

HOPE

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Our Mission

To develop innovative programs and events that engage volunteers and communities to meet the needs of the poor and needy, bringing hope and changing lives.

A Message from the President of the Board

As President of the Board of Directors, it is my honour to serve alongside my fellow Board members and our numerous volunteers who, from coast to coast, across Canada use their talents, skills and compassion to meet so many needs in their local communities.

HOPE *worldwide* Canada began as a registered charity in 1993 with one program and has since grown to 11 chapters serving thousands of those in need throughout Canada and around the world! It has been so inspiring to see so many needs being met in a variety of ways by our incredible volunteers over the years, but even moreso this year, as volunteers adapted, responded and found unique ways to serve amidst a global pandemic requiring social distancing and little to no social gatherings.

Chapter Directors and Advisory groups found ways to adapt their programs to serve those experiencing homelessness, children in foster care and senior citizens within the restrictions brought on by the pandemic. Volunteers continued to devote their time to service, putting the needs of others to the forefront while also handling the impact the pandemic was having on their own personal lives.

Despite the financial challenges our nation and the world experienced in 2020, our incredible donors stepped forward and continued to donate, and some even increased their giving, in order to help others impacted by the pandemic as we rolled out our “Loaves & Fishes” campaign, which was our largest fundraiser in our history as a Canadian Charity!

As I reflect back on the year that 2020 was, we truly have the opportunity to “give thanks in all circumstances”. I am so grateful to be part of HOPE *worldwide* Canada’s mission to continue to develop programs that engage volunteers to meet needs in their community. 2020 was a year that really demonstrated that our volunteers are committed to doing whatever necessary to meet needs, no matter the challenge and “Bringing hope. Changing lives.™”

Neville Yee,
President, Board of Directors
HOPE *worldwide* Canada



WHO WE ARE

We are a registered Canadian non-profit charity with chapters spanning the country from coast to coast. Our grass-roots work began in 1993 with one program and has now grown to serve thousands of less fortunate individuals across Canada and around the world.

Our mission is to develop innovative programs and events that engage volunteers and communities to meet the needs of the poor and needy. Bringing hope. Changing lives.™



We Mobilize Volunteers

Our volunteers feel called to help the less fortunate among us just as Jesus did.



We Respond to Disasters

With a global network of volunteers and partners, we mobilize relief when disaster strikes.



We Empower Communities

HOPE worldwide Canada is dedicated to finding sustainable and innovative ways to fight poverty.



OUR CHAPTERS

Our Chapters across Canada strive to develop programs and partnerships which tap into the strengths of the local community and are based on mutuality and respect. They meet needs within their community as well as respond to needs and disasters all around the world. Chapters operate their programs locally with support, resources, and administrative assistance from the Board of Directors of HOPE worldwide Canada.



