

2017 Annual Report



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Healing isn't just about pain. It's about learning to love yourself.”

- Laura Davis, *The Courage to Heal: a Guide For Women Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse*

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Information
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Mental Health Connections

Many people who experience sexual violence go on to experience depression and other mental health concerns in the aftermath. Access to supportive services following a traumatic event are essential to the health and wellbeing of our community.

Mental Health Diagnosis



Message from the Board Chair

It is my honour and privilege to bring greetings from my Board Colleagues to the membership and the general public. I wish to thank our funders whose ongoing support is integral to the fabulous work of SACE: The United Way of the Alberta Capital Region, City of Edmonton Family and Community Support Services, Alberta Justice and Solicitor General, Alberta Community and Support Services, Alberta Health, and the many donations from individuals, organizations and corporations. As always, our volunteers need to be acknowledged for the valuable contributions to the Agency, including my wonderful Board colleagues.

Our “*We Believe*” fundraiser in May was a fabulous success and showcased the resiliency, hope and strength of survivors of sexual violence. The funds raised at the event will be used to provide services and support to the many individuals who have been impacted by the crime of sexual assault/abuse. SACE has been very proud to be able to offer an extensive range of comprehensive services and support to survivors of sexual violence, at no fee, since 1975.

We would not be able to do the work that we do without Mary Jane James, our Executive Director, and her team of dedicated, passionate staff members. Together with our wonderful volunteers, they are the backbone of our agency, and we are very grateful to each and every one of them.

Susan Jamieson

Board Chair

Treasurer’s Report

SACE endeavors to provide its valuable services to the community in the most fiscally responsible manner. The goal each year is to break even from an operational perspective in the use of available resources. SACE achieved that goal again in 2017 as programs were essentially on budget for the year. There was again a profit from our gala fundraising event, the profits from which will be used in the future where most needed. There were also some additional donations received in the year that will be spent next year on mobile counselling.

Despite the difficult economy we’ve experienced the last few years, SACE continues to be in a stable financial position. This is due to the continued generous contributions of our funders as well as the resourcefulness and dedication of the volunteers, staff and management of SACE.

We are extremely grateful for the financial support received from our core funders – Alberta Human Services, Alberta Health, Alberta Justice and Solicitor General, the United Way of the Alberta Capital Region, and the City of Edmonton Family and Community Support Services.

Additional funding is provided to SACE from a number of other organizations and individuals. This funding provides supplementary support to our core services, and also presents opportunities for additional, unique services and programs. SACE would also like to acknowledge the continued generous support and assistance received from our landlord, Allan Edie, of A.B. Edie Equities Inc. Our funders and supporters are the reason SACE is able to provide services where they are needed most.

While the increased awareness of sexual assault in the last year is important, it has also increased the number of people seeking help and we can only offer this support through sustained funding. The services SACE provides are essential to our community.

Jennifer Forsyth, CPA, CA

Treasurer

Message from the Executive Director



In a way that feels unprecedented, the world is finally listening to those who have lived through the experience of sexual violence and harassment. We can thank #MeToo –and the millions of extraordinary survivors who have shared their stories over the past several months, and over the course of generations – for that. The world is changing. And the world will not be changing back. This is the new normal. #MeToo has emboldened survivors to speak out, governments to act, lawyers to seek settlements, and the media to report on the issue that, for so long, has been shrouded in shame, blame and silence. Indeed, we have come a long way, but we still have a long way to go. The many moments over the past year have undoubtedly become a movement, and we can certainly rejoice and celebrate in that hope.

