Vision
Building a brighter future for foster kids.

Success
Create an environment where all children connected to the foster care system have equal opportunities akin to what parented children receive.

Mission
Aunt Leah’s place helps prevent children in foster care from becoming homeless and mothers in need from losing custody of their children. To support them on their journey to self-sufficiency, we provide supported housing, job training and coaching on essential life skills.

Core Values
All behaviour has meaning and is the human tool for communication.

Success is fragile and must be tended to and supported with care.

An individual’s artistic/soulful centre must be expressed and appreciated.

Celebration is essential to a successful life.

Community building ensures that we all have a place to go when we need support.

Entrepreneurial spirit builds individuals and organizations.

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather, work, learn and create is the traditional unceded territory of the Coast Salish People specifically the QayQayt First Nation.
On July 18th 2018, Aunt Leah’s Place celebrated its 30th Birthday and its three decades of providing a ‘Family Model of Care’, aspiring to mirror what BC families provide their own children through early adulthood.

The history of Aunt Leah’s is that of an organization that has needed to be light on its feet in order to serve some of the most marginalized youth in the province. The economic landscape has changed drastically over these past thirty years - with incomes flattening, housing costs skyrocketing and education requirements to enter labour markets increasing as well. In response, Aunt Leah’s has been an innovator in new service models in the areas of Housing, Education & Employment, and Life Skills, Food Security & Health, helping low-income families maintain custody of their children and preventing foster youth from experiencing homelessness. A timeline history of this work can be found on page 40.

The 2018 Youth Homelessness Count for Metro Vancouver report confirms that the mission of Aunt Leah’s Place is more relevant than ever:

“Half of respondents (50%) indicated they were currently or had been previously in foster care, a group home or under an independent living arrangement, and 11% of survey respondents indicated that aging out of care was one of the main reasons they experienced homelessness for the first time.”

Aunt Leah’s supports young people during that crucial time when they ‘age out’ of care, therefore directing scarce resources strategically and preventatively to spaces in time where youth from care are most likely to experience homelessness.
Who is Charity Intelligence Canada?

Charity Intelligence Canada works for and is primarily funded by donors. And unlike other charity accreditations, Charity Intelligence does not receive any money from the charities they rate. Its analysis goes beyond plain subjectivity or narrow financial analysis to dig deeper to arrive at those charities proven to be the best in their field.

Top 10 Impact Charity

For a third time, in 2018 Aunt Leah’s Place was selected as a Top 10 Impact Charity by Charity Intelligence (Ci). Ci found that investing in Aunt Leah’s is likely to produce over $650 in value from a $100 gift and is one of the most effective Canadian charities in combating issues such as hunger, homelessness, health, and improving education.

“Social impact is primarily about changing lives and Aunt Leah’s is very cost-effectively changing lives in two main ways. First, it breaks the cycle of foster care by supporting young mothers and preventing their babies from going into foster care. And second, it helps bridge the gap for kids who “age-out” of the foster system with housing and finding jobs. Charity Intelligence finds Aunt Leah’s to be a High Impact charity.”

- Greg Thomson, Director of Research, Charity Intelligence

Who is Charity Intelligence Canada?
Operational Data
April 1st 2018 - March 31st 2019
Our Impact & Who We Served

349
Youth, Moms & Children Supported

Age Breakdown
76 28 245
Babies, Children & Dependents In Care (Under 19) Aged Out (Over 19)

79%
Participants in Safe Secure Housing for the Entire Year

21% Experienced some form of homelessness, including couch surfing, for some part of the year.

Social Capital & Skill Development

10,525 421
One-On-One Sessions & Meetings with participants Workshops Offered
Amber Hawse
2019 Leah Award Winner

Amber Hawse has been part of the Aunt Leah’s family since 2016, starting in the Support Link program and now in the Thresholds program.

Amber is pursuing her passion working with children and is currently on maternity leave. She is embracing motherhood with positive maturity and unconditional love.

Amber has faced stressful and challenging periods of time and has shown continuous improvement in her self-confidence, resilience and fierce self-advocacy for her own health and for her one year old daughter Delilah. Amber’s readiness to be more independent and self-sufficient has led her to move into the Second Stage suite at Thresholds in February 2019.

As a young adult and most importantly as a mother, Amber has grown personally, emotionally and spiritually, becoming a role model and support for other young moms.

The Leah Award
Unconditional Love & Support

Bruce was a friend and long-time supporter of Aunt Leah’s who passed away on March 6, 2010. It was important to Bruce to be more than a donor. He also gave his time as a volunteer and shared his wisdom, helping Aunt Leah’s in various fundraising endeavours. Bruce was known among his family for giving them his unconditional love and support and was always proud of their achievements.

