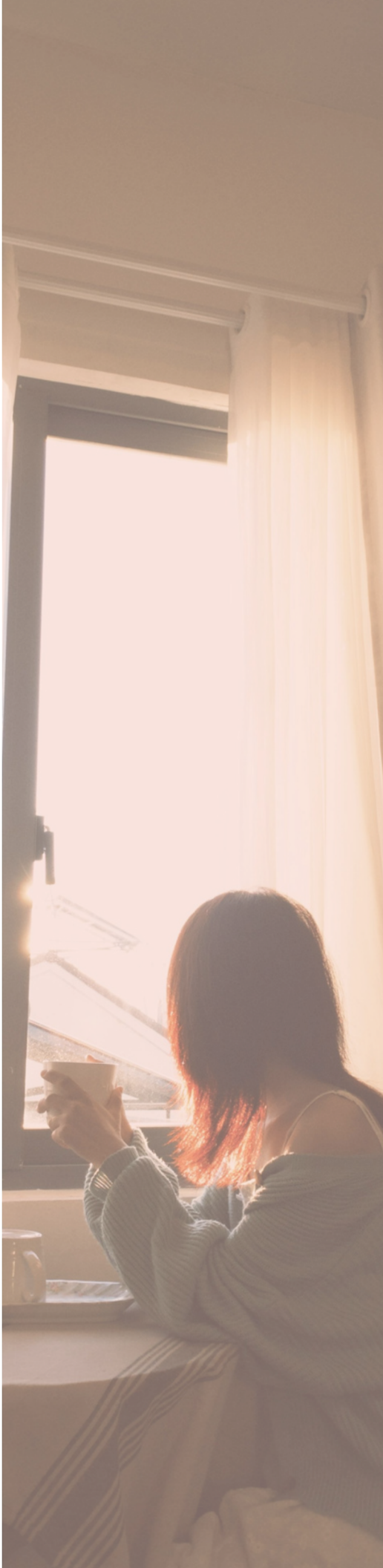
ANNUAL REPORT 2025-26



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MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

We have long understood that space matters. The spaces we move through can shape whether we feel safe, heard and valued, and whether we are able to imagine what comes next. This year, that understanding has taken on new meaning as Artemis Huron continues to create and reimagine our physical spaces. It has also invited us to think more deeply about the space we hold in our community and how we can use it to support women's voices, leadership, and healing.

This year's progress reflects the strategic vision established in 2022. Since then, Artemis Huron has secured approximately $1.5 million in grant funding to improve the spaces where women and children access support. Guided by a trauma- and violence-informed approach, these changes are helping us create environments that offer greater safety, dignity, choice, and comfort.

Our growth has not been limited to our buildings. This year, our transition from Huron Women's Shelter Second Stage Housing and Counselling Services to Artemis Huron gave that growth a new public identity that more fully reflects the breadth of our work, our feminist roots, and the role we are growing into within our community. Over the past year, Artemis Huron has strengthened its voice and visibility across Huron County and within the gender-based violence sector. As our experience and reach have grown, so too has our responsibility to contribute our knowledge, advocate for the services and systems women and children deserve, and help shape more responsive communities.

Through stronger partnerships, we are bringing conversations about gender-based violence into spaces where they have not always been present.

Taking up space also means being intentional about what that space makes possible for women. Our role is not to speak for women, but to create conditions in which they can be heard, explore their own leadership, connect with feminism, and shape their healing on their own terms. The knowledge and experiences of women remain central to how our organization grows and how we advocate for change.

As this Annual Report shows, Artemis Huron is continuing to evolve in both its physical presence and its role within the community. We enter the next stage of that growth confident in our expertise, grounded in our values, and clear about our responsibility to use the space we occupy with purpose.

We are grateful to the women and children who place their trust in Artemis Huron, to our staff and volunteers who bring this work to life, and to the Board, partners, funders, donors, and community members who make it possible.

Airianna Murdoch-Fyke

AIRIANNA MURDOCH-FYKE
BOARD CHAIR

Corey Allison

COREY ALLISON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ABOUT US

Artemis Huron serves women and children who have experienced or are experiencing gender-based violence in Huron County. We are committed to advocating for change as well as providing a safe, supportive space for anyone impacted by gender-based violence.

Our services include a 10-bed emergency shelter facility in Goderich, a 24/7 support phone line, counselling, transition and court support, children and youth programming, and a Second Stage Program with 22 residential units. We offer risk assessment, safety planning, advocacy, and system navigation. Through outreach, education, and collaboration with community partners, we strive to break the cycles of violence and create lasting change.

