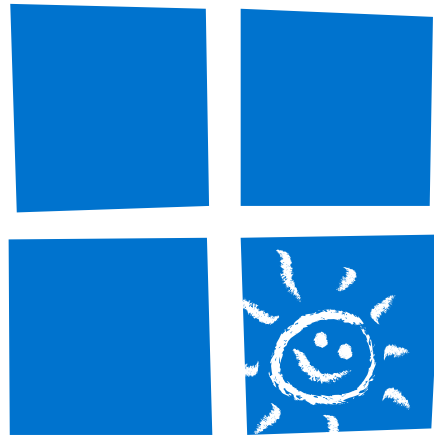


Annual Report 2014 - 2015



Alice Housing

Alice Housing is an award winning second stage safe housing organization for women and children, who are leaving domestic violence.



Live Safe



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ALICE HOUSING OVERVIEW

Alice Housing is a non-profit organization that has been providing safe housing, counselling and support for women and children fleeing domestic violence since 1983. We operate under four guiding principles;

- ***Every person has the right to live without fear of physical, psychological, emotional, sexual, spiritual or financial abuse.***
- ***Women and men should have equal opportunities to develop their potential to live full and rich lives.***
- ***All persons have the right to decide for themselves the direction their lives will take, according to their personal values and needs.***
- ***Children have the right to grow up without terror and without fear from the very people who are supposed to protect them from harm.***

Through our multiple and award winning programs, Alice Housing enables long standing recovery, stability and the opportunity for women to reclaim their lives. Our **Safe Housing** program is the first step to safety and healing as it deals with our basic need of interpersonal safety. Our units are unmarked, equipped with enhanced security features and are flagged with community police. The next step is integration into our counselling program that is comprehensive, adaptable and holistic. We are able to provide counselling that is specific for women in our **Live Safe** program, which includes one-on-one therapy, trauma-informed group work, empowerment and holistic programming like yoga and self defense. In addition, we are proud to offer counselling explicitly for children in our **Healing the Bruises** program, which is comprised of art and play therapy, recreational activities and one on one counselling.

Alice Housing is also committed to providing referral, education and advocacy services to Nova Scotia and the Halifax Region. Our **Administration** is called upon daily by individuals seeking community resources and information about domestic violence. Our **Community Navigator** and **Executive Director** visit high schools, universities, organizations and corporate offices to increase their understanding of violence in relationships, provide tools to recognize warning signs and know where to get help.

Our **Board of Directors** are steadfast in ensuring financial accountability, stability and policies that reflect our mission and vision. We rely on strong corporate partnerships, government, community based organizations and the generosity and commitment of individuals to maintain ourselves financially, ensuring we live in a community where people can choose to live in violence-free homes.



LIVE SAFE

APRIL 1, 2014- MARCH 31, 2015

The women who come into Alice Housing have all fled intimate partner violence. We are proud of our innovative **Live Safe** program and are grateful every day to be able to provide this kind of specialized support for women in need in our communities. All of the services listed below are provided to our program participants at **no cost** to them. We also go the extra mile to reduce or eliminate costs associated with coming to counselling, such as transportation and childcare.

One on One Therapeutic Counselling: Women in the Live Safe program benefit greatly from this kind of confidential exploration of past trauma and how to move forward in their healing. **This past year we provided 298 one-on-one counselling appointments and 542 telephone crisis support.**

Group Therapy: *'Personal Empowerment'* and *'Beyond Trauma'* are two of the support therapy groups that occur and provide women with peer support and group discussion about issues and impacts of violence. **59 group sessions occurred resulting in 641 hours of discussion and support last year.**

Advocacy and support: While women are healing, they are also working to rebuild their lives and reclaim their independence from a circumstance that often renders them isolated and marginalized. Advocating with social workers, health care practitioners, insurers, the courts, law enforcement and employers are just a few of the areas where we do our work. **Through the 2014-2015 year advocacy and support occurred on 255 occasions.**

In addition to our key program features, Live Safe also:

- Provided **81 referrals** to community and health related agencies;
- Facilitated in **24 holistic groups and workshops**;
- Conducted **23 assessments**; and
- Completed **46 hours of professional development.**





HEALING THE BRUISES

APRIL 1, 2014- MARCH 31, 2015

Alice Housing is very proud of this innovative program and is grateful every day to be able to provide this kind of specialized support for the children and the mothers of our program. All of the services listed below are provided to our program participants at **no cost** to them. We also attempt to reduce or eliminate associated costs with coming to counselling, like transportation and childcare.

