



ANNUAL REPORT

Village Eulogia

2022



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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dear Village Eulogia Community and Donors,

In 2019, our world as we knew it changed, and the impact of these changes continues to be felt to this day. However, God's faithfulness and provision have enabled us to continue to care for and serve the families of Village Eulogia. Now, as we emerge from the shadow of the pandemic, it is an opportunity for us to re-story the vision and mission of Village Eulogia. We are grateful for Cindy's leadership in spearheading this important conversation.

In 2022 we began the process to become compliant with the new charity laws that were invoked. Thank you so much to lawyer Will Kenny who volunteered his time every month to walk us through re-writing our bylaws as step one of this process.

Amidst these discussions, let us not forget the immediate blessings that await us in 2023. We anticipate a time of joy and connection as we return, in-person, to Riverview Camp. It is our fervent prayer that God will bring together the families and volunteers for a season of fellowship and renewal. We also lift up our prayers for God to bring new servants to the board and executive team who will breathe life into the new story that God has in store for the Village in the upcoming seasons of ministry.

Our theme for 2022 was Renewal, based on Isaiah 40. As we reflected on how God has renewed our ministry in 2022, the following stands out:

OUTREACH:

We continued to nurture connections with new and inactive families through in-person gatherings like our picnic, Christmas event, Camp Eulogia, Move with Love fundraiser, and virtual Village At Home gatherings and online worships. Over 100 families have been involved with VE over the years.



EVALUATE AND GROW:

We continued to invest in the cottage retreat ministry by acquiring a move in ready cottage at Riverview so families can bring more loved ones to join them on their retreat. We renewed the momentum of Camp Eulogia by having our first in-person camp since the pandemic. We assessed current program offerings and will be planning a move towards more in-person gatherings.

REBUILD:

We were even more intentional in 2022 to develop partnerships and collaborations. We thank Bayview Glen Alliance Church for VBS campers and families who put together gifts for families who attended Camp Eulogia. We look forward to our future partnership in supporting our young adults with disabilities to volunteer at their food distribution centre. We continue to partner with Tjene, other prize sponsors, and Agincourt Civitans to host another great annual walk/run called Move with Love. Scarborough Chinese Baptist Church continued to support our ministry by allowing us to utilize their space for our in-person Christmas event. Meaningful and long-lasting partnerships take time. We pray and trust that God will lead us to seek new opportunities to collaborate with our existing partners and other new churches, businesses, and agencies to further the support and spiritual care of our families.

COMMUNICATION:

We continued to gather impactful stories for sharing as returning and new families learn to gather once again post pandemic. For some of our families, our in-person event was the first gathering they've attended since the pandemic. We thank all the staff and volunteers who helped organize our picnic, Camp, and Christmas Gathering.

CHALLENGES:

We continue to seek to rebuild our team at the board and executive level. Please continue to pray for our search.



THE FUTURE:

In recognition of our upcoming 15th anniversary we created a visioning committee in late 2022 so that we can embrace change, re-emerging with a new look, new ideas, and big dreams to sustain our Village for the next 15 years.

In conclusion, God's work of renewal in Village Eulogia has just begun. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the staff, volunteers, partners, and community members who have journeyed with us thus far. Together, guided by God's grace, we will continue to forge a path where all families are embraced, all individuals are empowered, and Village Eulogia flourishes as a beacon of hope and love.

With gratitude,

Timothy Myland and Cindy Kwan
President and Past President, Village Eulogia



IMPACT SUMMARY

Cottage Retreat Ministry

Our season started late due to covid, but 9 families enjoyed short retreats at our VE cottage. Each family received a welcome basket on arrival and a compilation of devotionals with related crafts and activities to enjoy as a family. "Thank you, He loved it." said a note left on the table after one family's retreat. We are grateful to Diane for the thorough job she did keeping our cottages cleaned and sanitized.

Our cottage retreat ministry is growing. We were blessed with the opportunity to purchase an additional cottage at Riverview. We look forward to growing the number of retreats we can offer in the coming year.

Camp Eulogia 2022

We had hoped for overnight camp at Riverview, but due to circumstances beyond our control, we had to pivot to day camps. 17 families registered for camp in 2022. We are grateful to Cristo Viene for the use of their church for both of our day camps. Each week we gathered at the church for 2 days of activities, crafts, worship and shared meals. The last day of each camp we gathered at a local park for games, crafts, activities, an outdoor worship and a picnic lunch. On the last day of camp 2 we hosted 60+ people. Thank you 2022 interns for teaching our camp attendees praise and ribbon dances. The theme of Camp 2022 was Renewal. As the pandemic appears to be subsiding, we all need to breathe deeply, praise the Lord for leading us through the challenges of the past 2 ½ years, and focus on the restoration He can provide.

Christmas 2022

This was our largest gathering for 2022 with 85+ attendees including several brand new families. An energizing worship, games, crafts, food and fellowship filled the afternoon which was rounded out with small gift bags for everyone, and a collection of food donations delivered to a local food bank.