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3,100 hours served 🧑🧑🧑🧑🧑

over 15,000 people served 🙌🙌🙌

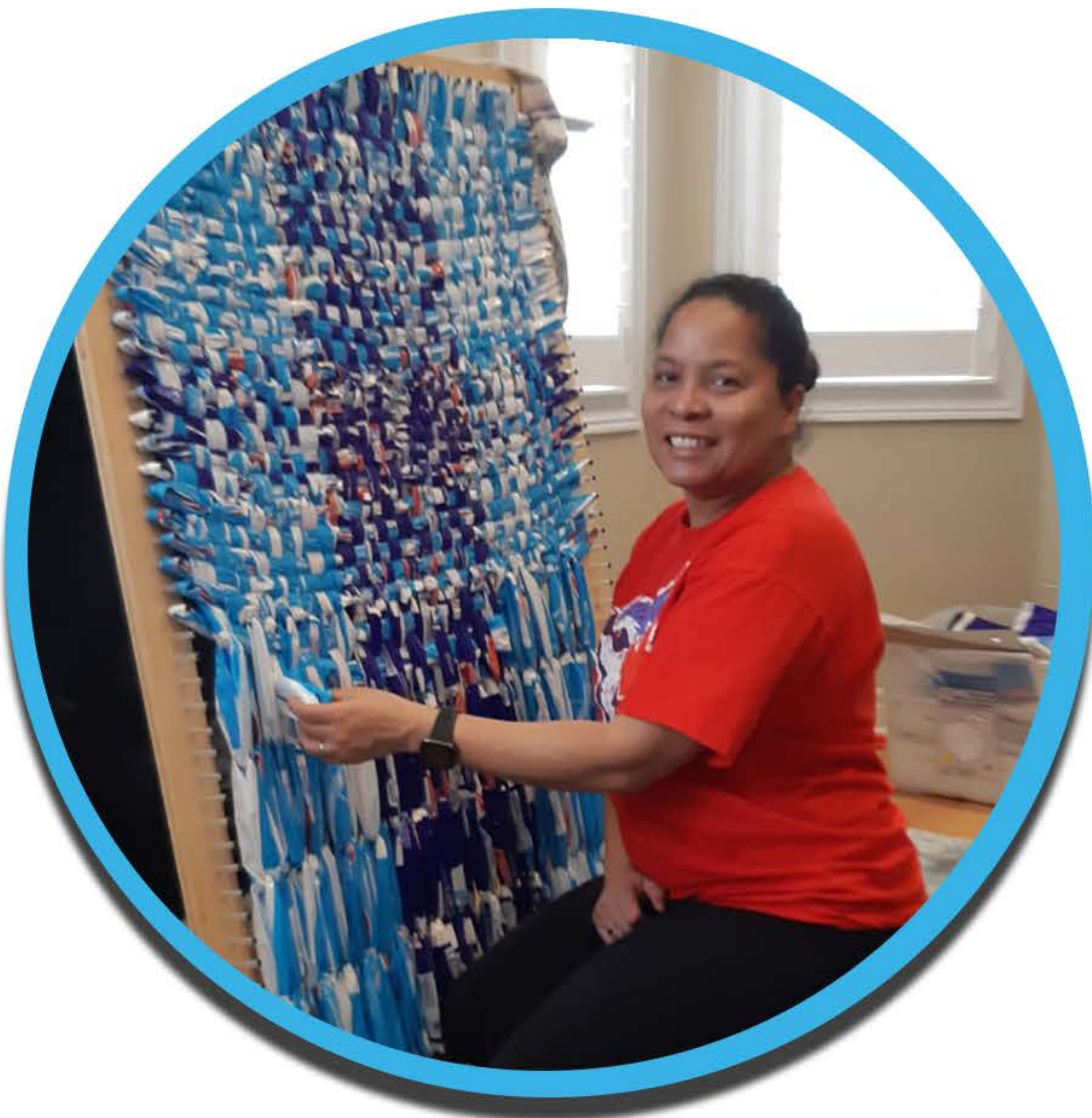


2020 Highlights



New Partnerships

In 2020 we officially registered our charity as a **Canadian Blood Services** Partner for Life. Our Chapters embraced the partnership and very quickly arranged blood drives with volunteers across the country signing up to donate. In the first months, 70 donors pledged to give blood. A single donation can save up to 3 lives, meaning HOPEwwC volunteers were able to impact over 200 lives in 2020. We are excited to continue this partnership in the coming years.



Innovative Service Programs

Our Chapters are always on the lookout for needs specific to their communities and finding innovative ways to meet them. In Ontario, where milk is sold in bags rather than in jugs, our Toronto Chapters have been using the milk bags to create mats for those needing something to sleep on. During the pandemic, milk bag mat making was able to continue in several homes and the mats were donated to local shelters. In Montreal, Chapter volunteers launched online French speaking classes for non-French speaking community members. Classes began in July 2020 and by the end of the year more than 130 participants had joined over 20 classes!



Programs for Children in Foster Care

Many of our chapters across Canada adapted programs during the pandemic to ensure children in need were continuing to be served. Our Vancouver Chapter supported children in foster care by providing almost \$3,000 worth of gift cards to purchase Christmas presents to the children of SOS Children's Village BC. In Winnipeg, their Max Out! programs for youth in care moved online as they continued to provide life skills classes and fun events, as well as made and delivered activity and holiday packets so that youth could stay active and engaged.

2020 Highlights

COVID Chapter Adaptability



Toronto Central delivering
sanitary kits



Vancouver makes mask
support for frontline workers



Halifax volunteers prep
take-away Sunday Suppers

When COVID-19 hit us, we at HOPE *worldwide* Canada had to adapt how we served our communities.

The flexibility of our volunteers was inspiring! From Vancouver making “mask buddies” for frontline healthcare workers, to Toronto Central regularly distributing sanitary/health kits to people in their downtown core, to several chapters holding their programs via Zoom rather than in person, to Halifax assembling and serving Sunday Suppers in “take away mode”, and with many more examples, our dedicated volunteers rose to the challenge, adapted and continued to let their lights shine!