- In Honour of Bruce Ambrose -
The Link

The Link acts as the umbrella program for all Aunt Leah’s programs that connect former foster youth with housing, food security, life skills, health services, education, and employment opportunities – offering an experience that is more akin to that of their parented peers. For youth in transition, The Link endeavours to provide a continuum of care and planning past age 19, by the same trusted people who cared for them before the age of 19.

Total Participants Including Children and Dependents

Total Participants

Housed Month Over Month Average

2144 Transit Tickets Provided

3738 Meals or Groceries Provided to Link Youth

6748 Connections (e.g. Meetings, Phone Calls)

This program is funded by Adera Foundation, Anonymous Foundation, BC Gaming, BC Housing, Central City Foundation, City of Vancouver, Face the World, Pacific Blue Cross Health Foundation, Seedlings, Vancouver Foundation and Victoria Foundation.

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For over 100 years, Central City Foundation has been providing safe, secure and affordable spaces for community organizations. Central City Foundation currently owns five social purpose properties, including Aunt Leah’s: Youth Resource Hub & Head Office. In 2013, the Foundation purchased this building and has supported several renovations to create a beautiful, functional space for both programs and administration.

“Where others won’t invest, Central City Foundation will, because we listen to our community partners and fund innovative solutions that fit their needs,” says Jennifer Johnstone, President and CEO of Central City Foundation. “We help our neighbours in three ways – by providing funding and support for programs, capital projects and social purpose real estate. For Aunt Leah’s Place, we provide a deep subsidy, upwards of $90,000 a year, as well as the security of tenure of being a Central City Foundation community tenant.”

Central City Foundation believes in Aunt Leah’s mission to strengthen families by supporting young mothers and youth in the foster care system and continues to provide additional capital grants to improve or expand programs and services at Aunt Leah’s. “We are committed to help Aunt Leah’s continue to thrive,” says Johnstone.
Aunt Leah’s Foundation was established in 2014 to own, acquire, develop and operate housing that could be applied to the programming needs of Aunt Leah’s Place, and to house young people as they age out of foster care and others in need of affordable housing. In the year that ended in March 2018, three Foundation houses were being put to use by Aunt Leah’s Place programs, housing as many as 15 moms and their babies. In addition, the Foundation operated the Telford Block, a small apartment building which provided independent living to a further 6 young people who had aged out of care.

**Laneway Housing Project**

With the assistance of BC Housing, Aunt Leah’s Foundation embarked on its first construction project in the year ending March 2018, with the development of one of the first laneway houses in New Westminster; the first to be put to a social purpose. This will provide a home for two moms and their babies, or a small family. Occupancy is anticipated for September, 2019.

Special thanks to City of New Westminster and BC Housing.
Housing

Aunt Leah’s Place provides housing, rent subsidies and homelessness prevention for youth from care and families at-risk of losing child custody. Our programs target the entry and exit points of the foster care system, with a goal of providing supports, resources and opportunities similar to those provided by average Canadian families.

93% of Participants Maintained Housing 3 Months after Leaving an Aunt Leah’s Housing Program.

All Housing Programs

201 Youth, Moms & Children Housed

Includes all Housing Programs, plus Housing and Education Link Program Subsidy (HELP), BC Housing Subsidy, Housing First Emergency Housing Fund and Aunt Leah’s Foundation.

Aunt Leah’s House

Aunt Leah’s House provides safe, supported housing for pregnant and parenting teen moms currently in government care. This year the program supported 7 young moms and 6 babies giving new families a healthy foundation by ensuring each mother & child is connected with a Doctor, Dentist and Nurse including pre- and post-natal services such as an Infant Development Worker, Pediatrician, Mental Health Clinicians and other programs which enhance parenting skills. As a result, 100% of moms attended all of their pre-natal medical appointments and 86% were connected to educational services and school.

Aunt Leah’s House also supports alumni families, maintaining bonds with 21 moms and 22 children who used to live at the home. These young families were helped in areas such as housing, parenting, legal supports, social connections, employment and connections to other programs within Aunt Leah’s Place and other community agencies.

This program is funded by the BC Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) and Taylor Irwin Family Fund at Toronto Foundation.
Support Link
Support Link provides transitional housing for teens in foster care who want to live independently, yet continue to receive supports in order to develop essential life skills before ‘aging out’ at age nineteen. This year staff supported 21 youth prepare for their 19th birthdays and adulthood, with 9 youth transitioning to independence. These young people continued to receive Aunt Leah’s support through the Link program after having ‘aged out’, mirroring the types of supports that typical Canadian youth currently receive through early adulthood.

