



Supporting Newcomer And Immigrant Women And Children Since 2010

Annual Report
2019 - 2020

Somali Canadian Women and Children Association acknowledges that we are located on Treaty 6 Territory, traditional homelands for many Indigenous peoples including Nehiyaw, Saulteaux, Niitsitapi, Metis, Dene and Nakota. We pay our respects to the Elders past and present who call this land home. With this acknowledgement, we remind ourselves of the responsibilities we have as Treaty people to understand our shared colonial history, hear the stories Indigenous people tell us about the inequities they still live today, and recommit ourselves to working together towards a just future.

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"Child and Mother", by Gobad Nur

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

2020 was a year that nobody was anticipating. Since the Somali Canadian Women and Children Association first opened our doors and first extended a helping hand to immigrant women and children, we have steadily grown as an organization. This growth has seen us expand our client base, create and run new programs, hire additional staff, expand our office space, and build a strong reputation. The arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic in Alberta in March meant a sudden readjustment to the plans and programs we had for the rest of the year, but it did not stop us.

SCWCA continues to build partnerships and collaborate with others to ensure that we continue to offer the best services and programs available. We continue to seek out new opportunities for funding and new opportunities for service, based on the needs that we see. Building on our strong history and positive reputation means that we can expect to see continued growth and improvement into the future.

The Board

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It is such an honour to continue to serve the Somali Canadian Women and Children Association and our clients. It is rewarding to see our customers grow in confidence and knowledge and to see the hard work that all of our staff do every day throughout the year.

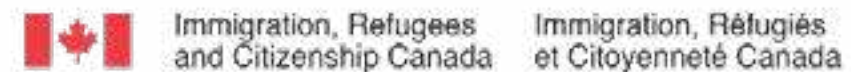
Every year brings challenges, but the challenges we faced in 2020 with the COVID-19 pandemic showed that we can adapt to changing situations and continue to provide the services needed by newcomers in our communities. When the virus spread and we needed to limit our in-person interactions, we found ways to continue serving. We found success in continuing programs online when we could not run them in person. When we heard that more families were relying on the Edmonton Food Bank to feed their families, we found volunteers, time, and space to help deliver much needed food baskets.

The halls at the office have been much quieter lately as staff works from home and programs are offered online, but I am hopeful that in the coming year we will be able to slowly resume our programs in our office: a true community hub.

Sahra Hashi

OUR FUNDERS & SUPPORTERS

Thank you to the many amazing local businesses, individuals, organizations, corporations and volunteers who have supported our programs this year. You helped us realize the mission and vision on which SCWCA is founded on and we are forever grateful.



SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 273 VOLUNTEERS
 Our programs would not be possible without your generous support and time.

OUR STAFF AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A big thank you for our amazing staff and board of directors for your unconditional support.

Our Staff:

Sahra Hashi,
Dallas Gumbo.
Souleka Mustapha Moussa,
Fowzia Isse,
Abdirahman Ibrahim,
Binto Aden,
Shukri Othman,
Hussein Abdi Hussein,
Aliya Deria,
Gobad Nur,
Lul Abdullah

Our Board:

Sahra Kahiye, Chair
Tricia Velthuisen, Vice Chair
Bashir Mohamed, Secretary
Jama Kodey, Treasurer
Fadumo Robinson, Director
Fardoussa Omar, Director
Dahir Hashi, Director
Aurelia Uarsama, Director
Sheila Greckol, Director

ABOUT SCWCA: THE MISSION AND VISION

Vision

Immigrant women and families are empowered to overcome barriers and achieve their full potential.

Mission

We provide resources and share knowledge to empower women and families in Alberta. Through community collaborations, we create programs, promote opportunities, and build connections to support healthy and vibrant communities.

FAMILY OUTREACHING

SCWCA reaches out to families to find out their needs and assists them within the limits of the organization. We are at the front-line working directly with individuals in the community and providing them with the services, supports, and necessities they need to build better lives.

