

AFS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING -

MINUTES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022 5:00 pm Virtual – Zoom



ATTENDANCE

AFS Board of Directors:	🗵 Jana Tetreault, Chair	🗵 William Johnson	Pamela Ficociello

□ Patricia Ricard Lofstrom
 ☑ John Paul Paciocco
 ☑ Dania Kuzbari
 ☑ Lucia Silvano
 ☑ Megan Bernard
 ☑ Julie Gardiner
 ☑ Lucia O'Connor
 ☑ Lucas Buffone
 ☑ Sean Halliday

Regrets: Patricia Ricard Lofstrom Julie Gardiner Sean Halliday

MINUTES

1.0 Constitute Meeting

1.1 Call to Order

The Board Chair calls the meeting to order at 5:10 pm.

1.2 General Welcome

The Board Chair welcomes everyone to the meeting.

1.3 Land Acknowledgement

The Board Chair provides the land acknowledgement.

2.0 Keynote Speaker

Mr. Douglas Elliott delivers the keynote speech.

3.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts declared.

4.0 AFS General Membership

The Board Chair reviews the general membership.

MOTION BIRT, the board approves the AFS general membership for the 2022/23 term,

as presented.

Moved by: William Johnson

Seconded by: Lil Silvano All in favour. CARRIED.

5.0 Agenda & Minutes

5.1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION BIRT, the board approves the September 28, 2022, Annual General Meeting

agenda, as presented.

Moved by: Dania Kuzbari

Seconded by: John Paul Paciocco All in favour. CARRIED.

5.2 Approval of Minutes

MOTION BIRT, the board approves the September 23, 2021, Annual General Meeting

minutes as amended.

Moved by: Megan Bernard

Seconded by: John Paul Paciocco All in favour. CARRIED.

6.0 Treasurer's Report

6.1 BDO LLP Chartered Accountants – Presentation of Audited Financial Statements

Alicia Burgoyne, Senior Manager at BDO Canada presents the audited financial statements. Discussion

ensures and questions are answered satisfactorily.

MOTION BIRT, the board receives and approves the 2021/22 Audited Financial

Statements as presented by BDO auditors.

Moved by: John Paul Paciocco

Seconded by: Lil Silvano All in favour. CARRIED.

6.2 Appointment of Auditors

MOTION BIRT, the board appoints the auditing firm BDO LLP Chartered Accountants to

represent Algoma Family Services as the Corporation's Auditors for 2022/23.

Moved by: Lil Silvano

Seconded by: Megan Bernard All in favour. CARRIED.

7.0 Rotation of AFS Directors for 2022/23

The Board Chair reviews the rotation of directors as presented in item 7.0.

MOTION BIRT, the board receives and approves the proposed rotation of directors as

presented.

Moved by: William Johnson

Seconded by: Dania Kuzbari All in favour. CARRIED.

8.0 Adoption of 2022/23 Slate of AFS Directors

The Board Chair reviews the rotation of directors as presented in item 8.0.

MOTION BIRT, the board adopts the rotation of directors for 2022/23 as presented.

Moved by: Megan Bernard

Seconded by: Lil Silvano All in favour. CARRIED.

9.0 Election of 2022/23 AFS Board Officers

No nominations presented.

The following board directors wish to continue in their role:

- Secretary, John Paul Paciocco
- Treasurer, Lil Silvano
- Vice-Chair, Pamela Ficociello
- Chair, Jana Tetreault

MOTION BIRT, the board approves the AFS Board Officers as elected for 2022/23.

Moved by: William Johnson

Seconded by: Megan Bernard All in favour. CARRIED.

10.0 Annual Report

10.1 AFS Board Chair Annual Report

The Board Chair presents the report.

10.2 AFS Chief Executive Officer's Annual Report

The CEO presents the report.

11.0 Other Business

Attendees are invited to participate in the Every Breakfast Counts 50/50 draw.

12.0 Adjournment

MOTION BIRT, the board adjourns the annual general meeting at 6:23 pm.

Moved by: Lil Silvano

Seconded by: Megan Bernard All in favour. CARRIED.

Submitted by: Ashlee Gerard, Executive Assistant

2022/23 AFS General Membership

SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

2022/23 proposed general memberships, as follows:

Bernard, Megan	Buffone, Lucas	Ficociello, Pamela
Gardiner, Julie	Johnson, William	Kuzbari, Dania
O'Connor, Lucia	Paciocco, John Paul	Ricard Lofstrom, Patricia
Silvano, Lil	Tetreault, Jana	Leave of Absence: Halliday, Sean

Additional general membership applications will be accepted at the September 28, 2022, AGM for the 2022/23 term.



