

*St. Leonard's
Society of Canada*



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*Move Beyond Bars. Create Second Chances.
Voir au-delà des barreaux : Donner une deuxième chance.*

St. Leonard's Société St-Léonard
Society of Canada du Canada

St. Leonard's Society of Canada is a membership-based, charitable organization dedicated to community safety.

La Société St-Léonard du Canada est un organisme de bienfaisance constitué de membres et voué à la sécurité de la collectivité.

MISSION

The mission of SLSC is to promote a humane and informed justice policy and responsible leadership to foster safe communities. It:

- i) endorses evidence-based approaches to criminal and social justice;*
- ii) conducts research and develops policy;*
- iii) supports its member affiliates; and*
- iv) advances collaborative relationships and communication among individuals and organizations dedicated to social justice.*

La mission de la SSLC est de promouvoir la formulation de politiques éclairées et compatissantes en matière de justice et un leadership responsable qui contribueront à des collectivités plus sûres. La Société:

- i) endosse les approches de justice pénale et sociale reposant sur des données concluantes;*
- ii) œuvre dans les domaines de la recherche et de l'élaboration des politiques;*
- iii) offre un soutien à ses membres affiliés;*
- iv) s'applique à créer des liens de collaboration et de communication entre les personnes et les organismes voués à la justice sociale.*

VISION

SLSC strives to be a leading learning organization, respected by peers and the community at large for researching and promoting "what works" in community corrections and other areas of social justice.

La SSLC aspire à être une organisation chef de file en matière d'apprentissage, une organisation qui soit respectée par ses pairs et la population dans son ensemble pour ses activités de recherche et de promotion des approches efficaces dans le domaine des services correctionnels communautaires et d'autres secteurs de la justice sociale.

SLSC'S VALUES

Social Responsibility

We believe in acting ethically and effectively to address the needs of the community and its members as we pursue our vision. We will promote socially responsible conduct throughout the justice system.

Integrity

We believe in acting with consistency, honesty, fairness and respect. We are accountable and our operations will be transparent and evaluated.

Vision

We believe in the power of vision to inspire, encourage learning and creativity in realizing our mission. As leaders, we believe our vision will be a rallying call for others to join our quest for safe communities. We will work closely with our members, volunteers and partners to effect system-wide change.

Commitment

We believe that action must be sustained by determined and enthusiastic dedication in order to achieve positive social change. Long-term commitment and an appreciation of our history are integral to our progress.

Human Worth

We believe in the inherent worth and potential of all individuals.

LES VALEURS DE LA SSLC

Responsabilité sociale

Nous croyons qu'il nous faut chercher à réaliser notre vision tout en respectant les principes de l'éthique et en agissant de manière efficace pour répondre aux besoins de la collectivité et de ceux et celles qui la composent. Nous militerons en faveur de comportements socialement responsables dans le système de justice tout entier.

Intégrité

Nous croyons qu'il nous faut faire preuve de cohérence, d'honnêteté, d'équité et de respect. Nous sommes imputables et nos opérations seront transparentes et assujetties à une évaluation.

Vision

Nous croyons en la force qui découle d'une vision qui soit source d'inspiration, qui incite à l'apprentissage et à la créativité dans les moyens de réaliser notre mission. En tant que chefs de file, nous croyons que notre vision incitera d'autres gens à se joindre à nous en vue d'assurer la sécurité des collectivités. Nous collaborerons de près avec nos membres, nos bénévoles et nos partenaires en vue de contribuer au changement dans l'ensemble du système.

Engagement

Nous croyons que pour provoquer des changements sociaux positifs, l'action doit s'appuyer sur une détermination et un enthousiasme à toute épreuve. L'engagement à long terme et une appréciation de notre histoire font partie intégrante de notre avancement.

Dignité humaine

Nous croyons en la valeur et au potentiel intrinsèques de toute personne.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We began this past year with the celebration of St. Leonard's 50th Anniversary in Ottawa when we held our AGM in June 2017.

In September 2017, we formally appointed Anita Desai as Executive Director of the Society. Anita is a strong and personable individual who has brought a new and refreshing vibe to St. Leonard's. On behalf of the Board, I applaud Anita, David and all our staff for their continued commitment and dedication. A special thank you as well to our valued Board Members for your involvement not only on the board but also on the various committees in which you were also involved. You are all integral to the functioning and operation of the Society and your involvement is appreciated.

We continued to meet regularly and face-to-face either through Skype or in-person meetings.

In March we gathered in Ottawa for a board meeting but more importantly to participate in the Two Medicines workshop which was hosted by Rick Goodwin and Graham Jobson.

This past year we received a welcome increase in support from the Federal Government. The Society continues to operate in a fiscally responsible manner.

As we look forward to 2018–19, we welcome friends, old and new and look forward to working with you in furtherance of the vision and mandate of the Society.

Thank you.

Monica Ross, President

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There are many aspects of the past year to celebrate, but most noteworthy in my mind was the opportunity to celebrate St. Leonard's Society of Canada's 50th Anniversary at our AGM in June with our wonderful co-host, House of Hope. SLSC's membership gathered in Ottawa and had the opportunity to reflect, learn, and plan for the future, driving the mission and vision of St. Leonard's forward.

