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2010/11 Annual Report



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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Management, Staff, and the Youth we serve, we would like to welcome you to the 2010/11 Annual Report. 2010/11 has been a very exciting times for EGADZ. On August 23, 2010 we were honored by the presence of the Governor General of Canada – Michaëlle Jean, who on her Canadian tour visited EGADZ listening to youth speak about their lives, challenges, hopes, and realities.

2010/11 also seen a dramatic increase in presentations and tours to schools, service clubs, government and non-government agencies, private donors, wanting to educate themselves better on the plight and possible solutions created for disadvantaged youth.

We need to thank The Government of Canada, The Province of Saskatchewan, The City of Saskatoon, Corporate and Private donors, as without this support EGADZ would not be able to carry out this important work.

This year we have focused the report to highlight the outcomes of the investments made to the youth we serve.

Our Vision, Values and Mission Statement is as follows:

Vision

The Saskatoon Downtown Youth Centre Inc.-EGADZ is a community based inter-agency organization that provides resources and actively supports services that empower “hard to serve” youth to help themselves reach their full potential. The Saskatoon Downtown Youth Centre Inc.-EGADZ provides a safe acceptable place for “hard to serve” youth with links to their families, with support of the community. The Saskatoon Downtown Youth Centre Inc.-EGADZ believes in having youth involved in expressing their needs and determining services they require in order to meet them is paramount.

Values

- We value youth and their potential including their right to be heard and to self-determination.
- We value a holistic approach to seeking harmony and balance in the lives of individuals.
- We value community support and assistance in addressing the needs of “hard to serve” youth.
- We believe in basic human rights and equality rights regardless of race, religion, gender, ability, age, and socio-cultural status.
- We value staff, volunteers, and board members.
- We believe in respect for others, property, and the environment.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to encourage “hard to serve” youth in the city of Saskatoon to make choices that improve their quality of life through the provision of direct services and an inter-agency approach.

Please feel free to visit our website at www.egadz.ca to more information on the structure and services we provide.



DROP-IN CENTRE

The Main Floor area at EGADZ is the hub of activity where the youth come and hang out outside of school hours. It is a safe, supported environment where the youth can participate in activities, get to know the staff and supports, meet friends, or just hang out and enjoy a nutritious meal. Emergency services are also provided during the day if needed.

The main floor is a large open space with many recreational activities available for youth which includes:

- Tables and chairs, games and cards.
- Foosball table, ping-pong table, pool tables, comfortable furniture and a stereo system.
- T.V.'s for movies or video games and for youth to keep up with televised world events.
- Industry Canada funded Community Access Program computer access area where youth can utilize computers and surf the net through high speed connections.
- A large parking lot, located on the north side of the building and is used for outside activities such as basketball, sidewalk games, artwork and large gatherings in the summer.
- Help with resume writing, letter writing, academic learning programs and taxes are also available from staff.
- A large space downstairs for floor hockey, archery, self defense, dance, yoga, ceremonies, etc.
- Multitude of sport activities including bikes, rollerblades, ball equipment, sledding gear, etc.
- Posters and calendars of events and happenings, in addition to youth artwork, decorate the walls throughout the building.

The Center has a kitchen on the main floor which is coordinated by the youth workers and a kitchen support worker. The kitchen is utilized by various programs throughout EGADZ in addition to serving a nutritious meal everyday at 5pm for the youth. In 2010/11, the EGADZ supper program provided 4618 meals. This translates to an average of 15 kids per day, as well as approximately 1749 snacks. The youth are expected to contribute by assisting with clean-up, some youth attend regularly to assist with meal preparation on a volunteer basis.

All activities at EGADZ are based on youth's input, interests and needs. The main goal of EGADZ is to provide a safe environment where youth can drop in, as well balance that with giving them information, support, and positive opportunities that allow them to grow as individuals. EGADZ invites presenters on topics such as Diabetes, dental hygiene, education, teen dating violence, culturally appropriate topics, and sexual health to educate the youth.

Staff engages in one-on-one counseling, advocacy and referrals in the community to help address the needs of the youth. This is all possible through the trust and confidence built with the youth through relationships, and the ability to allow the youth a say in their case plan. The majority of needs of this population addressed regularly are food, housing, education challenges, mental health, physical health, advocacy, and recreation.





HIGHLIGHTS IN 2010/11

We have greatly increased our cultural programming in the last year. The youth participated in sweats, Pow Wows, roundances and ceremonies both at the centre and in the community. EGADZ introduced drumming, singing, moccasin games, beading and crafts to the centre. We also hosted a Roundance at the center to give thanks for all the opportunities and assistance we receive from community. This event was a huge success with approximately 300 people in attendance, including singers from Saskatchewan, Alberta and as far away as Oklahoma. The youth that attend EGADZ regularly were ambassadors for the centre and took this responsibility with great pride and honor.

EGADZ has had the luxury of a camp at a Saskatchewan lake through the generous support of an anonymous funder. Youth get the opportunity to spend time at the lake, participating in numerous summer activities, away from the pressures of the city. This spot is situated on 5 acres with campsites, a cookhouse, and ball diamonds. This is very valuable to the youth and is a highlight of their summer. It is used by all of the programs offered through the centre.

Thanks to the generosity of Canadian Tire, the youth had access to season tickets to the Saskatoon Blades games, again this year and were able to take in the 'at home' playoff games as well.

Through the generous support of the YWCA and YMCA, we are able to give out Y-passes to youth so they can access the gym, pool and weight room at these facilities free of charge. This year, 147 passes were given out.

This was the second year we have split up the Christmas party for youth and adults. We started on December 21st with an invite only party for the regular EGADZ youth. This began with a meal, then games where they could earn tickets, which they used to bid on auction items or 'store' items. This added an element of fun and excitement to the evening before Santa showed up to give every youth a present, stocking and the opportunity to take a picture with him before heading home. The following night we had a community supper, supplied by the Friendship Inn, for the youth to bring their parents and families. The community supper hosted 145+.

EGADZ was able to register and support youth in organized sports through the financial assistance of Canadian Tire's Jumpstart program. Such funding generously covers registration costs and essential equipment and gear. EGADZ staff support the youth in these endeavors by providing transportation to and from events and the needed encouragement to succeed. This partnership helped get 97 youth involved in some form of organized sporting activity in 2010/11.

One of the priorities of staff for 2010 was education and the importance of youth remaining supported in school. Staff assisted 82 youth 481 times with school related challenges. This includes helping with registration, working on behavioral challenges, rides to school, school supplies, alarm clocks and advocacy within the school. We also had a draw, at the beginning of the school year, for prizes that were desired by the youth. To participate in the draw, youth had to have consistent attendance. This was a huge success. It motivated youth that often struggle getting themselves registered and attending regularly.