Among the many initiatives, partnerships, and collaborations in which SACE was engaged over the last year, two of those, in particular, stand out. In May, we were proud to host our fourth annual fundraising gala, *We Believe: The Art of Healing*. The evening was enormously successful on every level, and most importantly, in elevating awareness of the prevalence of sexual violence in our community. Jillian Marino, the Principal at JD Bracco Junior High School, and a survivor of a horrific act of sexual violence, was our Guest Speaker. In September, SACE once again joined with our allies and friends from the Alberta Association of Sexual Assault Services (AASAS) in unveiling Phase Three of the province-wide, multi-layered public awareness campaign aimed at educating the public about how to respond to disclosures, and the power of the three simple words, “I Believe You”. Survivors of sexual assault are our neighbours, friends, colleagues, and family members. They live with us in our community, and their experiences impact all of us. How we respond speaks to who we are as human beings and as a society as a whole. In Canada, there is an estimated 24 sexual assaults per year for every thousand people over the age of 15, the vast majority of which go unreported. This is a staggering and unsettling statistic, and the unintended, but unquestionable, societal consequences are all-encompassing.

SACE could not do the work that we do, and reach out to the community as we are asked, if it were not for the generosity and commitment of our core funders, Alberta Community & Social Services, Alberta Health, Alberta Justice and Solicitor General, Status of Women Alberta, United Way of the Alberta Capital Region, and the City of Edmonton Family and Community Support Services. There are also many individuals, organizations and corporations who, consistently but quietly, demonstrate their financial support and belief in what we do. For this, we are deeply grateful.

I would like to thank our Board of Directors for their immeasurable support, guidance and commitment. As I reflect over the past year, I know, without a doubt, how incredibly fortunate I am to be part of such a selfless, and truly inspiring team of staff members and volunteers, all of whom bring light, hope and healing to the individuals who access our programs every single day.

1 in 3 girls. 1 in 6 boys. We all know someone who has been impacted by sexual assault. My wish for 2018 is that we continue to impact, inform and lead the conversation surrounding sexual violence. That we change the way we think about it. The way we talk about it. The way we DON'T talk about it. Together, we can be the change we want, and need, to see. Listen. Support. Believe. We can all do something.

Mary Jane James
Executive Director

We Believe people can heal.

As Director of Clinical Services, I am reminded on a daily basis of the amazing impact that our counsellors have on the lives of our clients at SACE. I am continually humbled by my colleagues and the expertise and compassion that they demonstrate. I feel honoured to be a part of such an amazing group of professionals.

Child and Adolescent Program · Clinical Services

In 2017, the Child and Adolescent Program consisted of several passionate and caring staff members: Monika Penner, Morgan Bissegger, Hanelle Sawa, Lisa Hardy, Shristi Bali and Karen Dushinski. During 2017, our staff had over 182 consultations with community members, parents and professionals, as well as thousands of hours of individual counselling with children and teens. The Child and Adolescent Program received referrals from various sources including: the Zebra Centre, the Child and Adolescent Protection Centre at the Stollery Children's Hospital, Region 6 CFSA, Metis Child and Family Services, Edmonton Public and Catholic School Systems, Alberta Health Services, Physicians, Psychologists and community agencies. Our counsellors continue to be considered experts in the field of sexual trauma by those in the community looking for information and resources to better support children and their families.

Adult Program · Clinical Services

The Adult Counselling Program at SACE offers group and individual counselling for individuals of all genders over the age of 18 who have been affected by sexual violence. Clients may attend individual counselling sessions, with the focus on stabilization and encouraging healthier coping mechanisms in their healing. Individual counselling also helps to prepare clients for the appropriate groups available at SACE.

Our adult counsellors logged thousands of hours of 1-1 client hours. In addition our adult therapists consulted with community members over 242 instances. Over the course of the past year, we provided 11 therapeutic groups to clients. In addition to our therapeutic role, SACE provides support for individuals who are navigating the justice system. SACE continued to benefit from the hard work and expertise of the adult counselling team: Christy Hennig, Janelle Boisvert, Ruth Pullam, Robin Klasson, Hala Kaiss, Erin Martin, Jennifer Dodd, Consuelo Arriagada, Taylor Cumming, Victoria Richards, and Barna Talukder.