Thresholds Program
Thresholds Program operates two communal homes, plus second stage housing and outreach services in support of adult moms at risk of losing child custody due to homelessness. This year the house brought security to 35 moms and babies; 94% maintained custody of their children and 92% secured safe housing upon exiting the program. Thresholds connected these families to 24 different community programs & resources, making sure they have a strong sense of community when exiting the program.

The Link: Housing First
The Link: Housing First provides homeless participants immediate access to permanent housing and regular support services. This year the program permanently housed 22 homeless individuals and re-housed 12 individuals. Since entering the program, 11 youth have enrolled in education and training programs (including 5 in the new Branches AYA Life Skills program), and 7 are employed.

The Friendly Landlord Network (FLN)
FLN is a Metro Vancouver-wide network of homeowners and property managers who rent suites to youth transitioning from government care, along with the support of 20 local youth-serving organizations. FLN housed 11 youth from care; added one new youth-serving partner organizations to the network; held a Landlord Appreciation Night which was attended by 11 landlords and a total of 10 participants completed the 12-hour Rent Smart Certificate course in the past year in partnership with Ready to Rent.
New Programs

This year Aunt Leah’s Place started four new programs – expanding the supports, resources and housing given to youth from care and moms in need.

Branches

Branches is a Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) accredited AYA Life Skills Program designed to support and increase access to provincial funding for former foster youth through BC’s Agreements with Young Adults program. Branches is a 3 to 6 month program for past youth in care wishing to pursue life skills, including training, education and/or employment. Participants receive an individualized program using classroom-based training and one-to-one mentor-ship in the areas of Interpersonal Skills, Employment, Housing, Education, Health and Wellness and Financial Literacy. Branches creates a new avenue for poverty reduction, economic stability and education through access to life skills training and removing barriers to AYA living supports. The total number of youth enrolled into the program from November 2018 to March 2019 was 21.

This program is funded by Andrew Mahon Foundation, Anonymous Foundation, Constructive Solutions, Gilmore Park United Church, Vancity, Wolrige Foundation and the many individual donors who supported the start-up campaign.

Connections

This new program is dedicated to permanency, planning and increasing cultural connections for youth and families attached to Aunt Leah’s Place. ‘Connections’ encourages exploration of each participant’s roots with the goal of linking each individual with long-term permanent connections that increase coping mechanisms and protective factors. This program works to increase the level of cultural safety and permanency at Aunt Leah’s Place while also acting as a compassionate response to the over-representation of First Nations youth in care.
New Programs

Plates of Possibility (POP)

POP is a series of crowd-sourcing events organized by youth in and from foster care for youth in and from foster care. Each event provides a platform to share their community-based project ideas that will benefit themselves and others. Youth present their projects throughout the evening while attendees enjoy a delicious meal. At the end of the night, attendees vote on the project that they want to see brought to life, and the chosen presenters go home with a full stomach and funding for their project! Last year POP hosted a successful event with over 100 people in attendance.

This program is funded by Neighbors Federal Credit Union, Vancouver Branch 59 and Vancouver Foundation.

Lale House

Lale House gives safe, affordable communal housing for young people transitioning from foster care within a single-detached home. This beautiful new home fulfils two local philanthropists’ innovative desire to provide children in foster care with housing after they turned 19. In April 2019 the perfect house was found, giving Aunt Leah’s the capacity to provide shared accommodation for 4-5 young people. Lale House provides immediate and affordable housing for homeless and at-risk youth from care; housing stability to gain education, employment and/or rehabilitation; builds social capital through peer-to-peer and staff-to-participant relationships; and refutes the notion that “aging out” necessarily means being “on your own”.

Employment

Housing

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Food Security

Aunt Leah’s food programs help youth from care, and young moms & their children, avoid hunger plus learn the skills to make nutritious, affordable meals. Aunt Leah’s Food Network helps stock these programs by collecting and redistributing foods that only hours previously were for sale on store floors at full price.

Aunt Leah’s Food Network

+ **$65,000** - Retail value of food collected by Dan’s Legacy & ReFood from 12 grocery retail suppliers and distributed through Aunt Leah’s Place.

The Food Network helped deliver food to **21** different community based organizations, serving over **116,500** different people in need throughout our region.

Sunday Haven

Every week, Sunday Haven provides youth and moms a sit-down family dinner. This social gathering feeds the body and soul of youth who may be living alone and struggling with loneliness and food insecurity. Our friends at Dan’s Legacy prepared $20,800 worth of surplus food last year.