Services offered include but not limited to:

- Information sessions
- Educational workshops
- Kinship Care Program
- Parenting Programs
- Settlement and support
- Government document support
- Counseling and mentoring for Families
- Connecting Families to resources
- Help families to set goals, break them into steps, work towards these goals and revise.



Our front-line staff believe strongly that newcomer and immigrant families have potential and when they are offered the support, information and the resources they need, they become empowered, making healthier choices for themselves.

FAMILY PROGRAMS OFFERED

- Women empowering group
- Positive Parenting classes
- English language class (ESL /ELL)
- Computer literacy class
- Collective Kitchen
- Financial literacy
- Small Business Entrepreneurship training
- Parents with 2 cultures



YOUTH OUTREACHING

SCWCA reaches out to youth to provide them with Self-discipline, respect and encouragement as it considers their identity as important in society. We provide support in bridging the gap of the youth relationship with their parents and schools.

Services offered include:

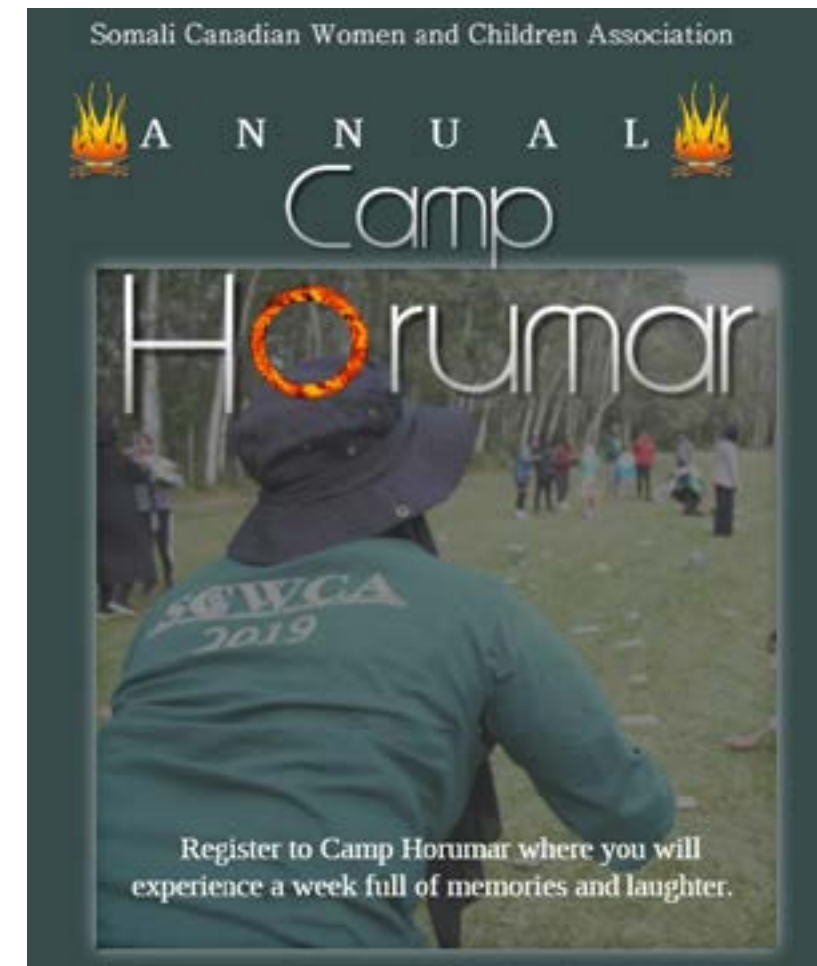
- Counseling and mentoring for Youth
- Youth focused leadership skills and training
- Government document support
- In school and after school support
- Academic assistance on and off site
- Connecting youth to community resources
- Ongoing support for parents and school staff

YOUTH PROGRAMS

SCWCA provides programs and group activities to youth throughout the entire year. Our goal is to promote self-awareness, personal skills, safe school cultures, healthy living and diversity.

