



MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning

Connecting Passion and Purpose Through the Arts

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Mission

We are a community that empowers youth to access their individual creativity and a path to success.

Vision

The MacPhee Centre and its youth are celebrated and supported province-wide for creative brilliance and community engagement.

Values

Inspiring Youth
Education as a Foundation
Compassion and Nurturing
Creative Learning
Community and Mentorship

Message

from MacPhee Centre
Board Chair & Interim Executive Director

Greetings Friends of MacPhee! What a year it has been.

It was a year of transformation and change. We saw our fearless leader, Heather MacDonald depart for maternity leave only to be replaced by another amazing fearless leader, Emma Beukema who joined us as our Interim Executive Director. Despite this change, we continue to stay the course - fueled by our mission and vision. We continue to move forward to fulfil the destiny we have set out for ourselves in our 2022 Strategic Plan.

Our core programming continues to focus on self-care and a 360 approach to our youth, with specific programming dedicated to addressing youth mental health. This year marked our continued partnership with the IWK through the IWK Choices program at Adolescent Intensive Services (AIS). The program consists of weekly art-making sessions introducing clients to different artistic practices as well as visits to different art-making spaces. The project offered direct service and workshops with clients. The program is facilitated by a Community Arts Facilitators, in collaboration with program staff at the MacPhee Centre and the IWK AIS Craigmore facility. The objectives of the project are to connect the IWK AIS clients with the creation of art as a healthy coping mechanism and an empowering form of self-expression, both in formal and informal capacities. We have found that the project also does a wonderful job of connecting clients with the community artistic supports and resources. With an emphasis on creative self-expression, this project will add a valuable dimension to the promotion of healing, self-care, and wellness.

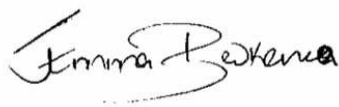
Additionally, the MacPhee Centre continues to build on the ongoing evolution of a community hub and community collaboration. Partnership and collaboration are a core element of our identity. By providing community partners with access to our Centre, programming, and a space to share and learn together, we are stronger. We enhance our capacity to serve youth in the community. This year, the Centre hired an Outreach Program Manager, Katie Brogan, which has remarkably expanded our partnership opportunities and allowed us to increase impactful programming and support beyond the Centre itself. We are focused on being grounded in community and we strive to work with communities from the ground up and from within, delivering programming from community to community. In the past year, we have expanded our outreach, to additional schools, added The Den in Lower Sackville, East Preston Family Resource Centre, as well as the Take Action Society in Highfield Park. This allows us to make positive impact and create a stronger healthier community.

Education and lifelong learning are central to our work, and a highlight of our year was being recognized by the Nova Scotia Department of Education as a Personal Development Credit (PDC) Provider, joining other noble organizations like Junior Achievement of Nova Scotia. High School students who attend our programs can receive a 0.5 credit for participating in our Performing Arts or Visual Arts programs. Students can take multiple 0.5 credits to reach the full credit. This is a significant milestone for the MacPhee Centre, to be recognized by the Department of Education as a true learning and teaching partner for students on their learning journey. The PDC allows the MacPhee Centre to continue its work to put the needs of youth first, while supporting them on their path to graduation.

All this would not be possible without the generous support of our donors and stakeholders. Thank you all of you for supporting a positive, creative, environment for youth. Together we foster the space where passion and purpose intersect to make a difference in the lives of our youth.



Karn Nichols
Board Chair



Emma Beukema
Interim Executive Director

Maliek Beals

Impact Story

For 17-year-old Maliek Beals, being part of the MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning programming has meant discovering himself. Through the free programs, Maliek, a senior year Dartmouth High School student, has had the opportunity to learn skills and achieve goals that he otherwise wouldn't have.

Joining the MacPhee Centre was a no-brainer for Maliek. He initially found out about the after-school creative and musical programming from outreach staff who visited his school in 2014. Upon learning about the programs—ranging from African drumming, ukulele, theatre, music production, and art creative workshops—Maliek immediately joined and hasn't stopped going since.

When Maliek first began at the MacPhee Centre six years ago, he was eager to soak it all in and attended workshops each day after school. Maliek credits his love for the MacPhee Centre to the program facilitators and educators, who he describes as being “very kind, patient, and will support you in any way possible to help you achieve your goals.”