*This program is funded by Dan’s Legacy and Aunt Leah’s Place*

Cooking Club

This 12-week program provides moms with cooking skills and experience in preparing food. Each mom leaves the program with experience in kitchen & food safety and a set of recipes to prepare at home for their family.

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*This program is funded by BC Gaming and United Way of the Lower Mainland.*
Food Security Continued

Mom & Baby Fresh Food Program
Every Monday, moms in our programs can socialize and connect with other women, while they pick up fresh groceries, practice their cooking skills or learn about nutrition.

Spoons Up
Spoons Up is an online guide of accessible, free and low-cost food resources in the Lower Mainland designed by one of our program participants. Each location has been personally visited by allies with lived experience and has been included because it offers quality food and is safe and welcoming for youth. Spoons Up helps to ensure food security, combat isolation and provide information about youth-specific resources for young people from care.

31 Participants
36 Workshops
89 Gift Certificates Provided
84 Bags of Groceries

31 Listings of Free and Low-Cost Food Resources
700 Website Visitors from Metro Vancouver this year

Devon was the first winner of the Plates of Possibility Event

These programs are funded by Aunt Leah’s Place.
Sherry Michell is a woman and mother who carries the qualities of the Rona award everywhere she goes. She moved into the Aunt Leah’s House in 2010 with her beautiful baby girl, Marcella. Sherry transitioned into independence and her life journey brought her back to Thresholds in November 2018 where she was reunited with her daughter. Sherry demonstrated incredible strength and resilience focusing on her relationship with Marcella.

Sherry has enjoyed being part of the Cooking Club program and has even encouraged her daughter to join in. Sherry’s pride is demonstrated in the way she loves to clean and organize the kitchen not only for her but for the other moms as well. She cooks breakfast with and for the other moms and kids on Sunday mornings. Sherry does not hesitate to share her food with others. She is a great listener and is extremely kind and compassionate towards her peers.

Most of all, Sherry has found and built strength, pride, kindness and compassion towards herself in order to continually thrive within Aunt Leah’s programs, with her daughter and her community. Sherry was recently accepted to the Native Education College and is chasing her dreams of becoming a family and community counsellor. Her hope is to become an advocate for other young moms and former youth in care.

The Rona Award
Kindness, Compassion, Strength & Pride

This award is presented in honour of Rona Castagnier, a long time co-worker and friend of Aunt Leah’s Society Place. Rona was a very strong, kind, compassionate and proud person. Rona wouldn’t hesitate to give someone her last dollar if they were in need, even if it meant that she would go without. In honour of Rona, Aunt Leah’s gives an annual award and bursary to a student from one of Aunt Leah’s Training Programs who has shown the characteristics that Rona appreciated the most.

- In Honour of Rona Castagnier -
Life Skills

Aunt Leah’s life skills programs provide valuable resources and teach participants the essential skills needed to navigate living on their own. Youths and mothers learn through community workshops, hands-on experience and expert counsel.

**Essential Skills**

Aunt Leah’s weekly Essential Skills Workshops have become a Wednesday tradition that our young people and families rely on to gain valuable life skills, connect socially, enjoy a healthy meal together and participate in creative & recreational activities.

476  Wednesday Program Attendance
50   Wednesday Workshops

Herbs planted by the participants in the Essential Skills Workshops

This program is funded by the John Hardie-Mitchell Family Foundation and Ministry of Children and Family Development.

**Sunday Haven**

By offering a hot meal, plus wellness and life skills workshops – this social gathering feeds the mind, body and soul of Aunt Leah’s youth participants. Sunday Haven mirrors the typical family Sunday Dinner and expands care & services beyond Monday to Friday, 9 to 5.

1004  Sunday Program Attendance
53  Sunday Workshops

This program is funded by Dan’s Legacy and Aunt Leah’s Place
Health

When young people ‘age out’ of the child welfare system, they often also ‘age out’ of pediatric medical and mental health services as well. Through strategic partnerships, Aunt Leah’s offers accessible onsite clinical counselling and health care supports past age 19.

**Counselling Program**

Dan’s Legacy’s partnership with Aunt Leah’s started out as a pilot program, but was quickly recognized by both organizations as an essential service for Aunt Leah’s youth and moms who benefit from the therapy, life-skills, fitness program and food donations that Dan’s Legacy provides.

Currently we work in four-month counselling interventions, providing participants with trauma-informed therapy. This therapy helps empower them with insight into their situation, which has a direct impact on their ability to successfully maintain housing, benefit from training and life-skills programs, and stay in recovery.

