

March 31, 2023

		2023	2022
ASSETS			
CURRENT Cash (Note 6) Goods and services tax receivable Prepaid expenses	\$	544,489 7,574 13,473	\$ 426,809 3,635 14,522
		565,536	444,966
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (Note 4)		35,404	21,803
	\$	600,940	\$ 466,769
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS CURRENT Accounts payable Wages payable Source deductions payable Deferred revenue (Note 5) Other payables (Note 9)	\$	63,932 37,938 6,863 223,602 1,237 333,572	\$ 44,309 34,584 7,199 162,151 1,237 249,480
NET ASSETS General fund Board designated reserve fund (Note 7)	Z	197,824 69,544 267,368	147,745 69,544 217,289
	\$	600,940	\$ 466,769

LEASE COMMITMENTS (Note 11)



## FUNDERS, SPONSORS, & DONORS

#### **Core Funders & Sponsors:**











United Way Fort McMurray and Wood Buffalo

#### Donors:

Amy Lynn Clarke Charles Servandil Daniel MacGilvray Derrick Trottier Gydabelle Murphy Kevin Hendricks Mark Wehmeyer

#### June Bug Sponsors:

Syncrude Canadian Natural TC Energy Telus Inter Pipeline Finning Birch Mountain Enterprises and Fort McKay Group of Companies Enbridge CNOOC Mix 103.7 (in kind) West Jet TD Diversified Gallo I I P Complitzy (in kind)



The Hub has completely changed mine and my children's lives for the better. Even if it is something as small as the staff giving the parents reassurance that we are doing the right things with the children, that helps a great amount. The amount of love and support my family had received from the staff has been unmatched! We love The Hub!

~ Hub Parent







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### **2023 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

Our vision for a larger, more accessible space with enhanced play opportunities became a reality in the spring of 2023. Kick started with our *It Takes A Village* capital campaign, which launched in January 2023 and garnered heartfelt community support, raised \$13,665 from families, individuals, and small business. We were also able to secure \$85,000 in corporate sponsorship to sustain The Village and the new, custom play structures over the next five years.

Sponsors: Suncor CEDA THE ALLEY GOOD TIMES

Village













#### It Takes a Village Donors

Absolutely She Aliona Panaid Amanda Ward Andrew & Lena Hudv Andrusiv Family Arjun Saran Ashley Barrington Ashley Coutts Beau & Chloé Benjamin Moore (in kind) Budget Blinds (in kind) Carole Cardinal Christina Hynes Cindy Julaton Danica Osmond Danielle Fowler Danielle Moore Deanna Hasselaar Diane Michel Flise Bancroft Elizabeth Benner Everly House Farhat Pervin Fernanda e Ana Julia Dutra **Greg House** Grover & Harvey Arsenault Heather Barrett Heather McCann Heather Warford Heena Batra

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Hope Moffatt Irene Gida Irene Tumbaga Jack & Charlie Beaver Jaden Hiscock JaJeJi Jamal e Fatima Rafat Jamie Peters Jazmine Roberge Jenista Conway Johanie Stpierre Jordan Ratzlaff Kate Buczulak Kathryn MacDonald Kave-Lani Murphy Kenneth Fulcher Krvstel Alexander Letty Lumhod Lilibeth Sarinas Lori Gould Maddie Amyotte Mark and Rhonda Blanchette Maysie & Cristy Melissa Redden Monica Raike Nancy Smith Narinder Pal Si Nicole Ramm Norie Sanchez Olivia & Kari-Ann

We always feel very welcomed by the support workers at The Hub. We feel it's a safe place to come and learn and not be judged by others. My child has definitely learned how to socialize and play with others during our time there. ~ Hub Parent

Rachel Drapeau Rahma Hassan Rhonda McKay **Rivers Casino Lounge** Staff Robyn Sucilan Samantha Faulkner Samantha Hare Sarah Grant Schmidt Family Shannon and Deanna Whitty Shannon B Shantelle Heiskanen Stacey Wenger Tabitha Michel Taylor Hunter The Pike Family The Proudfoot Family The Spitzer Family Vanessa Wood Violet and Amanda

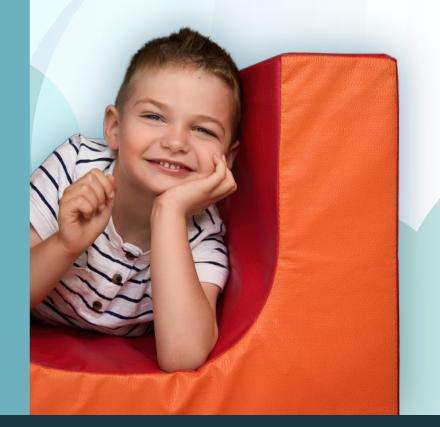
Free Child & Youth Programming Drop-In Free Play

Parent & Baby Groups

Resources & Support for Parents & Caregivers

Rural Community Supports

Developmental Screenings



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