



Annual Report 2025

July 1, 2024–June 30, 2025



**Working Together to
Enhance and Transform Lives**



Message from the Chair of the Board and Executive Director



The past year at the Eva Rothwell Centre has been one of growth, renewal, and deepened community connection. With the support of our staff, volunteers, partners, and donors, we have continued to strengthen essential programs, enhance accessibility, and create new opportunities for learning, health, and belonging.

We are especially grateful for the ongoing collaboration of our in-house community partners – Inner City Outreach Ministry (ICOM), Hamilton Sports Hall of Fame, Hamilton Family Health Team, Bay City Railway, MPowerU, Handmade Oasis, Hamilton Police Services (Fortis Vitam), Compass Community Health (Pathways to Education), The First Unitarian Church of Hamilton, and the City of Hamilton's Public Health Department. Each of these organizations plays a vital role in advancing our shared mission of building a stronger, more inclusive community.

Strengthening Our Spaces and Services

The year brought important upgrades to our facilities, ensuring that the Eva Rothwell Centre remains a safe, welcoming, and accessible place for all. We are deeply appreciative of the Hamilton District Society of Disabled Children, which made the installation of a new lift

connecting the main floor to the third floor possible, thereby making the Centre fully accessible. We are also truly grateful to the LiUNA Union and partners, led by Joe Mancinelli and his team, for their ongoing support – from infrastructure repairs to financial assistance spanning many years.

Our Community Food Pantry underwent a major transformation this year, made possible through the support of Hamilton Food Share and the City of Hamilton. With new LED lighting, fridges and freezers, and a fresh coat of paint, this space now serves families with greater dignity and ease. We also installed new phone and paging systems to enhance safety, added an accessible main-floor bathroom through the Enabling Accessibility Grant (Government of Canada), and replaced many of our windows and doors to improve comfort and energy efficiency.

Celebrating Generosity and Partnership

Our work is sustained by the generosity of donors and funders who believe in our mission. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Karen and Peter Turkstra for their generous gift, which supports our essential food programs. We also thank United Way Halton & Hamilton for their continued partnership, and we look forward to building on this strong foundation of trust and collaboration.

Our sincere thanks to Carego Tek Innovations and Demetrius Tsafaridis and family, who hosted their annual golf tournament benefiting our Active Living Programs. Much gratitude goes to the Arkells' whose "The Rally" concert raised funds for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, expanding access to early literacy. And a big thank you to the Rosedale Tennis Club, along with Taylor and the Ormond

family, who once again, generously raised funds to support our youth programs.

This year, the Centre was honoured and pleased to welcome Eve Polonek, the granddaughter of Eva Rothwell, to the Centre for her regular visit to see significant developments and continue progress achieved throughout the year. Her father, the late Edward Polonek, was instrumental in establishing the Centre through his generous contribution to name it in honour of his mother. We extend our sincere gratitude to Eve and her sister Christine for their ongoing interest and support of the Centre's mission and ongoing work.

We were also honoured to welcome MPP Robin Lennox (Hamilton Centre). Her visit highlights the significance of our community-based services and the Centre's impact on the city and the province.

Community Impact

Fire Prevention Day brought together ICOM, Eva Rothwell Centre staff and board members, partners, the City of Hamilton Fire Department, and over 40 volunteers. We reached 600 homes to share fire safety education and set up appointments to install smoke and CO detectors where needed. This is a powerful example of community collaboration in action. Our programs also saw meaningful growth this year. The City of Hamilton's Public Health Department provided on-site cancer and dental screening services, as well as child and youth mental health counselling. The Dolly Parton Imagination Library expanded to six postal codes in lower Hamilton, mailing over 550 free literacy books to local children.

Message from the Chair of the Board and Executive Director (continued)

We are grateful to Mission Services, Ma Tee Meals (Tanya), and Pinky Lewis Recreation Centre for enriching our Camps with a healthy lunch and swim program.

Finally, we proudly unveiled new train display boards that tell the story of the Larry Paikin Literacy Express, celebrating those whose vision and support brought it to life. Our thanks go to Don MacVicar and the Paikin family for their continued commitment to literacy and learning.

Adding beauty and sustainability to our surroundings, the Home Depot Paramount Store team created a vibrant pollinator garden. Thank you, Tony, and team.