DROP-IN SERVICES

Advocacy – 107

Referrals – 89 (Income Security, Legal Aid, Child Advocate, Addictions, other EGADZ programs are just a few examples)

Housing Assistance – 155

One on One – 199

Bus Passes earned – 28 (Youth can work hours for bus passes, by working in the clothing depot, scrubbing walls/floors, breaking boxes, etc).

Clothing Depot – 467

Condoms – 176

Emergency Baby Supplies – 238

Emergency Food Packs – 189

Employment Services – 92 (This includes resume writing, classified use, transportation, encouragement and conflict resolution)

First Aid – 86

Furniture/House wares – 101

Income Tax Assistance – 7

Laundry – 37

Personal Hygiene – 343

Information – 183

Medical Appointments – 53

Grad Dress Giveaway – 11

Transportation – 706

Case Conference – 23

Case Planning – 197

Court Advocacy and Support – 254

Crisis Counseling – 233

AGE OF CONTACTS 2010/11

<u>Age group</u>	<u># of contacts</u>
5 & Under	602
6-11	50
12-13	764
14-15	3021
16-17	4524
18-19	2227
20 & Up	1201
<u>Total</u>	<u>12389</u>

One young girl has been working with staff for many years. She was a very high risk youth, involved in extremely dangerous lifestyles, and behaviors. Through consistent support and guidance of staff she is now in school, parenting her child and has found a stable place to live. This process has been long and gradual with coordinated help from many aspects of EGADZ. She spent time in the School Support and Day Support programs, resides in a My Home, and has had ongoing support from many staff whom she trusts and relies on daily. Because of this relationship, her younger sister, who has also been leading a risky lifestyle, has been accessing EGADZ supports.

OUTCOMES OF 2010/11

In 2010/11 we had a 17 year old who frequents EGADZ attempt to commit suicide a number of times. On one occasion, he came in to the centre and shared this with staff and on another occasion, he called to say he was serious about ending his life. On both occasions he voluntarily agreed to check himself into the hospital after discussing the situation with staff. Through this ordeal staff managed to connect him with an addictions and mental health worker, to help provide ongoing support for his depression and mental health. This would not have been possible without the trust he built with staff.

We had a youth come back in to the centre after being out of town for a while. This youth, who had just turned 18, has some severe limitations and is easily confused. He was homeless without the skills to advocate for himself. He is a youth that if not in a stable and consistent environment, is easily taken advantage of and falls into gang activity. He is also used by other kids because of his mental limitations. Youth Workers began to advocate for available resources, and what services were required. This youth is now in an assisted living home and connected with the Abilities Council and the Community Living Division. The obstacles and expectations that were set up for him would have been unattainable if left on his own. Staff are still working on finding a feasible employment option, and it is still necessary to provide ongoing assistance.

One of our longtime 16 year old youth had been crashing in the later part of this year. He started getting involved in criminal activities, skipping school, and becoming quite unresponsive to staff offering the usual help. After telling staff that he got kicked out of school again and knowing that no mainstream school would take him with his record, the staff member combined with the staff of the Day Support program, took him for lunch. They spoke with him about where he's headed and how his behavior is affecting his options. He agreed that the Day Support Program part time and First Ave Campus part-time would be a good first step to get back on track. Staff have noticed a real change in his behavior. He was consistent with Day Program and First Avenue Campus and so was able to star at a more mainstream school.

One of our very mild mannered and helpful youth had two incidents this past year with anger, where he lashed out and ended up injuring another youth. When staff talked to him about it, he admitted that he has a lot of anger and that it was a result of a traumatic past. With assistance from the staff he came up with a plan that included a referral to a registered therapist to assist in dealing with some of the issues. He has been going consistently and feels quite accomplished with the headway thus far.

We had a young 15 year old boy that really wanted to be in school but because of his family and home situation, getting to school regularly and on time was impossible. One of the staff that lives quite close to him started calling him in the morning and then walking him to school. He had near perfect attendance for the remainder of 2010/11 school year and kept that up all on his own at the start of the new school year. He also joined a community basketball league and excelled there thanks to the Jumpstart program funding and EGADZ staff getting him to practices, games, and being the continued positive support.

JOE'S GARAGE PROGRAM "GUYS ONLY"

The Joe's Garage project is an innovative program specific for "Guys Only" that is financially supported through the Aboriginal People's Program administered by the Department of Canadian Heritage. The project was implemented to fill gaps that were evident from the male population that frequented and utilized EGADZ. The male population has too often been overlooked with respect to services/programs leaving many struggling to deal with issues ranging from self-esteem to unacceptable behaviors that only lead to problems, ultimately themselves. Many of the young males show signs of substance, physical and emotional abuse. They wear the scars of self-mutilation and often appear in the crowd (followers) with many varied issues.

Joe's Garage is designed and activities are planned by the youth who participate in the project based on their needs and interests but within the guidelines of the project. Peer Mentors are utilized to assist the program staff in promoting activities, organizing activities/events and encouraging others to bring forth their input to their program. Participants must keep in mind that the project focus is Aboriginal activities and events that promote healthy, mental, physical, cultural/spiritual growth.

In 2010/11 the Joe's Garage Project saw a total of 85 boys aged 12 to 19 years participate over 580 times in various activities. Activities took place at the center and in the community on average three times per week. Joe's Garage maintained a core of recreation activities that the youth have grown to enjoy, such as the Saskatoon Blades games, movies, laser tag, sleigh rides, plays, bowling, sledding, swimming, skating and paintball. However, the main focus of the project was to provide the youth with the opportunity to become involved in their community and learn about their culture by attending and experiencing events and activities together. This included making available Elders, cultural resource people and mentors, pow wow drumming/singing, moccasin games, pow wows, pipe ceremonies, feasts, talking circles, round dances, and regular sweats, to offer the young men positive alternative outlets to explore or re-engage with their culture.

A significant aspect of Joe's Garage was the availability of daytime follow-up support for the male participants. Project advisors, who the youth had formed relationships with, were available outside of activity hours to help support the participants with issues they were facing such as housing, addictions, legal, health, educational support, or just having someone to listen to. Advisors also assisted in guiding them in creating positive change in their life. In 2010/11 the Project advisors and mentors assisted approximately 28 participants over 300 times.