Counselling for Children: The children who come into Alice Housing have been exposed to violence in the place where they should feel the safest; their home. In addition to the presence of violence, these children have to navigate the confusion around the perpetrator often being their father. Our Child and Youth Counsellor uses art and play therapy, focuses on emotional awareness, to help children identify and communicate their feelings and needs. **This past year we provided 203 one-on-one counselling appointments.**

Coaching for Mothers: Through Healing the Bruises we are able to provide the women in our program specific coaching and guidance on how to support their children who are healing from the abuse they witnessed. The mother is an integral part of their healing in that she is the primary caregiver and also the one who they witnessed experiencing the abuse. **140 hours of coaching and support was provided to the mothers last year.**

Transportation: We provide additional support to facilitate the healing process through pickup and drop offs of children from home, school or day care. This is particularly helpful for Mother's who have more than one child at home. **Through the 2014/2015 year we provided 181 transports and over 100 adult bus tickets** to ensure that coming to counselling did not impact a mother financially or logistically.

In addition to our key program features Healing the Bruises also:

- Provided **90 referrals** to community and health related agencies;
- Facilitated in **13 support groups and workshops;**
- Participated in **12 community meetings;**
- Gave **3 community presentations;**
- Completed **50 hours of professional development;** and
- Had contact with **school administrators on 29 occasions.**





SAFE HOUSING

APRIL 1, 2014- MARCH 31, 2015

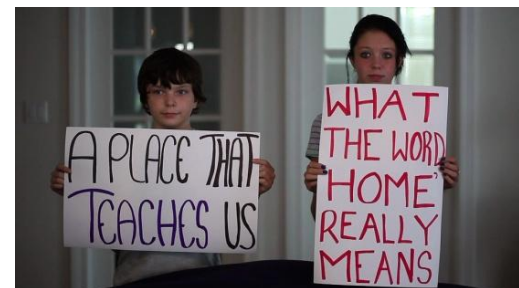
Establishing personal safety is the cornerstone of Alice Housing. We believe that; **every person has the right to live without fear of physical, psychological, emotional, sexual, spiritual or financial abuse.** As such, we work hard to ensure the housing we provide is set to levels that are affordable for everyone, are kept in good repair and the security features are maintained and effective.

During the 2014-2015 fiscal year our Safe Housing Program provided:

Security Upgrades: We upgraded our alarm monitoring system to be connected to cellular service, as most women in our housing opt for a cellular phone over a land line for financial, safety and practical reasons. This upgrade ensures all women in the program have access to 24 hour home alarm monitoring at no additional cost to them.

Maintenance: Last year we spent \$46,000 on maintenance and repairs to our homes to ensure safety, comfort and pride for the families who come into our program. In addition, we received \$8,000 of donated services and upgrades including a basement renovation by **Home Depot**, \$4,500 in drive way repair and paving through **Housing Nova Scotia**, as well as roof repairs of \$14,870.

Provision of housing: Ten women and their children successfully moved out of our program last year. **Eight** of the families moved into long term housing solutions with furniture and household needs acquired while at Alice Housing. **Twelve** women and their children moved into our safe housing through advocacy and effective partnerships with Department of Community Services, Victims Services, NS Power and Feed Nova Scotia.



In addition to our key program features, Safe Housing also:

- Provided **advocacy and support 78 times** to government and housing related services;
- On site visits **365** times through the year;
- **Coordinated with local contractors on 145** occasions;
- Provided outreach and met off site with clients **53 times**; and
- Succeeded in obtaining **4 community and corporate grants** specific to maintaining and upgrading our housing.



COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR

SEPTEMBER 1, 2014- MARCH 31, 2015

We are excited to announce the launch of our Community Navigator position last September. This program was developed in response to the need for additional support for women once they left the Alice Housing program and are reintegrating into community. Our Community Navigator also goes out into community to provide educational workshops on healthy relationships, builds community connections and raises awareness about intimate partner violence.

In six short months our Community Navigator:

- **Provided support** for current and past Alice Housing clients through face to face, or telephone support on **192 occasions**.
- **Provided advocacy, referrals and community resources** for Alice Housing clients on **72 occasions**.
- **Delivered 17 community and school presentations** on Alice Housing, Intimate Partner Violence and Healthy Relationships.
- **Presented interactive workshops to 340 high school students** about how to identify abuse in their relationships and where to go for support.



ALICE HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

APRIL 1, 2014- MARCH 31, 2015

- Received **898** phone call requests for information, resources, support and referrals
- **62** women called in need of safe housing
- **229** deliveries of food from Feed Nova Scotia
- **694** visits to our admin office and drop in from clients
- Phone support for past and current clients on **247** occasions
- Hosted celebration, family style dinners over all the major holidays for clients and their children
- Christmas Sponsorship, back to school and Mothers Day Gifts provided for each Alice Housing Family



FUNDRAISING REPORT

APRIL 1, 2014- MARCH 31, 2015

THROW Like a Girl...