2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – AGENDA

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#	Agenda Item	Time	Lead
1.0	Opening & Welcome 1.1 Call to Order 1.2 General Welcome 1.3 Land Acknowledgement	15	Jana Tetreault, Chair
2.0	Keynote Speaker: Douglas Elliott	15	Introduction: Ali Juma, CEO
3.0	Declaration of Conflict of Interest	2	Jana Tetreault, Chair
4.0	AFS General Membership* MOTION to approve AFS general membership for the 2022/23 term, as presented.	2	Jana Tetreault, Chair
5.0	Agenda & Minutes* 5.1 Approval of Agenda MOTION to approve the September 28, 2022, Annual General Meeting agenda, as presented. 5.2 Approval of Minutes MOTION to approve the September 23, 2021, Annual General Meeting	5	Jana Tetreault, Chair
6.0	minutes as amended. Treasurer's Report	20	
	 6.1 BDO LLP Chartered Accountants – AGM Presentation 6.2 Presentation of 2021/22 Audited Financial Statements* MOTION to receive and approve the 2021/22 Audited Financial Statements as presented by BDO auditors. 		Alicia Burgoyne, BDO
	6.3 Appointment of Auditors MOTION to appoint the auditing firm BDO LLP Chartered Accountants to represent Algoma Family Services as the Corporation's Auditors for 2022/23.		
8.0	Rotation of AFS Directors for 2022/23* MOTION to receive and approve the proposed rotation of directors as presented.	5	Jana Tetreault, Chair

9.0	Adoption of 2022/23 Slate of AFS Directors*	5	Jana Tetreault, Chair
	MOTION to adopt the Slate of Directors for 2022/23 as presented.		
10.0	Election of AFS Board Officers for 2022/23	5	Jana Tetreault, Chair
	MOTION to approve the AFS Board Officers as elected for 2022/23.		
11.0	Annual Report	30	
	11.1 AFS Board President Annual Report		Jana Tetreault, Chair
	11.2 AFS Chief Executive Officer's Annual Report		Ali Juma, CEO
12.0	Other Business	5	
13.0	Adjournment		Jana Tetreault, Chair
	MOTION to adjourn the annual general meeting at pm.		



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AFS Strategic Plan 2016 – 2021

Our Vision

Inspiring hope and well-being
Our Mission

Together we will improve access to extraordinary services

Our Values

- Active listening •
- The potential of every individual •
- Diverse people and perspectives
 - Dynamic teamwork •
 - Tenacious resolve •
 - Breakthrough innovation •

Strategic Priorities

- Awesome Team •
- Extraordinary Services
 - Busting Barriers •
 - Inspiring Outreach •

Plan stratégique SFA 2016 – 2021

Notre Vision

Inspirez l'espoir et le bien-être

Notre Mission

Ensemble, nous améliorerons l'accès à des services extraordinaires

Nos Valeurs

- L'écoute active •
- Le potentiel de chacun •
- Des personnes et des perspectives diverses
 - Du travail d'équipe dynamique •
 - De la fermeté dans les résolutions •
 - Une innovation révolutionnaire •

Strategic Priorities

- Équipe impressionnante •
- Services extraordinaires •
- Élimination des obstacles •
- Sensibilisation inspirante •

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1	₄ 21st Ar	Family Services					
	CALL TO ORDER at 7:03 PM by AFS Board Chair						
	OPENING WELCOME by Ali Juma						
		 Gene	ral Introductions				
		AFS	General Members				
		Fellow A	AFS Board Director	S			
		AFS	S CEO, Ali Juma				
		AFS S	Staff in attendance				
		Presentation –Key	note speaker Ms.	Provenzano			
	Declaration of Cor	nflict of Interest		As required			
2	AFS GENERAL MEM	BERSHIP (2021-22 to	erm)	PROPOSED MOTION:			
	• 2019-20 Propos	sed General members	ships, as follows:	BIRT the AFS General			
	Bernard, Megan	Ficociello, Pamela	Halliday, Sean	Membership for term 2021- 2022 is approved, as			
	Halliday, Sean	Paciocco, John Paul	Silvano, Lil	presented:			
	Tetreault, Jana	William Johnson	Lucas Buffone	Moved by: P. Lofstrom			
	Patricia Ricard Loftstrom	Seconded: P. Ficociello					
		al Memberships applica		MOTION CARRIED			
	at the Septembe	YES ⊠NO □					



#	AGENDA ITEM	Action
3	REVIEW OF AGENDA	PROPOSED MOTION:
	September 23, 2021 Annual General Meeting	BIRT the AFS General Membership approves the September 23, 2021 AGM agenda, as presented: Moved by: P. Lofstrom Seconded: J.P. Paciocco MOTION CARRIED YES NO
4	REVIEW OF MINUTES of Previous Annual General Meeting	PROPOSED MOTION:
	 September 24, 2020 AGM Minutes (copy provided in advance to AFS General Members) 	BIRT the AFS General Membership approves the September 24, 2020 AGM minutes, as presented. Moved by: J.P. Paciocco Seconded: B. Johnson MOTION CARRIED YES NO
5	By-Law Amendment	PROPOSED MOTION:
	 The Board of Directors of the Corporation use its best efforts to represent the communities served and to this end and extent will strive to achieve a board of directors composed as follows: Six (6) persons who are ordinarily resident in the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario; and Six (6) persons who are ordinarily resident in the District of Algoma, excluding the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario; One or more members of the Board of Directors being a person whose first language is French and who is a resident of the District of Algoma; One or more members of the Board of Directors being a person of Indigenous descent who is a resident of the District of Algoma 	BIRT the AFS General Membership approves the proposed revision to By-Law #1 Clause 6.03 Board Composition, as presented. Moved by: P. Lofstrom Seconded: L. Buffone MOTION CARRIED YES NO



