

Adventist Community Services –
ACS Winnipeg
2024 Annual Report



“We have the space and time to make people’s lives a little better. We can create a place for them to belong. We can encourage people to believe in themselves, and to be a part of a community. This is what each act of kindness is about - Making an impact in our community.” ~ Stephanie Yamniuk

S U C C E S S E S

Back to School Backpacks for Students

- We put together and delivered 50 school backpacks to Chalmers & Elmwood families, and to Thrive Community Support Circle participants.

Manitoba Harvest

- We feed 100-120 families each month.
- We currently have 15 plus regular volunteers who receive the food that is delivered to ACS twice a month.
- Volunteers sort the food and prepare it for distribution to families in the Elmwood neighborhood. They volunteer approximately 17 plus hours each month.
- Recently we have partnered with PCAA to include students to volunteer with ACS. We are looking forward to see this partnership grow, to include our youth in concrete ways to make an impact on the families we serve.

Christmas Hampers

- 65 families received hampers.
- Included in the hampers were donated food and toys.
- Thank you to our partners who worked on this with us, Prairie Central Adventist Academy (PCAA) and The Torchbearers Pathfinder Club (youth).

To Donors and Volunteers,

On behalf of Adventist Community Services (ACS) Winnipeg and ADRA Canada, I want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support. Your kindness and compassion make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need, providing hope, relief, and tangible assistance to vulnerable individuals and families in our community.

Because of your support, ACS can continue its vital work in providing food assistance and supports to those experiencing hardship. Your gift will empower ACS to increase our impact in the community and to deliver essential resources to build capacity in our city. Your contribution helps ensure that individuals and families receive the care and support they need to rebuild their lives and thrive.

We deeply appreciate your partnership in our mission to serve our community with love and compassion. Your generosity is a testament to the power of kindness and collective action. Please know that your gift is making an impact, and we are truly grateful.

Once again, thank you for your kindness and support. We look forward to keeping you updated on the incredible difference you are making. Should you have any questions or wish to learn more about our programs, please feel free to reach out.