**Clinic**

In partnership with Fraser Health Authority, Aunt Leah’s participants have weekly access to an on-site clinic and nurse practitioner who both treats and refers our young people on to other health services.

- **Partnership Highlight**

  **Clinic**
  
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In 2017 Aunt Leah’s community lost a dear friend, Jennifer McFarlane. Jennifer was the Human Resources Coordinator for Aunt Leah’s. Jennifer established connections with everyone at Aunt Leah’s using humour, laughter, thoughtfulness and appreciation. Jennifer loved that her work in Human Resources was part of a mission to work proactively at the ‘entry’ and ‘exit’ points of the foster care system, helping low-income families maintain custody of their children and supporting foster youth aging out of foster care.

Jennifer had a deep appreciation for the community of support established at Aunt Leah’s Place and the services provided. In honour of Jennifer, Aunt Leah’s is providing an annual award to an individual who has been active in championing for positive change for youth and families affected by the foster care system.

- In Honour of Jennifer McFarlane -
Aunt Leah’s highlights strengths, identifies needs and advocates for resources that lead to academic success for foster youth. Thanks to generous donors and education partners, we can eliminate barriers to stable housing through our Housing Education Link Program Subsidy (HELPS) and provide in-house bursaries to cover the cost of supplies and tuition.

**Supporting Education for Foster Youth (SEFFY)**

SEFFY supports long-term education planning and outcomes for former and current foster youth, creating ‘educational permanency’ by providing financial planning supports once they leave foster care.

**SEFFY: Total Participants**

- SEFFY participants 19+ years old: 31%
- Enrolled in Post Secondary: 3%
- Graduated from Post-Secondary: 34%

**Participants pursued education at schools such as Simon Fraser University, Kwantlen University, Douglas College and Vancouver Community College. Skills & Development included upgrades such as driving lessons and various vocational training courses like forklift training and food safe certification.**

This program is funded by Anonymous Foundation, Community Foundations of Canada, HSBC, Cavelti Family Foundation at Toronto Foundation
Employment

Jobs are the primary mechanism for alleviating poverty in society. Very few young people are given first job experiences due to merit – instead, adult allies mentor and integrate them into the workforce. Often, youth from care do not have the social and familial network to get these vital first job experiences. We respond to this systemic issue by connecting foster youth with community-minded employers and the wrap around supports of Aunt Leah’s Place.

Bootstraps

This program aims to remove barriers to employment and enable Aunt Leah’s youth the opportunity to explore and advance their skills to find meaningful & sustainable employment. Bootstraps takes a holistic approach to addressing barriers to employment, while also coaching critical employability skills.

3 Youth in Retail Training
1 in 6 Employees at Aunt Leah’s have a personal history in care system

Retail Training

Aunt Leah’s sources external job placements through its Bootstraps program and – like a family – hires youth internally through its two ‘family’ businesses: Aunt Leah’s Trees and Aunt Leah’s Urban Thrift.

This program is funded by Anonymous Foundation, Aunt Leah’s Trees, Aunt Leah’s Urban Thrift, Government of Canada, RBC and Vancouver Foundation.
Events

Events are an important way to fundraise, recognize volunteers and improve outcomes for our participants. These occasions also help raise awareness, influence public policy, and build community among our hundreds of supporters. Thank you to all the individuals and organizations who stand with children and youth from care through public support of Aunt Leah’s mission!

Aunt Leah’s Place marked its 30th Anniversary with a celebration on July 18th, 2018 – thirty years to the day of receiving its charitable status.

We had a busy year with 7 events, including our 2 annual fundraiser events: Trivia Night Extravaganza and Birthday Party Gala

$115,342 Raised From Fundraising Events

500+ Guests Attended
$115,342 Raised From Fundraising Events

**April** | Trivia Night Extravaganza

**June** | Vancouver Office Grand Opening and Youth Awards

**November** | Birthday Party Gala
Social Enterprises
Self-generated income from Aunt Leah’s businesses support programs, plus provide employment & training opportunities for participants. All profits from Aunt Leah’s two social enterprises – Aunt Leah’s Urban Thrift and Aunt Leah’s Trees – help prevent children in foster care from becoming homeless and mothers in need from losing custody of their children.

Aunt Leah’s sells quality Christmas trees in five locations across Metro Vancouver. Thousands of customers make Aunt Leah’s part of their annual tradition and help give kids a home.

A very special thank you to All Saints Anglican Church (Burnaby), Eagle Ridge United Church (Coquitlam), Lonsdale Quay Market (North Vancouver), St. Stephen’s United Church (Vancouver) and Wesgroup (River District) for providing retail & training space!