HIGHLIGHTS IN 2010/11

Joe's Garage hosted the EGADZ Round Dance this year to show thanks for all the help we receive from the community. This event was very successful and we had a high attendance of regular, past, and occasional youth. There were youth who participated in the pipe ceremony, smudging, serving at the feast, dancing, singing, serving lunch, helping in the giveaway and cleaning up at the end. The Round Dance had approximately 300 people attend, 76 of those were regular EGADZ youth. One of the benefits of the event was that the ability of the staff and youth to put on a Round Dance and participate in Aboriginal Culture. Another benefit of the successful Round Dance was that some of the youth began attending other Round Dances in the city and are now interested in attending out of town round dances before pow wow season starts.



Another highlight this year has been that one of the past youth participants of the Joe's Garage project has progressed to the point that he is now working here at the center as a Youth Worker. This is a great accomplishment for him. He is doing well and brings some valuable perspective and skills to the team of Youth Workers.



JOSIE'S GARAGE "GIRLS ONLY"

Josie's Garage is an innovative program specific for "females only" aged 12 to 19 years that is supported through the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund, The Community Initiatives Fund and the City of Saskatoon. The program is designed and planned by the participants with a balance of life skills, recreational and cultural activities/events. Youth mentors are utilized to assist with the coordination of activities based upon interaction and consultation with their peers. Mentors are rotated on a monthly basis so that the experience can be had by those interested in gaining new skills and additional incentives such as a bus pass, swim tickets, movie passes and positive memories.

The activities and events planned by Josie's Garage members provided positive alternatives to potentially negative behavior and a place for the young participants to go and experience a sense of belonging. It also addressed other relevant issues through workshops, community outings, referrals and counseling from program staff as a result of the relationships established. Participants in the program have become their strongest support for each other as they recognize that they are not alone in their issues and feelings.

In 2010/11 Josie's Garage activities took place 2 to 3 times per week as well as special events and holidays. Josie's Garage had 57 different females aged 12-19 participate a total of 497 times. The average age of the participants was 16 years old and 15 new members were welcomed to Josie's Garage this year.

The Josie's Garage program saw significant personal growth from a number of individuals as a result of their consistency in the program. The diversity of activities and events created experiences that inspired many participants.

The opportunities for the participants of Josie's Garage have also created a platform from which EGADZ staff has been able to build upon in the continuum of services available to assist youth. Through participation in activities, youth gained insight through workshops, community outings, and informal counseling. Josie's Garage offers the girls positive influences and peers as well as a break from the stresses of their everyday lives. These are opportunities that due to their socio-economic circumstances are most often unavailable to them. This group gives the participants an opportunity for maturity and self-growth, and enables these girls to believe they can do great things with their lives.

HIGHLIGHTS IN 2010/11

Highlights for the youth were lessons they learned snowboarding, and participating in firsthand experience in all aspects of dog sledding. Other activities and outings included makeovers by hair and nail professionals, zumba dancing, pow wows, round dances, sexual health workshops, Blades games, plays, cooking, personal training, beading and a mentor appreciation supper at Pike Lake. Each activity provided unique opportunities to get to know the youth as individuals and form relationships through the different situations.

While exploring activities in Saskatoon, one of the older Josie's Garage participants discovered an area that really interested her. With help from the Josie's Garage staff, she inquired about a possible volunteer opportunity there. She is now employed with them and provides valuable information for other young women looking for the same opportunities.

There were two 14 year old girls who constantly went out on the weekends engaging in risky behavior. After they started coming to the Josie's Garage program, they went out less and less, choosing instead to come to the program. One of the girls even stopped drinking all together for the last couple of months of the program.

One 15 year old girl who came to Josie's Garage started to trust the staff advisor enough that she confided in her that her home situation was not the best. She now lives in one of the EGADZ My Homes and is thriving in school. It's the trust that was built in the program that allowed her to speak up about her home life.

TEEN PARENTING PROGRAM

The Teen Parenting Program continues to be supported through Health Canada-Community Action program for Children(CAPC).

The Teen Parenting Program exists as another significant program within the Saskatoon Downtown Youth Centre Inc. - EGADZ. The program offers support to expectant and young parents and their children in a variety of ways which includes, but is not limited to, educational services, individual and group sessions, outreach services, medical services, and crisis services. The structure of the program allows for both formal and informal support on a drop-in basis, and for those who are interested in participating we have formal programming such as parenting groups and the summer recreational component.

The Teen Parenting Program has parenting groups twice a week in the evening as well as regular community outings, sometimes as a family activity and other times as an activity more suitable for just the parents. During the day and in the afternoons of group days, the Teen Parenting Coordinator is available to assist the youth on an individual basis. The outreach services in the Teen Parenting program have increased due to the unique needs of the target population. Baby supplies such as diapers and formula continue to be provided on an emergency basis and the infant/toddler clothing depot, maintained through the Parenting Program, is available to young parents who wish to access it.

Teen Parenting offered 3 different types of group sessions. The "Nobody's Perfect" parenting certificate program, information sessions relevant to the young parents who are attending, and group sessions that provide opportunities for the young families to work on attachment and bonding through positive activities and interactions.

"Nobody's Perfect" is a parenting group in which 8 mandatory sessions are required of the parents in order to complete and receive a parenting certificate. This program offers a wide variety of topics which cover such areas as prevention of child injury, child mental health and prevention of childhood obesity. Attendance is mandatory but flexible for certain situations such as medical/home emergencies or illnesses. Free childcare, as well as transportation is provided for all participants. The "Nobody's Perfect" program ran three times in 2010/11. There were 16 parents who successfully completed the program and received their certificate, as well as their C.P.R certificates.

The Teen Parenting Program in 2010/11 offered a variety of information sessions in group format on topics of interest and relevant to the participants. This type of format

offered a more comfortable setting which allowed the youth to ask questions and discuss topics more freely. Sessions focused on life skills types of programming such as nutritious cooking, budgeting and addressing positive self-esteem. Guest speakers from the Saskatoon Health Region, Read Saskatoon, the Child Hunger Education Program (CHEP), and the Canadian Red Cross came in and did presentations covering literacy, nutrition, diabetes and C.P.R. The young fathers were also offered support by providing a male speaker to facilitate some of the sessions covering fatherhood and its importance to children. The male co-facilitator provided information and support to address such issues as physical stress and activities that were relevant to young fathers and their children.

The Parenting program also offered “attachment and bonding” type of activities with the “Summer Fun for Families,” a program that took place during the summer months. This program offered activities such as family picnics, parent and tot swims, the Fun Factory, spray park visits and walks. Also included with this type of group activity were seasonal events such Halloween, Valentine’s Day, and Easter parties in which the parents and children were encouraged to play games and do small projects that fostered positive interactions between parent and child.