Expanding Health Services and Education

Looking ahead, we are thrilled about the Hamilton Family Health Team's expansion of Health Support Services, scheduled to open in 2026. These in-house supports will further strengthen access to critical health services for our community members.

We look forward to greater collaboration with them on learning programs, such as Budget-Friendly Meals Classes, which help residents develop practical skills for healthy living.

Gratitude and Looking Ahead

To our staff, volunteers, placement students, partners, Board members, and Advisory Board, thank you for your unwavering dedication, compassion, knowledge, and creativity. You are the heart of the Eva Rothwell Centre and the driving force behind all we accomplish.

As we look to the year ahead, we remain inspired by the resilience of our community and the power of partnership. Together, we continue to transform lives, strengthen families, and build a community where everyone can thrive.

With gratitude,

Chair of the Board, **Lori Morgan**
Executive Director, **Sam Campanella**



2024-2025 STATS



5,396

healthy breakfasts served
through our breakfast
program
(+6% from last year)



12,223

individuals served through our Community Pantry
4,754 visits to our Community Pantry
(+4% from last year)



2,995

households registered for our
Community Clothing Room
(+2% from last year)



698

children & youth
registered for our After
School Program
(+62% from last year)



6,064

books sent out to children through
Dolly Parton's Imagination Library
(+12% from last year)

and

690

children enrolled in Dolly Parton's
Imagination Library

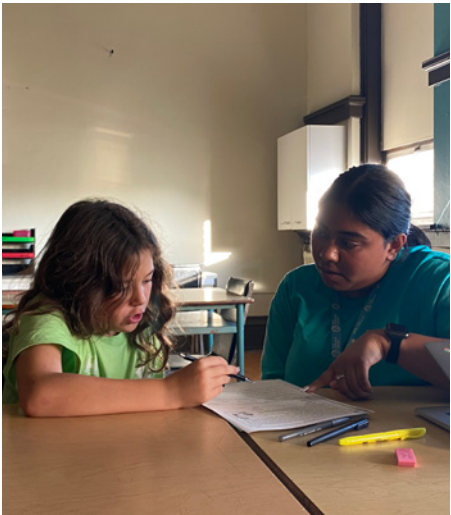


166

children & youth registered for our
Summer Camp

119

children & youth registered for our
March Break & PA Day Camps



2024-2025

Board of Directors

Lori Morgan – Chair	Anastasia Drakos
Don MacVicar – Founder and Past Chair	Paul Drakos
Elizabeth Merolli – Treasurer	Kate Dunn
Shofali Agarwal	Julie Farnand
Micheal Brown	Tyler Iorio
Kyle Datzkiw	Hannah Keip
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Advisory Council

Mike Farrell	Larry Paikin
Anne-Marie Hourigan	Daryl Sage
Jeff Paikin	Demetrius Tsafaridis

Staff

Sam Campanella – Executive Director	Hailey Costa – Receptionist
Jordan Bailey – Program Manager	Lisa Honeyford – Receptionist
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Katelynn Blowe – Program Coordinator	Bill Robinson – Cleaning/Maintenance Staff
Jaqueline Williamson – Receptionist	Kathy Vaughan – Cleaning/Maintenance Staff
Colby Hare – Program Lead	
Tina Inthason – Program Lead	
Malachi Johnson – Program Lead	
Khaini Srikanthan – Program Lead	

After-School Program/Camp Staff

Ella Arsenault	Alyssa Johnson	Mary Primerano
Jocelyn Bothon	Jaden Lubin	Natasha Salmon
Xane Carter-Cayenne	Sarah MacPherson	Hajaan Srikanthan
Melissa Da Silva	Emily Nickson	Desiree Stevens
Andrew Foscett	Elijah Pare	Josh Thompson
Jane Henry	Jayden Pereira	Chelsea Young
Rana Hussein	Emma Peterson	

A special thank you to all the past staff members who made a difference in the lives of the children and families in our community. Wishing you all success and happiness.

Financials

Financial Overview with Community Impact

The Eva Rothwell Centre closed the fiscal year with a surplus of \$112,011, a testament to both sound financial stewardship and the collective strength of our Eva Rothwell Centre Community. This surplus is not just a number—it represents the Centre's ability to reinvest in programs, facilities, and services that directly benefit local families and individuals.