$586,724 Total Sales

In addition to the above five permanent locations, plus online store – Aunt Leah’s operated 6 days of ‘Pop-Up’ Tree Lots:

- Luppolo Brewing Co. - East Vancouver
- Caps Bicycles - New Westminster
- CandyTown Festival - Yaletown.

Thank you to our sponsors: Breakfast TV Vancouver, Coast Capital Savings, Costco, Granville Avery Automotive, Marpole Optometry, New Westminster Firefighter Charitable Society, The Home Depot, The McLean Group Employee Fund, Shipyards Coffee, Starbucks, Vancity Community Foundation, Vancouver Film Studios.

653 Volunteers Gave 3,924 Hours
6,252 Trees Sold
Aunt Leah’s Urban Thrift, at Main & Broadway in Vancouver, features quality “pre-loved” clothing & accessories, furniture and household items. Tens of thousands of dollars in donated clothes & furniture are distributed to Aunt Leah’s participants and programs each year.

$171,671 Total Sales

$17,800 Redirected to Social Partners

615 bags of clothes diverted from landfill

Items that cannot be sold or used by program participants are redirected and delivered free of charge to other non-profits and shelters. Urban Thrift also works with textile recycling companies.

103 Volunteers gave
3,978 Volunteer Hours
5 Youth Participants gained Volunteer Experience

Over $22,000 in value provided to Aunt Leah’s participants through furniture, clothing, and household items

Come Visit Us!
177 East Broadway (@ Main St.) Vancouver, BC
Open 7 days a week, 11 AM to 6 PM
(604) 709-3254
Instagram - @urbanthriftalp
Sarah Corea
2019 Jeremy Wright Award Winner

Sarah Corea moved into the Support Link program in January 2018 and has been an exemplary participant, a good tenant, and a highly motivated and driven individual working on following her bliss.

She worked two part-time jobs while attending school, and completed her goal of graduating early in January. Sarah has been saving for a trip to Indonesia to volunteer with children and see elephants. She is going on this trip this summer right after her graduation ceremony and prior to moving out of the Support Link Program and attending college in September.

Sarah continues to work two jobs including one as a Community event Specialists at Aunt Leah’s Place. She has also recently started a third job as a caregiver for a child on the autism spectrum. Sarah, has clear goals and strives to achieve her personal best in all that she does.

Sarah is passionate about having more youth participate in more events, and firmly believes that youth in-care should be volunteering to give back to the community.

Sarah is also committed to reducing her footprint on the earth, using all of the groceries she purchases, composting, repurposing items, and even reducing waste by purchasing “the ugliest vegetables at the market because other people might not buy them.”

Her belief of spiritualism is that all people have rights and civic responsibilities that come with being a member of the world, and that through contributing, you will find your place and bliss in the world. She is already a passionate world citizen that is mentoring and leading those around her in many of these exemplary acts and behaviours.

The Jeremy Wright Award
Follow Your Bliss

The Jeremy Wright Award was created to honour the memory of Jeremy Wright, a Support Worker, who was very special to the organization. The award is to recognize and support a Support Link youth with goals that they have set and are actively working towards. It is presented to a youth living in the Support Link Program who has strived to achieve their personal best and who most “follows their bliss.”

- In Honour of Jeremy Wright -
Get Involved

Besides providing financial support, there are numerous ways in which community members make a real impact on the lives of local youth in care and mothers in need. Every year, hundreds of supporters contribute to Aunt Leah’s success by volunteering, attending events, organizing fundraisers, becoming landlords, employing youth and leaving a gift in their will.

Volunteers

Time is our most precious gift and Aunt Leah’s is honoured to have such a generous community of volunteers. Volunteers are the heartbeat of Aunt Leah’s social enterprises – they teach workshops, cook, tutor, help at fundraising events, pack Christmas hampers, and much, much more. Each and every volunteer hour builds a growing community for foster youth, moms and babies – ensuring that we all have a place to go when we need support.

~$196,000

Value of Volunteer Time (based on Vancouver living wage of $20.91 per hour)
Third Party Events

Many individuals, community groups and organizations raise money and awareness through a variety of events including benefit concerts, dance recitals, holiday drives & parties, fun runs & bike rides, lemonade stands, bake sales, birthdays and more. Here are some of the highlights this year:

~$15,000 Raised

Top 5 Events (by Revenue)
Division 15 Mechanical Ltd. - Holiday Drive
Golden Spike Can Can Dancers - Performance
Seafort Elementary School - Bake Sale
NorthShore Law LLP - Hot Dog Day
Sean Reid’s Birthday Fundraiser - Facebook

Thank you to all the individuals, groups & businesses who organized and participated in a third party fundraiser in support of the young people at Aunt Leah’s Place.