This forward momentum was met with renewed financial support from SLSC's long-time funding partner Public Safety Canada, marking the first increase to the annual Grants Program to National Voluntary Organizations in over three decades. It was a clear message that the work of SLSC and its affiliate agencies are valued by government partners, renewing confidence in our 'golden year' that SLSC will continue its pursuit of humane and informed justice policy and responsible leadership to foster safe communities. Further, we have begun to concretize new ways to achieve our goals of enhancing engagement and opportunities for our members.

One such engagement opportunity took place in early March, and brought together representatives from SLSC's membership for *Two Medicines: A Workshop on The Intersection between Aboriginal and Western Approaches in Addressing Men's Healing*. This workshop expanded on training provided in June, and built on the increasing importance of understanding the impact of trauma on the clients served by member agencies. Co-facilitators Rick Goodwin of Men and Healing, and Graham Jobson of Mino Bimaadizi expertly navigated the terrain between traditional Indigenous healing methods of meaning-making and western notions of psychotherapy.

In addition to the professional development opportunities provided this year, SLSC also completed two research projects: a *Train the Trainer in Peer Mentoring Workshop* adapted for

problematic substance use (PSU) for federally sentenced prisoners funded by the Canadian Centre for Substance Use and Addiction; and, *Beyond Custody: Positive Pathways to Housing for Youth in Conflict with the Law*, funded by Employment and Social Development Canada. SLSC is grateful to the ‘Train the Trainer’ expert advisory group – and especially to facilitator Rick Sauvé for delivering the PSU workshop. His skilful delivery yielded extremely positive results and SLSC looks forward to expanding the pilot next year with more peer mentors. Additionally, I would like to thank the incredible staff at St. Leonard’s Home Trenton for their collaboration on the *Beyond Custody* project. Findings from both projects generated insights into the import social justice issues of homelessness and addictions in Canada, and how they intersect with the criminal justice system. Contact SLSC or visit our website for information on these projects.

SLSC was also pleased to support the PeerLife Collaborative in developing the *Life(r)’s Work* research report in Fall 2017. The report highlights the important work that community agencies and peer mentors have continued inside federal institutions to support life sentenced persons since critical services were ended in 2012. It seeks to encourage federal reinvestment in a formal program for Lifers, and SLSC will continue to advocate for enhanced services throughout the upcoming year. My resolve to do so was strengthened after a second year of “St. Leonard’s Pride” watching long-time In-Reach Worker and peer mentor Rick Sauvé receive the Ed McIssac Human Rights in Corrections Award for his decades of dedication to improving the situation and recognition of prisoners as rights-bearing persons.

In addition to the ‘big ticket’ items listed above, SLSC also endeavoured to keep up with our regular consulting activities on a wide range of federal, provincial, and some local Ottawa-based issues. These activities were all completed in the midst of renovations to our Ottawa office! The SLSC Team is thrilled to have had the opportunity to replace our (pretty icky) worn out

carpets for new laminate flooring, and have been delighted at the change a fresh coat of paint brings. We are also inspired by our new memory wall featuring SLSC change-makers from the past 50 years.

The many initiatives, events and projects of the past year could not have been successfully completed without incredible support from SLSC's volunteer Board of Directors, staff, and other partners. I am grateful to the sub-committees of the board and their respective Chairs who have ensured that we completed so many priority areas for the year, including: continuing SLSC's internal policy review; creating an online annual affiliate data survey; and, enhancing member engagement. I am particularly grateful to SLSC Board President Monica Ross, who has helped to oversee the successful completion of many facets of the past year's work. Her support and encouragement has been invaluable to me, and to the whole of the SLSC Board.

Finally, I must extend my most heartfelt thanks to the SLSC Team of volunteers and staff who contributed to the success of the past year. Leslie Cowie, Danielle Kouri, Dana Nachshon, Fayth Star, and Director of Operations, David Whiteley, have all been absolute superstars as SLSC accomplished so many large scale tasks. The renovation alone would have sent many running for the hills! But our amazing team rolled up their sleeves and ensured that everything got completed. A new SLSC brings a new year, and I can't wait to see what's next.

Anita Desai, Executive Director

DID YOU KNOW...?

- *St. Leonard's affiliates cumulatively offer at least 17 different kinds of services (e.g. employment programs, peer mentoring support programs, interpersonal/life skills, trauma-informed care, social reintegration programs)*
- *In addition to community-based CSC programs for federally sentenced men, various St. Leonard's affiliates also provide services for youth, women, and families' of sentenced individuals*
- *SLSC affiliate agencies operate 11 CRFs and 8 second-stage housing facilities*

SAVIEZ-VOUS QUE...?

- *Les organismes affiliés à la SSLC offrent pas moins de 17 services divers (p.-e. emploi, mentorat par les pairs, aptitudes interpersonnelles et préparation à la vie active, soins tenant compte des traumatismes, réinsertion sociale)*
- *Au-delà des programmes pour les délinquants de sexe masculin sous responsabilité fédérale, divers organismes affiliés à la SSLC offrent également des services pour les jeunes, les femmes et les familles des délinquants*
- *Les organismes affiliés à la SSLC gèrent 11 CRCs et 8 maisons d'hébergement de deuxième étape*

MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT

We would like to thank the following individuals and organizations whose generous support over the past year has helped us to carry out our mission and goals.

ADHÉSION ET SOUTIEN

Nous désirons remercier les individus et organismes suivants dont l'aide généreuse offerte l'année dernière nous a permis de poursuivre notre mission et la réalisation de nos objectifs.

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