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National Family Support
& Restoration Society

CHERUB'S INN

Safe Place-Loving Start

Annual Report

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About Us

The National Family Support and Restoration Non-Profit Society was established in 2020 and became a registered charity established in 2021. It carries out its services as Cherub's Inn.

We offer multi-layered services including a Maternity House, Daycare and Special Nursery for infant care. Our services will be introduced in a staged growth approach to ensure each service is well planned and sustainable.

Our Founder and Executive Director was raised in a single parent family and knows firsthand the emotional struggles and reality of having less than enough. Living with her mom and sister, the three of them tried to make the best of the difficulties and challenges life presented. She watched as her mom did her best to make ends meet and experienced the weariness of her mom being the sole provider for physical needs (shelter, clothing, food) and emotional needs (being present, giving hugs, reassurance and safety).

We are inspired to see and encourage the possibilities of each family, person and child to be healthier, balanced, and better equipped for their life's journey! The passion for Cherub's Inn was born out of the founder's personal experience and re-affirmed through experiences faced by her daughter. At times we have all needed a hand up, a safe place to land, and someone to come along side us to affirm that we are not alone, and to offer practical supports that can change our life path.

Our vision, 'bringing potential to life' is the premise of all our services. Cherub's Inn strives to create a supportive and safe atmosphere that encourages development, learning, personal and emotional growth and in some cases facilitate healing and restoration of the heart and soul. Cherub's Inn mission is to offer instant comfort and relief to young, expectant mothers who feel frightened and alone. We will provide a variety of practical and tangible support options during their stay with us that they can integrate into their life-journey.



“Cherub’s Inn is not about the work of any one person. It is the culmination of small brush strokes by many hands creating a sustained hope and future for the current generation and for generations to come.”

Sharlene Brooks, Founder

Our Vision

Bringing potential to life by;

- Walking along side young women in their journey to enable enduring life change
- Nurturing, holding and comforting infants in their first months of life
- Caring for, watching over and guiding the teaching and learning process of children

Our Mission

1

To change a life path; set strong foundation; break the cycle of poverty; give hope and a future

2

To provide a holistic approach in serving those we encounter, addressing & supporting emotional, physical mental, spiritual areas of need in their life to bring healing and restoration.

3

To be a place of safety giving room for personal growth and development for each person to realize their self-worth, value and purpose bringing their potential to life resulting in enduring life change.

4

To create a supportive community through service connecting points

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To provide a loving start in a safe place for women, infants, children and families. Offering practical, tangible and functional resources freeing each one to live healthy, purposeful and balanced lives



Our Values

Values reflect the inner essence and make-up of our organization.

- **Compassion:** Is to be nurturing, supportive [walk along side] offer a hand-up, collaborate, render aid, empathetic to encourage and lift up, reassure in word & deed)
- **Non-judgment** (accepting)
- **Spiritual** (faith based/inner soul peace)
- **Respect** (considerate, calm, peaceable, protective of interests, thoughtful)
- **Integrity** (honest, upfront, upright, genuine, truthful, doing right when no one is looking)
- **Honour** (humility/sacrifice/others before self/servant hearted)



"Everyone deserves a place where they can get love and support for themselves and their little one as they figure out what's next."

Corine Carson

Whether you are applying to Cherub's Inn Maternity House or Cherub's Inn Daycare – it is so important to us that you know the foundational pillars Cherub's Inn anchors itself to as an organization.

Cherub's Inn, where love, hope and future meet. Cherub's Inn will exist to offer three different services under one vision. Each service has an intentional function and purpose for development, learning and personal and emotional growth of each person (staff, volunteer and resident). Cherub's Inn will demonstrate in a practical way the "family function" – a demonstration of love, belonging and connectedness – a safe place to be your perfectly imperfect self.

Our Services

The National Family Support and Restoration Society (which carries out its services as, Cherub's Inn), will be a multi-layered service provider with in-house services to support young women through the growth process that accompanies life events surrounding unanticipated pregnancies (maternity house), childcare services for these young women, their families, and those in the greater community (daycare), and care for infants whose mothers need additional support (infant nursery).

Pregnancy is life changing, not life ending. Young women experiencing unanticipated pregnancy find themselves in a vulnerable position. Many young women do not have financial, emotional, and physical support during pregnancy and the early years of motherhood. Cherub's Inn plans to provide these supports to young pregnant women through our maternity house, daycare, and in some cases, an infant care nursery.



Cherub's Inn Daycare

Cherub's Inn Daycare provides care for children of families from the community of Mission B.C. and will hold open spaces in order to serve young mothers who are connected to our Cherub's Inn Maternity House. We are committed to providing high quality care for all of the families we serve.



Cherub's Inn Maternity House

Cherub's Inn Maternity House will provide a comprehensive living arrangement for young women throughout pregnancy and first year of motherhood. During the time of their residency, women will have access to medical care, counselling, education, and workforce training resources. When young moms leave Cherub's Inn for the next stage of their lives, they will have been provided opportunity to live healthy, independent lives with a continued supportive community.