With sincere appreciation,

Stephanie Yamniuk, ACS Board Chair

Manitoba-Saskatchewan Regional Program Manager, ADRA Canada

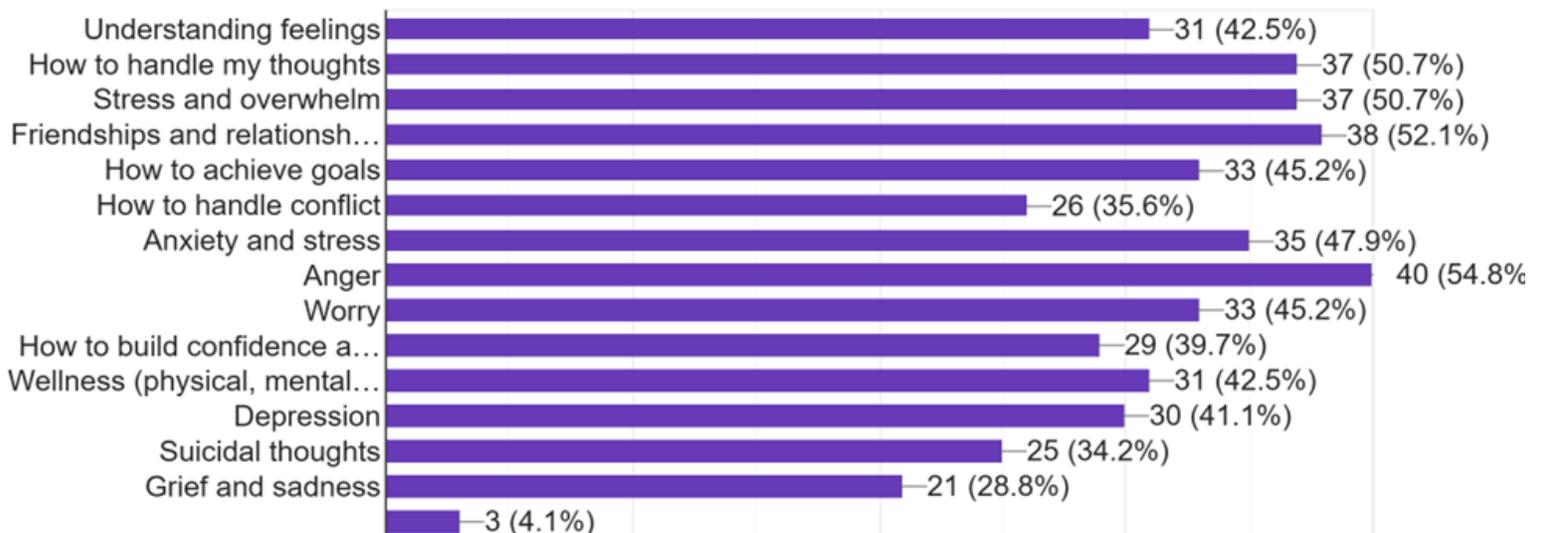


COMMUNITY VOICES

We asked the community what they need. This is what they said:

- 50% said they needed work/job training skills
- 40% said they were worried about the cost of healthy food and wanted to learn to cook healthy meals.
- 40% said that they wanted to see more mental health services in their neighborhood

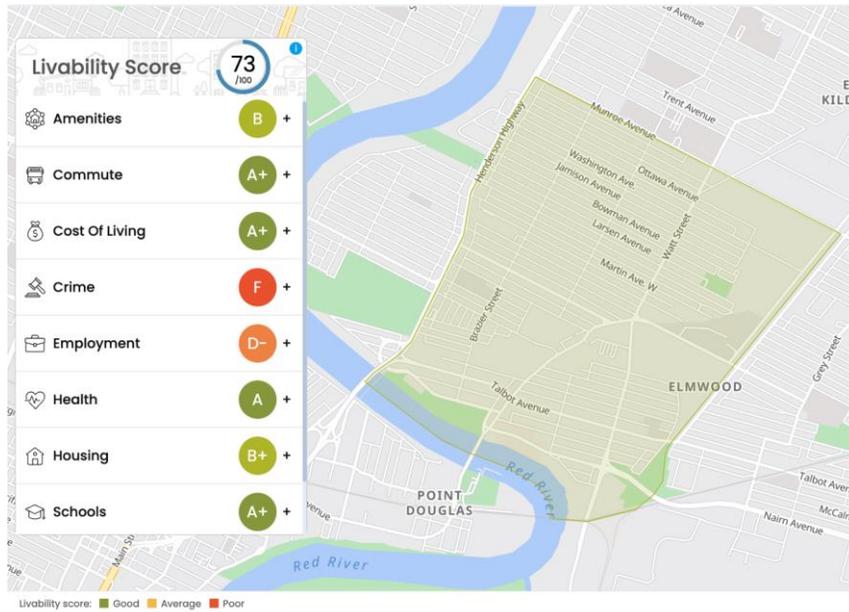
Youth in the community talked about what mental health and wellness topics are of interest to them:



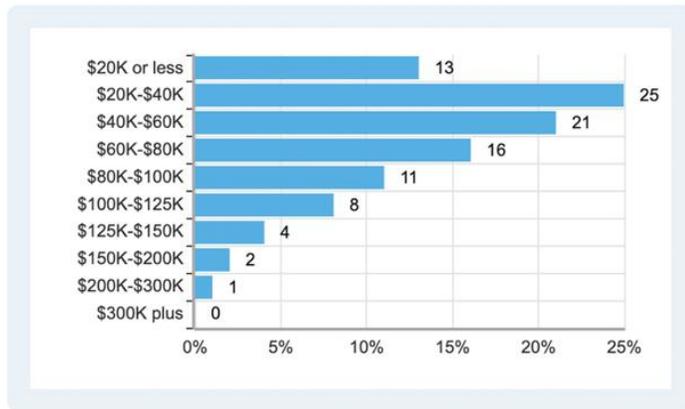
“ I would like to say a big thank you for the school supplies...our children love every single item and they are so grateful. My husband and I can’t contain the joy. We are so grateful for this kindness. We will be also glad to give back once we are settled properly in Canada.” Chalmers Community Member