MISSION

We advocate for women's equality, work to prevent violence, and provide services for women and their children who have experienced abuse and/or violence.

VISION

A world free from abuse, violence, oppression, and poverty where all woman have achieved equality.

VALUES

These organizational values are our foundation and they live and breathe in every decision we make as an organization. These values we have committed to reflect the essence of who we are as an organization, and what we adhere to when faced with tough decisions.

LEADERSHIP

We are leaders. Leaders take responsibility for their world. We invest in developing leadership in every person in the organization, including those we serve.

FEMINISM

We are feminists. We value feminism, and our work is grounded in our feminist roots. Through activism and education, we empower our community to stand for equity.

HEALING

Healing is a life-long journey. At Artemis Huron, healing is trauma-focused and heart-based, encompassing the whole person.

COURAGE

We have courage. We speak truth to power. We acknowledge the courage required for a person to both stay in, and leave, an abusive relationship.

RELATIONSHIP

We stand in relationships. Through relationships, we build trust, allowing us to show up with authenticity and transparency, conditions necessary for deep, sustainable change.

OUR SERVICES

We're more than a shelter. Here are just a few of the things we can support you with.



Safety Planning



24/7 Support Line



Counselling



Referrals to Other Experts



Court Support



Children & Youth Support



Information, Resources and Advocacy



Holistic Healing



Healing Focused Housing



Support for Family and Friends of Those Experiencing Abuse

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OUR IMPACT

April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

Crisis Response & Safety

1613
Support Line calls taken

69
women & children utilizing shelter

2132
nights that women & children spent in shelter

544
safety plans created

Supporting Healing

109
women served in gender-based violence counselling

57
women served in sexual violence counselling

108
children supported in our Children's Program

668
children's counselling hours

Rebuilding & System Navigation

101
individuals supported in our Transition Program

52
women & children served in our Second Stage Program

48
women supported through family court processes



SURVIVOR SPOTLIGHT

KIARA MARKLE

When Kiara arrived at Artemis Huron's Emergency Shelter with her son in April 2024, she was seeking safety from gender-based violence and the opportunity for a fresh start. After several months in shelter, they were able to move into our Second Stage Program, where they continued rebuilding their lives. Today, Kiara and her son are living independently, and she is pursuing college courses online.

Writing has played an important role in Kiara's healing journey, giving her a way to process her experiences and express emotions that were sometimes difficult to put into words. What began as a practical outlet has since grown into a project she hopes will help other survivors feel less alone.

This fall, Kiara published her first book of poetry, *Paperwork of a Ghost: A Survivor's Blueprint*, with support from a Children's Aid Society grant. While the collection explores trauma, it also speaks to healing, resilience, and the challenges of moving forward. The book also includes a resource guide for support organizations in Huron County as well as across Canada, along with dedicated doodling and journaling pages where readers can begin their own stories.

Knowing how important it is for organizations like Artemis Huron to have the resources they need to support survivors, **Kiara is donating $4 from every book sold to Artemis Huron**.

Kiara is grateful for all the community support she has received. *Paperwork of a Ghost: A Survivor's Blueprint* launched in late September with a well attended reading, book signing, and Q&A at The Bee's Knees Books & Emporium in Goderich.

Community members came out to celebrate this exciting milestone and show their support for Kiara and her work. You can purchase your own copy at The Bee's Knees and many more bookstore locations across southern Ontario.



DONOR SPOTLIGHT

DWAYNE & MARGARET RISING: GODERICH PRINT SHOP

If you've attended a community event, visited a local business, or walked around the Square in Goderich, chances are you've seen the work of Goderich Print Shop. For nearly 30 years, Dwayne and Margaret Rising have been helping local organizations, businesses, and events bring their ideas to life through high quality printing, making their shop a big part of our community.

About eight years ago, Margaret joined HuronSong, a local choir group that hosts two concert series each year in support of Artemis Huron. Through her involvement, a simple conversation led to a lasting partnership.

"My choir director asked if we could help out with printing the posters and programs for the concerts," Margaret recalled. "We were more than willing to donate them because it's going to a good cause, with all the proceeds going to Artemis Huron."