During his time at the MacPhee Centre, Maliek feels that he has grown tremendously as a person. “Not only have I been able to develop new skills, but I have also discovered passions and interests that I didn't know I had. During the 2017 Brain War event at the Halifax Discovery Centre, Maliek had the chance to explore his interest in technology, which has inspired him to pursue a career path in computer sciences. “The MacPhee Centre made this opportunity possible by having me participate on their team”.

Maliek has been accepted into the Bachelor of Computer Science program at Dalhousie University, beginning in the Fall of 2020. “Attending university has always been a dream of mine. For me, post-secondary education means being successful and achieving my dream job, so that I can support my family and experience life to the fullest.” Maliek is excited to begin his studies at Dalhousie and is looking forward to meeting new people and learning about all the things that interest him most on a higher level.

MacPhee Centre staff have supported Maliek's journey from the very beginning, every step of the way. Most recently, the Program Manager printed out an entire booklet of University scholarships for Maliek to apply for, helping him through the application processes.

Maliek has built lifelong friendships during his time at the MacPhee Centre. To this day, some of his closest friends are people who he met through programming.

“I will forever be grateful for all of the wonderful experiences I've had at the MacPhee Centre, and I will never forget the love I felt attending the programs as I continue along my journey.”

Maliek Beals has been awarded the Seymour Schulich Renewable Community Scholarship, a Seymour Schulich Residence Award, the Dalhousie AP prize and a Richardson Family Scholarship for his hard work, good grades and community involvement.



Numbers

862

YOUTH ACCESSING
PROGRAMMING AT THE
MACPHEE CENTRE

YOUTH ACCESSING
PROGRAMMING IN
SCHOOL

3155

912

YOUTH ACCESSING
PROGRAMMING IN
COMMUNITY

5015

The total number of target
youth who have participated
in programs in and out of
the MacPhee Centre.

THIRTYFOUR
VOLUNTEERS

23 PROFESSIONAL
ART
FACILITATORS

FIFTEEN
PROGRAM LOCATIONS



Whenever I enter the Centre, I always have the feeling that people who surround me here are nice - they won't judge me. And I always go home happy with what I've accomplished each day in the Centre. Having such supportive people around me makes me gain more confidence and helps me be more of a social person. My father said that for his kids - us three girls - to be going to MCCL is very useful and he likes that we learn a lot every time we go back home. He says the Centre's an amazing place! If you ask me, I think MCCL should be all around the world" - MacPhee Centre Youth

Community

100 Men Who Care
Accomplice Content Supply Co.
Adam Sigrist
Al and Mary MacPhee
Ann Birdsall
Anonymous (3)
Atlantic Windows
Ashley Hill
Avalon Sexual Assault Centre
Barry Urquhart
B'Y Local Dartmouth
Betsy Eldon
Big Sing Community Fund
Bill and Judy Lowe
Bird Stairs
Boyne Clarke
Boomers Plus
Brilliant Labs
Business is Jammin'
Caledonia Junior High
Charlene Hubbard
Christ Church of Dartmouth
CJ Johnston-Currie
Claudia Chender MLA
Coastal Wealth Management
Courtney Connor
Dan Allain
Dartmouth Community
Chest Society
Dartmouth East Education
Committee
David Graham
Demetreous Lane
Community Centre

Dena Williams
Doug Nugent
Downtown Dartmouth
Business Commission
Dunovan Kalberlah
East Preston Family Resource
Centre
Emma Allain
Emily Lawrence
Enterprise Holdings
Enterprise Holdings
Foundation
Family SOS
Halifax Circus
Halifax Regional Municipality
Halifax Regional Centre for
Education
Halifax Seed Company
Halifax Youth Foundation
Heather MacDonald
HRM Community Grant
Humble Pie
Isabel Creighton ACW Unit
IWK Health Centre
JA Nova Scotia
Laing House
Jeff Thoms
Jenny Shi
Josh Santimaw
Karn Nichols
Katie Brogan
Kendra Coady
Kendrick Douglas
Kenney Fitzpatrick



Kiwanis Club of Dartmouth
Lawrence Kelly
Leanne C. Gillis
Levenhurst Foundation
Mackenzie Deal
MacPhee Ford
Mary Daigle
Mary Stephanie Coldwell
Mathica Benefits Consulting
Matt Brunt
McInnes Cooper
Mental Health Foundation of
Nova Scotia
Mike Janz
Municipal Group of Companies
Nan Nichols
Nancy Radcliffe
Nancy Smithers
Nathan Klassen
Nikki Robar
North Preston Community
Centre
Nova Scotia Community
College
Nova Scotia Health Authority
NSCAD University
Peter Gilgan Foundation
Peter Moorhouse
Province of Nova Scotia
Queens of the Glamazon
Quinn MacIsaac