“ Thank you very much for the backpacks, your act of kindness made a big difference to me and my family” Chalmers Community Member

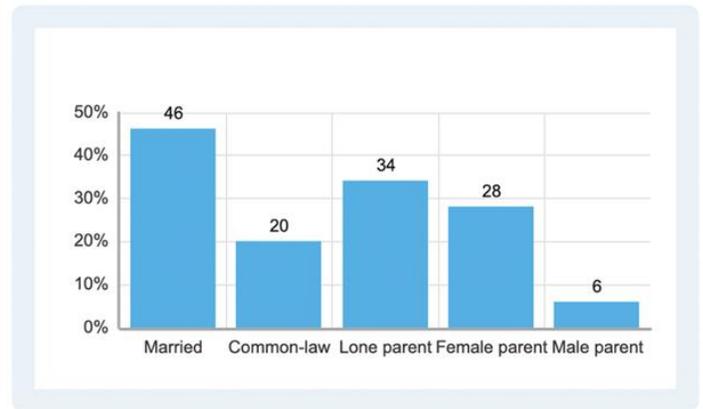
CHALMERS AREA BREAKDOWN



Household Income Distribution



Family Breakdown



Key Findings

- ☑ The population density in Chalmers is 149% higher than Winnipeg
- ☑ The median age in Chalmers is 8% lower than Winnipeg
- ☑ In Chalmers 7.93% of the population is Black
- ☑ In Chalmers 7.54% of the population is Filipino
- ☑ In Chalmers 2.01% of the population is Latin American

Crime Quick Facts

- ☑ Chalmers crime rates are 98% higher than the national average
- ☑ Violent crimes in Chalmers are 122% higher than the national average
- ☑ In Chalmers you have a 1 in 12 chance of becoming a victim of crime
- ☑ Chalmers is safer than 6% of the cities in Manitoba
- ☑ Year over year crime in Winnipeg has decreased by 12%

Key Findings

- ☑ The median household income in Chalmers is 33% lower than the national average
- ☑ The unemployment rate in Chalmers is 37% higher than the national average
- ☑ In Chalmers 12.6% of people earn \$20,000 or less
- ☑ In Chalmers 11.1% of people earn between \$80,000 and \$100,000
- ☑ In Chalmers 0.1% of people earn \$300,000 or more

ON THE PATH FORWARD

1. We have created a **Fundraising Committee** that will begin working to raise money to renovate our Center, to be a Hub in our community, to do good work and build capacity for the families that we serve. To date \$160,000 has been raised.
2. **Expansion** – We are looking to expand our services to increase our impact in the community. The goal is to renovate the building and bring in some funding to hire some staff.
 - a. We need to increase the space we have for the food bank, and create space to have a proper training room/board room that community organizations can rent from us. We will need to renovate the kitchen to allow us to provide cooking classes and meals for families in community. We will need to improve the look of the building outside to be fresh, clean and inviting.
 - b. We will be able to do training for our community members in many areas, including cooking classes, mental health programs, job training skills, and whatever else the community needs. There is so much potential for us to make a positive impact in Elmwood and beyond!
3. **Capital Campaign** – We are looking at doing a capital campaign to help bring in the funds we need to renovate the center, expand programming and provide capacity building training.
4. **Volunteers** – We are looking to expand the number of volunteers that serve the community. Training will be provided for all volunteers.
5. **Food Collection** – Finding creative ways to bring in additional foods to distribute to community and to serve during programming.