To become a third party ally, visit our website at auntleahs.org/takeaction
Supporters

We acknowledge the many levels of government, companies, community groups, and foundations who help fund and contribute to Aunt Leah’s work.

Abundance Canada  
Adera Foundation Society  
Ames Family Foundation  
Andrew Mahon Foundation  
Apple Inc.  
At The Kitchen Table Foundation  
Aunt Leah’s Foundation  
Averbach Family Foundation  
Bandali Rise Enterprises Limited  
BB Wise Fund, held at Vancouver Foundation  
BC College of Family Physicians  
BC Gaming  
BC Housing  
Beacon Unitarian Church  
Beta Sigma Phi, Laureate Zeta  
Bishop Hills Memorial Church of St. Mary the Virgin  
Bodwell High School  
Bringing Women Together  
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce  
CanDeal  
Cavelti Family Foundation at Toronto Foundation  
Central City Foundation  
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City in Focus  
City of Vancouver  
Coast Capital Savings Credit Union  
Comala Technology Solutions, Inc.  
Community Foundations of Canada  
Constructive Solutions for Business Inc  
Costco Wholesale - 605 Expo Boulevard  
Costco Wholesale - Richmond  
Dahl & Connors Barristers & Solicitors  
Dayhu Investments Ltd.  
Division 15 Mechanical Ltd.  
DP World  
Dr. Ann Worth Charitable Foundation  
Dr. C.M. Knight Optometric Corp  
Dragon Fly Foundation, held at Benefaction Foundation  
École Alpha Secondary School  
Elks Club of New Westminster  
Embroidery Guild of St. Mary’s Church  
Equilibrium Foundation  
Face the World Foundation  
Fay (Smolensky) Schwartz Memorial Fund, held at the Jewish Community Foundation of Calgary  
Fidelity Investments Canada ULC  
Fix Enterprise Ltd.  
Fraserway RV  
Gilmore Park United Church  
Golden Spike CanCan Dancers  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Coquitlam  
Government of Canada Employment and Social Development  
Government of Canada Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS)  
Great Accessories Ltd.  
HSBC Bank Canada  
Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire (IODE)- Jessie F Gordon Chapter  
intact Logistics  
John Hardie Mitchell Family Foundation  
KAETCA Fund Held at Vancouver Community Foundation  
KCTS 9  
Kerrisdale Cameras  
Kinsmen Club of Langley  
Kirk & Co. Consulting Ltd.  
Kristine Lawrie, CPA Ltd.  
Lagniappe Foundation  
Landmark Law Group  
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LM Global Enterprises Ltd.  
Lonsdale Quay Market Corp.  
Lotte & John Hecht Memorial Foundation  
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Mount Pleasant War Memorial Community Cooperative Association  
Music With Marnie  
Mylora Business Ladies Golf Club  
Neighbors Federal Credit Union  
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Nitikman/Chan Trust Fund for Aunt Leah’s Place  
North Shore Law LLP  
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Thank you to our many anonymous monthly allies for their ongoing commitment.
Aunt Leah’s has completed thirty years of outstanding leadership in the field of helping moms and kids—the whole reason we’re here! As our organization has grown larger and more capable of meeting the changing needs of “care-experienced” youth and their caregivers, it has been in sync with an ever increasing awareness and consequent caring from British Columbians in general. Even our provincial government has gotten in on the game, creating a widely appreciated program to fund post-secondary education for youth from foster care.

The legacy Aunt Leah’s started 30 years ago continues under the capable executive directorship of Sarah Stewart. Growth has been tremendous. The more Aunt Leah’s has grown, the more the importance of our mission has come into public focus. Yet we have continued to excel as a service provider and an employer, earning top marks from national accreditation agency Charity Intelligence and providing a consistent, local, and family-based model of caring for individuals and families.

It is an honour to be involved with one of Canada’s most capable and useful charities, along with my wonderful fellow Board members Megan Halprin, Rick Schneider, Colleen Murphy, Dana Osiowy, Tracy Sherlock, Cam Sylvester and Sharon Kearney. Gratitude flows toward the moms and kids who are the reason we exist, to the dedicated staff who make up the engine of our work, and to the continuing partnership with Aunt Leah’s Foundation.

And lastly I am grateful to live, work and play on the unceded, traditional and ancestral territories of the Coast Salish people.