Information and resources were also a service provided on an individual and group basis. Individuals, as well as small groups, were provided referrals, advocacy and support throughout the year. Referrals such as housing, medical appointments, food bank, medical emergencies and visits to such clinics as the Westwinds Health Centre were offered. Young parents received support through informal counseling, emergency supplies including diapers, formula, baby supplies, personal hygiene, etc.

2010/11 TEEN PARENTING STATISTICS

In 2010/11 the Teen Parenting program was accessed for support over 2193 times. Of those who accessed the program, 281 individuals did so for the first time. Some of the supports accessed include but are not limited to:

Group Sessions	573
Medical related support	35
Transportation	442
Parenting Crisis Support	80
Nutrition	338
Referrals to other agencies	34
Baby supplies support	149
Formula	77
Home visits	84
Clothing	56
Personal Hygiene	28
Child Care for groups	331

HIGHLIGHTS IN 2010/11

In the fall of 2010, the Teen Parenting program started to offer the Nobodys Perfect groups at the My Homes. The eight Nobodys Perfect sessions have been divided into 14 smaller sessions based on the needs of the participants, who get their certificate once they have completed all of the sessions. This has been successful because it has connected young parents, who do not necessarily feel comfortable accessing the center, to programming and support. A benefit of having a satellite program is it

allows usage by Baby Steps, and the young parents of the My Homes an opportunity to complete the sessions at their slower pace and offer solutions as problems occur in the day to day parenting roles.

The Teen Parenting Program this year has had two young moms who have completed the Nobodys Perfect program for the eighth time. Each program is different and offers new information on positive parenting. Having these young moms as part of the group has been a great asset as they help with the discussions and offers good insight into the topics being covered.

SCHOOL SUPPORT PROGRAM 2010/11

The School Support Program is designed to assist youth that are experiencing an array of difficulties that are barriers to acquiring or maintaining an educational placement. Many live in unstructured family environments with high levels of social-economical disadvantage. As a result many of these young people demonstrate negative responses stemming often from dysfunctional home and parenting environments.

The School Support program is financially supported through the Ministry of Corrections Public Safety and Policing and is able to accommodate twelve individual youth between the ages of 12 and 17 at any given time throughout the year.

Youth continue to be involved in a recreational program during extended school breaks and the summer months. This provides consistency and structure in their lives and has proven to be very beneficial upon their return to the next school year.

HIGHLIGHTS IN 2010/11

This summer there were 15 youth who remained involved with the School Support program during the summer months where they were involved in positive and healthy recreation activities and a camping trip. This approach offers consistency and structure in a young person's life that has proven beneficial upon their return to school. 14 of those youth re-entered school in the fall.

This year the 62 youth were supported in attending and maintaining their school placements.

In helping youth achieve school attendance Child Hunger and Education Program provides some funds to help provide a nutritious breakfast. There were 654 breakfasts were given out to youth before they were dropped off at school.

With driving youth to school every morning relationships grow as we are able to spend one-on-one time with each youth. There were 984 transportations to school and 147 school visits where school related issues could be dealt with.

There was not one month that the overall attendance was below 50%. Overall combined attendance for this school year was 59%.



SCHOOL SUPPORT STATISTICS 2010/11

Total youth – 62
Home/parent contacts – 1307
Cont. worker/Case conferences – 482
Lunches – 240
Treatment referral –
Recreation hours – 891
Life skills hours – 182
Field trip/cultural hours – 13
Phys. Ed. hours – 238

OUTCOMES FOR 2010/11

During morning conversations one youth revealed physical abuse was going on by an Aunt and that they were selling drugs out of the house. After asking for help to find a different place to live, an emergency bed was found for her. After helping with the change of residence her attendance at school increased and was able to finish out the semester.

Another youth would attend school sporadically and cry most mornings before drop off time and often refuse to go into the school. After a few weeks of this it was revealed that there were unpaid school fees and this was an embarrassment for her to go to class. That morning staff walked into the main office, paid the fees and the youth got back on track with classes.

This year one of the past youth came back last spring to invite all the staff to his Graduation ceremonies and to thank us for being a key part of his success.



DAY SUPPORT PROGRAM 2010/11

The Day Support Program is an intervention program for youth who have lost their whole or partial existing educational placement and require an alternative avenue to stabilize as a means to re-integrate into an appropriate educational placement. The program offers a monthly schedule with consistent components for each day of the week (Monday through Friday). The components are comprised of Community Volunteer/Service placements, educational, field trips, (educational/recreational), life skills, and physical activities. Summer participants acquire skills training/ work experience through a Work Education program. The main objectives are to stabilize and assist the young person to obtain and re-integrate back into an appropriate educational placement.

The Day Program is supported through the Ministry of Corrections Public Safety and Policing and is able to accommodate 12 individual youth at any given time throughout the calendar year.

Youth continue to be involved in programming during the summer months. Youth take part in a work program through the support of Curbside Recycling in partnership with the Day Support program.

HIGHLIGHTS 2010/11

Day Support program is designed to be a mechanism for youth to enter an appropriate educational placement. This year 78% of youth utilizing the Day Support Program re-integrate back into an educational program. 60% were transferred into the School Support Program for continued support starting school.

This summer there were 12 youth who participated in the Work Education Program. This portion of the program was made possible by Hitachi Canadian Industries LTD and The Hitachi Foundation USA who funded the work program. The summer program also consisted of recreation, fieldtrips, swimming, bowling, BBQ's and a camping trip. 9 of those youth re-entered an educational program at the end of summer.

In helping youth achieve attendance Child Hunger and Education Program provides some funds to help provide a nutritious breakfast. There were 615 breakfasts were given out to youth.

The community partners this year were Sherbrooke Community Center, Mental Health & Addictions Services Outreach services, the YMCA and Saskatoon Curbside Recycling (SCR) all of which are utilized on a weekly basis. This year the Day Program also partnered with SCR at the Saskatoon Fireworks Festival emptying recycle bins at the event.

A spontaneous element of the Day Program is the "Random Acts of Kindness". Once a month the youth plan out what they will do to try and make someone else's life a little bit brighter. Such things as shoveling people walks to handing out flowers to strangers to purchasing breakfast for someone or plugging an expired parking meter. The youth enjoy these experiences and comments made to them offer insight to selflessness.

PROGRAM STATISTICS 2010/11

Total youth this year – 84
Home/parent contacts – 944
Cont. worker/Case conferences – 750
Lunches – 1603
Recreation hours – 3764.5
Life skills hours – 947.5
Phys. Ed. hours – 774.5
Transportation – 851
School placements – 51
Volunteer hours – 501.5
Field trip/cultural hours – 387.5

OUTCOMES FOR 2010/11

A 15 yr old youth who had not attended school for over two years started our Day Program, and after a period of time had stabilized enough to be transferred half time into First Avenue Campus, where a math credit was worked on and completed. This gave the youth enough confidence to try regular school on a half time basis. As self esteem and confidence continued to grow this youth eventually started and finished a semester with full classes were 4 credits were received. This had been the first time this youth completed a whole year of school since grade five.



