



JOHN HOWARD SOCIETY OF BC

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OUR VISION:
Safe, healthy and inclusive communities in
British Columbia.

JHSBC

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FROM THE CHAIR

This past year was challenging. The pandemic along with organizational changes impacted our network of affiliates and our clients. In the face of change, we sustained a resilient and confident approach in our work of advocacy for people involved with the criminal justice system and those living with addiction, developmental disabilities, mental health issues, and homelessness.

Our affiliates continued their response to criminal justice issues and reforms to address root causes of crime and the barriers that keep individuals from thriving in their communities. JHSBC remained inspired and dedicated to serve our affiliate network who continued to deliver their planning and outreach, supportive housing, employment and other key factors which enable clients to participate

meaningfully and to the utmost capacity in their communities. We are thankful for the growth and the stability we found in the midst of significant changes.

Across the Province this past year we celebrated 20-years of the Restorative Justice Program in Nanaimo, COVID resiliency in our CRF facility in Victoria and for the Foundry Centre in Comox Valley which will see expanded services to our youth and family programmes.

We look forward to another year of living and fulfilling our mission, growing our capacity to support vulnerable people and being the trusted voice of justice in British Columbia.


JHSBC Board Chair

WHO WE ARE

The John Howard Society of British Columbia (JHSBC) is a non-profit charitable organization with over 80 years of history delivering programs and services province-wide. JHSBC supports the regional John Howard Societies across the province of BC, all of whom have a strong history of program delivery and supporting individuals and families facing barriers. Collectively, we are a dynamic group of regionally based non-profit Societies with extensive experience assisting people who have come into contact with the law, or those who are at risk for criminal justice involvement by providing prevention and intervention services, advocacy, and public education. Through our many years of service delivery, we have developed expertise in supporting people with complex needs facing multiple barriers, including those experiencing homelessness, substance misuse, barriers to housing or employment, and other complex needs.

OUR VISION

To create safe, healthy and inclusive communities in British Columbia.

OUR MISSION

To be the trusted voice on social and criminal justice issues in British Columbia.

OUR VALUES



TRUST

We create trusting relationships through respect, inclusivity, and faithfulness.



COLLABORATION

We work with others to create greater impacts through joint problem solving.



INTEGRITY

We advocate for others and do the right thing - even when it is difficult.



CARING

We operate from a posture and business model of compassion, connection & care.



OUR COLLECTIVE IMPACT

**WE HAVE SEEN
STRENGTH IN OUR
CLIENTS, OUR
STAFF, AND IN OUR
ORGANIZATION.
WE ARE CAPABLE
OF SO MUCH.**

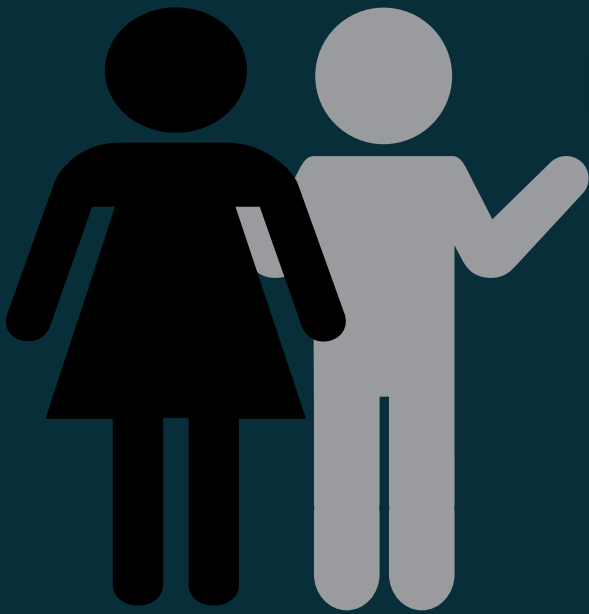
Six Different Regions - One Unified Voice.

From the toll of the pandemic to the shifts within the organization, this past year showed us our strength in what we are truly capable of. Through all these changes, our affiliates across BC continued to make notable impacts and sustainable expansions through their program services. Our efforts to maintain our vision and mission to clients forced us to be creative, innovative and patient in unprecedented times. We focused on increasing collaboration, sharing resources and streamlining communication so that all partners and stakeholders were supported, connected and informed.

Our housing projects saw significant expansion, increasing the amount of beds for individuals across the province. In addition, employment programs shifted their service delivery models to meet clients safely and effectively. Community programs continued to be the foundation of connecting individuals with multiple barriers. We have seen how strong we are and how strong our clients are.

THE NUMBERS

5,307
PEOPLE
SERVED



No. of Employees

316



16,110
HOURS
CONTRIBUTED

573
BEDS OVERSEEN



MESSAGES FROM OUR AFFILIATES



NORTHERN JOHN HOWARD SOCIETY

We are thankful that the areas of Prince George are still accessing our services and are connecting to the valuable work that we do for those facing multiple barriers.