Loaves & Fishes

The COVID-19 pandemic brought unprecedented challenges with the impacts of loved ones and jobs lost, and the new reality of self-isolation. Countries went into complete lock-down with people going to bed hungry. In partnership with HOPE worldwide, we launched the “Loaves & Fishes” campaign for COVID-19 relief that provided immediate humanitarian relief grants and trauma counselling to those in need. Excitingly, over \$44,000 was raised as a result in our largest fundraising effort ever as a charity!



HOPE Rejoices

To celebrate and say thank you for the generous support provided by Canadians for the “Loaves & Fishes” campaign we held an online evening of worship streamed on the HOPEwwC YouTube Channel. This event was planned and ran by several of our youth volunteers and was an incredible evening featuring talented worship performances from coast to coast

Thank You Frontline Workers!

As the year 2020 began, no one could have predicted what would unfold with the global coronavirus pandemic. Countries shut down, borders closed, work from home became the norm as the virus spread.

We like to think that volunteering with us helps not only to make the world a better place, but to provide our volunteers with skills and experience that allows them to be the “hands and feet” of Jesus to the communities around them.

We are humbled that so many of our volunteers stepped up and served in unimaginable ways during the pandemic. We are inspired by and grateful for their service.

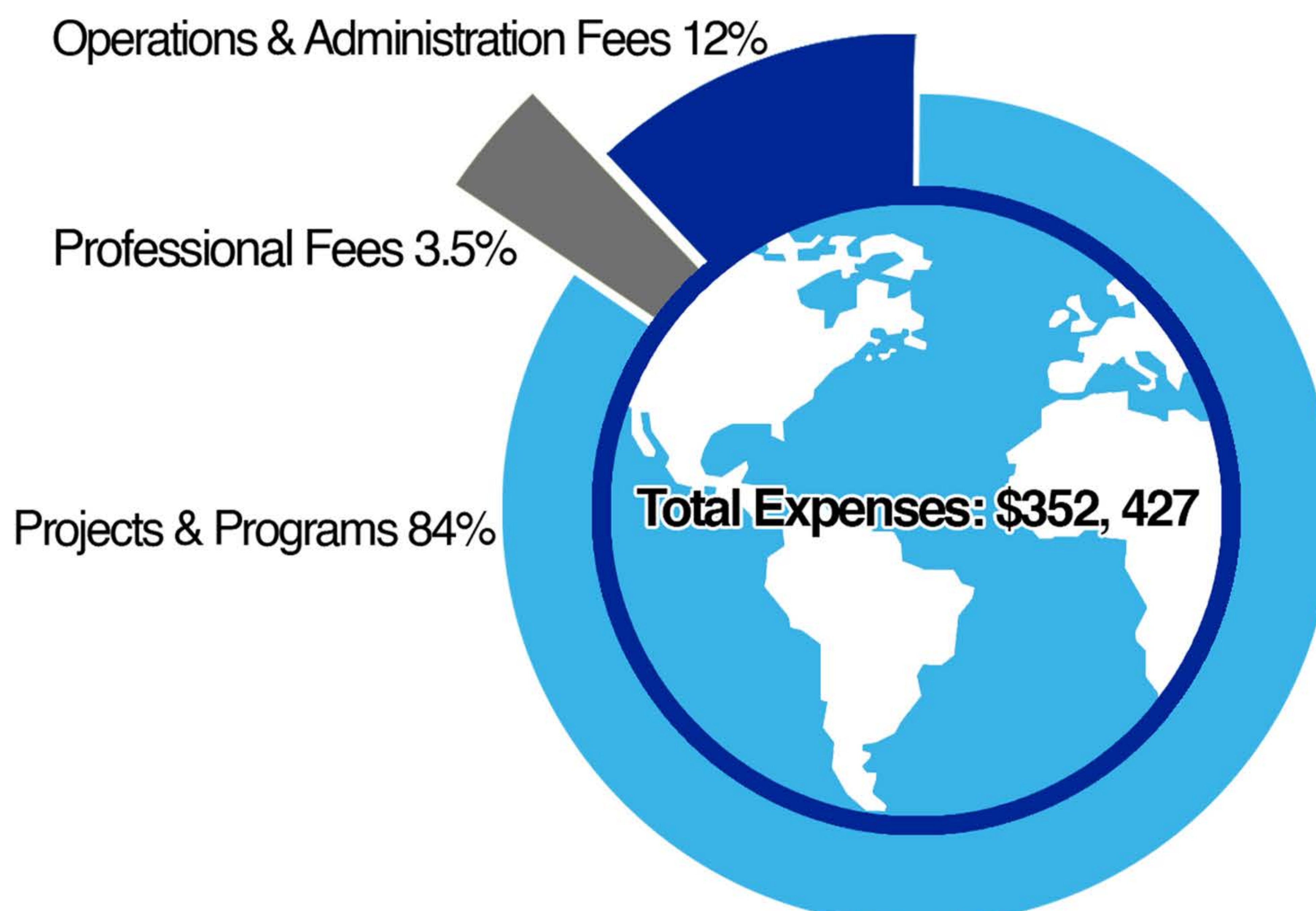
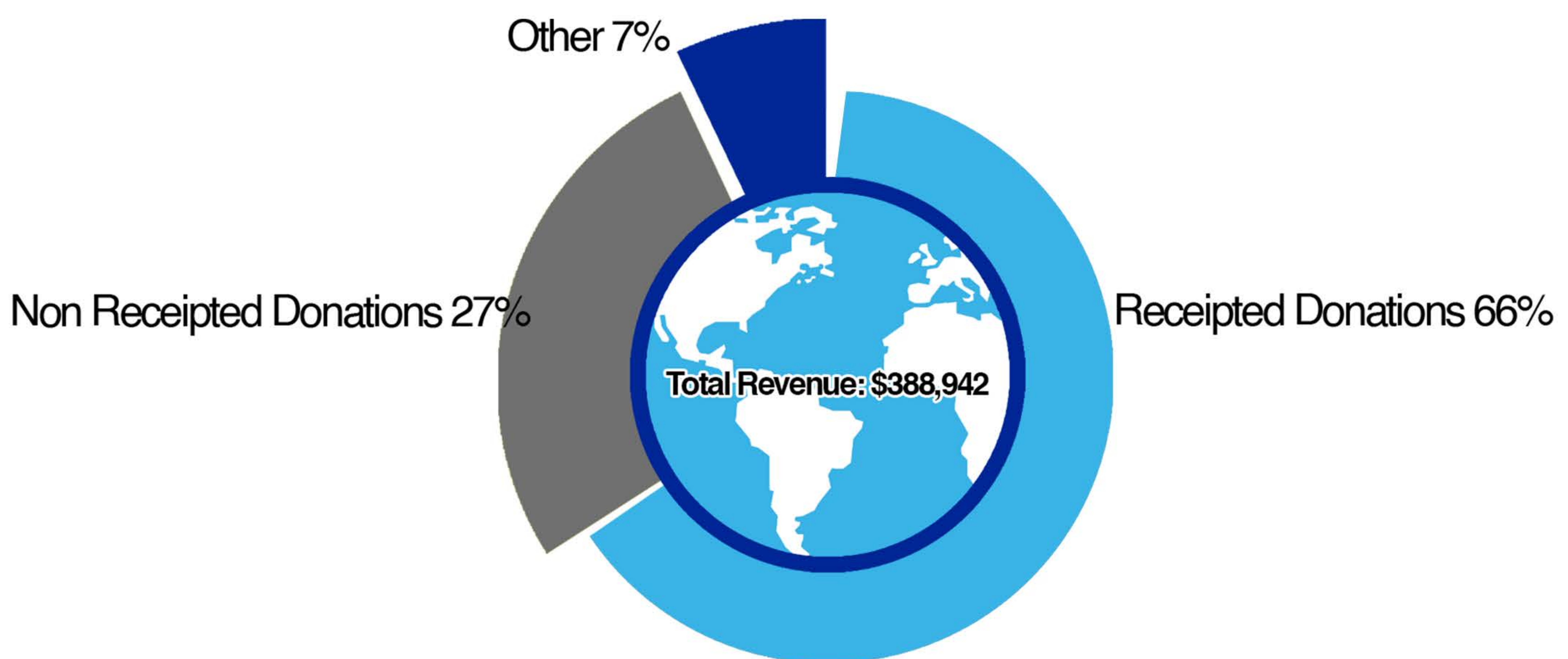
“Serving as a volunteer with HOPE worldwide Canada helped prepare me to serve as a frontline nurse in one of the first COVID wards in a Toronto hospital....it made me into a better person, it gave me the qualities I needed: more compassion, a better listener, more understanding, greater patience...as I took care of my patients, and sadly when I had to sit with and hold the hands of those who were dying.”

- Mickey Antenor
Registered Nurse, Toronto



Financial Overview

We are grateful for the continued support of our generous donors and volunteers amidst the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. In fact, Halifax Chapter volunteers even went as far as to run in and raise \$35,000 with the Scotiabank Blue Nose Fundraiser. In 2020, because of our incredible donors and volunteers we were able to bring hope and support to over 15,000 vulnerable people. Thank you!



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