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	BIRT the AFS Board adopts the amended language of By-Law #1 Clause 6.03 Board Composition as presented by AFS Board Governance Committee on September 23, 2021, for review and approval by the AFS General Membership.	MOVED BY: L. Buffone SECONDED: J.P Paciocco Motion carried	PROPOSED MOTION:
	Chartered Accountants B. Presentation of AFS Audited	chambault, Partner, BDO LLP I Financial Statements for dited F.S. provided to General able at meeting)	BIRT the AFS General Membership receives and approves the Audited Financial Statements, as presented by BDO LLP Chartered Accountants, fo the fiscal year ended Marc 31, 2021. Moved by: P. Lofstrom
	BIRT the AFS Board receives the 2020-21 Audited Financial Statements as at March 31, 2021, as presented by BDO Auditors to the AFS Board Finance and Operations Committee on June 17 202, and received by the AFS Board of Directors at the September 23, 2021 AFS Board meeting and brought forward to the AFS Annual General Meeting on September 23, 2021 for review by the AFS General Membership.	MOVED BY: JP Paciocco SECONDED Bill Johnson Motion carried	Seconded: B. Johnson MOTION CARRIED YES NO



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#	AGENDA	A ITEM		Action		
6	TREASURER'S REPORT (contin	PROPOSED MOTION:				
	APPOINTMENT OF AUDI As presented by Jana Te Board Finance & Operati	BIRT the AFS Corporate General Membership appoints the auditing firm BDO LLP Chartered Accountants to represent Algoma Family Services as the Corporation's Auditors for fiscal 2021-22 as proposed by J. Tetreault Moved by: P. Lofstrom Seconded: P. Ficociello MOTION CARRIED YES NO				
7	ROTATION OF AFS DIRECTOR • As at September 23, 2021	S for 2019-20 to	erm	PROPOSED MOTION:		
	 As presented by Sean Hal Governance Committee 			BIRT the AFS Corporate General Membership receives the proposed		
	Board member	Area Served	Proposed Term	rotation of Directors, as		
	MEGAN BERNARD (2018-11-22 to present)	City	2018-21	presented by Sean Halliday Chair of the AFS		
	PATRICIA RICARD LOFSTROM (2019-11-28 to present)	City & District	2018-21	Governance Committee, for fiscal period 2021-2022 Moved by: JP Paciocco		
	VACANCY - deferred ➤ A. Boudreau Vacancy eff. Sept 2021	City	2021-24	Seconded: S. Halliday MOTION CARRIED		
	VACANCY - deferred ➤ M. Nicholas vacancy eff. Sept 2021	City	2021-24	YES ⊠NO □		
8	ADOPTION OF SLATE OF AFS term	DIRECTORS fo	or the 2021-22	PROPOSED MOTION:		
	 As presented by Jana Te Halliday, Chair of AFS Be Reference Appendix 	BIRT the AFS Corporate General Membership adopts the Slate of AFS Directors for 2021-22 term, as presented in Appendix "A" . Moved by: J.P. Paciocco Seconded: J. Tetreault MOTION CARRIED YES NO				



#	AGEND	A ITEM	Action
9	ELECTION OF AFS BOARD OF	FICERS for 2021-22	PROPOSED MOTION:
	AFS Board Officers Board Calendar Term 2020-21	AFS Board Officers Board Calendar Term 2021-22	BIRT the AFS Corporate General Membership
	Jana Tetreault – currently President/Chair Continuing YES NO	VACANCY — President/Chair Jana Tetreault nominated	approves the following as AFS Board Officers for 2021-22: • Jana Tetreault – President/Chair
	Pamela Ficociello – currently Vice President/Vice Chair • Continuing YES NO	2. VACANCY – Vice- President/Vice-Chair Pam Ficociello nominated	 Pam Ficociello – Vice President/Vice Chair Lil Silvano – Treasurer J.P. Paciocco – Secretary
	Geraldine (Gigi) Dumont – (resign Treasurer • Continuing YES NO	3. VACANCY – Board Treasurer <u>Lil Silvano</u> nominated	Moved by: B. Johnson Seconded: L. Buffone MOTION CARRIED YES NO
	John-Paul Paciocco – currently Secretary • Continuing YES NO	4. VACANCY – Board Secretary J.P. Paciocco nominated	TES MINO
10	ANNUAL REPORT for fiscal e	•	Copies of Annual
	 AFS Board President's A AFS Chief Executive Offi 	•	Report available at the AGM; and posted on the AFS Website
11	OTHER BUSINESS		
	tremendous work of they are the glue to Express gratitude	o the staff at AFS for their during this unprecedented time, hat keeps this agency moving to the Leadership Team for their he morale high with the staff	AFS Board Chair and CEO



#	AGENDA ITEM	Action
12	MOTION TO ADJOURN	PROPOSED MOTION:
		BIRT the September 23/21 Annual General Meeting be adjourned at 7:56 PM .
		Moved by: P. Lofstrom
		Seconded: B. Johnson
		MOTION CARRIED
		YES⊠ NO □

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APPENDIX "A"