Changing the Conversation

Presented by:

BOYNECLARKE 
LAWYERS | LLP

On January 28, 2015 at the Westin Nova Scotian, Alice Housing was proud to host an evening of awareness, wonderful food, and exciting prizes. The evening's success was challenged by a massive winter storm that

disabled the travel of our keynote speaker, but through the wonders of Skype the leadership of our co-chairs and generosity of a former Alice Housing client, the evening was a fantastic success.

Our event co-chair Mayor Mike Savage and co-chair Deputy Police Chief Bill Moore each gave powerful speeches on the impacts of domestic violence and the importance of supporting community organizations like Alice Housing. Following the co-chairs and through a live feed, Don McPherson captivated our audience of 220 people with a short address about engaging men and boys and identifying concepts of masculinity that lead to violence against women. Our final speaker was a woman who fled domestic violence and found solace and healing at Alice Housing. Her personal experience and bravery brought the room to their feet and inspired us all.

Through the hard work of our board members, outstanding corporate sponsorships and community support, our event generated a net total of **\$44,562** and started a conversation about the role of men in the fight against violence against women.

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CORPORATE AND INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTERS
WHO PURCHASED SPONSORSHIPS, PLEDGES AND TICKETS.**

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the support of BOYNECLARKE as our event Gold Sponsor and supporter of Alice Housing throughout the year.

BOYNECLARKE, along with other law firms in the city participated in a gift card donation initiative that marks International Women's Day, and of which Alice Housing is a beneficiary.

THANK YOU  **BOYNECLARKE** LAWYERS | LLP **FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT THIS PAST
YEAR.**

AUS Basketball Championships Through the support of Phil Currie and Atlantic University Sport (AUS), Alice Housing enthusiastically coordinated the 50/50 draws at the University Basketball Championships held at Scotia Bank Centre. Over the course of four days, ten basketball games and with the help of 32 volunteers, Alice Housing sold almost \$20,000 in 50/50 tickets. We are thrilled to announce that we:

- Gave away \$9,533 in cash prizes;
- Largest prize going to one individual was \$1,700;
- Provided 25% of our proceeds to The Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation's Hoops for a Cure totalling \$2,288; and
- Generated \$6,865 revenue for Alice Housing Programs.



Alice Housing Board Co-Chair Jessica Chapman (center) and volunteers.

Beyond the money raised for Alice Housing, we were also thrilled to talk about Alice Housing to the thousands of tournament attendees from across Atlantic Canada. Raising awareness about domestic violence and spreading the word about Alice Housing as a resource for women who need to get out of an abusive situation is priceless.

We would like to thank Phil Currie, Executive Director of AUS for the opportunity this past year and for the invite to participate again next year!



We would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the fundraising success of Royal LePage Atlantic. Through multiple fundraisers throughout the 2014/2015 year including a golf tournament, garage sale, bake sale and donations from agents, **Royal LePage raised a total of \$37,319 for Alice Housing and our programs.**

**THANK YOU ROYAL LePAGE ATLANTIC FOR YOUR COMMITMENT AND HARD WORK!
YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITIES.**

Alice Housing would like to thank the following friends for their generosity and continued support:

Adanac Maintenance	Labatt
Agropur Cooperative	Laureate Iota Chapter – Beta Sigma Phi
Air Canada Foundation	Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation
Aliant Pioneers	Newalta
Alice Housing Christmas Angels	Nova Scotia Insurance Women's Association
All Saints Bedford Players	Nova Scotia Provincial Lotteries & Casino Corporation
Atlantic University Sport	Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board Casual Day Fund
Bell Aliant	Palooka's Charitable Foundation
Bell Aliant Employee Giving Program	Province House Credit Union
Beta Sigma Phi – Preceptor Gamma	RBC
Bibles to Missions	RBC Foundation
BOYNECLARKE	Royal LePage Shelter Foundation
Canadian Progress Club – Halifax Cornwallis	Sackville Sports Stadium
Canadian Women's Foundation	Scotia Fuels
Charm Diamond Centre	Sisters of Charity Halifax
Christ Church	Steele Auto Group
CIBC Wood Gundy	Stewart McKelvey
F.K. Morrow Foundation	TD Canada Trust, Atlantic Region
FEED Nova Scotia	The Halifax Mooseheads
Ficanex Services Limited Partnership	The Henry and Berenice Kaufmann Foundation
Fidelity Investments Canada ULC	The Summit
Flemming Charitable Foundation	Tim Hortons
Grace Chapel	Unique Solutions
Halifax Dump and Run – SMU	United Way of Halifax Region
Halifax Protestant Infants Foundation	Wickwire Holm
Halifax Regional Municipality	Women In Business
Halifax Youth Foundation	
Home Depot	
Invist Angels in the Night	

To protect privacy, we do not list donations made by individuals. If we have excluded anyone from this list, please know that your kindness has not been forgotten and is greatly appreciated.