ACS IMPACTS

120

**FAMILIES FED
MONTHLY**

65

**CHRISTMAS
HAMPER
DISTRIBUTED**

50

**SCHOOL
BACKPACKS
GIVEN OUT**

204

**VOLUNTEER
HOURS**

ACS - 95 STADACONA



ACS Impacting Community





Justice, Compassion, Love





Kindness





Respect





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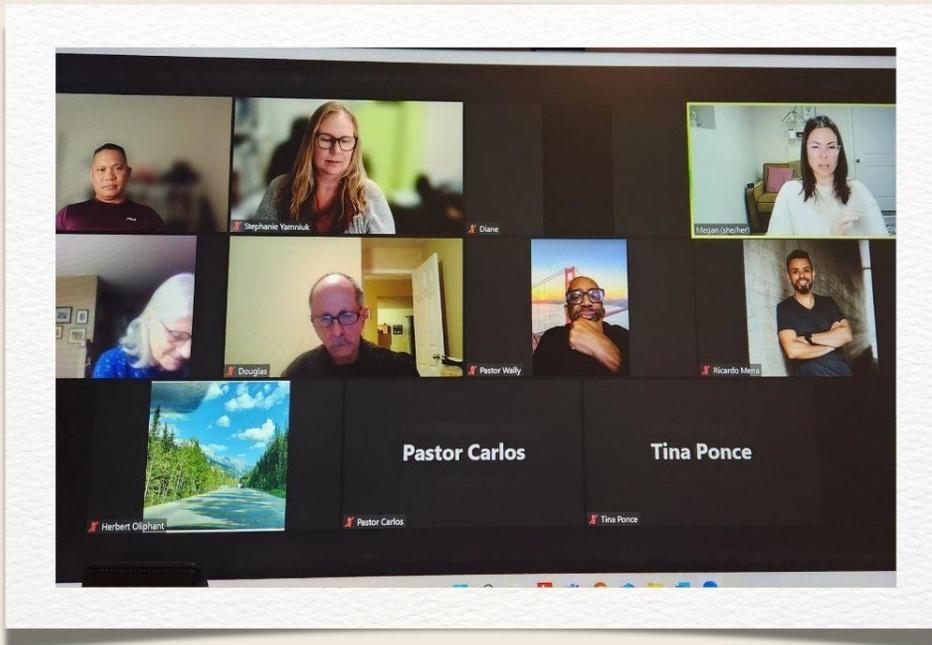


ACS - mission in the city - Triple matching Fundraising campaign



Fundraising & New Partners





Strategic Planning

Drop-In Centre for exploited women – partner with Joy Smith Foundation

Youth Mental Health Program – partner with Rotary Club of Winnipeg

Baking Classes for Indigenous Young Women – partner with Thrive Community Support Circle