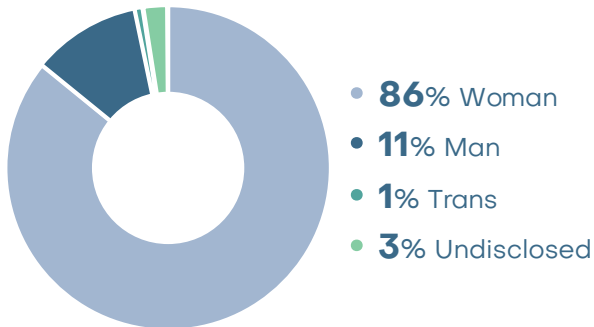
The Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton also plays an integral role in the professional development of graduate students in Masters and Doctoral Programs in Counselling Psychology. We have hosted students from several programs, including the University of Alberta, City University-Seattle, Athabasca University, Grant MacEwan University, and Yorkville University. These students learn to support our clients through hands-on individual, as well as group therapy with SACE clients. SACE continues to be an important trauma training centre for the Edmonton area. We are very grateful that our training has resulted in an increased capacity in our community to respond to the issues of sexual violence. In the fall of 2017, we provided placements for four students, Franki Harogate and Jennie Franke. We thank them for their hard work and dedication to our clients.

Dr. Karen Dushinski

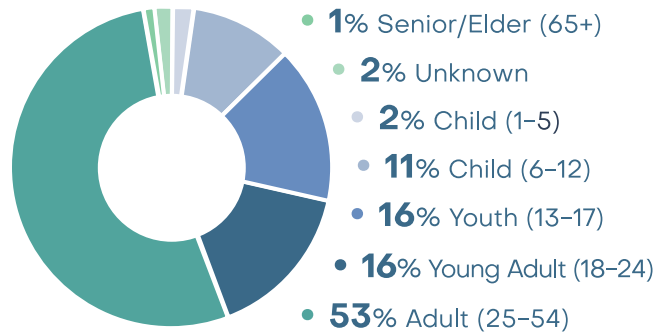
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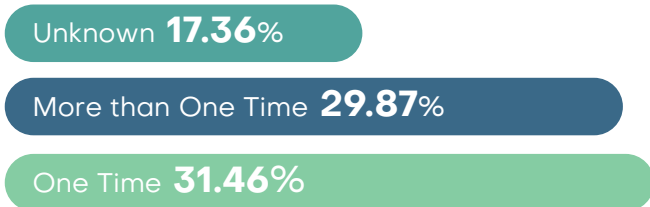
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Client Ages



Multiple Experiences of Sexual Assault



We Believe in providing accurate, research-supported sexual violence education.

Public Education · Community Engagement

2017 was an exceptionally busy and exciting year for the Public Education team! The majority of our time was spent facilitating workshops and presentations on the topic of sexual violence to youth, adults, and professionals. While this is true for most years, 2017 is especially notable for the extensive reach our team was able to have. Throughout 2017 we facilitated a total of 480 presentations to more than 16,000 unique participants. This is the most people our team has ever spoken to in a single year, and we are incredibly proud to have reached so many individuals from every pocket of our community. Of these participants 12,667 were youth and young adults from various communities throughout Edmonton. Providing accurate, age-appropriate sexual health and anti-violence education to youth is a priority for our team every year, as young people can be at an increased risk of experiencing sexual abuse and they are often disconnected from community support resources. Empowering youth with information is essential to both individual wellbeing and to the creation of healthy communities that are free of sexual violence. We have also continued to prioritize education for people living with disability, for people experiencing homelessness, addiction, or incarceration, and for newcomers and English-language learners. Our team has also continued to support educational institutions of all kinds, from preschools to post-secondary institutions. Additionally, of the total participants we spoke to in 2017 over 1,700 were professionals within our community. This is a considerable increase from 2016, and it is significant as it enables our agency to extend the capacity and impact of our services by ensuring community leaders are able to supportively respond to the survivors they work with.