RBC Foundation
Red Door Realty
Rick Emberley
Root Architecture Inc
Sam Austin
Sandra and James Lambie
Scotiabank
Scotiabank Bluenose Marathon
Scott Christie
Sharon and Russell Brannon
Sheila Blair-Reid
SimplyCast
Steele Auto Group
Stuart Clow
Susan Leblanc MLA
Take Action Society
Tammy Milbury
The Den
The Edwards Family
Charitable Foundation
The Kiwanis Foundation of
Canada
The Trainyard General Store
Tom Osbourne
Tony Mancini
United Way
Watts Wind III
Limited Partnership
Weldon McInnis
Windsor Foundation
Yeah Yeahs Pizza

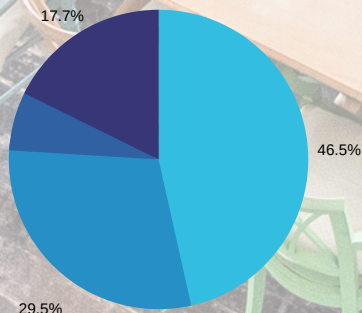
"I think creative expression is vital to human beings. It is therapeutic because it connects people to themselves, their peers, their community, and even to total strangers. Creative expression can be a way to explore and expunge thoughts and emotions while validating our own human experiences. This is why it's important for everyone to have access to creative programming in all our lives in some form or another."

- MacPhee Centre Facilitator

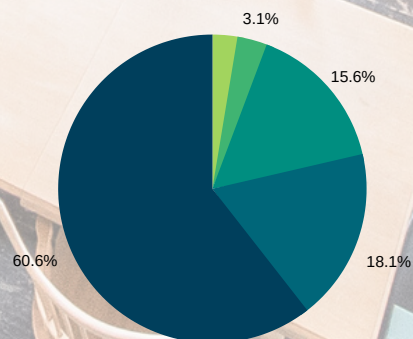
Financials

Statement of Financial Position

	2019	2018
ASSETS		
● Cash and cash equivalents	\$326,327	\$406,698
● Receivables and prepaid	206,883	17,931
● Capital assets	44,348	47,374
● Other non-current assets	124,275	101,265
Total assets	\$701,833	\$573,268
LIABILITIES		
● Payables	\$18,315	\$16,878
● Other long-term liabilities	21,912	23,082
● Deferred revenue	109,771	60,154
NET ASSETS		
● Internally restricted net assets	126,917	133,644
● Unrestricted net assets	424,918	339,510
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$701,833	\$573,268



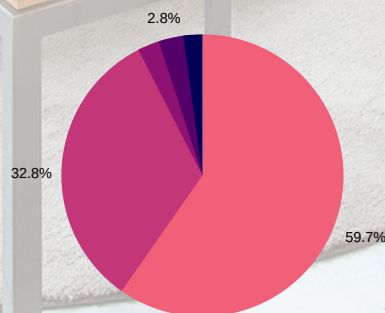
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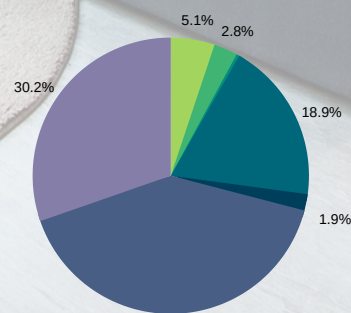
LIABILITIES

Statement of Operations

	2019	2018
REVENUE		
● Government grants	\$267,329	\$279,044
● Donations	146,721	106,295
● Fundraising	11,208	40,650
● In-kind revenue	12,672	19,535
● Program revenue and other	9,748	14,540
Total revenue	\$447,678	\$460,064
EXPENDITURES		
● Advertising and promotion	\$18,938	\$22,408
● Amortization	10,293	9,284
● Fundraising	1,231	23,170
● Interest and bank charges	389	76
● Occupancy costs	69,673	54,556
● Office	7,062	5,036
● Program costs	149,877	96,387
● Administration	111,534	127,907
Total expenses	\$368,997	\$338,824
Excess of revenue or other expenses	\$78,681	\$121,240



REVENUE



EXPENSES

This space has made a noticeable and important impact on the therapeutic experience of the teens we work with. When I am in the space, I find it soothing, inspiring and grounding. It is a beautiful and inviting environment."

- Occupational Therapist with the IWK



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THEIR FUTURE.
OUR COMMUNITY.**

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