Revenue Growth: Fueling Community Programs

Total revenues reached \$1,104,600, a 20% increase over last year. This growth was driven by:

- **Donations:** Increased by 26%, reflecting the trust and generosity of our supporters. Every donation, large or small, is an act of faith in the Centre's mission and a direct investment in the wellbeing of our neighbours.
- **Rent Revenue:** Increased by 62%, thanks to new partnerships and better use of our spaces, allowing more organizations to serve the community under our roof.
- **Camp Revenue:** Increased by 29%, with full program attendance in various youth camps – often with wait lists. These programs provide safe, enriching experiences for children and youth, and their increasing demand highlights the ongoing need for accessible, high-quality programming.

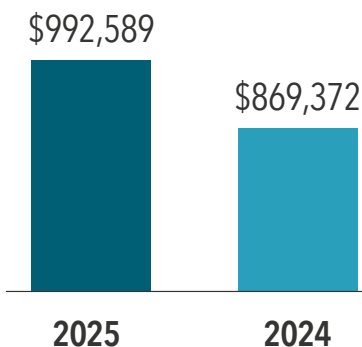
Responsible Spending: Investing in People and Place

Expenses rose by 14% to \$992,589, reflecting strategic investments in the Centre's infrastructure and services:

- **Repairs and Maintenance:** Increased by 94%, as the Centre undertook major renovations– the remodel of the Community Food Pantry, installing an accessible bathroom on the main floor, and improving safety and energy efficiency. These improvements ensure that the Centre remains a welcoming, dignified space for all.
- **Salaries and Wages:** Increased by 9%, supporting the dedicated staff who are the backbone of our programs and outreach. Competitive wages and expanded staffing help us meet growing demand and maintain high standards of care.
- **Program Expenses:** Continued investment in programming ensures that the Centre can respond to the evolving needs of the community, from food security to health and wellness.



Expenditures



Financials (continued)

Financial Position: Stability for the Future

The Centre's financial position is strong, with total assets of \$3,016,078 and cash on hand of \$1,131,990—an increase of \$736,228 from last year. Much of this growth is due to restricted cash, earmarked for future capital projects such as the expansion of medical support services in partnership with the Hamilton Family Health Team. This forward-looking approach ensures that the Centre can continue to innovate and expand its offerings.

Deferred contributions and internally restricted net assets provide a safety net, allowing the Centre to weather uncertainties and respond to emergencies while maintaining a focus on long-term sustainability.

Community Impact: Beyond the Numbers

Behind every financial figure is a story of community resilience and generosity. The Centre's financial performance enabled vital upgrades and expanded programming, directly improving the lives of the local community. Camp attendance at full capacity, enhanced health services, and improved accessibility are just a few examples of how financial stewardship translates into real-world impact.

The Centre's partnerships—with donors, local organizations, and volunteers—are the foundation of its success. Together, we have created a space where everyone is welcome, supported, and empowered to reach their full potential.

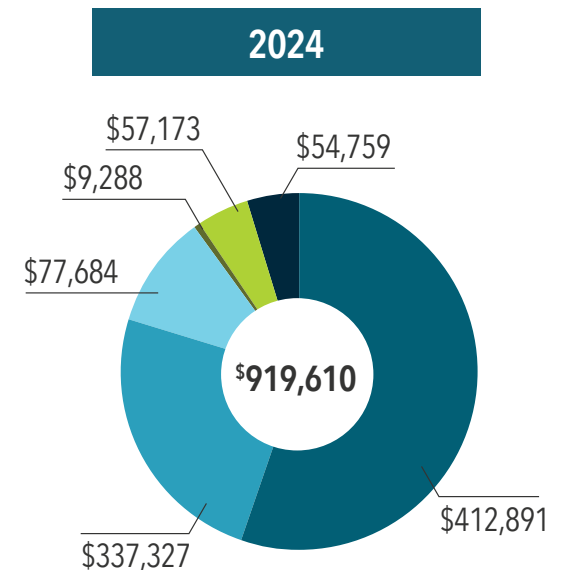
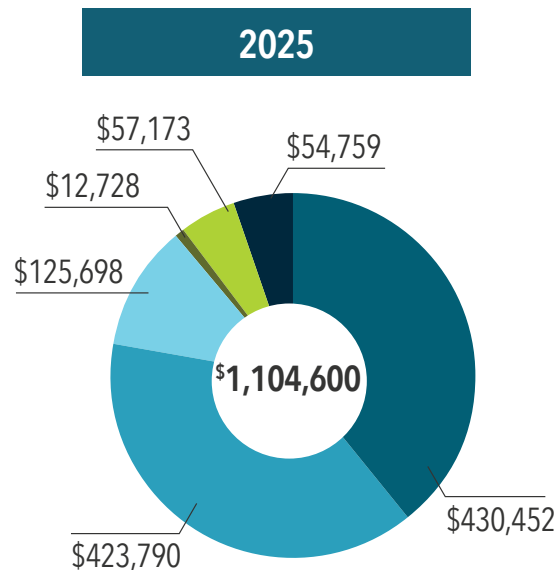
Looking Ahead