The Day Program was contacted by a principal of an elementary school because a 14 yr old youth was being asked to leave because of violence towards teachers. This youth began the Day Program full time and was shortly thereafter placed in First Avenue Campus half time where he was able to continue working on school work from his previous school. He continued going to Day Program in the afternoons and was able to prove that he was able to attend a regular school. A placement was found for him where his present school work could be transferred over to new school. This youth was able to maintain the school year without any gaps in his education because of a seamless transition from Day program to First Avenue to a regular school. If not given the opportunity of Day program this youth would have lost a year of school.



FIRST AVENUE CAMPUS (FAC)

First Avenue Campus is a partnership between the separate and public school systems, the Ministry of Correction, Public Safety and Policing, and the Ministry of Education. Program funding has come from an Education in Custody grant.

First Avenue Campus is a classroom that runs from 9:00 a.m. until noon. It is staffed with a Special Education teacher and an outreach support worker. The classroom provides a continuum of services to meet the complex needs of youth involved in the justice system to provide seamless transition from custody to a quality educational program. This is accomplished by teaching a variety of skills including social, literacy, and mathematics in a comfortable educational setting. Each student is given an individualized curriculum that best fits the individual student to prepare them for future education experiences. FAC partners with the youth's past school or future school to acquire work that can be carried forward to next placement. FAC is a short term transitional placement to be utilized as a stepping stone to their next placement.

These youth face a multitude of issues which are barriers to school and community engagement, such as truancy, substance abuse, gang involvement, homelessness, criminalized behaviors as well as mental/emotional/and physical health concerns.

HIGHLIGHTS 2010/11

First Avenue Campus saw 25 youth utilize the classroom in order to be able to re-integrate into a mainstream school. Of those youth 23 of them also utilized the Day Program in the afternoons.

This year 64% of the youth utilizing First Avenue Campus continued on into a main stream school, 28% of them utilized School Support Program for additional support in maintaining their school placement.

2 youth acquired a high school credit while in FAC and 4 youth who started a credit in the classroom were able to continue that credit course after transitioning into another school. All other FAC transitions were fresh starts in new schools.

PROGRAM STATISTICS SEPT/10 TO APR/11

Transportation – 367

Breakfasts – 429

Contact worker/case conference – 140

Home/parent contacts – 567

Attended court – 19

OUTCOMES FOR 2010/11

One youth who came from Open custody was working on school work from his previous school out of the city. He was able to finish his class, write the final exam from the previous school, receive 76% and acquired a credit. He was transitioned into a main stream school where he is still attending. This left no gap in the school year.

One youth was taken off role at his school for lack of attendance. He was struggling with not living at home because of a no-contact order against his Step-Dad. He was living with his grandfather who was physically abusive towards him and eventually was taken off role at his school because of his attendance. While attending First Avenue Campus and the Day Support Program in the afternoon, staff advocated for him to be put on the 16/17 year old program in order to acquire safe housing. He was given a spot at the My Homes where he continues to live successfully. His math 11 program that he didn't complete at Nutana Collegiate was easily transferred over to FAC where he was able to finish his credit with an 84%. He also missed only 2 days of school (due to illness) while attending FAC and is now successfully transitioned back into Nutana Collegiate where he is attending regularly and getting his last credits to finish his grade 11.

One youth who started at First Avenue Campus remained homeless for over two months and would still get up every morning from wherever he slept that night to walk to school every morning. Some mornings he would walk over an hour to get to school. He did not always arrive on time but he did show up everyday.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND OUTREACH SERVICES

This past year has been a very exciting time for Housing and Outreach Services at EGADZ. Our housing has increased by four homes with the opening of Baby Steps, Michael's Place as well as 2 new homes in March, 2011. These projects continue to add to the continuum of our Residential Youth Centered Services. By the end of March 2011 EGADZ has grown the capacity of residential beds for youth and young women wanting to improve their life circumstances to 58 beds plus 5 beds and 1 emergency bed for infants. EGADZ continues to offer assistance and guidance to young mothers that are escaping abusive situations that otherwise would have had to put their child(ren) in care. This year we have focused on outcomes and highlights of the various program areas. We are pleased to share the positive outcomes EGADZ offers the youth of Saskatoon.



THE MY HOME (HOUSING)

The "My Home" is a safe environment that is based on a youth centered model with the main focus of the program centered on the youth having ownership in the home, education, employment, becoming functioning citizens in the community and someday moving into their own independent living situations. All youth must be a part of their own case plan.

The My Homes are a place where "youth" can reside for an undetermined period of time as they acquire the necessary skills and confidence needed so once they make the transition, it will be long term with the skills they have acquired.

The My Homes are separated into four categories under the Youth Centered Residential Services: Peer Homes (female), Structured Independent Living (female), Female Staffed Homes and a Male Staffed Home. Michael's Place also operates under the Youth Centered Model of Care.



PEER HOME STATISTICS

From April 2010 - March 2011 we have had 43 youth and 13 babies at the 3 Peer Homes.

Total Length of Stay

- 2 – Over 3 years
- 3 – Over 2 years
- 6 – Over 1 year
- 9 – 6 months- 1yr
- 4 – 3-6 months
- 19 – 1 to 3 months
- 13 – Emergency placements



OUTCOMES OF PEER HOMES

- 5 – Transferred to Staffed Homes re: Behavioral
- 4 – Transferred to Staffed Homes re: Parental Services Agreement
- 4 – Transitioned to Supported Independent Living
- 4 – Youth transitioned back with family
- 8 – Employed
- 6 – Healthy babies born
- 3 – Placed in intense stabilization/custody

STRUCTURED INDEPENDENT LIVING STATISTICS

From April 2010 - March 2011 we have placed 22 adults and 18 children at the 2 Structured Independent Living homes.

Total Length of Stay

- 1 – over 3 years
- 3 – over 2 years
- 5 – over 1 year
- 2 – 6 months & over
- 6 – 3- 6 months
- 4 – 1 to 3 months
- 3 – Emergency placement

OUTCOMES OF STRUCTURED INDEPENDENT LIVING

- 6 – Employed
- 3 – Healthy baby born
- 4 – Transitioned into Independent Living

STAFFED HOUSING STATISTICS (FEMALE)

From April 2010 – March 2011 we have placed 39 youth and 9 babies at the female staffed homes.

