

Annual Report 2022

COMMON GROUND CO-OPERATIVE





Chair's Message

It has been another wonderful and successful year at Common Ground! This has been a year where our team and partners have embraced the uncertainty in the world and have taken every opportunity to get creative and make Common Ground even better. We couldn't be more proud.

Our resilient team has developed and evolved programs, reimagining how we can do things in a hybrid and online world. And, they have done so with big smiles and lots of laughs and cookies. We know, because we see them regularly on our social media channel (follow us on Instagram to see what's happening! @commongroundtoronto and @coffeeshedto). We have an amazing story to share and it has been wonderful to see more people connecting with us in new ways.

We have an exciting year ahead – as well as focusing on what we do well today, we continue to explore strategic opportunities to work with our system partners differently to ensure a successful and sustainable future for Common Ground. The Board and Interim Executive Director are meeting regularly to discuss how we can best achieve our vision, a world where all adults with developmental disabilities are vibrant, valued members of the community. Thank you for being a valued part of our community, and we look forward to what the new year will bring for us all.

ANDREA SPENCER

Chair



Director's Message

This year, we had to ask some fundamental questions. What it means to be a co-operative with a mission to create meaningful work when going to work is not allowed? What does “community” mean when we cannot meet each other?

From the very beginning of the pandemic, the Common Ground staff worked diligently to reimagine how to deliver Common Ground’s mission and vision. They created new online programs and reached out to partners to keep everyone engaged and connected.

But it was a great relief to reopen Lemon & Allspice and the Coffee Shed at Surrey Place in the spring. We felt impatient with delays in reopening our Coffee Shed at New College and in finding a new client for CleanABLE, so I am happy to say they are all back in operation now. Our Foundations Program continued online and to graduate students throughout the year. And, our barista workshop is still in high demand.

We are all so happy to be getting back to business!

I would be remiss not to thank the staff: Alejandra, Andrea, Christine, Michael, Morgan, Nazrul and Nicole for their extraordinary efforts. And, my thanks also to the Board of Directors for their dedication and good counsel during this unusual time.

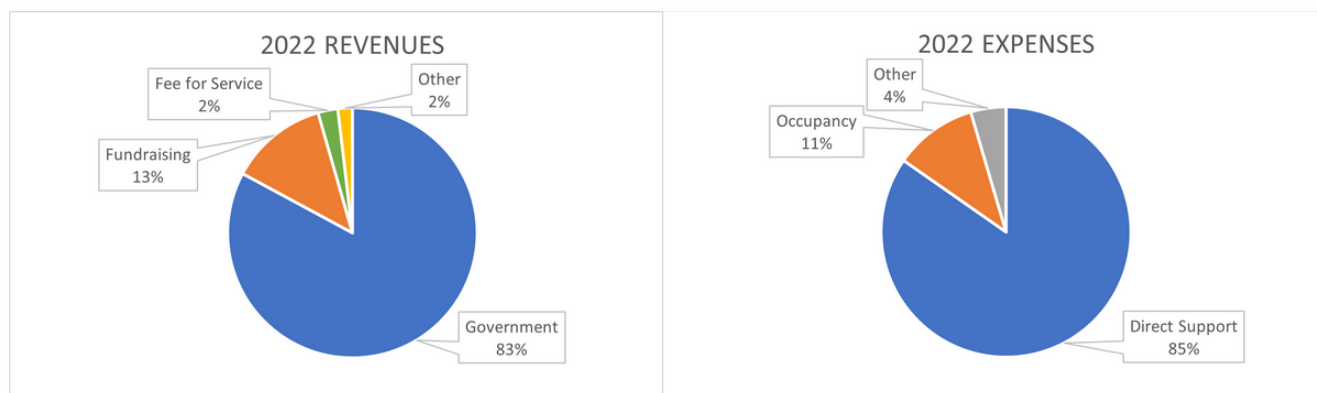
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Interim Executive Director

Treasurer's Report

Despite the continued challenges being faced in the wider macro environment, I am pleased to report that CGC maintained a strong and steady financial position for the fiscal year which ended March 31, 2022, and held a healthy cash and short-term investments balance of \$642,192.

Revenues for the year were \$509,776 and expenses incurred were \$480,004 which resulted in a surplus of revenue over expenses of \$29,772.



We generated lower revenues than the prior year given that we did not receive the emergency funding provided by the government in response to COVID in the prior year, which was one-time in nature. As well, we received fewer donations than the prior year. This was somewhat offset however, by lower expenses in the current year. To generate a surplus of revenue over expenses against the backdrop of a difficult environment took considerable efforts from the team and everyone should be very proud.

With a continued healthy financial position we optimistically look forward to the 2022/2023 financial year.

To all our corporate sponsors, members and individuals who have so generously contributed to support our organization we offer a huge thank you!

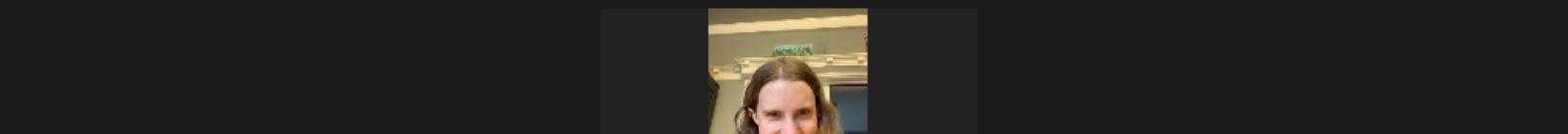
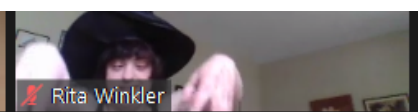
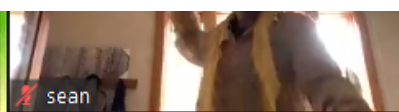
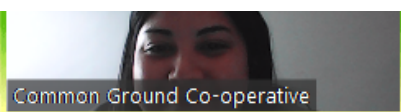
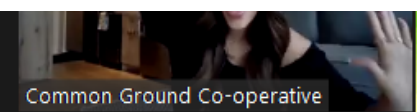
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Treasurer



Partner Outings & Other Fun





Thank you

Everyone at Common Ground Co-operative thanks our many supporters: partners, members, families, donors, volunteers, and sponsors. Your support makes our work possible.

And, a special thank you to Mark Winkler for his steadfast support.

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