AFS BOARD MEMBERSHIP: As at September 23, 2021 for Board Calendar 2021-22

Board Member	City or District	Current 3-year Term	# of completed <u>Elected Terms</u> (as at Sept 24/20 AGM)
JULIE GARDINER > L. Naccarato vacancy eff. May 2020	С	2020-23	0 terms
J.P. PACIOCCO (2013-05-16 to present)	С	2020-23	2 terms
JANA TETREAULT (2014-09-25 to present)	D	2020-23	2 terms
SEAN HALLIDAY (2016-01-28 to present)	С	2020-23	1 term
WILLIAM S. JOHNSON (2019-11-28 to present)	С	2019-22	0 terms
LUCAS BUFFONE (2019-11-28 to present)	С	2019-22	0 terms
PAMELA FICOCIELLO (2014-09-25 to present) Board Vice-Chair Oct. 23/14 to present	C/D	2019-22	1 term
LIL SILVANO (2019-01-24 to present)	С	2019-22	0 terms
PATRICIA RICARD LOFSTROM (2019-11-28 to present)	С	2018-21	0 terms
MEGAN BERNARD (2018-11-22 to present)	С	2018-21	0 terms
VACANCY (2018-11-22 to present)	С	2018-21	0 terms
VACANCY (2018-11-22 to present)	С	2018-21	0 terms

Excerpt from AFS By-Law No. 1 ...

Section 6.03 Composition of Board. The Board of Directors of the Corporation use its best efforts to represent the communities served and to this end and extent will strive to achieve a board of directors composed as follows:

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- Six (6) persons who are ordinarily resident in the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario; and
- Six (6) persons who are ordinarily resident in the District of Algoma, excluding the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario;
- One or more members of the Board of Directors being a person whose first language is French and who is a resident of the District of Algoma;
- One or more members of the Board of Directors being a person of Indigenous descent who is a resident of the District of Algoma



March 31, 2022 Audit Annual General Meeting September 28, 2022



Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of Algoma Family Services

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Algoma Family Services (the Organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2022 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Algoma Family Services as at March 31, 2022 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Organization in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance 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 control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Organization's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.



Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Organization's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Organization to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.





Algoma Family Services Statement of Financial Position

March 31		2022	2021
Assets			
Current Cash Receivables Prepaid expenses	→ \$	1,338,516 239,811 22,262	\$ 2,364,803 343,369
		1,600,589	2,708,172
Capital assets (Note 2)	\longrightarrow	3,010,349	2,273,390
Restricted cash (Note 3)	<u> (2-</u>	62,831	62,831
	\$	4,673,769	\$ 5,044,393
Liabilities and Net Assets			
Current Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Grants repayable (Note 6) Deferred revenue (Note 7) Current portion of long-term debt (Note 8)	→ \$	848,674 88,631 140,973 37,724	\$ 1,422,719 52,063 699,400 127,081
		1,116,002	2,301,263
Deferred capital contributions (Note 9)	→ _	604,979	280,124
	a-	1,720,981	2,581,387
Net assets Reserves (Note 10) Investment in capital assets Unrestricted net assets Restricted		154,093 2,367,646 368,218 62,831	195,566 1,866,185 338,424 62,831
	22	2,952,788	2,463,006
	\$	4,673,769	\$ 5,044,393



Condensed Statement of Operations

	2022	2021
Revenue	\$12,433,429	\$11,564,332
Expenses	\$11,943,647	\$11,157,173

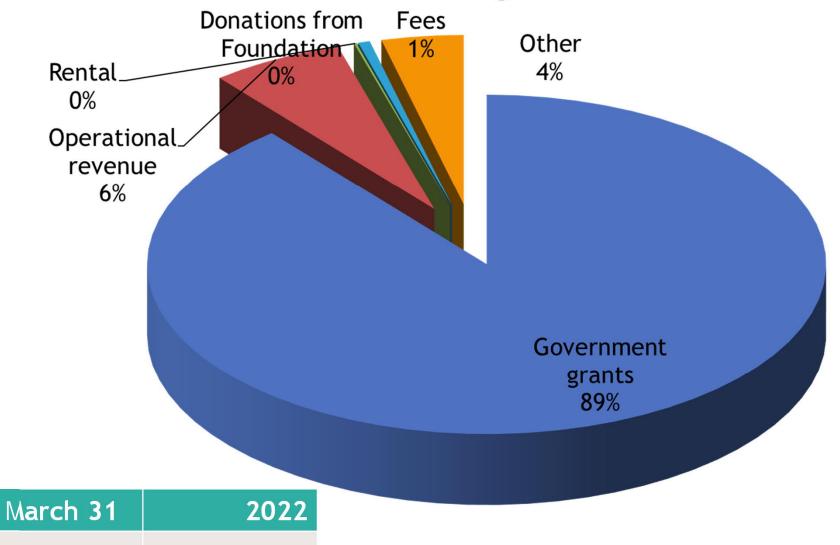
Revenue increased due to:

 Increased government funding for various areas, specifically counselling, trafficking and ITS

Expenses were increased slightly which would be expected with an increase in revenue. The main increase relates to an increase in payroll.