Total Length of Stay

- 5 – Over 1 year
- 8 – 6 months-1 year
- 12 – 3-6 months
- 11 – 1-3months

OUTCOMES OF STAFFED HOUSING (FEMALE)

- 5 – Transitioned back to family
- 4 – Transferred to low risk home
- 4 – Placed in Intense Stabilization
- 3 – Healthy babies born

J is graduating high school, parenting her daughter, had become a Junior mentor in MH 1, moved into our Supported Independent living program and became a mentor there. She is now awaiting a kidney transplant.

J.S. was placed in a satellite school and with a private counsellor. She worked her way to mainstream high school, is on the honor roll, will graduate this year, earned her driver's licence, part-time employment, purchased a vehicle, joined the army, moved into room and board.

STAFFED HOUSING STATISTICS (MALE)

From April 2010 - March 2011 we have placed 15 youth at the male staffed home

Total Length of Stay

3 – Over 2 years

0 – 1-2 years

3 – 6 month to 1 year

1 – 3- 6 months

8 – 1-3 months

OUTCOMES OF STAFF HOUSING (MALE)

1 – Transitioned back to family

4 – Placed in Intense Stabilization/Custody

OUTCOMES FOR MY HOMES

- In 2010/11 the My Homes gave hope and safe housing to 26 individuals who had been sexually exploited on our city streets prior to entering the My Homes.
- This year we transitioned 10 of our youth back with family.
- We also transitioned 4 of our Structured Independent Living women into their own independent living.
- 16 of our youth had an 80% or over average in school.
- All of our youth attended school or day program.
- Several of our youth have transitioned from a stabilization day program into mainstream schools.
- 1 of our youth is training for a marathon
- Several of our youth volunteer in the community
- 13 of our youth have earned their learner's licenses
- 3 have earned their driver's licenses
- 3 of our Structured Independent Living women graduated grade 12
- 2 of our Structured Independent Living women entered University
- 2 of our Structured Independent Living women entered a Trade School
- 5 of our Moms who came into the program under a Parental Services Agreement, have completed the agreements and maintained full guardianship of their children

37 of our youth were practicing self harm when they arrived at the My Homes. Out of these youth, 2 specifically would self harm 6 to 8 times per day which resulted in several trips to the emergency rooms and multiple stays in the Les and Irene Dube center.

B worked her way through the self-harming and acquired coping skills and eventually stopped self harming and was transitioned back to family.

The second youth K, is working hard at learning new skills and has gone from harming herself over 6 times per day, to once per week at the most often.

NEW FOR 2010/11

BABY STEPS

Baby Steps is a partnership between Saskatoon Downtown Youth Centre Inc-EGADZ, Ministry of Social Services, Saskatoon Health Region-Mental Health and Addiction Services, and various community agencies. Baby Steps opened its doors in April of 2010 and has been full ever since. We have 5 beds plus one emergency bed available for children 1 day old to 5 years old. We have had 8 mothers participate in the program, and 3 of those mothers are still currently in Baby Steps. Since April we have had 13 children live at Baby Steps and currently have 6 children residing at the home. We also have a 3 bedroom home (Michael's Place) for the mothers to live independently at with the support of the EGADZ Street Outreach Program (see street outreach report).

Baby Steps is a voluntary program that places the onus to succeed on the mothers in the program. Their success and failure depends on their willingness to learn and participate in the program and accept services offered through the community. Baby Steps is set up to empower the mothers to be successful and independent, by providing them with community supports such as Mental Health and Addictions services, Family Service Saskatoon, EGADZ Street Outreach Program, the Teen Parenting Program, as well as numerous school and community supports.

The mothers must attend weekly case conferences which are all intended to strengthen their parenting abilities. Once the parenting skills and the bonding of their child is strengthened, they begin to find a sense of empowerment in their lives. Baby Steps also include education and employment as a requirement of the Baby Steps program. Baby Steps provides support and the necessities to help the mother be successful in their plans as each mother case plan is individualized for greater success. Case conferences are held to measure progress as well as deal with issues that arise, which may hinder the mothers being successful.

Baby Steps provides a nurturing and safe environment for the children to learn and grow in. Baby Steps is an encouraging supportive place for the mothers to learn positive parenting with their children. The mothers are welcome at the home 24 hours a day and are encouraged to visit as much as possible. We have had 2 mothers in the program with newborns who were breastfeeding and accessed the home at least 12 hours a day to be able to breastfeed and keep the bond between themselves and their baby.

The success of Baby Steps can be measured in various ways. One important factor in the measurement of success is the time spent at Baby Steps with their child/children. The ultimate success that we strive for is independent living for the mothers and for their children to be in a safe and healthy environment. Other successful outcomes would be placing the children with healthy family members that are willing to care for the child/children or long term placement of the child/children by the Ministry of



Social Services. The measure of success is truly on the well being of the child/children and their right to live in a safe, stable and nurturing environment.

OUTCOMES FOR BABY STEPS 2010/11

2 of the women have gained privilege to having their children at Michael's Place without supervision and have earned overnight visits with their children with the plan to increase the visits, working their way to full custody.

1 mother has weekend visits with her child at My Homes and will soon have full custody of her child.

4 of the mothers have attempted to regain custody of their children and have come to the realization that their children needs were better met with family as they were not ready to parent. These mother's assisted in helping place their children with alternate family members.

In October a parenting program designed for parents out of Baby Steps began with one meeting working on the Nobody's Perfect Parenting Certificate. The next meeting is about problem solving as a parent. This was a joint partnership between our Teen Parent Program, My Homes, and our parents in Baby Steps.

Domestic Violence Program is a requirement of being in the Baby Steps program and all parents in the program attend weekly.

5 children are now very close to being returned to their parents as a result of Baby Steps. These children were in the process of being made long term wards of the Ministry of Social Services prior to entering the Baby Steps program.

NEW FOR STREET OUTREACH IN 2010/11

MICHAEL'S PLACE

In 2010 EGADZ was approached on the donation of another residence for the use in our continuum of care for the youth centered service for housing. Because of zoning issues, it was determined that the best use of this home would be for mothers who are attempting to get their children back as it would be best suited partnered with Baby Steps and the Street Outreach Program.

Michael's Place accommodates 3 women whose children are in the Baby Steps Program. Since April 2010, Michael's Place has had 7 young mothers reside in and participate in the Baby Steps Program. Street Outreach oversees the young women who reside in Michael's Place and helps the women with transportation for appointments, employment, and visits at Baby Steps. Street Outreach has supervised outside visits with the women and their children.