Youth

- Homework Club
- Summer , Winter, Spring Camp
- Snow Valley field trip (every Spring)
- Horumar Summer School
- Camp Horumar
- Yearly educational workshop
- Mentorship and leadership



List of Programs:
 In school program.
 After school program.
 Summer program
 Settlement and Support services
 Family program
 Youth Program



1,235
total
clients



8
schools



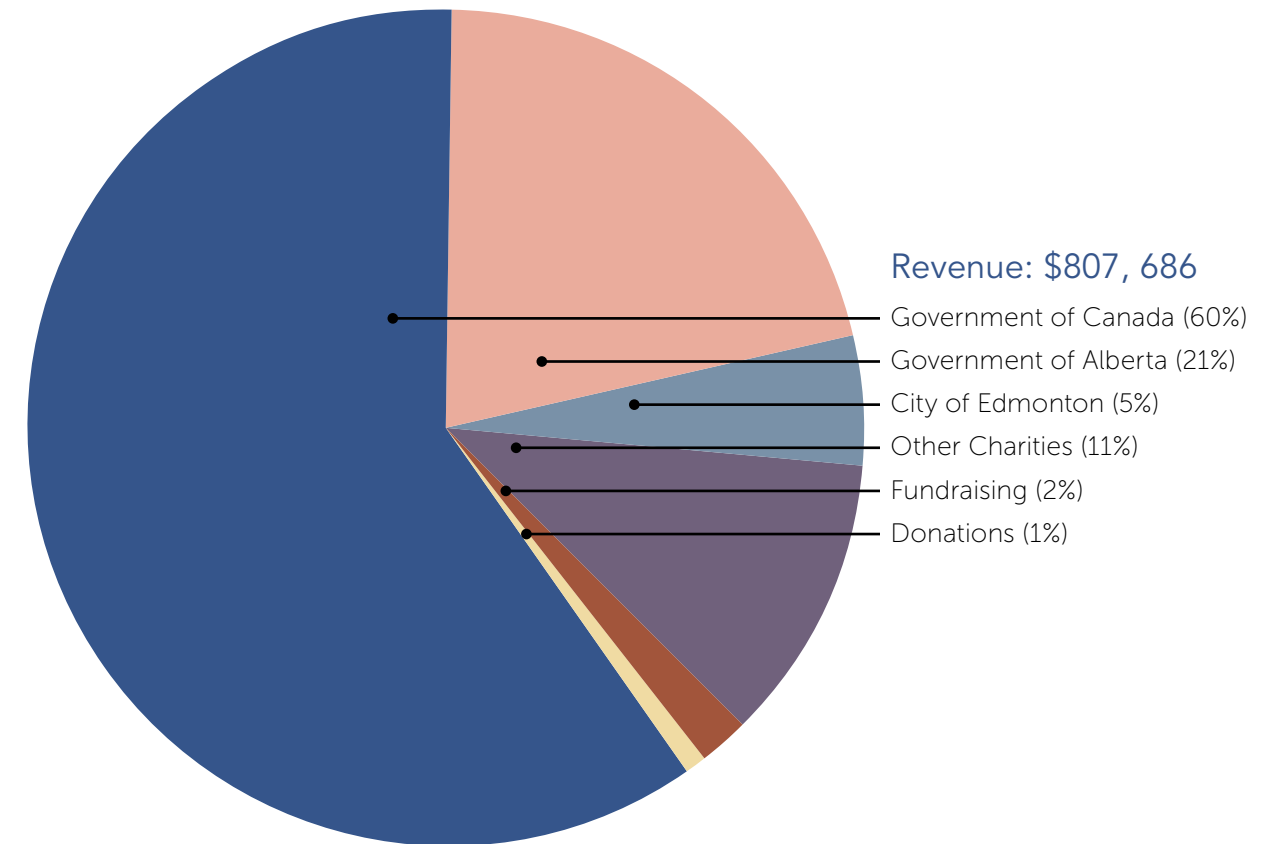
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ongoing
programs

ANNUAL CELEBRATION GALA

The SCWCA held its Annual Celebration Cultural Gala to celebrate the rich culture where we showcased various cultural dances, poetry as well as recognition and achievement awards of important members and friends of the community.



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW





Location:

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