We are also excited to report that our team has created an online course on the topic of sexual violence. The course, titled “Recognizing and Responding to Sexual Violence in Canada” is made up of 3 modules, and the content of each module is accompanied by discussion questions, readings, and resources for participants to engage with. The course is offered online, on an ongoing basis, through the Alberta Society for the Promotion of Sexual Health (ASPSH). We are excited that this course is available to anyone who is interested in taking it, and in particular, we hope that this provides the opportunity for people in rural areas and people with mobility issues to learn more about sexual violence and about how to support survivors.

2017 has demonstrated that the public conversation around the issue of sexual violence continues to grow and evolve. Unquestionably, the most prominent trend we have seen in the past year has been a steady increase in requests for our education and support services. In addition to responding to an unprecedented number of requests, we have also seen a substantial increase in the number of presentation hours facilitated by our team, which increased from 462 hours in 2016 to over 615 hours in 2017.

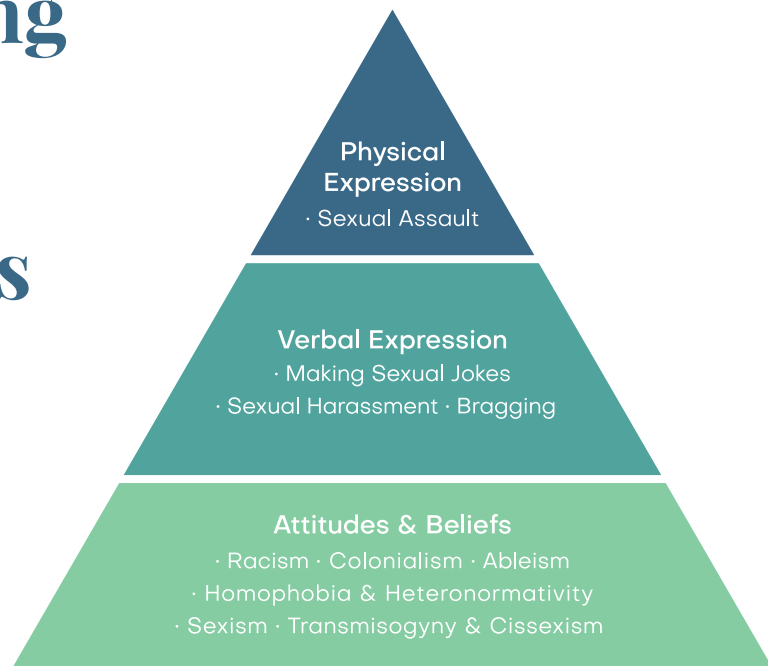
Not only does this indicate an overall increase in the need and subsequent demand for our education services, it also reflects a shift in the type of support that organizations, institutions, and workplaces are asking for. This has been especially true in the aftermath of the #metoo movement. This movement has been a catalyst for various communities and organizations in Edmonton to engage in conversations around support, prevention, and intervention, and many of them are coming to SACE for guidance. Our Public Education team has responded to this need by providing consultation, support, and workshops that are designed to help community members create environments that center consent and hold harmful behavior to account. We anticipate that this work will continue well into 2018, and our team is looking forward to supporting our community in its journey to becoming a safer and more supportive place for those impacted by sexual violence.

Nikki Bernier

Director of Community Engagement

Challenging sexually abusive behaviours

One of the primary goals of the SACE Public Ed team is to help communities identify some of the foundational attitudes and beliefs that inform more overt forms of sexual violence.



We Believe in valuing diversity & respecting all people.

Diversity Outreach Program · Community Engagement

The SACE Diversity Outreach Program completed another exciting year of collaborations with professionals and community members. Our community collaboration projects explore social barriers, such as immigration, poverty and mental health; often these barriers affect the ability of survivors and their families to access support and, through these collaborations, we not only raise awareness of SACE and sexual violence, but also provide support and advocacy in a broader context.