Other Gatherings

47 virtual events (Village at Home)

YOU dance ballet performance - 8 families registered (Nov)

VE picnic - 10 families registered (July 9)

VE Bowling - 5 families (Sept 17)



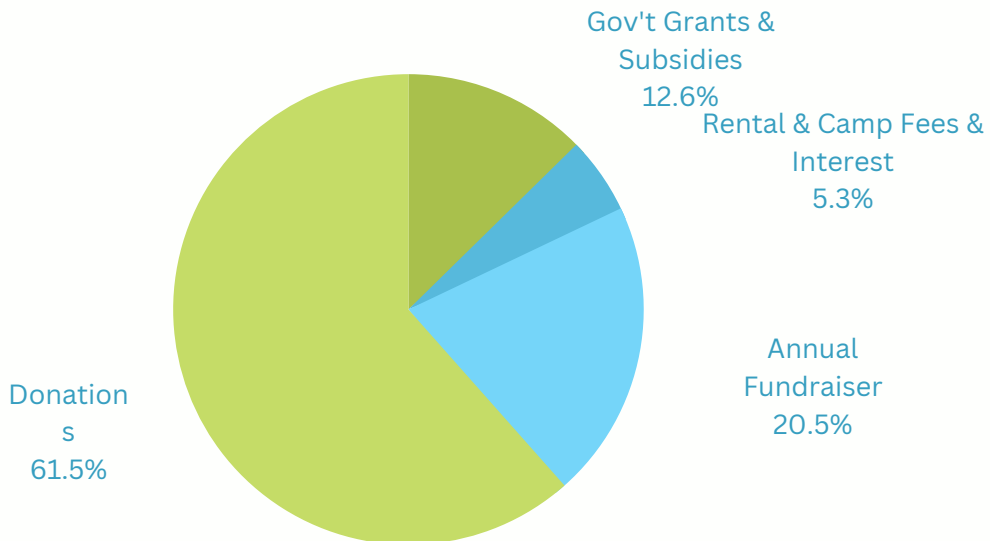
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Move with Love

Thank you to Tjene, who was our corporate sponsor for this fundraising event.

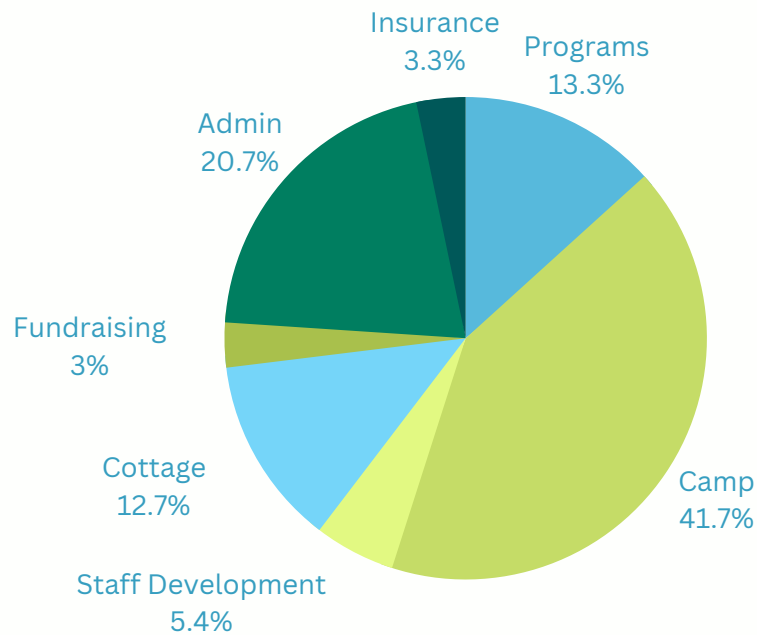
We hosted a highly successful walk fundraiser in October with 90+ people. Not only did we meet our fundraising goal, and have great weather, but the walkers (families, staff, volunteers and supporters) gathered after the walk for a meal and a chance to socialize complete with a raffle, activities for kids and live music. It was so good to gather together.

VILLAGE EULOGIA 2022 INCOME



We are grateful for the Canada Summer Jobs grant that helped fund our summer staff. We hired 4 interns to write programs and devotionals, create resources, network with families, recruit volunteers and administer our summer camp

VILLAGE EULOGIA 2022 EXPENSES



In Nov we hired Andrew Akam as our new admin assistant and increased the hours the admin assistant worked. We also hired Richard on a temporary contract to assist in the restructuring and reorganization of our email system, databases, drives, and other special projects. We are grateful for how quickly projects that had been on our wish list for a while were accomplished. Although this greatly increased our administrative costs for 2022, we felt it was worth the investment.



OUR VISION

2023 will be a year of transition and change. In preparation for our 15th anniversary celebration, we looked back over the years to see how God has led and blessed us. We will use the wisdom from those memories in our future visioning. To begin, we will be winding down our virtual programs as we renew our connections with families (beyond the virtual world), inviting them to work with us in our future programming plans.

We will continue to seek new volunteers for our board, our executive team and to support our events and activities. We will be updating our look. We will continue seeking legal counsel as we prepare for the new ONCA deadline.

TESTIMONIALS

We were blessed to have enjoyed a retreat at the VE cottage. The quietness, the connection to nature (except the turkey vultures), the basket of goodies and the friendliness of everyone we encountered filled our hearts.

This was our first time at camp. Thank you for being so welcoming and accepting.

VE young adult - VE is fun. I made new friends.

We LOVED camp. We felt really helped and supported and not alone in our struggle, especially since it is Christ centred.

My son was so happy at camp. He loved his volunteer.

VE picnic - it was so nice to come and meet new families. We don't feel so alone.

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