Alice Housing would also like to thank the **Nova Scotia Department of Community Services** for their ongoing support for our programs and housing. This significant support provides us the opportunity to focus on the delivery and sustainability of safe housing and programming for women and children escaping violence. In addition to the annual financial contribution from the province we are under the comprehensive arm of **The Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women** where issues faced by women can be heard and addressed through a women's centered approach.



CO-CHAIR REPORT

The last year can be described using one word – stability. In 2014, the Alice Housing Board welcomed new Board Members and a new Executive Director and also said goodbye to important people. Such additions meant significant changes but through such change, this grassroots organization came into its own. Heading into 2015, Alice Housing is stable – both from a staffing perspective and a financial perspective. And the Board could not be happier with how the future looks.

Co-Chairs and Board Members

Late in 2014, the Board lost one of its Co-Chairs - Elizabeth Levangie. Elizabeth was a fixture at Alice Housing who worked hard to fill the Executive Director role and she has been missed. However, Jessica Chapman moved from her role as Secretary into the Co-Chair position (with Michelle Kelly) and was an integral part of the success from the last fiscal as she brought in Don MacPherson. Leslie Hawco stayed on as Treasurer, even after giving birth in November to a gorgeous little girl, and the Board appreciates her hard work and devotion to this organization. Rounding out the Executive is Karen Gordon who took over as Treasurer after only joining the Board in early 2014.

In 2015, the Board welcomed Tsege Gebreyohannes and Theresa Hawkesworth who have been excellent contributors around the table. Unfortunately, the Board will say goodbye to long-serving Board Members, Patty Faith and Michelle Kelly, who we thank for their efforts and wish well.

Executive Director

In late August 2014, the Board welcomed Heather Byrne to the role of Executive-Director. Heather arrived from Saskatchewan and by March couldn't believe that the Halifax winter was worse than Saskatchewan weather. Despite this, she has made an incredible impact to the organization as seen in our year-end financials and the morale amongst the staff and Board. Her spirit and work ethic are beyond comparison and the Board is ecstatic to be working with such a dynamic young woman.

Staff

The Board would also like to thank the staff at Alice Housing, including Lori Morgan, Kathleen Jennex, Tina Reilly, Andrea Beazley and Mynah Meagher. These ladies go above and beyond every day and the Board relied on them heavily during tough times

this year. This organization does not exist without the dedication of these women and I know we speak for each Board Member when we say – THANK YOU.

Strategic Planning

The Board began the year in September 2014 with a Strategic Planning Session for new board members that was led by long-time Alice Housing friend, Bette MacDonald. The take away was the formation of five sub-committees that continue to work on key policies and issues for Alice Housing including:

- 1) Property
- 2) Advocacy and Education
- 3) Fundraising
- 4) Event Planning
- 5) HR and Compensation

Briefly, the property committee is doing an analysis of the needs of the organization and what units are in need of repair and updating. The advocacy and education committee looks at the key messages for Alice Housing and how we can focus our efforts on spreading the word about domestic violence. Fundraising is meant to reach out to more individuals and corporations for support – either financial or in kind, while event planning deals with our signature events to help raise money and profile for Alice Housing. This year we brought in Don MacPherson (via skype during a snowstorm and later on in person) and were ecstatic in how we increased awareness and engaged men and boys into the conversation about domestic violence. Finally, the HR and compensation committee is dealing with a review of personnel policies, benefits and salaries.

Other Events

In addition to the Don MacPherson event, that took place in January of 2015, Alice Housing hosted her Royal Highness Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall in May of 2014. This event garnered national press and was featured in several national and international media stories and we were happy to be given such an opportunity. The Board also enjoyed



sharing a cup of tea and some crumpets with her Royal Highness and used the opportunity to invite and thank some of the key Alice Housing stakeholders.

Finally, the Board and staff at Alice Housing have become excellent 50/50 ticket sales people as we were given the opportunity to run the 50/50 draws for the AUS Basketball Championships as well as three Moosehead hockey games. The money we raised was significant but the ability to reach out to all in attendance at the AUS events was excellent. It was great to engage people in a conversation about Alice Housing while selling them 50/50 tickets.

Overall, we hope 2015/2016 brings us similar success in terms of building awareness, engaging men and boys in the conversation and increasing our revenue so we can grow our advocacy and education work. A big thank you to all who support Alice Housing and to everyone who works to make Alice Housing the organization it is.