Immigrant Seniors Project

Funded by The Government of Alberta, the Immigrant Seniors Project focuses on enhancing the existing Coordinated Community Response model of Seniors Protection Partnership with Edmonton's immigrant communities, with the pilot targeting the Chinese and South Asian communities. In spring 2017, SACE joined the collaborative Working Team, which has membership of 30 unique organizations including Service Providers, Community Leaders, Faith Leaders, and Informal Leaders. The purpose of the Working Team is to plan how to build the capacity of the Seniors Protection Partnership (SPP) and the broader Edmonton community to respond to Elder Abuse in immigrant communities. In October 2017, SACE hosted the Working Team meeting that allowed SACE to share information about its programs and services with 20 organizations.

Gap Analysis of Ethno-Cultural Family Violence Prevention Services in Edmonton

Over the last few years, there have been changes in Canada's population due to immigration and a large intake of refugees from various countries. We are starting to see a diverse group of people access supports in the area of Family Violence in Edmonton and surrounding communities. Anecdotally, we know that many factors contribute to family violence including pre- and post-migration stressors which impact relationships across lifespans and there is a concern around providing culturally appropriate services to our increasingly diverse population. Funded by the City of Edmonton, Family and Community Safety Grant, with support from Community Initiatives against Family Violence (CIAFV), this Gap Analysis project aims to strengthen existing efforts and to offer key recommendations in the area of family violence prevention through an ethno-cultural lens. In March 2017, SACE joined the five-member Gap Analysis Advisory Committee (GAAC) that meets regularly and supports the research.

Sexual Exploitation Working Group (SEWG)

In 2017, SACE continued to take part in the Sexual Exploitation Working Group, an Edmonton-based leadership group collaborating to create awareness of sexual exploitation and its causes and impacts. SEWG is a collaboration of community partners, law enforcement, municipal and provincial government, and REACH Edmonton that meets monthly to plan educational events, consult and advocate. During 2017, SEWG hosted the Sexual Exploitation Week of Awareness on April 24 –28, which included a Proclamation Event with dignitaries, community leaders and Edmontonians. SEWG also hosted two public education events in which SACE staff participated as panelists: "Internet and Technology Safety for Children and Youth" and "Join the Conversation: Exploring Healthy Masculinity and Preventing Sexual Exploitation".

Enhancing Intercultural Understanding in McCauley

During 2017, SACE joined a collaborative of FCSS funded agencies who serve Indigenous and Newcomer communities. Together with McCauley Community League and Edmonton Intercultural Centre (EIC) we aimed to support the City of Edmonton's EndPoverty priority of Elimination of Racism. This collaboration works to enhance the intercultural relationships and understanding of McCauley and surrounding neighbourhood residents through activities that increase engagement and discussion. Exploitation”.

Meital Siva-Jain

Diversity Outreach Coordinator



The SACE Diversity Outreach team celebrated the Canada 150 Anniversary with women from Tea Connections, a support program run by Catholic Social Services.



The SACE Diversity Outreach program is part of PARIVAAR, a collaboration that promotes healthy and safe families within the South Asian Edmonton community and positively responds to Family Violence. This collaboration also won the 2017 Family and Community Safety Inspiration Award.

We Believe in developing community capacity.

Institutional Support Program • Community Engagement

The mandate of the newest program SACE, Institutional Support, is to provide expert support to institutions and organizations developing their own capacity to respond to sexual violence. This includes assisting with the development or update of policies and procedures, designing tailored trainings to meet unique organizational needs, and consulting on internal issues.

The Institutional Support Program was borne out of community need. Over the years, the SACE public education team has seen a tremendous increase in requests for organizational support beyond education.

SACE recognized this as an incredible opportunity to plant the seeds of change all over the city, with each organization we partner with having the potential to become ambassadors and advocates of consent, respect and survivor-centric support.