Sincerely,

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Director’s Message
Sarah Stewart, Executive Director

Aunt Leah’s celebrated its 30th anniversary in July of 2018. I’ve been fortunate to have a unique perspective of the 30 years of service provided by Aunt Leah’s. Started by my mom, Gale Stewart, with her friend and neighbour, Bridget Orford, they created Aunt Leah’s House. My 13 year old self remembers being at the house and helping paint the bedroom walls and reflecting on how much thought and care went into setting up the home. I remember meeting the moms, while providing babysitting services, and seeing how Gale and Bridget cared about each mom and every child and created a team of staff that replicated their level of caring and support.

As I reflect back on my time with Aunt Leah’s my thoughts move towards how Aunt Leah’s “Family Model of Care” developed. Witnessing and being part of a non-profit that is nimble and quick to adjust its programs to meet needs in real time, similar to how families respond to the needs of their children, has been a valuable experience for me. While families in the Lower Mainland have increased their supports for their young adult child in regards to housing, tuition, transportation and food; so too has Aunt Leah’s for the foster children and moms in need in the Lower Mainland. Seeing this work being supported by research and evaluation and with increased partner funders has been invigorating. Hearing and seeing the young people and families thrive and grow because of this Family Model of Care drives my passion to ensure youth aging out of foster care receive similar supports when compared to their parented peers.

The past 30 years of service provision at Aunt Leah’s highlights the strength of its mission and values as well as the dedication of its founding members and staff to be creative, gentle and caring in its work to support youth who are aging out of foster care and families in need of support and care. The past 30 years provide a strong foundation on how Aunt Leah’s will continue its work over the next 30 years.

Sincerely,

Sarah Stewart
Executive Director
3-Year Strategic Plan
2018-2021

GOAL 1
Deliver responsive programming that reduces risk and increases protective factors for foster children and families at risk.

GOAL 2
Enhance organizational capacity and financial stability

GOAL 3
Listen to and meaningfully engage with the voice of youth and moms to enhance Aunt Leah’s Programming.

GOAL 4
Find housing solutions in collaboration with the Aunt Leah’s Foundation

GOAL 5
Raise awareness of the issues that foster children and families at risk face and show Aunt Leah’s Place as addressing those issues
Governance

2018-2019
Organizational Chart

Board of Directors

Executive Director

Management Team

Programs

Development

Administration

Social Enterprise

Social Enterprises help fund programming and provide youth with training opportunities.
Youth, Moms and Children

Aunt Leah’s umbrella program, linking all participants (19+) with support workers and programs, specific to their needs.

Housing

Aunt Leah’s participants also access housing subsidies through 3rd party partners like BC Housing.

Life Skills, Food Security & Health

Education & Training

Stakeholders
Aunt Leah’s Staff

65 Staff Dedicated to Serving Our Regions Youth

Ademilola Omojokun
Thresholds Family Support Worker

Aldona Le-Goff
Thresholds Family Support Worker

Alex Tokiwa
Support Worker

Ali Andeku
Thrift Store Manager

Amanjot Mohem
Aunt Leah’s House Supervisor

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Family Support Worker

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Director of Training & Social Enterprises

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Connections Coordinator

Avis Lam
SEFFY Program Coordinator

Awa Faye
Family Support Worker

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Assistant Manager

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Outreach Worker

Braydon Chapelas
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Krystle Hussey
Support Worker

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Communications & Development Lead

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Housing First Peer Specialist

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Thresholds Family Support Worker

Nathan MacLeod
Maintenance Assistant

Nubia Mancilla-Reyes
Thresholds Family Support Worker

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Director of Operations

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Program Director

Saira Bradley
Human Resources Manager

Sarah Benson
Community Engagement/Branches/Plates Of Possibility

Sarah Corea
Community Event Specialist

Sarah Stewart
Executive Director

Shari-Lyn Rougeau
Thresholds Team Lead

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Administrative Assistant

Sinclair Aitken
Handyman & Property Maintenance Worker

Suzanne Watt
Thresholds Family Support Worker

Tarah Falkenhagen
Support Worker

Taryn Armstrong
Development & Communications Officer/FLN Coordinator

Yasmin Tang
Warehouse Manager
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How We Raised and Allocated our Resources

REVENUE $4,203,104.00

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  - Total: $2,012,912.00 (48%)

- Federal:
  - Ministry of Children and Family Development: $1,232,811.00 (29%)
  - BC Housing: $89,466.00 (2%)
  - BC Gaming income: $68,000.00 (2%)
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Total: $4,203,104.00
**EXPENSES**  $4,211,695.00

### General and Administration

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### Programming

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**Deficiency of Revenue Over Expenditures:**  ($8,591.00) (0.2%)