Co-Chairs,

Michelle Kelly and Jessica Chapman

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

I arrived in Halifax in July 2014 from Saskatoon SK so that my family and I could be closer to family. I was delighted to be presented with the opportunity to join the Alice Housing team as Executive Director in August. Supporting and advocating on behalf of women is exactly where I want to be.

Since joining the Alice Housing team I have been beyond impressed by the longevity, commitment and effectiveness of the staff. Alice Housing and its programs are fine-tuned and are having a powerful and life changing effect on the women and children who come through its doors. Compassion and professionalism is interwoven throughout the organizational culture and is extended to both women accessing our services and each other, as colleagues.

The Alice Housing Board of Directors is fully engaged and extraordinarily effective. The planning and execution of our January fundraiser occurred with extensive board committee engagement and they were also responsible for almost 75% of our ticket sales. This occurred through conference calls, meetings and strings of email communication. In addition, we required 300 hours of volunteer time in order to participate fully in the AUS Tournament (reference in fundraising report); 267 of those 300 hours were filled by board members, their family and friends.

Despite the transition experienced by Alice Housing within the first quarter of this fiscal year, our 2014-2015 year could only be summed up as a phenomenal success. Our service delivery, property upgrades, fundraising and community awareness are at optimal levels. I look forward to another year at the helm of this organization that provides such a vital service to our community.

Heather Byrne, Executive Director



**Alice Housing Staff
2014-2015**



FINANCIAL REPORT

This committee is comprised of Leslie Hawco, CA, CBV and Ad Hoc member, Donna Fowler.

During the year ended March 31, 2015, Alice Housing had total revenues of \$653,792 (Operating Revenue - \$118,257 and Other Income - \$535,535) and total expenditures (Operating Expenditures - \$152,694 and Administrative and Other Expenditures - \$399,280) of \$551,974 which resulted in Excess Revenues Over Expenditures of \$101,818, an 86% increase from fiscal 2014.

Earnings from operations ended in a \$34,437 deficit which was the result of the properties requiring an additional \$30,000 in maintenance in fiscal 2015 from 2014. The Board has responded by increasing the general maintenance budget to anticipate further work being required on our aging properties.

The decrease in Donations and Fundraising revenue is primarily attributed to a \$67,500 decrease from fiscal 2014 in solicited grants, a \$25,650 decrease in fundraising revenue and the loss of the \$50,000 Alice Housing received from Medavie Blue Cross in 2012-2014. The increase in the Province of Nova Scotia funding was a result of increased committed funds from the Province, which are expected to remain consistent in fiscal 2016. Provincial funding makes up 35% of total budgeted revenues.

Administrative and Other Expenses realized a decrease of \$55,200 from fiscal 2014. \$31,900 of this decrease is attributed to reduced Fundraising Expenses, a proportional correlation with the reduced fundraising revenue noted above. Administration costs decreased by \$12,700 from the prior year, which is mostly attributed to the hiring of Snow Recruitment in 2014 to assist in finding and hiring an Executive Director. Repairs and Maintenance decreased from the prior year by \$6,400 which is a result of the replacement of the furnace at the Drop-in Centre in 2014.

The Board has approved the budget for fiscal 2015/2016 projecting an increase in resources of \$7,757.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Hawco, CA, CBV Treasurer

**ALICE HOUSING
(SECOND STAGE HOUSING ASSOCIATION OF DARTMOUTH)**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended March 31, 2015

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LYLE TILLEY DAVIDSON

**ALICE HOUSING
(SECOND STAGE HOUSING ASSOCIATION OF DARTMOUTH)**

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LYLE TILLEY DAVIDSON

Chartered Accountants



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of **Alice Housing**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **Alice Housing**, which comprise the statement of financial position, as at March 31, 2015 and the statements of revenues and expenditures, changes in net assets, and cash flow for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal controls as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal controls. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

The Association reports revenues from donation and fundraising, the completeness of which is not susceptible of satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the company and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to contributions, excess of revenue over expenses, and net assets.

Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of the contributions referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of **Alice Housing** as at March 31, 2015, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lyle Tilley Davidson". The signature is written in a cursive style.