Condensed Statement of Operations - Revenue

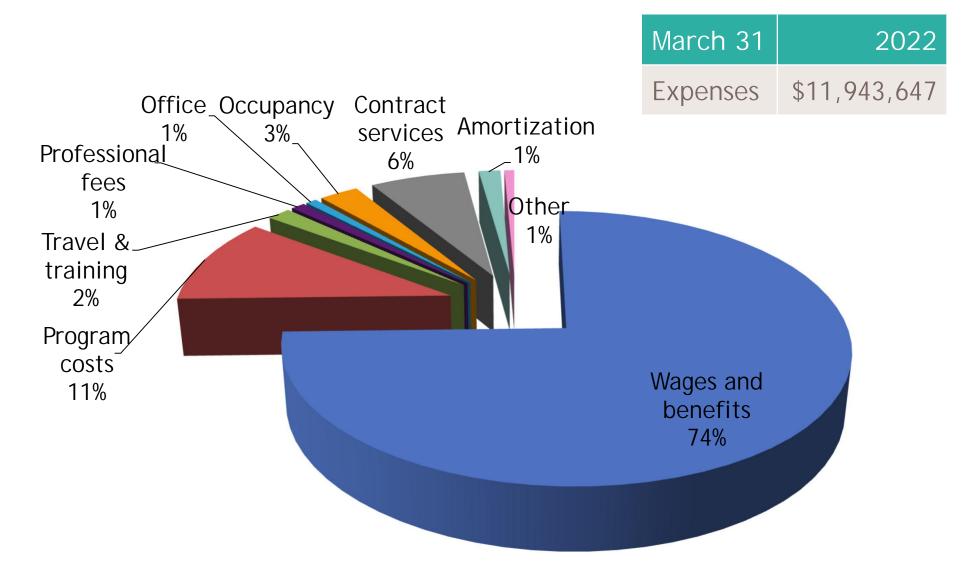




Revenue

\$12,433,429

Condensed Statement of Operations - Expenses





Condensed Statement of Operations

	2022	2021
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Expenses	\$11,943,647	\$11,157,173
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	\$489,782	\$407,159

Excess of revenue over expenses	ACCOUNTING	\$ 489,782	\$	407,159
Add back Less capit Less decre Less defer Add defer Less princ	amortization al assets purchased ease in Vac Pay rred capital contrib red capital grants ipal mortgage pmts we transfers	 \$178,387 (\$915,340 (\$29,797 (\$38,1577 \$363,01 (\$89,3577 \$41,472	1 0) 1) 7) 2	101,100
Excess for	FUNDING	2	2	







Algoma Family Services Financial Statements For the year ended March 31, 2022

Algoma Family Services Financial Statements For the year ended March 31, 2022

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Independent Auditor's Report

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Opinion

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In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Algoma Family Services as at March 31, 2022 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Organization in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance 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 control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

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- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Organization's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Organization to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario June 30, 2022

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	\$ 4,673,769	\$ 5,044,393
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Grants repayable (Note 6) Deferred revenue (Note 7) Current portion of long-term debt (Note 8)	\$ 848,674 88,631 140,973 37,724	\$ 1,422,719 52,063 699,400 127,081
Deferred capital contributions (Note 9)	1,116,002 604,979	2,301,263 280,124
Deferred capital contributions (Note 5)	1,720,981	2,581,387
Net assets Reserves (Note 10) Investment in capital assets Unrestricted net assets Restricted	 154,093 2,367,646 368,218 62,831	195,566 1,866,185 338,424 62,831
	2,952,788	2,463,006
	\$ 4,673,769	\$ 5,044,393

On behalf of the Board:

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Algoma Family Services Statement of Operations

For the year ended March 31	2022	2021
Revenue		
Government grants	\$ 11,075,815	\$ 10,311,617
Operational revenue - other	786,871	688,920
Rental income	15,746	11,728
Donations from Algoma Family Services Foundation (Note 13)		20,000
Fees	69,830	45,235
Amortization of deferred capital contributions (Note 9)	38,157	18,299
Cost recoveries	203,906	229,454
Other	243,104	239,079
	12,433,429	11,564,332
Expenses		
Advertising and promotion	17,697	27,275
Amortization	178,381	147,666
Contracted services	781,309	695,790
Insurance	34,505	32,794
Interest on long-term debt	1,824	3,768
Memberships	27,239	21,768
Occupancy costs	321,954	400,628
Office	91,326	174,924
Professional fees	117,505	151,477
Program costs	1,269,411	1,064,249
Salaries, wages and employee benefits	8,909,078	8,284,476
Travel and training	193,418	152,358
	11,943,647	11,157,173
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 489,782	\$ 407,159