Cherub's Inn Special Care Nursery

Cherub's Inn Special Care Nursery, currently in development, has the potential to be revolutionary in the way we as a society view early vulnerable-infant care. Our goal is to provide a model of care to infants who cannot remain solely in the care of their parents. This service will be brought onboard in a staged growth process and will be implemented once the application process to become a service provider through the Ministry of Children Families and Development (MCFD) is completed and once the daycare and maternity house are operational.

A Year in Review

As a fledgling organization over the course of the past two years there has been significant effort put into inward facing essentials. These essentials include, establishing a firm organizational foundation in identifying our values, solidifying our vision & mission and being guided by a board of directors that ensures we manage assets, resources and finances with the utmost of integrity and within the provisions of the CRA is to name only a few of our focused effort.

There has been a great deal of emphasis on building our credibility as an organization through, generating community awareness developing relationships and fostering community connections with citizens and service organizations alike.



This past year has been one of advancing the vision and mission of Cherub's Inn. Some of these strides include;

- Cherub's Inn Daycare has been in successful operation since March 2022.
- Meetings with local, provincial and federal political representatives
- Participating in local committees (Child and Youth Committee/Strengthening early years preparation for kindergarten,
- Working collaboratively with community organizations (Mission Association of Community Living; Mission Youth House)
- Successful grant application(2022)through Municipal Grant Committee (City of Mission) that yielded \$4500 for Cherub's Inn to put toward establishing the Maternity House (funds received in 2023)
- Making presentations to various leadership committees (Mission Heathy Community Committee, Rotary Clubs)

There are plans in motion to continue the building of relationships within the community and beyond in an effort to bring the vision of Cherub's Inn Maternity House to fruition.

Together building a supportive, strong and healthy community.

One person, one child, one family at a time

Year of Firsts



Local organization chose Cherub's Inn as their local charity to support. Jesters Theatre presented Cherub's Inn with a \$1700 donation



Meeting with Member of Parliament, Brad Vis. Sharlene was able to share the vision of Cherub's Inn and seek support for Canada Summer Jobs Program.



Cherub's Inn Daycare Celebrated its First Anniversary March 01, 2023.



Sharlene had the honour of being nominated as a Champion of Diversity at the 2023 Fraser Valley Cultural Diversity Awards.



Cherub's Inn participated in the Shine Bright Mission community event to raise awareness about who we are and our services. There were well over 5000 people and their families in attendance.



Local family owned business - Super Save Storage gifted Cherub's Inn much needed storage space to house generous donations of clothing, diapers, household items and more.

Message from our Executive Director

I have a passion to help those that are not in a position to help themselves by themselves. When young women find themselves in a situation of an unintended pregnancy, the circumstances that surround them with respect to food security, affordable housing, job placement, education and so on, can be overwhelming to the point of crushing. When there seems to be no accessible supports to meet physical, emotional, mental and spiritual needs a sense of hopelessness can envelop them.

Life events (such as unintended pregnancy) can slow and 'appear' to derail our life goals and may even rob a person's hope in their future. The motivation, at least in part, of Cherub's Inn is to reinforce optimism through practical and tangible means; to show that there is hope and to minimize the probability of a person going into a downward spiral (into poverty, separation from family, aloneness, shame, hopelessness) believing that "this is as good as it gets for me."

Cherub's Inn exists to offer a hand up in functional ways to empower young women, children and families to take positive steps in their life toward living out their God given potential and purposes. Through our services of the maternity house, daycare center and special care nursery, young women will have the opportunity to refocus and equip themselves, through our support, to live healthy purposeful and balanced lives with hope through a pathway of healing and restoration.

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Maternity House



Change takes time.
Growth takes time.
We want to provide a safe place where young women's lives can take root, so that they can thrive and not simply survive.

Sharlene Brooks

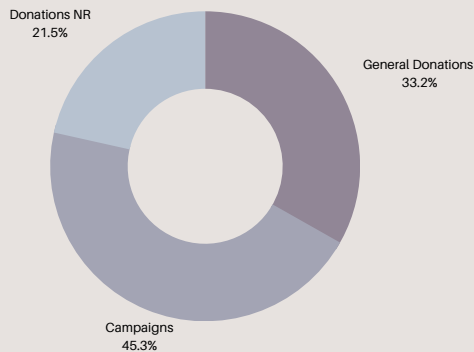


Cherub's Inn Daycare serves many families in the community by providing a safe place and loving start for their littles to have fun, grow and learn. All of our staff are dedicated to nurturing all of the children at Cherub's Inn.



Cherub's inn exists to provide a safe place and loving start to all those who access our services be it at the daycare, maternity house or Special Care Nursery

Financials



Donations captured in three categories.
Total Donations: \$14,730.38

Cherub's Inn has been the recipient of the generosity of individuals and organizations alike. The support has been humbling and met with gratitude. We have seen an increase in the number of donors committed to supporting Cherub's Inn.

