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Luke's Place
Change her experience.
Change their lives.

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ABOUT LUKE'S PLACE

Over the past 16 years, Luke's Place has developed a unique approach to working with women who have been subjected to abuse to support them, and their children, as they navigate the complex family law process. A core component of our work is provincial training both in person and online. As the only standalone family law support centre in Canada that specializes in woman abuse, we share our expertise with thousands of service providers, shelter staff, lawyers and other social service professionals through training programs, resource materials, tools and mentoring. We are a recognized leader for improving the understanding of violence against women and its implications in the family law context and have published significant research and writing on the topic.

MANDATE



SUPPORT FOR WOMEN

- individual consultations with Legal Support Workers/Family Court Support Workers
- summary advice from family law lawyers at our Legal Clinic and our Virtual Legal Clinic
- group support sessions and legal information workshops
- safety planning and trauma recovery support
- accompaniment to legal and court appointments
- community education, specialized resources and online reference materials

SUPPORT FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS

- training for service providers to support women through the family law system
- training for lawyers on the issue of violence against women and family law
- access to virtual legal clinic for web based summary legal advice for women in underserved regions of Ontario

COMMENTS FROM WOMEN

"I think Luke's Place is a life saver. Amazingly helpful and straightforward. Lots of information and they took the time to explain."

"So grateful for all staff at Luke's Place. I don't know where I'd be if I didn't have their support the past year."

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE

Addressing violence against women is crucial, now more than ever. During the first quarter of 2018, at least 15 women, their mothers, and their children were killed in Ontario by intimate partners or family members. This is more than the national average, clearly demonstrating the vital need for violence against women organizations, like Luke's Place, to continue to advocate for systemic change. In 2017, we served 661 women and another 147 women sought our services during the first quarter of 2018.

The last 15 months for the period ending March 31, 2018 have been full of change and progress for Luke's Place. We have finalized plans to relocate our main office to the new co-located service hub that will provide women and children with improved accessibility to a number of organizations. We have established a Family Law Resource Room for Women and we are putting the finishing touches on a comprehensive new resource for women entitled "[Family Court and Beyond, A Survival Workbook for Women](#)" launching in summer 2018. We have provided domestic violence training to hundreds of lawyers through Legal Aid Ontario and completed a research project that looks at family violence screening tools for family law practitioners. Our Legal Director, Pamela Cross, became the new interim co-chair of the Ontario Roundtable on Violence Against Women. We have welcomed new staff and Board members, met with provincial Ministries to further advocate for core funding, and deepened local and provincial partnerships.

Financial sustainability continues to be one of our biggest challenges and we are thankful for your continued donations. We wouldn't be able to accomplish all that we do without your support.

Jacqueline Long

Jacqueline Long
President, Director

Carol Barkwell

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Executive Director

MISSION & VISION (updated)

Luke's Place mission is to work with women* who have been subjected to abuse to support them and their children through the family law process. We provide women, their children and their communities with specialized services, resources and information about family law and woman abuse.

Luke's Place envisions a family law system that promotes healthy, safe families, living free from abuse and the threat of abuse.

* We use the term women to include all self-identified women (including two-spirited, cisgender or transgender women) 16 years of age and older.

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THANK YOU

To our many supporters in the past 15 months who helped women and children stay safer through the family law process.

- > Ministry of The Attorney General, The Law Foundation of Ontario, Legal Aid Ontario, Ontario Trillium Foundation
- > Private foundations, Durham/Ajax Community Foundations, community groups and individual donors who fund our direct service work
- > Board members who govern our mandate and mission
- > Staff who provide support services for women
- > Volunteers who play a vital role with legal and emotional support and in community fund development
- > Lawyers who donate time and expertise to our Legal Clinic and Legal Advisory Group
- > Partners and collaborators in Durham Region and across Ontario

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FINANCES

Excerpts taken from audited Financial Statements prepared by Dawn Flett & Associates and approved June 12, 2018. A complete financial statement is available upon request.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS for the fifteen months ended March 31, 2018

Revenue	For the 15 months ended Mar. 31, 2018	For the 12 months ended Dec. 31, 2016	Expenses	For the 15 months ended Mar. 31, 2018	For the 12 months ended Dec. 31, 2016
Donations & fundraising	\$ 70,592	\$ 44,993	Amortization	\$ 511	\$ -
Education & training	52,290	51,304	Grant related expenses (note 4)	795,434	696,624
Grant funding (note 4)	795,434	696,624	Office & general	4,121	7,848
Other	<u>1,649</u>	<u>123</u>	Professional services	45,461	30,568
	<u>919,965</u>	<u>793,044</u>	Program & resource costs	13,272	2,345
			Wages & benefits	<u>36,143</u>	<u>57,514</u>
				<u>894,942</u>	<u>794,899</u>
NET REVENUE OVER EXPENSES (EXPENSES OVER REVENUE)				\$ <u>25,023</u>	\$ <u>(1,855)</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS as at March 31, 2018

4. Deferred Revenue

Grant funding of \$721,749 was received during the year or is receivable from various external sources for specific projects. Revenue was recognized as expenses were incurred. Deferred revenue consists of the unexpended portion of these grants as follows:

	<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>Grants Received</u>	<u>Expensed Currently</u>	<u>Closing Balance</u>
Legal Aid Ontario	\$ 56,081	\$ -	\$ 56,081	\$ -
Attorney General	-	591,749	591,749	-
Law Foundation of Ontario	-	130,000	91,019	38,981
Ontario Trillium Foundation	<u>56,585</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,585</u>	<u>-</u>
	\$ <u>112,666</u>	\$ <u>721,749</u>	\$ <u>795,434</u>	\$ <u>38,981</u>

These deferred revenues are represented on the balance sheet as follows:

Deferred revenue — operating grants	\$ <u>38,981</u>
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The following is a summary of grant-related expenditures:

	<u>March 31, 2018</u>	<u>December 31, 2016</u>
Insurance	\$ 5,250	\$ 5,246
Program & resource costs	78,767	53,674
Office & general	29,664	24,623
Occupancy costs	20,188	15,321
Professional services	174,675	227,577
Wages & benefits	<u>486,890</u>	<u>370,183</u>
	\$ <u>795,434</u>	\$ <u>696,624</u>