Depression and Anxiety Recovery Seminars

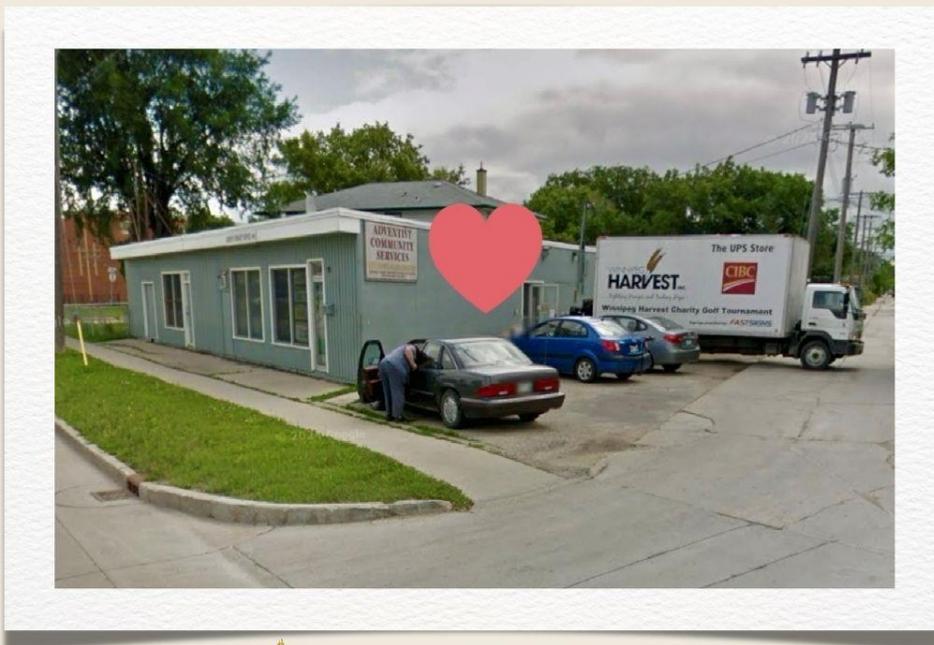


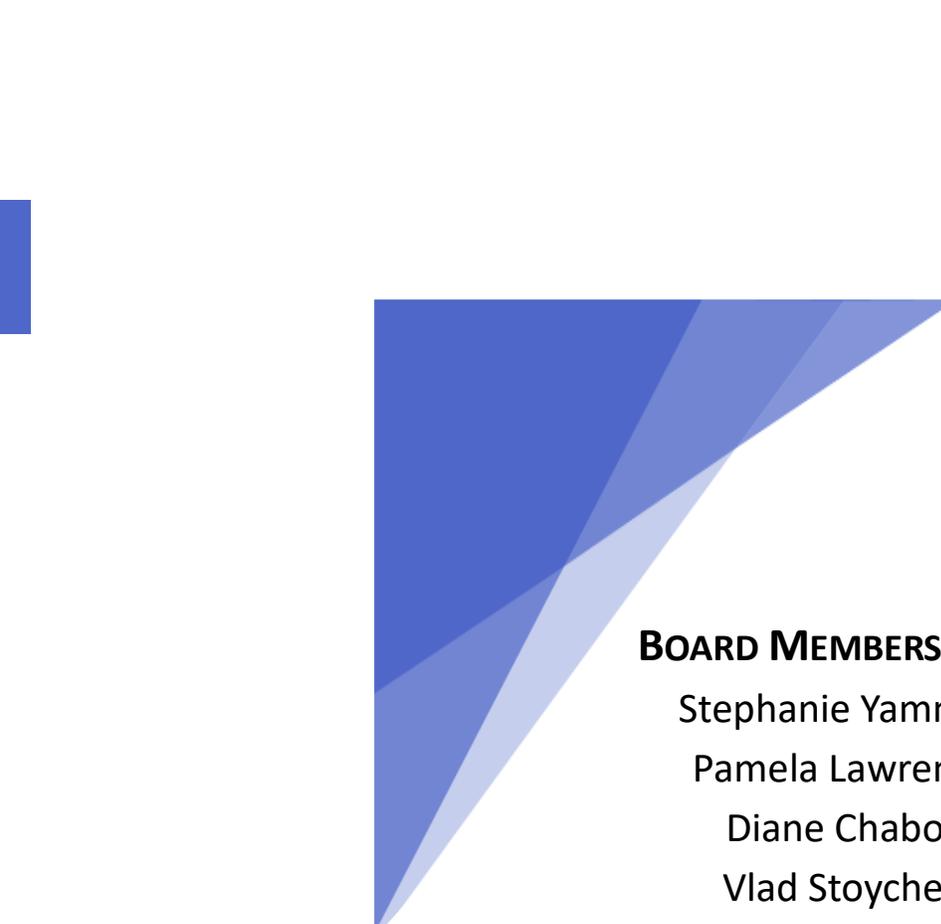
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