As we move forward, the Eva Rothwell Centre remains committed to responsible financial management and deep community engagement. The Board and staff will continue to seek out new opportunities, strengthen existing programs, and ensure that every dollar entrusted to us is used to build a stronger, more inclusive community.

Statement of Revenues

As at June 30

- Grants
- Donations
- Rent
- Interest income
- Camp revenue
- Amortization of deferred contributions relating to capital assets





A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees. - Amelia Earhart

Our Supporters

Thank you to our many generous supporters in changing and impacting so many lives. Learn more at evarohtwell.ca/our-supporters.

100 Women Who Care
The 905 Real Estate Team
The Allen & Milli Gould Family Foundation
Alzheimer Society Brant, Haldimond, Norfolk,
Hamilton, Halton
ArcelorMittal Dofasco
Arkells
Balla Media
Banyan Community Services
Bay City Railway Historical Foundation
Bentley
Brantford Bulldogs
Bryan's
Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities
Carego
CHCH
CIBC
Citizen Kid
City of Hamilton
Community Services Recovery Fund
Compass Community Health
Daytrippers Children's Charity
Diva
Empire Mortgage Group
Epic Books
Firehouse Subs

First Unitarian Church of Hamilton
Franco's No Frills
Fit Active Beautiful Foundation
Girl on the Wing
Government of Canada
Hamilton Athletic Trust
Hamilton Community Foundation
Hamilton District Society for Disabled Children
Hamilton Family Health Team
Hamilton Food Share
Hamilton Golf & Country Club
Hamilton Health Sciences
Hamilton Huskies
Hamilton Police Service
Hamilton Public Library
Hamilton Rotary Club
Hamilton Sports Hall of Fame
Hamilton Tiger-Cats
Hamilton Transportation Club
Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School
Board
Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board
Hillfield Strathallan College
Home Depot Canada Foundation
Inner City Outreach Ministry
Intact Insurance

The Joyce Family Foundation
Kiwanis Club of Hamilton East Inc.
The Lawyers' Legacy for Children
Little Caesars
Losani Homes
LIUNA
LIUNA Local 837
Lush
Ma-Tee Meals
McMaster Marauders
McMaster University
Mission Services
Mohawk College
New Horizon Development Group
Ontario Builds
Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport
Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement
System
Ontario Trillium Foundation
Pathways to Education
Playhouse Cinema
ProAction Cops & Kids
Pro - High Five
RBC
Rescue7
Rogers

Rosedale Tennis Club
Rotary Club of Hamilton AM
Second Harvest
Service Canada
Sims Advertising
Social Planning & Research Council of
Hamilton
Sons and Daughters of Italy
SPCA
Stac Basketball
Summerlunch+
Sydney Wood Purple Butterfly of Hope
Foundation
Tastebuds Hamilton
Taylor Leibow
TD Canada Trust
Telus
Telling Tales
TransUnion
Turkstra Lumber
United for Literacy
United Way of Halton & Hamilton
Walmart
Wentworth Metal Recycling
Whole Kids Foundation
Y108 Children's Fund



Vision

A diverse community working together to enhance and transform lives.

Mission

To help our community members thrive by providing essential services, including access to health and wellness supports, educational programming and a place to belong.

Values

Diversity and Accessibility

We foster a safe and inclusive environment for all.

Knowledge and Growth

We provide access to education, guidance and resources.

Relationships

We build connections that make an impact.

Accountability and Transparency

We lead with integrity in our community.

Community Care

Providing essential services and support for our community is at the heart of all we do.



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