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Halifax, Nova Scotia
June 2, 2015

ALICE HOUSING
(SECOND STAGE HOUSING ASSOCIATION OF DARTMOUTH)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
as at March 31, 2015

	2015	2014
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash - unrestricted	\$ 180,914	\$ 86,515
Accounts receivable (note 3)	12,022	17,199
Prepaid expenses	1,401	1,311
	<u>194,337</u>	<u>105,025</u>
CASH - RESTRICTED		
Replacement reserve (note 4)	9,699	8,215
Security deposit	4,918	4,366
Operating reserve (notes 4 and 5)	93,260	90,303
	<u>107,877</u>	<u>102,884</u>
CAPITAL ASSETS (note 6)	426,505	442,281
INVESTMENT FUND (note 7)	35,750	32,944
COPYRIGHT AND TRADEMARK (note 8)	4,926	4,926
	<u>467,181</u>	<u>480,151</u>
	<u>\$ 769,395</u>	<u>\$ 688,060</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 9)	\$ 20,382	\$ 40,711
Deferred revenue	34,772	8,970
Security deposits	4,570	4,593
Current portion of long-term debt (note 10)	3,022	19,685
	<u>62,746</u>	<u>73,959</u>
LONG TERM DEBT (note 10)	66,159	69,049
LONG-TERM DEFERRED GOVERNMENT GRANT	153,111	159,491
	<u>282,016</u>	<u>302,499</u>
NET ASSETS		
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	180,207	92,987
NET ASSETS FOR REPLACEMENT RESERVE	9,699	8,215
NET ASSETS FOR OPERATING RESERVE	93,260	90,303
NET ASSETS INVESTED IN CAPITAL ASSETS	204,213	194,056
	<u>487,379</u>	<u>385,561</u>
	<u>\$ 769,395</u>	<u>\$ 688,060</u>

Signed on behalf of the Board

_____ Director _____ Director

ALICE HOUSING
(SECOND STAGE HOUSING ASSOCIATION OF DARTMOUTH)
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
for the year ended March 31, 2015

	2015	2014
REVENUE (schedule A)	\$ 118,257	\$ 122,629
EXPENDITURES (schedule A)	152,694	119,309
	<u>(34,437)</u>	<u>3,320</u>
OTHER INCOME		
Province of Nova Scotia	210,642	45,642
United Way	60,005	57,957
Donations and fundraising	253,778	385,108
Investments and investment fund (note 5)	5,770	8,370
Criminal Injuries Justice Fund	5,340	8,855
	<u>535,535</u>	<u>505,932</u>
INCOME BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER EXPENDITURES	<u>501,098</u>	<u>509,252</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER EXPENDITURES		
Administration	23,530	36,228
Book publishing	-	361
Fundraising expenses	25,027	56,893
Professional fees	6,878	5,544
Program	7,457	10,512
Public relations	4,741	6,122
Repairs	5,362	10,736
Salaries and benefits	308,606	305,339
Telephone	6,695	7,510
Travel	4,334	6,068
Utilities	6,650	9,191
	<u>399,280</u>	<u>454,504</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR	<u>\$ 101,818</u>	<u>\$ 54,748</u>

ALICE HOUSING
(SECOND STAGE HOUSING ASSOCIATION OF DARTMOUTH)
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
for the year ended March 31, 2015

	Unrestricted Net Assets	Operating Reserve Net Assets	Replacement Reserve Net Assets	Net Assets Invested in Capital Assets	Total 2015	Total 2014
Balance - beginning of year	\$ 92,987	\$ 90,303	\$ 8,215	\$ 194,056	\$ 385,561	\$ 330,808
Excess of revenue over expenditures	101,818	-	-	-	101,818	54,748
Amortization of capital assets	9,396	-	-	(9,396)	-	-
Changes in investments	(2,957)	2,957	-	-	-	5
Repayment of mortgages	(25,933)	-	-	25,933	-	-
Amortization of HRDC grant	6,380	-	-	(6,380)	-	-
Transfer to replacement reserve	(1,484)	-	1,484	-	-	-
Balance - end of year	\$ 180,207	\$ 93,260	\$ 9,699	\$ 204,213	\$ 487,379	\$ 385,561

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ALICE HOUSING
(SECOND STAGE HOUSING ASSOCIATION OF DARTMOUTH)
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW
for the year ended March 31, 2015

	2015	2014
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of revenue over expenditures (expenditures over revenue) for the year	\$ 101,818	\$ 54,748
Amortization - property & equipment	15,776	19,948
Loss (gain) on disposal of investments	997	(20,246)
Unrealized loss (gain) on investments	(5,017)	18,014
Amortization - long-term deferred government grant	(6,380)	(6,645)
Reinvested income	(1,743)	-
	<u>105,451</u>	<u>65,819</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	5,177	(6,273)
Change in restricted cash	(2,036)	(1,495)
Prepaid expenses	(90)	6,129
Deferred revenue	25,802	1,214
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(20,329)	8,199
Security deposits	(23)	290
	<u>113,952</u>	<u>73,883</u>
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Repayment of long-term debt	(19,553)	(22,318)
Proceeds from sale of investments	11,224	102,682
Purchase of short-term investments	(11,224)	(86,927)
	<u>-</u>	<u>15,755</u>
INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED CASH FOR THE YEAR	94,399	67,320
UNRESTRICTED CASH - BEGINNING OF YEAR	86,515	19,195
UNRESTRICTED CASH - END OF YEAR	\$ 180,914	\$ 86,515

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STATUS OF ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

Alice Housing (Second Stage Housing Association of Dartmouth) (The "Association"), formally known as W. Williams Non-profit Housing Association, was incorporated in November of 1982 and provides second stage housing and support counselling for women and children leaving domestic abuse.