An example of this new program is exemplified by our partnership with Urban Sparq Hospitality, a management company that owns 10 of Edmonton's most popular bars and nightclubs. Through this partnership, SACE developed and implemented a specialized bystander intervention training program for all of their nightlife staff, equipping the establishments with knowledge and strategies to recognize sexual violence and intervene. SACE also provided consultation on their sexual harassment policies and procedures and supported their managerial team with implementation of these measures; and consulted on internal issues they were facing. Other examples of partnerships where SACE provided sustained institutional support include Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT), and Edmonton Transit Services.

Looking ahead to 2018, SACE will continue to support Edmonton's nightlife industry in their efforts to respond to and prevent sexual violence, with AGLC becoming a major stakeholder in this initiative. SACE will also be supporting the Edmonton Fringe Festival to undertake a multi-pronged sexual violence prevention initiative that engages their festival vision; policies and procedures; widespread training needs, and internal campaigns.



Alcohol is the most common **'rape drug'** used in drug facilitated sexual assault

Stephanie Olsen

Sexual Violence Response
& Prevention Consultant

Be Your Own Man Program · Community Engagement

Be Your Own Man, a new SACE 16-week violence prevention program for boys, has had a promising first year. Since February 2017, Be Your Own Man (BYOM) has been implemented in junior high and high schools, including amiskwaciy Academy, John D. Bracco, J. Percy Page, Kitaskinaw, L.Y. Cairns, M.E. LaZerte, and Queen Elizabeth, as well as with groups at the Edmonton Young Offender Centre.

Originally intended as a voluntary extra-curricular program, BYOM has been delivered as a part of health and Career and Life Management curricula, demonstrating the level of support the program has received from schools.

At this time, 57 boys have graduated from the program, gaining necessary knowledge and skills to help prevent gendered violence in their schools and communities.

Derek Warwick

Be Your Own Man
Program Coordinator

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This program is very helpful for other teens and I recommend this program for youth. The thing I found useful about this Program was Identifying all sorts of Abuse in Relationships. Before this program I wasn't able to see a difference in abuse or Positive Relationships. This program is very helpful for others and recomend for others. (sic)

—
BYOM
participant

“

Be Your Own Man helped our students grow and become more aware and conscious of how they treat each other.

—
Abbass Hojeij,
teacher at Queen
Elizabeth High
School

“

I really enjoy this program, allowed me to start believing in myself.

—
BYOM
participant

We Believe volunteers are crucial to our agency.

Volunteer Services · Community Engagement

2017 marked yet another year of heartening dedication, inspiring motivation and supportive compassion from our outstanding team of volunteers. SACE began as a volunteer phone line in 1975, and volunteerism continues to be at the core of what SACE's values. Over the past year, SACE's governance, fundraising, and community engagement efforts and the operation of the Support and Information Line have benefited from the collective efforts of more than 110 volunteers, who together donated over 11,000 hours in the past 12 months.

Volunteer Training and Ongoing Education

SACE prides itself on ensuring that our volunteers have the training and support they need in order to be comfortable in their volunteer roles. Twice a year we offer a free, 60-hour volunteer training program that helps prepare our Support and Information Line volunteers for their roles as peer supporters on the SACE specialized sexual violence support line. Each year the volunteer training program evolves to help meet the evolving needs of our volunteers and community. In 2017, we added two new courses to the training program, and saw 33 new volunteers successfully complete training.

We also organize monthly volunteer meetings, which provide our volunteers with an opportunity to connect with one another and the agency, and to continue learning more about sexual violence and community resources. Last year, the monthly meetings included presentations from Aboriginal Counselling Services, the Action Coalition on Human Trafficking, Child and Family Services, and a presentation on non-consensual photo-sharing facilitated by a SACE public educator.

Volunteer Appreciation

Each year, SACE strives to show its appreciation to our volunteers. As a part of this effort, SACE hosts a number of social events each year. In April we celebrated National Volunteer Week by hosting a board games night at a local board game café. We also continued with our annual social events: the summer BBQ and the end of year Volunteer Appreciation Party, which was hosted for the first time at Tiramisu Bistro.