Street Outreach takes the women grocery shopping while teaching them how to prepare healthy meals on a budget. Street Outreach does a positive lifestyle activity with the women at least once a week. Street Outreach has also supported these women while taking care of their past legal issues. Street Outreach has supported many of the women for education.

Service	Total
Transports	521
Case Conferences	45
Court Support	5
Activities	33
Supervised Visits	29
Overnight Visits	61
Education Support	10
Employment Support	2
Treatment Support	5
Medical Appointments	32
Home Visits	783

OUTCOMES OF MICHAEL'S PLACE

Outreach workers have witnessed these women take steps to successfully leave their high risk lifestyle behind and take the appropriate actions in helping better themselves. Some things the young women have done have been counseling, gaining employment, enrollment into school, enrolling into parenting classes, regularly attending domestic violence classes as well as Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous meetings.

Street Outreach also supported these women in gaining access to different Drug and Alcohol Treatment facilities and supports them throughout their stay. Two of the women have gained privileges of having their children at Michael's Place without supervision and have earned overnight visits with their children. Michael's Place has recently given a mentorship role to one woman living in the house that has shown leadership and has been positively working the Baby Step Program.

STREET OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Street Outreach program started in September of 1993 as a special project to connect and build trust with youth caught up in "at risk" and "high risk" street lifestyles. Since then the Street Outreach has become a program that connects with all youth involved on the streets: however, the greatest group of concern continues to be children and youth who are sexually abused through sex trade.

Through the coordination of necessary and needed support and services such as addictions counseling and treatment, advocating for special needs and developing case plans from an outcomes based approach with aftercare planning, success is being achieved, however this issue is very complex and remains of highest priority.

STREET OUTREACH PROGRAM STATISTICS 2010/11

Age Group	Night Streets	Day Streets	Day Contacts	Total
1-3 years	587	9	83	679
4-6 years	58	78	24	160
7-11 years	25	271	4	300
12 years	183	12	7	202
13 years	587	4	3	594
14 years	811	4	20	835
15 years	2173	10	101	2284
16 years	2352	11	219	2572
17 years	2122	4	202	2328
18 years	1535	8	202	1745
19 years	654	10	175	839
20 years	295	8	136	439
21 years	181	31	398	610
22 & over	652	250	1064	1966
Total	12274	683	2640	15597

The statistics provided above include a number of contacts with those classified as street youth and sex trade combined. Of the 15597 contacts made, 205 were individuals that were pregnant at the time.

SEX TRADE STATISTICS 2010/11

In 2010 the Street Outreach did not encounter anyone actively involved in the sex trade 15 years of age or under. However, in 2010-2011 Street Outreach remains actively involved in case planning and early interventions that provides prevention to those at risk of Sexual Exploitation. The Street Outreach Program is a major contributor of names to the Sexual Exploitation Intervention Committee.

Age	Active	Possible	In-Active	Deceased	Total (excluding those inactive or deceased)
16 years	0	2	0	0	2
17 years	1	2	0	0	3
18 years	3	4	0	0	7
19 years	6	1	0	0	7
20 years	7	5	0	0	12
21 years	8	4	1	1	12
22 + years	159	11	11	9	170
Total	184	29	12	10	213

Street Outreach staff encountered 21 new active members of the sex trade and 2 possibly active individuals involved in the sex trade for 2010/11.

STREET OUTREACH SERVICES 2010/11

Service	Night streets	Day Streets	Day Contacts	Total
Nutrition	4375	481	66	4922
Condoms	794	20	8	822
Information	56	1	11	67
Clothing	337	10	24	371
Emergency Baby Supplies	805	8	63	876
Personal Hygiene	434	4	41	479
First Aid	15	0	12	27
Home Visits	1440	8	158	1606
Hospital Visits	17	1	23	41
Court Support and Advocacy	0	0	156	156
Telephone Contact	536	20	741	1297
Crisis Counseling	55	3	57	115
Medical Appointments	21	0	132	153
Violent John Reports Abused or Beaten	4	0	0	4
Transportation	1378	41	1232	2651
Emergency Food Packs	109	0	23	132
Moving assistance	3	0	7	10
Individuals Receiving Bus Tickets	15	2	29	46
Case Conferences	0	0	48	48
Employment Assistance	3	0	10	13
Education Assistance	13	0	41	54
Christmas Gifts	88	0	0	88
Emergency Housing	25	0	15	40
Agency Referrals	63	4	34	101

COURT WORK

5 times a week staff attends Provincial Youth Court, assisting youth in working through their charges, helping them understand the court process and how to follow through on court orders and/or alternative measures programming. Options and resources that wouldn't otherwise be available to youth in case planning might also open up as staff network with other supports in the community to create achievable case plans. In 2010/11 staff assisted 156 persons in court.

ADDICTIONS COUNSELING AND TREATMENT

In 2010/11 Street outreach staff continued to assist young people work through their substance abuse and addiction issues as well as others we meet on the street. This comes from direct contact with the youth, case planning with each individual, to referral, support and aftercare planning. Sometimes it takes on a more collaborative approach as EGADZ staff work with various supports in the community to assist these youth work through and overcome some of their more troubling issues that feed their use and/or addiction.

In 2010/11 outreach staff assessed and referred 18 people for detox and treatment to various facilities in the province. This included offering printed information and referrals to various detox centers in the province, providing transportation to and from detox and treatment facilities, contact information for addictions services and centers, providing hygiene packs for those in treatment, as well as coordinating after care planning with various resources and services in the city. EGADZ continues to advocate in earnest for detox and treatment for youth and continues to seek user friendly programs and facilities that are culturally sensitive and appropriate for each individual.

NUTRITION

Providing healthy snacks for children and youth on the street is one of the many tools outreach staff utilizes on a daily basis in an effort to create new relationships with those on the street, as well as continue building with those already involved with our programming. Day streets and night streets allow staff to give out beverages, fruit, sandwiches and occasionally other snacks when available.

In combination with the generosity of various church groups, small businesses, and personal donations CHEP Good Food Inc continues to provide the majority of the nutrition EGADZ outreach staff deliver to those in the community.

The total number of contacts receiving food through the Street outreach program during 2010/11 was 4922.

YOUTH ALERTS

Outreach staff had a total of 10 missing youth reported to them by parents, guardians and other concerned persons in the 2010/11 season. Awareness regarding these youth alerts continues to grow, as EGADZ staff assist in gathering and sharing the information provided and hopefully locating the missing youth successfully.