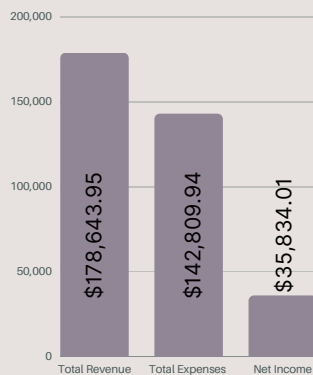
Funding highlights include;

- "Change for Cherub's" organized by a local church raised over \$3000.
- Youth Unlimited - Jesters Theatre selected Cherub's Inn as their charity to support. The partial proceeds given to Cherub's Inn was \$1700.
- Cherub's Inn hosted an online social media awareness and funding campaign which raised just over \$3000.

Part of our financial sustainability plan is to utilize surplus funds from the daycare center to support the Maternity House. This past year, which was the first year of operation for the daycare center, saw a surplus of over \$20,000. (of note; the director waived income this past year).

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY 01, 2022-
DECEMBER 31, 2022



This chart reflects organization wide income (including donations), expenses and total net income. Note: financial statements available upon request

Summary

We have a significant vision to bring the organization to a place of operationalizing all of its three services.

Moving our mission and vision forward is daunting but absolutely doable! We are confident that with the engagement, support and assistance of individuals, organizations and service agencies, we can be in a position to influence positive change in the lives of young women and children and families in general through the services of our Maternity House, Daycare and Special Care Nursery.

It has been encouraging to build networks, relationships and connections in an effort to make a difference in the lives of individuals and by extension our community.

There is most certainly a need, now more than ever, to come along side young women and offer them support so they can take steps to be the best that they can be as mothers and women.

We know affordable (safe) housing is at crisis levels and food security is top of mind during these inflationary times of which there seems to be no solution in sight. This coupled with becoming a young mother and not being in a position to support themselves, Cherub's Inn will address immediate needs and have positive enduring impact on the lives of these women and their families.

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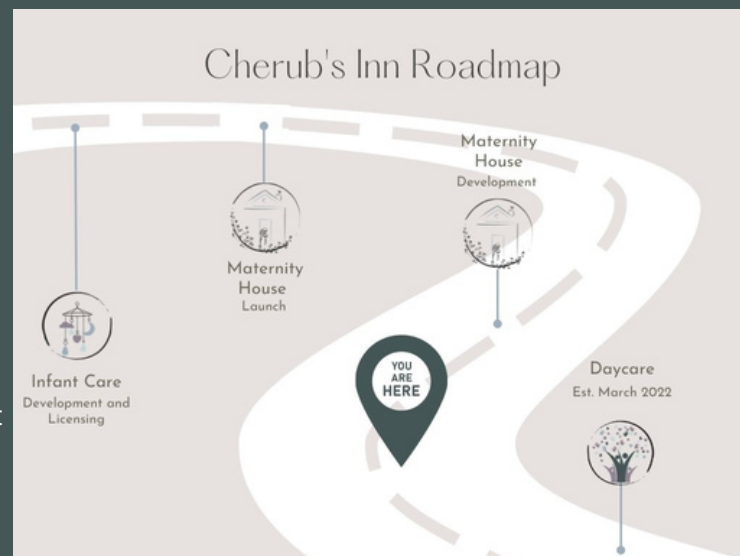
Tera's Story

"If Cherub's Inn had been there when I was pregnant with my daughter, it could have changed the trajectory of mine and my daughter's life."

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Priorities

- 1 Finalize MOU in place with MQHS (Mamele'awt Queesome To'o Housing Society)
- 2 To operationalize Cherub's Inn Maternity House. To this end, secure a residence, refine staffing plan and operating budget
- 3 Solidify collaborative relationships with community organizations, including, First Nation Health Authority, Advocate, SARA for Women and other community services.
- 4 Continue our efforts to secure funding and develop a strong sustainability plan for Cherub's inn so we can impact this generation and future generations.
- 5 Increase public awareness of our organization and what we will offer.



Helping us Help others...

We have a significant vision to bring the organization to a place of operating all of its planned services. It takes the skills, insights, diligence and support of many to move the vision forward.

Although we do have a staffing plan for key positions, we will be seeking the dedication of volunteers to support Cherub's Inn with its service delivery. Please reach out to us for volunteer opportunities.

Financial support through donations are welcome and donations can be made through our website at www.cherubsinn.ca/donate

Thank you in advance for partnering with us!

Together we are changing life paths of others and bringing potential to life!



I believe each of us has a part to play in establishing a strong 'village' which at its core requires in-part, connection, relationship, compassion, faith, hope and love. Whatever our capacity, it is important that we each contribute to strengthening the fabric of society. As a collective of individuals, we are able to work together to that end.

Thank you to all who financially support Cherub's Inn! Together we are changing life paths of others and bringing potential to life!

Sharlene Brooks,
Executive Director, Founder



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We craft love from heartbreak,
compassion from shame,
grace from disappointment,
courage from failure.
Showing up is our power.
Story is our way home.
Truth is our song.
We are the brave and
brokenhearted.
We are rising strong.

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