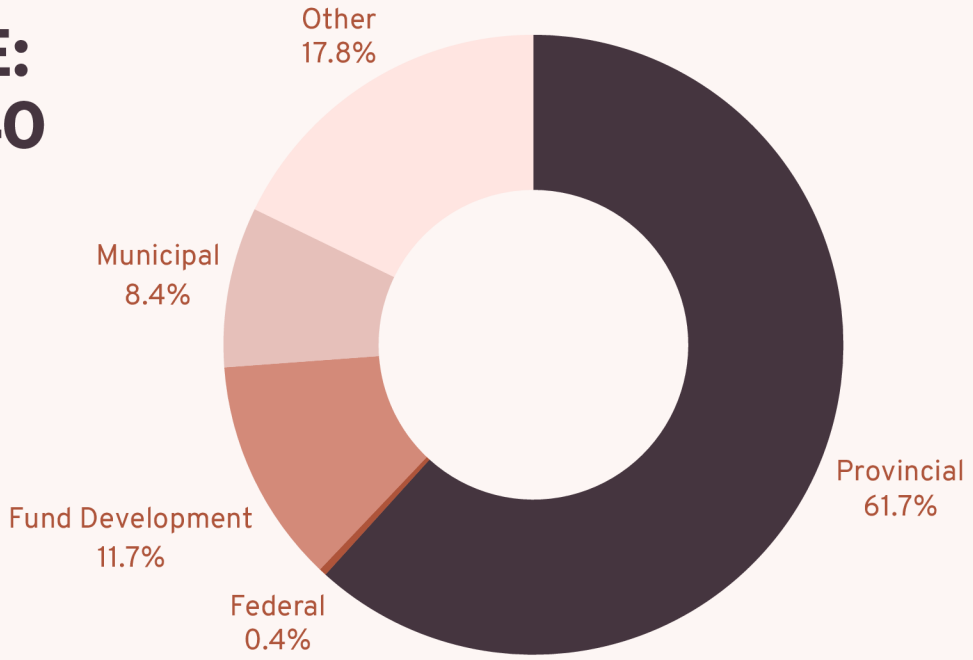
Since then, Goderich Print Shop has generously donated the print mateirials for HuronSong's concerts, helping the choir direct more of its fundraising directly to Artemis Huron. Over the years, these concerts have raised more than $100,000 in support of Artemis Huron's services.

For Dwayne and Margaret, supporting local organizations is an important part of being in this community. "We need to support groups like this," Margaret said, "I think especially local, we need to support our local organizations that are there to help people in need. It's so important."

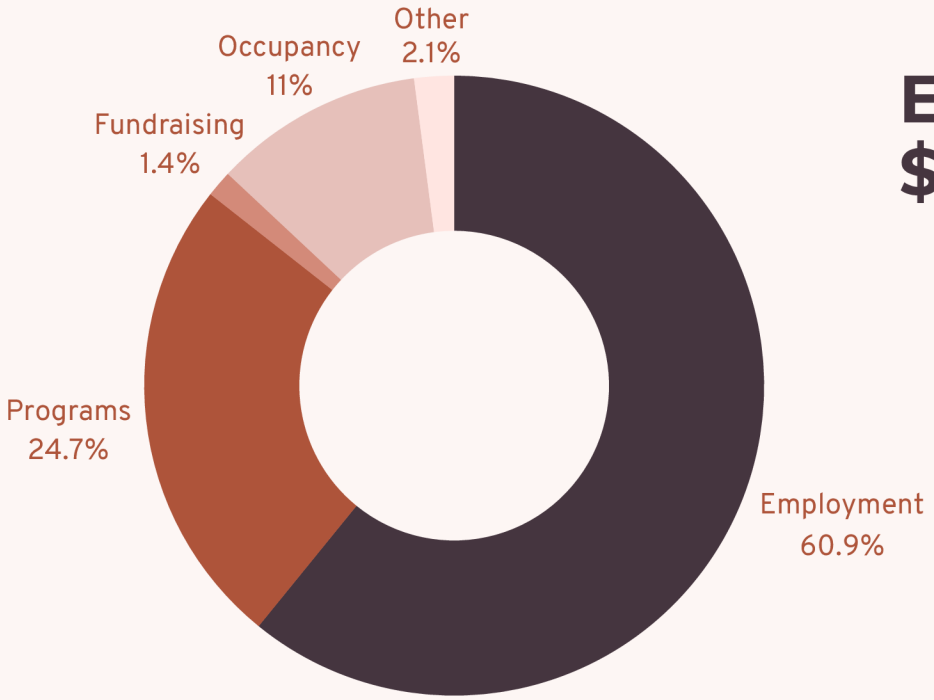
We are incredibly grateful to Dwayne, Margaret and the Goderich Print Shop for their continued generosity. Their support over the years has helped HuronSong's fundraising efforts grow, proving that there are many ways to make a difference for women and children in our community.

FINANCES

REVENUE: $2,720,540



EXPENSES: $2,440,407





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