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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

Time passes by quickly and it is hard to believe yet another year has gone by since we held our last AGM in Belleville. The AGM was graciously hosted by St. Leonard's Home Trenton and a good time was had by all. Thank you again St. Leonard's Home Trenton!

This past year we spent much time reviewing and updating our policies on "Right to Housing", "Peer Mentoring", "Capital Punishment", and "Research Ethics". In the course of reviewing these, we updated language in our policies as suggested by the membership at our last AGM. We reviewed our affiliate agreement, which was another task identified as a priority at our last AGM.

We continued to meet regularly and face-to-face either through Skype or in-person meetings. We had a very productive year.

The St. Leonard's family is a strong one, held together by an undying bond formed in the belief of the inherent worth and potential of all individuals. St. Leonard's strength comes from not only its members and its affiliates, but also from all stakeholders, including community. In March, St. Leonard's Hamilton hosted the St. Leonard's Society of Canada board meeting. We were able to see the wonderful facility they have there and to also share in their moment as we recognized community support of two local organizations, bestowing upon them our Cody Award. Thank you again to St. Leonard's Hamilton for allowing us to share in that special moment.

The next AGM is scheduled to be hosted by St. Leonard's Society of North Vancouver, who will be celebrating their 40th Anniversary. Congratulations St. Leonard's North Van!

As I said at the outset, time passes by quickly. It is hard to believe that I have served three terms as your President. I thank you for allowing me this opportunity. I thank our staff. I thank our Board and membership. We are fortunate to have such a great group.

Thank you.

Monica Ross, President

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The past year offered an excellent balance of member engagement and opportunity to collaborate on exciting research – much of it is captured in communications like our newsletter, as well as on our website. I am happy to report that it has been another year of growth, celebration of partnerships, and the constant drive to pursue SLSC's mission guided by the efforts of its Affiliates and members. While there is far too much to report on here, I am pleased to provide some highlights.

We had the opportunity to mobilize our research on youth in conflict with the law, and draw attention to the other end of the age spectrum with aging and elderly people in conflict with the law. Not only was this a focus of internal policy development at SLSC, but it set the stage for our AGM in Belleville, ON, co-hosted by our research partners on the Beyond Custody project, St. Leonard's Home Trenton. It was a pleasure to work with Affiliate Executive Directors Michel Gagnon (Maison Cross Roads) and Kelly Nolan (SLH Trenton) to develop a conference presentation which addressed age-related needs for successful community integration.

Following our AGM in Belleville, SLSC welcomed members to Ottawa in the Fall for a two-part event: consultation with the Correctional Investigator of Canada on the Aging and Dying in Prison report; and, a workshop with the Canadian Public Health Association on implications for cannabis legalization for the community corrections sector.

SLSC's long-time funding partner Public Safety Canada has continued to support our organization through its annual Grants Program to National Voluntary Organizations, as well as through a Policy Development Contribution Program (PDCP) grant to inform a national strategy for life sentenced people in Canada. This has been critical to SLSC's efforts to concretize new ways to

achieve our goals of enhancing engagement and opportunities for our members, and to conducting research that targets their key issues of concern.

Through the PDCP project *Life(r)'s Work: Developing a Modernized Strategy for Life Sentenced People in Canada*, SLSC was able to produce a revised *Lifer Resource Strategy (LRS)* to support our goal of seeing a renewed investment in peer 'in-reach' for lifers. Preparation of the revised LRS would not have been possible without the dedicated Advisory Group, and indeed without a fantastic pre-existing framework to build on with the original LRS that was produced in 2010. For more information on this project, including SLSC's final report to Public Safety, please visit our website or contact the SLSC Team.

While successful completion of research projects were the main focus for the last half of the year, we were thrilled to have the opportunity to take a break and travel to The St. Leonard's Society of Hamilton (SLSH) in early March for a Board Meeting. More importantly, we were able to celebrate two of their amazing community partners: the Gibson and Lansdale Neighbourhood Association, and the Stinson Community Association as Cody Award recipients for 2019. The cherry on top was getting to do all of this in the newly renovated Emerald Street Residence – a fantastically designed, accessible, warm residence that sets an incredible standard for humane community corrections. Thank you and congrats to the entire SLSH team for hosting such a wonderful event.

Another highlight of the year was being invited to participate in the Parole Board of Canada's (PBC) Academic Think Tank in February. SLSC submitted a paper, *Community Supports: Alternatives to Traditional Approaches*, and had the opportunity to discuss parole reform with leading experts on criminal justice in Canada. My sincere thanks to the PBC for including SLSC in these important discussions.

SLSC's general operations are going strong thanks to the amazing support of the Board of Directors, Chaired by its outgoing President, Monica Ross. I am so grateful to Monica for the commitment she has shown to SLSC during her term, and to me personally during my transition to Executive Director. I am also, as ever, incredibly thankful to the SLSC Team. All that SLSC accomplishes could not be done without the efforts and diligence of Director of Operations David Whiteley and Research and Administrative Assistant Danielle Kouri. We have continued to benefit from the support of Carleton University and University of Ottawa's student placement programs, and I would like to thank students Fayth Star and Becca Bouchey for their exceptional work at SLSC to support our activities.

It has been a great year. As we begin a new one, I know we have set the stage for exciting new opportunities. As we head into the next federal election, I look forward to working with the membership to take more important strides for effective, humane, and just corrections in Canada.

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*

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MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT

We would like to thank the many individuals and organizations whose generous support over the past year as members or donors helped us to carry out our mission and goals.

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ADHÉSION ET SOUTIEN

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

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SLSC was pleased to welcome the return of Maison Cross Roads to full affiliate as of April 2018 and the return of The St. Leonard's Society of Hamilton as an affiliate as of May 2018.

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