



Annual Report 2015-2016

a message from our executive director:

For HomeFront, 2015 was a truly notable year. While we faced new challenges and saw the effects of the economy on domestic violence, we also saw great success and a vast increase in our public awareness.

In June of 2015, HomeFront launched its first wide scale domestic violence awareness campaign in partnership with Checker Cabs. This ground-breaking campaign utilized messages of hope and empowerment to involve community in ending domestic violence. We received widespread attention and reach throughout the summer months, and dramatically increased our profile in the public sphere, as well as mainstream and social media. HomeFront launched its second annual My HomeFront campaign in June 2016, and we look forward to building on the successes of last year and remaining top of mind within the community.

In the midst of difficult economic times, we are incredibly grateful that our funders continue to support HomeFront. At a time when so many cuts are being made, we are grateful that the Government of Alberta, the City of Calgary and the Calgary Police Service acknowledge the success of HomeFront's integrated service delivery model and impact on the community.

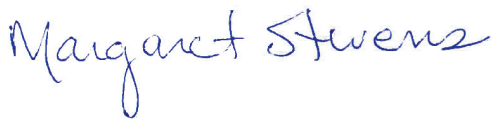
We have a lot to celebrate from this past year, and we know that there will still be hurdles ahead. With a noted increase in domestic violence reported by the Calgary Police Service, HomeFront knows that this will directly impact the number of people who need our services and stretch existing resources. HomeFront employees do difficult work, and as an organization we are committed to ensuring they are provided with training, tools, and support at all times. During the next fiscal year, we will continue to build awareness, engage the community, foster partnerships, secure sustainable funding and build HomeFront as one of the leading domestic violence models in the country.

For HomeFront, our partners are the backbone in all that we do. Our partnerships with the Calgary Police Service, Crown, Probation, Calgary Region Child and Family Services and various community agencies are fundamental in our success, and we are continually grateful for their commitment to collaboration and a coordinated community response to domestic violence.

While we recognize that this next year will be a challenging one, we are motivated, inspired and humbled by the resiliency and strength of our clients, and are moved to work hard and continue to provide the best support to those we serve.

Thank you to all of our partners, funders, donors, staff, board and volunteers for working together with us to create healthy homes and safe communities.

Sincerely,



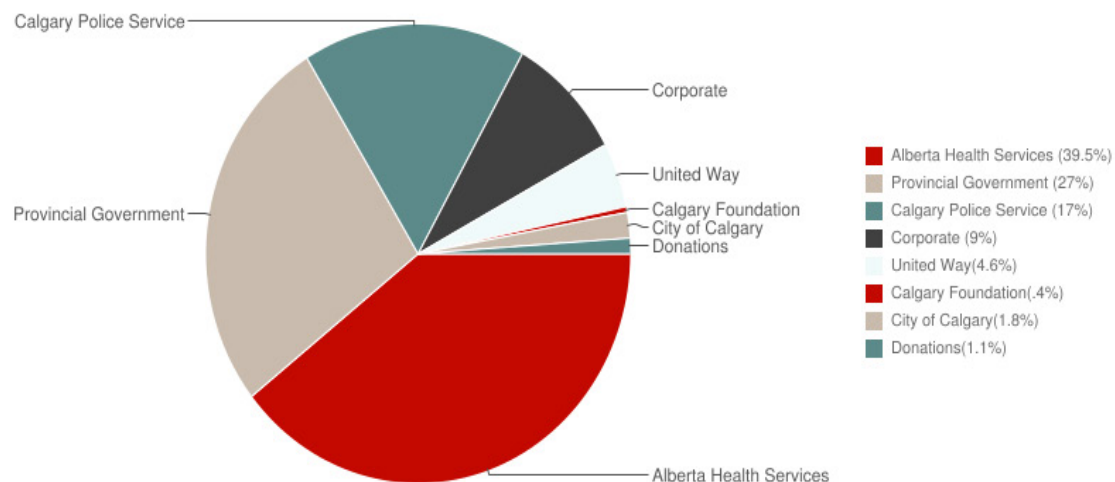
Margaret Stevens
Executive Director



"My case manager was amazing! I grew up in a situation of domestic violence and if it wasn't for HomeFront I don't think I would have been able to break the cycle of abuse."

- Alison, Former HomeFront Client

Financial Accountability



Domestic Conflict Response Team (DCRT)

The Domestic Conflict Response Team is an integrated community-justice program that collaborates with the Calgary Police Service and Child and Family Services to provide a timely and effective outreach response for people dealing with domestic conflict. In these situations, police have been called out but no charges have been laid. The DCRT works with families in their homes using a holistic approach in order to interrupt the cycle of abuse in its early stages.



Domestic Violence Intervention and Resource Team (DVIRT)

The Domestic Violence Intervention and Resource Team (DVIRT) works in collaboration with the justice system, the police and community partners to support victims as their case moves through the justice process. Case Managers provide victims with support, information, education, referrals, and advocacy, ultimately ensuring victims are safe and supported through this often overwhelming and difficult journey.



High Risk Management Initiative (HRMI)

The High Risk Management Initiative continues to thrive despite a lack of funding. This critical and life-saving initiative has been adsorbed into HomeFront casework practice and continues to collaborate with all partners on active files. HRMI targets the top most violent and dangerous domestic violence offenders and provides monitoring, intervention and risk assessment, while ensuring extensive and wrap around support services for the victims in these cases.