The Association is a registered charity and as such, is exempt from income taxes under the Canadian Income Tax Act.

During the year, the Association changed its legal name from W. Williams Non-profit Housing Association to Second Stage Housing Association of Dartmouth.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

These statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO).

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value when acquired or issued. In subsequent periods, financial assets with actively traded markets are reported at fair value, with any unrealized gains and losses reported in income. All other financial instruments are reported at amortized cost, and tested for impairment at each reporting date. Transaction costs on the acquisition, sale, or issue of financial instruments are expensed when incurred.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future. The most significant accounting estimates in these financial statements include allowance for doubtful accounts, the estimated useful lives of capital assets, and deferred revenue.

Revenue recognition

Alice Housing follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions and government assistance are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Capital assets

(a) Units A & B, E and Duplexes 1 and 2

Property, buildings and equipment are stated at cost. Amortization on the property and buildings is provided at an amount equal to the principal retirement on long-term debt. Amortization on equipment is at an annual rate of 20% starting in 2004.

(b) Drop-in Centre/Office

Property, building and equipment are stated at cost. Property, building and equipment are amortized over their estimated useful lives on a declining balance basis at the following rates:

Property and Building	4%
Equipment	20%

Amortization is calculated at one-half of the normal annual rate in the year of acquisition; amortization is prorated in the year of disposal.

Long-term deferred government grant

The long-term deferred government grants are recorded at the cost of the Drop-in Centre/Office, building and equipment, which were fully funded by an HRDC grant. Amortization is recorded at an amount equal to amortization of the related capital assets.

Contributed services and materials

Volunteers contribute many hours per year to assist the Association in carrying out its activities. As well, the Association accepts various household items, clothes and food as donations that the women are able to take. Due to the difficulty in determining their fair value, contributed services and materials are not recognized in the financial statements.

Government assistance

Alice Housing receives shelter enhancement funding to cover the cost of the repairs on the rental properties. This funding is recorded in the year it is received and is included in grants revenue.

Impairment of long lived assets

The Association tests for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the assets may not be recoverable. Recoverability is assessed by comparing the carrying amount to the projected future net cash flows the long-lived assets are expected to generate through their direct use and eventual disposition. When a test for impairment indicates that the carrying amount of an asset is not recoverable, an impairment loss is recognized to the extent the carrying value exceeds its fair value.

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2. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value when acquired or issued. In subsequent periods, financial assets with actively traded markets are reported at fair value, with any unrealized gains and losses reported in income. All other financial instruments are reported at amortized cost, and tested for impairment at each reporting date. Transaction costs on the acquisition, sale, or issue of financial instruments are expensed when incurred.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Association is exposed to this risk mainly in respect of its receipt of funds from its customers and other related sources and accounts payable.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises three types of risk: currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk. The centre is mainly exposed to interest rate risk.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument might be adversely affected by a change in the interest rates. In seeking to minimize the risks from interest rate fluctuations, the Association manages exposure through its normal operating and financing activities. The Association is exposed to interest rate risk primarily through its investments in Guaranteed Investment Certificates.

The Guaranteed Investment Certificates included in short-term investments are recorded at market value including accrued interest, which is determined by the closing value of these investments and approximates fair market value. The balances at year end included accrued interest of \$921 (2014 - \$845).

3. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Rent receivables	\$ 1,430	\$ 3,313
HST rebate receivable	10,592	13,886
	<u>\$ 12,022</u>	<u>\$ 17,199</u>

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4. RESERVE DESCRIPTIONS

Replacement Reserve

The Replacement Reserve is an annual allocation of funds to be used to cover repairs and capital cost replacements for Unit A and B. This reserve is required under the terms of a financing agreement with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the Minister of Housing of the Province of Nova Scotia and the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Operating Reserve

The Operating Reserve was established in March 2009 and is to be used to cover any emergencies in the operations of Alice Housing. As at March 31, 2015, the balance is \$93,260 (2014 - \$90,303).