HIGH RISK HOMICIDE REGISTRY

The High Risk Homicide Registry (H.R.H.R) is a voluntary self-descriptive form that is utilized by EGADZ for individuals involved in the sex trade. The purpose of the HRHR is to record, on a voluntary basis, personal information on each person engaged in the sex trade. In the event of an unidentified homicide, the information document can be unsealed and used to assist in identifying the deceased or to provide valuable information for a criminal investigation into a death. There are a total of 97 individuals listed to date.

CHRISTMAS 2010

EGADZ staff continued their annual Christmas drive on December 22nd 2010. At risk youth, those involved in the sex trade and their families received a total of personalized stockings and gifts as a result of the generosity of Canadian Tire and various community donations.

OUTCOMES OF STREET OUTREACH

Street Outreach assisted an 18 year old female sex trade worker in contacting the police regarding sexual exploitation and the solicitation of women. Currently Street Outreach is gaining this client's trust and working on building a stronger relationship so to assist her in leaving her high risk lifestyle.

Street Outreach has also had the opportunity to assist a 30 year old female sex trade worker in gaining access to a 28 day treatment facility. This will be the first treatment program the woman has successfully completed with a high possibility of regaining custody of her child and reducing harm to her unborn child.

Street Outreach has formed a positive relationship with a 32 year old male sex trade worker. He has started contacting Street Outreach on a regular basis for transportation, nutrition and condoms.

Outreach continues to form new relationships with people in the community. We understand this takes times and we work hard every day to gain our clients trust so we can make those relationships.

Street Outreach gave 2651 transports in 2010/11 which is an increase of 759 transports from 2009/2010. These transports include taking people to appointments, programming and transports off the streets and taking them home.

OPERATION HELP

Operation Help is a partnership between the Saskatoon City Police, Adult Addiction Services – Mental Health Outreach, Ministry of Social Services, EGADZ, and the services of an Elder to provide service to individuals caught up in the sex trade at the time of arrest for communicating for the purpose of prostitution – 213 1 c of the criminal code. The team gathers at the police station during the “Sting” waiting to provide alternatives and support to those whom are looking to exit this lifestyle. In the case of adults the charges are put on the court docket in 60 days, and if the client has made attempts to exit the streets the charges are withdrawn and the client will not have a criminal record for this charge.

Operation Help works with agencies within the community to provide the best possible resources to clients. OH empowers clients to create their own case plan and assist them to achieve their goals that they have chosen. OH provides clients with anything from food, clothing, housing support, health (physical/mental/addictions) security, legal, counseling, education, and relationship building.

Operation Help works to enable those involved in the sex trade to access immediate support from the various agencies that can provide the expertise or services required to assist each individual in their transition.

A majority of clients who choose to enter the support circle upon arrest are working to support themselves and their (often extended) families, to pay their exploiters

(pimps, etc.), and/or to support their additions. Many have never known any life but street life and are youth exploited through the sex trade or adults who began working in the sex trade by being exploited as youth.

CLIENTS

The Operation Help Program is accessible to 210 clients (as of March 31, 2011):

- 4 are aged 18 and under;
- 54 are between 19-24;
- 78 are between 25-29; and
- 74 are 30 and older.

All of these clients are female.

19 Operation Help clients are deceased.

OPERATION HELP STINGS

April 2010

Three OH Stings held:

- 4 new clients, 5 returning

May 2010

One OH Sting held:

- 2 new clients, 2 returning

July 20, 2010

One OH Sting held:

- 2 new clients, 2 returning

August 4, 2010

One OH Sting held:

- 4 new clients

September 2010

Two OH Stings held:

- 2 new clients, 3 returning

October 2010

One OH Stings held:

- 2 new clients

March 2010

One OH Sting held:

- 2 new client, 3 returning

DIRECT SERVICES

Baby Supplies	47
Bus Tickets	340
Case Conference	15
Clothing	56
Court Support	142
Crisis Counseling	40
Education	8
Food Packs	38
Home Visits	132
Hospital Visits	18
Housing Support	31
Larson House Visits	34
Medical	77
Personal Hygiene	52
Phone Contacts	1122
Probation Contacts	20
School Transports	11
Snacks	181
Street Contacts	122
Tamara's House Visits	3
Transports	512
Treatment Visits	5
Visual Contacts	1066

DIRECT REFERRALS

Addiction Services	30
Angus Campbell/Detox	2
Counselors	4
Elizabeth Fry	5
Family Legal Aid	3
Food Bank	14
Income Assistance	9
Infinity House	1
Interval House	1
Larson House	22
Larson House Support Visits	34
Legal Aid	19
Lighthouse	8
MACSI Center Saskatoon	10
Methadone Program	13
Michael's Place	1
Narcotics Anonymous	3
Pleasant Hill Place	1
Prince Albert Detox	1
Rentalsman	2
Saskatoon City Police- Vice Unit	4
Saskatoon Housing Authority	5
Tamara's House	2
Turning Points Program	2
Westside Community Clinic	20
YWCA Crisis Shelter and Housing	12

OUTCOMES FOR OPERATION HELP FOR 2010/11

During this year, 3 females had their charges stayed. This is a huge accomplishment for each one of these ladies, because they were able to overcome huge obstacles in their lives, as they were deeply entrenched in the sex trade lifestyle.

1 female was accepted and completed the Culinary Arts program offered through Saskatoon Trades and Skills Development Centre. She is currently employed as a line cook at a local restaurant and has room for advancement.

1 client has moved into the supported housing program offered through the Ministry and CUMFI housing. She currently has 3 of her 5 children back in her care and is working on having her other children returned. Both herself and her children are doing exceptionally well in the program. One client, who is 8 months pregnant, has recently been approved for supportive housing which will allow her to keep baby in her care.

2 sex trade workers came into EGADZ seeking assistance after fleeing a motel where they were being forced to work for an adult male. With Operation Help and Outreach support, 1 of the females was willing to talk to VICE and the next day she provided a video statement. Consequently, as published a 23 year old man, has been charged with living off the avails of 2 sex trade workers. His charges are pending .



DAY OF MOURNING – REMEMBERING THE VICTIMS OF THE SEX TRADE

This year was the 11th annual Day of Mourning. This event is coordinated by the EGADZ Youth Committee with the guidance of Operation Help. Many respected Elders and Dignitaries attended this event including His Honour Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan Dr. Gordon L. Barnhart. His Honour has agreed to attend the 12th annual Day of Mourning as he was deeply touched by his experience. According to the guest book over 160 people attended the 11th annual Day of Mourning.



CONTINUED CHALLENGES

Housing has been a big issue over the last number of years. Clients find it hard to find adequate, affordable housing. Not only do they struggle with financial burdens, there is also discrimination, lack of references, and lack of affordable housing outside of the core neighborhoods. There have been a few clients who have obtained positive housing.



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