

# ANNUAL REPORT

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2021/2022

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# SECC

SOUTH ESSEX COMMUNITY COUNCIL



HELPING PEOPLE. IMPROVING LIVES.

# IMPACT STORY

Alissa Enns and Rachelle Ligotino



SECC delivers hot, healthy, and nutritious meals to residents of Leamington, Wheatley, and Kingsville. Over the course of the 2021/2022 year, SECC had the opportunity to respond to emerging issues in the community through the Meals on Wheels program.

Following the August 26, 2021 gas explosion in Wheatley, local residents were affected in countless ways, including difficulty preparing and cooking food. In late September, SECC's Rachelle Ligotino was approached by Matt Keech, Program Manager of Employment & Social Services at the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. SECC was able to provide 54 meals a week from September through November to affected individuals.

SECC was also able to provide hot meals to individuals experiencing homelessness in our area. Alissa Enns, the Project Leader for the Leamington Homelessness Project connected with St. John's Anglican Church and Housing Information Services and together, 6 individuals were registered to receive hot meals throughout October.

Establishing these local initiatives has been possible because of the generous donations of our community members. These monetary donations are directly affecting the lives of the people we serve.





Newcomer Youth participants cooked cultural dishes for their peers at The Bridge.



Language classes took place in person.



SECC was awarded "Welcoming Accessibility" at the Leamington Chamber of Conference Event.



With donations from the community, we once again donated Christmas presents to newcomer families.



Career Week high school and university participants got support with their resumes and heard from guest speakers in various careers.

## STAFF YEARS OF SERVICE

5 YEARS	5 YEARS	20 YEARS
Laura Fanjoy Santos	Maureen Springer	Sandy Boivin

## STAFF RECOGNITION AWARD RECIPIANTS

PEOPLE	INTEGRITY	MISSION
Ashleigh Watson	Tammy Legault	Jami-Lee Church
COMPASSION	INCLUSIVITY	
Zeljka Southworth	Kelsey Augustine	
COMMUNITY BUILDER	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S AWARD	
Emily Bechard	Rae-Anne Scratch	

## BOARD MEMBERS

- Maria Gomer, **Chairperson**
- Harpreet Singh, **Vice Chairperson**
- Heather MacPherson, **Treasurer**
- Tracy VandenBerg, **Past Chair**
- Waseem Abunadi
- Helen Bergen
- Art Krueger
- Wendy Parsons
- Diane Quadros
- Arlene Sinasac
- Sarah Walker

210



Children and Youth Participants

1,096



Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Served

8,011



Security Check Calls

598



Free meals delivered to individuals in need

187



Individuals Employed

\$38,237



In online donations

376



Coats distributed through Coats for Kids

465



Income tax returns completed

# ACHIEVEMENTS

## LEAMINGTON HOMELESSNESS PROJECT

The SECC Homelessness Project facilitated education and awareness training to 304 community members. This training covered many of the intersectionalities of homelessness including contributing factors, local stats, and housing affordability.



SECC released the “Finding Home Report” which was part of a SEED Grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. To read the report, watch the training, or learn more information, visit [secc.on.ca/homelessness](http://secc.on.ca/homelessness).

**THE FINDING HOME REPORT RECEIVED CBC NEWS COVERAGE TO DISCUSS THE REPORT & HOMELESSNESS IN LEAMINGTON.**

## NEWCOMER SERVICES



SECC became 1 of 3 sites in Ontario to pilot a cloud-based client portal. WE Value K2 Pathway to Settlement System, which provides clients with access to their information, referrals and settlement plan.



Facebook reach increased 77%, Instagram reach increased 200%

3,358  


Volunteer Hours



30 press articles including features in CBC and CTV

136  


Volunteers

395  


Clients served by volunteers

88%  


Increased website users by 88% (10,930 users in 20/21; 20,496 users in 21/22)



2,346 Hours of English Classes




852  


Newcomers served

## AGRI-FOOD ENGLISH PROJECT



Through the Newcomer Employment and Training Initiative funded by the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development, SECC's Kayla Davis created and taught a comprehensive curriculum in employment-focused language and settlement supports. For more information and to access the curriculum, visit [secc.on.ca/agri-food-project](https://secc.on.ca/agri-food-project)

-  46 people registered for the pilot training
-  36 people completed the series
-  2,616 online training hours completed

## AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM



SECC was identified by ProsperUs as a lead service provider for out of school time supports programming through its Ignite Academy, which begins September 2022.

**HOW TO GET INVOLVED:**



Donate



Volunteer



Talk About SECC

**SECC IS A NON-PROFIT, COMMUNITY SERVICES ORGANIZATION SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF SOUTH ESSEX.**

**MISSION**

**HELPING PEOPLE**  
IMPROVING LIVES

**VISION**

**Building a stronger community one person at a time.**

**VALUES**



**PEOPLE**  
We put them first.



**INTEGRITY**  
We do the right thing.



**COMPASSION**  
We care.



**INCLUSIVITY**  
We welcome everyone.

**UPCOMING...**

**"Hearing Homelessness" Podcast**

Listen online at  
[secc.on.ca/homelessness](https://secc.on.ca/homelessness)

**SECC's 50th Anniversary**

In 2023, SECC will be hosting events to celebrate!

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