5. INVESTMENTS

(a) Income (loss)

	2015	2014
Interest	\$ 7	\$ 10
Dividends	1,743	1,854
Realized gain on sale (loss)	(997)	20,246
Unrealized gain (loss)	2,211	(18,014)
Increase in endowment fund value	2,806	4,274
	\$ 5,770	\$ 8,370

(b) Holdings at market value

	2015	2014
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 67,500	\$ 67,505
Mutual funds	25,760	22,798
Investment fund	35,750	32,944
	\$ 129,010	\$ 123,247

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6. CAPITAL ASSETS

	2015		2014	
	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Net	Net
Unit A	\$ 181,678	\$ 181,137	\$ 541	\$ 677
Unit B	98,613	97,541	1,072	1,340
Duplex 1	37,853	37,394	459	573
Duplex 2	35,450	35,097	353	441
Drop in Centre/Office	235,000	81,889	153,111	159,491
Unit E 1	157,235	21,330	135,905	140,318
Unit E 2	156,224	21,160	135,064	139,441
	\$ 902,053	\$ 475,548	\$ 426,505	\$ 442,281

The units and duplexes are held for rental purposes.

7. INVESTMENT FUND (Alice Housing Fund)

In 2011, Alice Housing entered into an agreement with The Community Foundations of Canada (Foundation) to establish the The Alice Housing Fund (the "Fund") with an initial gift of \$25,000. Per their agreement, the Foundation will provide administrative, fund development, and grant making expertise and promotion of The Alice Housing Fund.

The Fund is invested by the Foundation and any investment income or donations received shall be disbursed on an annual basis to Alice Housing. At Alice Housing's discretion, the income may be paid to Alice Housing or reinvested in the Fund.

The Fund will be held permanently by the Foundation until the agreement is amended, or Alice Housing ceases to exist. In the event Alice Housing ceases to exist, the contribution will remain with the Foundation to support other charities or charitable causes as determined by Alice Housing. Should the Foundation cease to exist, Alice Housing would receive their proportionate share of the market value of the investments in the Foundation represented by the Fund.

8. COPYRIGHT AND TRADEMARK

The Association obtained the copyright and trademark of their Healing the Bruises Program. This is an internally developed children's program used to assist youth in their rehabilitation and recovery from abusive relationships. It is the intention of the Association to lend or licence the use of this program to other similar organizations.

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9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

	2015	2014
Trade payables and accrued liabilities	\$ 20,383	\$ 37,075
Source deductions payable	-	3,636
	\$ 20,383	\$ 40,711

10. LONG-TERM DEBT

	2015	2014
4.5% mortgage payable, repayable in blended monthly installments of \$506, renewable in June 2016, secured by land and building to which it relates with a net book value of \$270,969.	69,181	72,071
Loans repaid during the year	-	16,663
	69,181	88,734
Less: current portion	3,022	19,685
	\$ 66,159	\$ 69,049

The aggregate amount of principal payments required in each of the next five years to meet retirement provisions, assuming renewal of the mortgages on identical terms, is as follows:

Year ending March 31,	2016	\$	3,022
	2017		3,161
	2018		3,306
	2019		3,458
	2020		3,617
	Thereafter		52,617

Schedule A

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 SCHEDULE OF EARNINGS FROM OPERATIONS
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	Unit E	Unit A	Unit B	Duplex 1 & 2	Total 2015	Total 2014
REVENUE						
Rentals	\$ 12,070	\$ 44,285	\$ 19,595	\$ 18,912	\$ 94,862	\$ 108,919
Grants	-	-	-	20,870	20,870	11,500
CMHC rent subsidy	-	778	475	-	1,253	1,367
Washers and dryers	-	629	353	290	1,272	843
	12,070	45,692	20,423	40,072	118,257	122,629
EXPENDITURES						
Amortization	8,790	135	268	203	9,396	13,304
Bad debts	840	-	30	5,020	5,890	-
Heat	4,844	8,215	4,638	7,969	25,666	27,492
Insurance	1,229	2,321	1,233	1,727	6,510	6,114
Miscellaneous	234	75	75	-	384	327
Mortgage interest	3,172	106	43	-	3,321	3,915
Power	-	1,980	1,151	471	3,602	4,579
Property taxes	1,987	1,011	871	1,371	5,240	7,082
Repairs	6,463	19,567	12,892	37,924	76,846	47,275
Security	2,079	2,077	1,838	2,524	8,518	4,016
Water	1,098	2,294	940	2,989	7,321	5,205
	30,736	37,781	23,949	60,198	152,694	119,309
EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE						
(EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUE)	\$ (18,666)	\$ 7,911	\$ (3,526)	\$ (20,126)	\$ (34,437)	\$ 3,320

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