Algoma Family Services Statement of Changes in Net Assets

	Reserves	Capit	al				Restricted Assets	Total
\$	195,566	\$ 1,422,5	33	\$	374,917	\$	62,831	\$ 2,055,847
	-	(147,66	66)		554,825		-	407,159
	-	485,2	32		(485,232)		-	-
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Algoma Family Services Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended March 31		2022	2021
Cash flows from operating activities Excess of revenue over expenses	\$	489,782 \$	407,159
Items not involving cash	Ψ	405,702 \$	407,159
Amortization of capital assets		178,381	147,666
Amortization of deferred contributions	_	(38,157)	(18,299)
		630,006	536,526
Changes in non-cash working capital balances			
Receivables		103,558	(47,259)
Prepaid expenses		(22,262)	-
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(574,045)	598,083
Grants repayable		36,568	405
Deferred revenue		(558,427)	677,001
	_	(384,602)	1,764,756
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of capital assets		(915,340)	(485,232)
Deferred capital contributions		363,012	
	_	(552,328)	(485,232)
Cook flows from financing activities			
Cash flows from financing activities Principal payments on long-term debt	_	(89,357)	(87,787)
Increase (decrease) in cash and equivalents		(1,026,287)	1,191,737
Cash, beginning of year		2,364,803	1,173,066
Cash, end of year	\$	1,338,516 \$	2,364,803

Summary of significant accounting policies

Nature of Operations Algoma Family Services was incorporated under the Ontario Business Corporations Act on April 1, 2001. The Organization is principally involved in providing children's mental health, treatment and crisis response, adult and family counselling, employee assistance programs, family support services, substance abuse counselling and young offender's services to the District of Algoma. The Organization is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act and accordingly is exempt from income taxes under section 149(1)(f) of the Act.

Basis of Accounting

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

Revenue Recognition The Organization follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions 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.

> Contributions restricted for the purchase of capital assets are deferred and amortized into revenue at a rate corresponding with the amortization rate for the related capital assets.

Restricted assets

Certain amounts, as approved by the Board of Directors, are set aside as restricted net assets for future operating expenditures.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization. Amortization, based on the estimated useful life of the asset, is provided by the declining balance basis using the following rates:

Land improvements	_	5%
Buildings	-	5%
Furniture and equipment	-	10% - 30%
Computer equipment	-	30%
Computer software	-	50%
Automotive	-	30%

Financial Instruments Financial instruments are recorded at fair value when acquired or issued. In subsequent periods, they are reported at cost or amortized cost less impairment, if applicable. Financial assets are tested for impairment when changes in circumstances indicate the asset could be impaired.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance 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.

March 31, 2022

2. Capital assets

	 	 2022		2021
	Cost	 ccumulated mortization	Cost	Accumulated Amortization
Land Land improvements Buildings Furniture and equipment Computer equipment Computer software Automotive Work in progress	\$ 165,726 31,219 4,906,571 604,348 885,935 212,871 75,727	\$ 11,783 2,368,112 491,332 727,408 201,504 71,909	\$ 165,726 31,219 3,822,422 604,348 885,935 212,871 75,727 168,808	\$ 10,991 2,263,039 478,775 680,452 190,136 70,273
	\$ 6,882,397	\$ 3,872,048	\$ 5,967,056	\$ 3,693,666
Net book value		\$ 3,010,349		\$ 2,273,390

3. Restricted cash

The Organization holds cash which has been either internally or externally restricted for specific purposes. The funds on hand from the sale of the Residential Treatment Unit have been externally restricted by the funder. The other restricted cash has been internally restricted by the Board of the Organization.

The restricted cash balances include the following:

	 2022		2021
Residual funds from sale of Clarica shares Residual funds from sale of MacKenzie shares Residual funds from sale of Residential Treatment Unit	\$ 18,106 681 44,044	\$	18,106 681 44,044
	\$ 62,831	\$_	62,831

4. Line of credit

The Organization has an authorized line of credit of \$500,000 at a rate of prime plus 0.5%. At March 31, 2022, the credit is unused.

5. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities

Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities are government remittances of \$18,679 (March 31, 2021 -nil).

Algoma Family Services Notes to Financial Statements

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6.	Grants repayable	2022			2021
	Ministry of Children and Youth Services Ministry of Community and Social Services	\$	40,939 47,692	\$	40,939 11,124
		\$	88,631	\$	52,063
7 .	Deferred revenue			-	
			2022		2021
	Balance, beginning of year Capital grants deferred in the year	\$	699,400 74,454	\$	22,399 691,152
	Amounts included in revenue		(632,881)		(14,151)
	Balance, end of year	\$	140,973	\$	699,400
8.	Long-term debt		2022		2021
	Loan payable \$7,583 monthly which includes interest at 2.06% per annum, secured by specific buildings and a general security agreement,				
	maturing August 2022	\$	37,724	\$	127,081
	Less current portion		37,724		127,081
		\$	_	\$	_

9. Deferred capital contributions

Government grants were received to finance the purchase of certain capital assets. Deferred grants related to capital assets represent the unamortized amount of grants received.

Balance, end of year	\$ 604,979	\$	280,124	
Balance, beginning of year Grants deferred in the year Amortization of deferred capital contributions	\$ \$ 280,124 \$ 363,012 (38,157)		298,423 (18,299)	
	 2022		2021	

Algoma Family Services Notes to Financial Statements

March 31, 2022

10.	Reserves		
		 2022	 2021
	Energy break EAP / Fee for service Triple P Supervised Access Program	\$ 25,758 34,784 40,018 4,263	\$ 28,687 34,784 85,118 4,263
	Miscellaneous	 49,270	 42,714
		\$ 154,093	\$ 195,566

11. Commitments

The Organization is committed under operating leases of rental properties, a vehicle and computer equipment extending for various periods to 2025. Future minimum annual payments required over the next three years are as follows:

2023	\$ 13,110
2024	\$ 5,539
2025	\$ 1,819

12. Economic dependence

The Organization has a number of agreements with the Provincial Government. As a result of the amount of funding received under these agreements, the Organization was financially dependent on the Provincial Government.