"From myself and the other women out there, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. It makes our hearts smile once again, and give us hope and faith that we can get through this and move on to enjoy a safe, fulfilled and happy life."

-Eve, Former HomeFront Client

— Research & Evaluation

HomeFront is committed and invested in collecting data from all our programs, client interactions and court proceedings. In so doing, HomeFront fills a critical demand from stakeholders, government and funders for meaningful data that describes in real and rigorous terms, the impacts and improvements the coordinated response to domestic violence is creating. It also allows full participation with other provincial and international evaluations examining domestic violence responses and informing global best practices.

Through its logic model as well as research and evaluation plan, HomeFront continuously evaluates program measurements and their outcomes – addressing policy implications and furthering its contributions to the domestic violence knowledge base within both its community of practice and the academic, political and social sciences fields.

This year, HomeFront is strategically focused on continually improving our database and IT infrastructure to ensure we can meet the demand for important and timely data.

Domestic Conflict Response Team

- Supported 2,591 adults and 1,027 children; a 15% increase from last year.
- Case managers made 8,571 client contacts.
- 12,837 safety checks and safety plans completed with clients.

Domestic Violence Intervention & Resource Team

- Monitored, supported and intervened in 3,648 domestic violence cases.
- 77% of clients reported feeling safe after HomeFront intervention.
- 11,883 safety checks and safety plans completed with clients.

High Risk Management Initiative

- Monitored, intervened and provided risk assessment for 19 high-risk offenders
- Served 28 victims; providing extensive and wrap around services to these individuals, including, emotional support, safety planning, resourcing and intervention.

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- Alberta Health Services:
 - Addiction & Substance Abuse Service
 - Mental & Health Services
- Alberta Human Services Alberta Justice
- Alberta's Prevention of Family Violence & Bullying Initiative
- Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security
- Awo Taan Healing Lodge
- Brenda Strafford Centre
- Calgary and Area Child and Family Services
- Calgary Catholic Immigrant Society
- Calgary Communities Against Sexual Abuse
- Calgary Counselling Centre
- Calgary Domestic Violence Collective
- Carya
- Calgary Humane Society
- Calgary Immigrant Aid Society
- Calgary Immigrant Women's Association
- Calgary Legal Guidance
- Calgary Outlink
- Calgary Police Commission
- Calgary Police Service:
 - Domestic Conflict Unit
 - Victim Assistance Unit
- Calgary Sexual Health Centre
- Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter
- Canadian Red Cross
- Catholic Family Services
- Cochrane RCMP Detachment
- Cochrane and Area Victim Services
- Community Corrections – Probation
- Community Crisis Society (Strathmore)
- Community Links – Airdrie
- Connect Family & Sexual Abuse Network
- Crown Prosecutor's Office
- Discovery House
- Distress Centre
- Faithlink
- Forensic Assessment and Outpatient Service
- Foothills Regional Victim Services Calgary
- Immigrant Services Calgary
- Jewish Family Service
- Kerby Rotary House
- Legal Aid Society of Alberta
- Native Counselling Services of Alberta
- Okotoks Healthy Family Resource
- Rowan House Emergency Shelter
- Sagesse
- Sonshine Community Services
- Sunrise Native Addiction Services
- Tsuu T'ina Stoney Corrections Society
- Tsuu T'ina Stoney Corrections Victim Services
- Tsuu T'ina Nation – Peacemaker Court
- Western Rockyview Family Community Resource Centre
- Woods Homes
- YWCA of Calgary

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Alberta Human Services

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a message from our board of directors:

HomeFront has much to look forward to in 2016 and beyond. In spite of the fact that Alberta's charitable agencies and private companies are facing a very challenging environment, we must remain focused on the reality that we live in one of the greatest cities in the world, and in a province that has a great future – a future that includes our communities free of domestic violence.

On the heels of a successful 2015 campaign, HomeFront's awareness in the city is at an all-time high. In 2016, HomeFront will build on these successes, both operationally, and from a fundraising and awareness perspective.

Our 2016 strategic priorities will remain tightly focused on ensuring that we can create long-term stability for HomeFront's two core programs: The Domestic Violence Intervention and Resource Team, and The Domestic Conflict Response Team. To support this outcome, HomeFront's Board and Leadership Team are executing on three strategic priorities:

1. Establish a 50% private, 50% public core funding model.
2. Ensure that HomeFront staff are healthy and supported.
3. Ensure that HomeFront's IT infrastructure and database are stable and secure.

We would like offer a heartfelt thank you to our partners, funders, donors, stakeholders, volunteers, staff and fellow board members. Your collaboration and commitment are allowing us to deliver these important outcomes in 2016, and more importantly, to create a future free of domestic violence.

Laurretta Enders
Co-Chair
HomeFront Board of Directors

Chris Richer
Co-Chair
HomeFront Board of Directors



2015 YEAR IN REVIEW



JUNE

HomeFront launches first widescale public awareness campaign in partnership with Checker Yellow Cabs.



HomeFront executive director, Maggie MacKillop, receives a Community Justice Award from the Government of Alberta.



SEPTEMBER

HomeFront participates in the Calgary Pride Parade for the second year.



DECEMBER

HomeFront launches the "Cool It, Calgary!" campaign and releases a heat map of domestic violence that garners widespread media attention. HomeFront hosts a hugely successful Heartland meet and greet fundraiser.