Thank you to all of our volunteers for the time and energy that you have put into SACE and your community over the last year. SACE would never be able to operate to the capacity and standard of excellence that it does now without your ongoing support and desire to work toward upholding a culture of respect and consent. I am so grateful to have spent the past year working with you all!

Kelly Bennett

Volunteer Manager

A word from our volunteers:

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I continue to volunteer at SACE because it has helped give my life purpose and meaning. A caller recently told me “it feels like you gave me a hug through the phone”, and those small victories fuel my belief that the larger, more systemic issues in our culture of sexual violence can be changed.

—
Tristyn

“

I’ve stayed with SACE because of the wonderful community and the great work the organization does. Sometimes as volunteers, we feel like we’re not really part of the organization, but that’s never the case at SACE - the staff are so welcoming and embrace volunteers as part of the SACE family, and there are always so many opportunities for learning and working with the organization!

—
Kenzie

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My experience volunteering with SACE has been wonderful which is why I continue to volunteer every week on the crisis line. The SACE staff really embrace SACE’s mission, vision, and values and have created a welcoming, empowering, and engaging volunteer community. I am grateful that volunteering at SACE allows me to do my small part in helping those who have been impacted by sexual violence.

—
Rachel

We Believe: the art of healing

... was the 4th annual SACE fundraising and awareness gala. Held at the Shaw Conference Centre in Hall D, almost 500 guests joined us for an evening honouring the resiliency and strength of people affected by sexual violence. Many lent their voices to the event, sharing personal reflections and insights. Speakers included: Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities; Randy Boissonnault, Member of Parliament for Edmonton Centre and the Special Advisor to the Prime Minister on LGBTQ2 Issues; Sandra Jansen, MLA; Andrew Knack, City Councillor, and; our candid and genuine Keynote Speaker, Jillian Marino. The musical portion of the evening included an impressive performance by singer Kaleia Odelle and the engaging John D. Bracco School Rhythm 2 Recovery Drummers.

Communications & Development · Community Engagement

2017 was a memorable year for Communications at SACE. We continued building our online presence to improve accessibility of information about sexual violence prevention, response, and support for people impacted by sexual violence. Used for educational posts about issues around sexual violence, #saceED became our most engaged-with hashtag. We continued to be a source of information about sexual violence support services, community events, self-care, community resources, and awareness campaigns. SACE supported the #IBelieveYou campaign for its third and most successful year yet. Perhaps most memorably, this was the year that the #MeToo movement, started more than a decade ago by activist Tarana Burke, went viral and created space for so many people to disclose their experiences of sexual assault or harassment, often for the first time. Our social media spaces provided another access point for people seeking information or support; our new followers rate on Facebook tripled in the six weeks following the surge of #MeToo posts in October 2017. Our goal for 2018 is to launch our new SACE website and develop it into an online resource for people who have experienced sexual assault/abuse, their supporters, and the community in general.

Finally, 2017 saw the development of our new SACE brand. Launched at the 2018 SACE AGM, the new SACE brand is the culmination of three years of research, consultation, and discussion groups. After over 40 years in the Edmonton community, and over 10 years since our last thorough update, we have reviewed our agency from the ground up so that all our materials reflect the most up-to-date and accessible information. We invite you to explore our new website and materials as they are released throughout 2018 and let us know what you think—but this is only the beginning. As much as we're proud of where we've landed, our hope is to keep these conversations going and continue to evolve our materials to meet the needs of our community. If you have a question, concern, or idea for how SACE can improve, call or email us at info@sace.ca.

Sara Cameron

Director of Communications
and Development



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2017 Volunteer Awards · Community Engagement



Rick Chalifoux / Jean Gauthier Memorial Volunteer of the Year Award

Presented to Stephen S.