13. Algoma Family Services Foundation

The Organization has an economic interest in the Algoma Family Services Foundation as the purpose of the Foundation is to receive and maintain funds to enhance or supplement the children's mental health programs and services available through the Organization.

During the year \$- (2021 - \$20,000) was donated from the Foundation.

During the year the Foundation utilized office space of the Organization at no cost.

Donations from the Algoma Family Services Foundation recorded on the Statement of Operations are as follows:

•	 2022	2021
Funding received Deferred revenue, beginning of year Deferred revenue, end of year	\$ •	\$ 20,000 3 (3)
	\$ -	\$ 20,000

Algoma Family Services Notes to Financial Statements

March 31, 2022

14. Financial instrument risk

The Organization's management monitors, evaluates and manages the principal risks assumed with financial instruments on a daily basis. The risks that arise from transacting financial instruments include liquidity risk, credit risk and interest rate risk.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises from the organization's management of accounts payable and other current liabilities. It is the risk that the organization will encounter difficulty in meeting its financial obligations as they fall due. The organization's policy to minimize this risk is to ensure an adequate line of credit exists for the organization.

Credit risk

Credit risk arises principally from the organization's cash and receivables. The cash is exposed to concentration risk as it is held with one institution and is in excess of the Canadian Deposit Insurance Corporation limits, however the cash is held at a reputable institution from which management believes the risk of loss to be remote. The organization is also exposed to credit risk resulting from the possibility that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk arises principally from the organization's credit facility. It is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The credit facility has a variable interest rate. Changes in the bank's prime lending rate can cause fluctuations in interest payments and cash flows. The organization does not use derivative financial instruments to alter the effect of this risk.

2022/23 AFS Director Rotation

SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

To fulfil term requirements the 2022/23 rotation of AFS Directors is as follows:

Board Member	Area Served	Proposed Term
Buffone, Lucas	City	2022-25
Ficociello, Pamela	City	2022-25
Johnson, William	City	2022-25
Silvano, Lil	City	2022-25

The following directors have assumed vacancies from 2021/22:

Board Member	Area Served	Proposed Term
Kuzbari, Dania	City	2021-24
O'Connor, Lucia	City	2021-24

2022/23 AFS Slate of Directors

SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

The 2022/23 slate of directors is proposed as follows:

Last Name	First Name	Start Date	Present Term Start	Present Term End	Present Term #	Completed # of Terms
Paciocco	John Paul	May 16, 2013	2020	2023	3	2
Tetreault	Jana	September 25, 2014	2020	2023	3	2
Halliday	Sean	January 28, 2016	2020	2023	2	1
Gardiner	Julie	September 24, 2020	2020	2023	1	0
Bernard	Megan	November 22, 2018	2021	2024	1	0
Ricard Lofstrom	Patricia	November 28, 2019	2021	2024	1	0
Kuzbari	Dania	February 23, 2022	2021	2024	Filled Vacancy	0
O'Connor	Lucia	May 26, 2022	2021	2024	Filled Vacancy	0
Ficociello	Pamela	September 25, 2014	2022	2025	3	2
Silvano	Lil	January 24, 2019	2022	2025	2	1
Lucas	Buffone	November 28, 2019	2022	2025	1	0
Johnson	William	November 28, 2019	2022	2025	1	0

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jana Tetreault PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD.



2021-2022: With Change Comes Opportunity

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ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES

"THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING VALUABLE THAT CAN BE DERIVED OUT OF DIFFICULTY, ADVERSITY, OR CHANGE. WE JUST HAVE TO LOOK FOR IT WITH OPEN MINDS."

- BARRY FARBER

There is little doubt that a second year of navigating the pandemic brought its share of difficulty, adversity, and change for families in Algoma! Our staff and the community also shared those challenges to accommodate the ever-increasing service demand. I believe the Board would agree that our staff at Algoma Family Services regularly approached difficulties with open minds, fresh ideas, and determination! The organization as a team endeavoured to use these challenges as opportunities to make positive changes, seek and strengthen partnerships, and expand services – particularly for the youth of our community. The Board continues to be proud and appreciative of the ongoing dedication of the CEO and the staff at AFS! What an awesome team!

Changes also came to our Board of Director membership this past year. Two Directors, Marsha Nicholas and Amber Boudreau left to pursue new professional opportunities. We greatly appreciate their many contributions to the Board and know they will continue to make positive changes in their new professional roles! Their vacancies provided the opportunity to welcome two new Directors to the Board; Director Dania Kuzbari has strong ties with immigration and employment services, and Director Lucia O'Connor brings new insights and vast experience as an Indigenous Arts Educator. We have endeavoured to recruit members with diverse skill sets and experience. Through active Director involvement and regular sharing with the CEO and Leadership Team, the Board is well informed and positioned well for effective governance.