THE JOHN HOWARD SOCIETY OF OKANAGAN & KOOTENAY

Our dedicated team not only proved to rise above the challenges made by the pandemic, but proved that we are capable of caring for our communities effectively.

THE NANAIMO REGION JOHN HOWARD SOCIETY

We are thankful for passing our 20-year anniversary of our Restorative Justice Program. In addition, we focussed on responding to the houseless population by collaborating with local organizations to provide sustainable solutions.

THE JOHN HOWARD SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

We are thankful to say that not one resident in our CRFs contracted COVID. This speaks to the quality of our staff's care and support. We are pleased to expand our program services through the purchase of a new building and service delivery hub.

THE JOHN HOWARD SOCIETY OF NORTH ISLAND

We are thankful for the new expansion of our Foundry Programming in Comox Valley which is destined to provide services to youth (12-24 yrs) and families. With funding from a range of partner organizations, we responded effectively to the community's growing needs.

THE JOHN HOWARD SOCIETY OF THE THOMPSON REGION

This past year saw the beginnings of construction for a new affordable housing complex in Downtown Kamloops. We are grateful for this partnership with the City of Kamloops and for the affordability of housing this will provide the greater community.



OUR STRENGTH IN CHANGE

With all of the JHSBC's positive impacts in community and as an organization, 2020-21 was not without its challenges. The pandemic continued to force us to lean on our creativity, our innovation and our patience to sustain and grow with integrity, safety and care in our program service delivery across the province.

Along with the impact of the pandemic, JHSBC severed ties with John Howard Society Pacific as its managing agent. This is the subject of ongoing arbitration with respect to accessing key documents and history.

Even through these changes, we saw how resilient our network of affiliates truly are. Their hard work and selfless efforts to sustain the mission and vision of the John Howard Society are what made us continue to thrive.

In spite of, and in many ways because of these changes, our network remains strong, committed to the John Howard Society mandate and principles and dedicated to being the trusted voice for social and criminal justice matters in BC.

CHANGE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH.

STRENGTH IN OUR BOARD

**WE ARE PROUD TO
INTRODUCE OUR BOARD
MEMBERS.**

OFFICERS

HANK MATHIAS, BOARD CHAIR

Former BC Provincial Government Executive with broad leadership experience spanning the criminal justice system and community service sectors.

JUDITH HAYES, VICE CHAIR

Clinical social worker, working with youth and adults who have mental health, addictions, criminal justice and other health and social challenges.

MARTHA OKOT THOMAS, TREASURER

Experience as a Chartered Professional Accountant, Chartered Accountant, and Certified Internal Auditor.

MEMBERS

PETER ALLIK-PETERSENN

Practicing lawyer and former Board member.

GEOFF BARROW

Former BC Supreme Court Judge and former Crown Prosecutor

CATHERINE BRUCE

Former BC Supreme Court Judge.

SUSAN CLIFT

Former Director, Engineering and Public Works for the City of Nanaimo.

HENRI CULLINAN

Affordable housing specialist with integrated community planning, strategic planning and developing social purpose for the inclusion of at-risk and vulnerable populations.

COLIN GABELMANN

Former Member of the Legislative Assembly, former BC Solicitor General and former Attorney General.


DARLENE KAVKA

Practicing lawyer, social and criminal justice advocate, and an affiliate of the Lawyers' Rights Watch Canada

KYLE KRAWCHUK

Public relations and communications consultant.





OUR JOURNEY ONWARD

In the coming year, we look forward to exploring ongoing opportunities to serve people and communities across the province in ways that reflect the unique barriers faced by each region. There are also unifying challenges faced by communities across BC, including restorative justice, access to safe and affordable housing, prevention and intervention services for mental health and addictions, and funding gaps for necessary supports and services.

John Howard Societies across BC identify a key interest in building the capacity of our organizations to better serve our communities. By supporting staff to improve their skills, remaining competitive as non-profit charitable employers, strengthening internal processes and procedures, and building greater partnerships across sectors and agencies, we can efficiently, effectively, and holistically carry out our work.

Strengthening multi-sector collaboration across the criminal justice system, housing, health, employment, and transition supports will be pivotal for the JHS into the future. Providing services and supports to British Columbia's most vulnerable people is highly complex, particularly given the overlap of agencies, Ministries, and organizations working to support these diverse and intersectional demographics and the silos that often exist amongst them.

We have seen how strong we are. We have seen how capable we are. We have seen what we can do. Our many thanks to our affiliates, our community partners, our donors, our staff and most of all our clients - who, despite of all that has come their way, will succeed and make a life all their own.

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