This award is presented in memory of two SACE Volunteers who gave their time to the support and information line, training, and fundraising initiatives. Rick and Jean were partners and died within a few months of each other of HIV. This award is for a volunteer who goes above and beyond what is expected.

This year's recipient completed training for the 24 Hour Support and Information Line 2015. Since starting on the line, he has volunteered over 600 hours taking calls. We can always depend on this person to be on the schedule every Tuesday morning from 2:30-8:30 am (a very difficult volunteer slot to get coverage for) and even though he must sleep during his shift, he never seems to miss a call. In addition to his amazing contributions to the Support and Information Line, this volunteer has also contributed to the volunteer social network by being one of the founding members of the Social Convener Committee, and by being a consistent presence at volunteer meetings and social events. He consistently goes above and beyond what we ask of our volunteers for monthly hours on the support line, and has taken on a great deal of extra responsibility and a mentorship role through his involvement with the social conveners.



Donna Leskie Memorial Community Builder Award

Presented to Emma M.

This award was donated in memory of Donna Leskie, a long-time SACE volunteer, by her sisters Lorrie and Deborah. This award is in recognition of a volunteer who extends their reach into the community.

This volunteer completed training in 2016. Since then, she has contributed to SACE in many ways, volunteering 495 hours in the past two years. Before starting on the line, she was a consistent office volunteer, and before we had a full time office administrator, helped us one morning each week to make sure the front desk was a welcoming and professional first point of contact with the office. She also takes calls on the line, and this year alone, volunteered 150 hours supporting callers. She is always keen to help with community booths, bingos, mentoring new volunteers, and extra projects around the office. Her work at community booths, such as Comicon in particular, has extended her reach into the community. Lastly, her professional work at the Little Warriors Be Brave Ranch and the Bissell Centre extends what she does at SACE into the broader community in different capacities. This volunteer has stretched her volunteer work to all corners of SACE operations, and continues to extend her knowledge and support into the community.



Heather Huet Memorial Volunteer Award

Presented to Kenzie G.

This award was donated by Susan Jamieson, chair of our Board, in memory of her partner Heather, a volunteer manager at Catholic Social Services, who passed away of breast cancer. This is the award for a volunteer who comes up with "creative" ideas or solutions to problems or is just plain "creative" in their assistance to SACE!

This year's recipient has been volunteering with SACE since 2013. Over the past five years she has volunteered on the support and information line, and now contributes to SACE through special projects, fundraising and community outreach at booths. Most notably, over the past several months, this year's recipient has been working to develop an interactive roleplay video game, called It's Your Move, designed to allow players to practice responding to and intervening in situations of sexual violence that occur in bar and nightlife settings. The game will be used in the Bystander Intervention Training Program for bar and nightlife establishments, a training created through collaboration between SACE and the U of A Sexual Assault Centre. This volunteer's contribution to our newest training program cannot be overstated.

Mission

The Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton (SACE) exists to support people impacted by sexual violence and engage communities to promote respect and uphold a culture of consent.

Our core beliefs

We Believe...

- People can heal;
- People are the experts on their own experiences and needs, and healing looks different for each individual;
- Sexual violence is any form of non-consensual sexual behaviour, including sexual assault, sexual abuse, sexual harassment, sexual exploitation, sex trafficking, and sexual violence facilitated through technology;
- People who experience sexual violence are never at fault;
- People who experience sexual violence should be believed and supported;
- Sexual violence is an abuse of power and trust;
- People who experience sexual violence should have access to inclusive, professional services regardless of age, race, gender, culture, language, religion, sexual orientation, or ability;
- Financial barriers should not prevent people from receiving specialized support services;
- True sexual violence prevention and support involves acknowledging the intersecting oppressions and privileges that shape a person's experience;
- Sexual violence is a societal issue that communities have a responsibility to address, and it is through the combined efforts of community members including volunteers, leaders and funders that cultural change will be fostered and sustained.



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