We are hopeful that we can look forward to a more normalized upcoming year and remain open to the opportunities that await us!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

"COMING TOGETHER IS A BEGINNING; KEEPING TOGETHER IS PROGRESS; WORKING TOGETHER IS SUCCESS." -EDWARD EVERETT HALE

JANA TETREAULT - PRESIDENT/CHAIR
PAMELA FICOCIELLO - VICE-CHAIR
LIL SILVANO - TREASURER
JOHN PAUL PACIOCCO - SECRETARY

MEGAN BERNARD LUCAS BUFFONE JULIE GARDINER DANIA KUZBARI

SEAN HALLIDAY
WILLIAM JOHNSON
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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

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Any ship can sail if the seas are calm, but few can do so when the waters are turbulent. In a year when many organizations were doing their best to navigate the shutdowns, return to in-person services, deal with pandemic fatigue, staffing shortages, and burnout, the team at AFS was there in force when our clients needed us the most. It is with tremendous gratitude to the AFS staff and leadership for their tenacious resolve in making services available when and where our clients needed it. Rather than scaling back our services at a time when the demand for service surged, we expanded our services, adeptly pivoted to a hybrid service model, and gradually expanded our in-person services when it was safe to do so. In fact, we were one of the first community-based agencies to return to in-person services.

Thanks to the investments by our funders, we had the PPE and renovated space, including a better air filtration system at our McNabb office to ensure a safe return for both staff and clients. We also had the pandemic pay necessary to ensure those clients deemed high risk or high need received in-person service during shutdowns and office closures. Lastly, the enhanced investments also ensured children, youth, and their families did not go without food through our Student Nutrition **Program and the Every Breakfast Counts** Program. In this regard, we thank our funders for their support; it made all the difference in expanding our service capacity and returning to in-person services.



Where we continue to need more investment is in base funding to ensure we can recruit and retain staff. The sprinkling of mental health and addiction funding to other sectors has the impact of eroding service capacity at community-based agencies like AFS. When our staff leave to take higher-paying jobs with the Boards of Education and the hospital, we lose desperately needed expertise and resources. The irony is many of the staff that leave refer clients back to AFS which has the impact of exacerbating our waitlists, while we recruit to fill the vacant position. Bill 124 also serves as a recruitment and retention handicap. Our moderation period will expire in 2024. We cannot afford to be a training ground for other sectors and lose our most experienced counsellors. We urge the Government to increase base funding for community service agencies, rather than make funding available only for new services.

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

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With that being said, I am proud to share our incredible achievements despite a second pandemic year that brought multiple shutdowns, the introduction of vaccines, and the lifting of many restrictions. While all that was going on, we succeeded in becoming designated as an Ontario Structured Psychotherapy delivery site (\$181,000 new revenue), achieving our accreditation, and also winning the Sault Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit Business of the Year Award. What a testament to the awesome team. innovation, and business practices at AFS!

A few service highlights include:

- 22.3% increase in single therapy sessions
- 14.4% increase in Intake and STS referrals
- 9.8% increase in counselling and therapy referrals
- 121% increase for our virtual walk-in single session clinic

All this while we recorded one of the lowest staff absentee rates at 3% in comparison to our provincial partners that experienced a 20% to 30% rate.

AFS is at its best when we are learning and being challenged! We certainly were at our best as we tackled more severe client mental health and substance use challenges! Through a multi-children service agency initiative, AFS, CAS, THRIVE, and CLA in collaboration with the CAP unit at SAH were able to provide emergency housing and support to three youth that otherwise would have been sent out of our community to get the care they needed. Perhaps of all our accomplishments, this has to be the capstone! It demonstrated our best as a system to come together quickly to support these youth in a way we have been challenged to do before.

Algoma children and youth deserve to receive the care they need in their community, connected to their families. We call on the Government to make base funding available to community agencies like AFS so children do not have to be apprehended by CAS to have the care they need paid for. We also ask for the elimination of grant-based funding in the form of complex special need applications that are bureaucratic in nature and take resources away from caring for the child in order to complete forms that can only be initiated and approved when the child is in crisis. Without base funding for boarding costs and live-in care services, AFS must take the risk of paying for live-in care services without knowing at the time of application whether the cost of care will be covered by the Government. In some instances, the full cost is not covered resulting in resources being used that would otherwise support lower-risk clients. The reduction of service results in these clients becoming at higher risk of requiring a higher level of care!

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

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Lastly, with regard to asks of the Government, we request the immediate approval of our multi-children services agency proposal submitted over a year ago to repurpose the closed open custody facility in Sault Ste. Marie to a live-in treatment program. Housing children and youth in hotels or worse having to send kids out of our community to get the care they need is totally unacceptable when we have a facility here sitting vacant.

With regard to the future, our focus is on expanding support and live-in care options for our most complex needs children and youth. We will continue our collaboration with our community partners and the Algoma Ontario Health Team as a multi-service or an amalgamated agency. Despite the economic and HHR challenges we are facing, the future is bright!

We thank the AFS Board of Directors for their steadfast support during another challenging year, our community partners for the collaboration on our most complex cases, and our funders for ensuring we had the resources necessary to meet the most immediate needs of our clients during the greatest crisis we have faced. As we have presented in previous years, find an account of our extraordinary results under each of our strategic priorities outlined in this report.

