



ANNUAL REPORT 2021



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OUR MISSION

1JustCity's mission is to strengthen and sustain social justice work in Winnipeg through the financial support of its member charities.

OUR VISION

1JustCity works towards a city that is founded on justice, where all are heard, all are welcome, all are cared for, all are celebrated, and all are working together.





OUR PILLARS



LOVING THE UNDERLOVED

At 1JustCity, our primary role is to love the underloved. Our guests come to our sites to be part of a family, to be listened to, and to matter. Every service we provide is an act of love.



WORKING TOWARDS RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is a journey for all Canadians and is a priority for us at 1JustCity. It's crucial that opportunities exist for all Indigenous peoples to connect to their culture, to heal in community, and to have culturally competent care.



GROWING INDIVIDUALS' CAPACITIES

Growth is part of healing, and so is recognizing that everyone who comes through our sites has something special to offer. Every volunteer we have, whether they're completely independent or need full-time tandem support, is worth the effort.



BUILDING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

We are a community where all are welcome. Our programming is designed to help folks have the best shot at a good day today and a better day tomorrow. By supporting 1JustCity, you support each of our guests in building a community they feel safe and included in.





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Julie Simpson | Beat the Cold





LETTER FROM THE CHAIR & INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

COVID 2.0 — No one expected COVID to be our primary focus in 2021, though it became just that. Many organizations were still unable to offer in-person services, but our staff remained on-site and continued responding to the health and safety requirements while providing service to our guests. Many guests told us they didn't know what they would've done if we'd closed. If we were to look for words to describe the staff and volunteers, as well as our guests, those words would be flexible and resilient. Our guests dealt with a number of different service models throughout the year, including outdoor, hybrid, and indoor services. West Broadway moved to serving supper instead of lunch this year, expanding our services across the sites to include breakfast, lunch, and dinner as well as weekend service across the different neighbourhoods. Numbers increased and people were coming for food not only from the surrounding community, but also from outside the area and in some cases, outside of the city. Oak Table was able to start providing services indoors to guests shortly after the move to their new space in April. This allowed the re-building of community and meaningful activities for guests, and a place for volunteers to return.

Vaccinations became a huge focus, and this led to many vaccine clinics being held both inside and outside our sites. We owe a debt of gratitude to all who partnered with us to make this possible, and to our staff, students, and volunteers who worked so hard to get vaccination cards for our guests so they could access services across Winnipeg.

Pre-COVID, food was just one of the many services we offered and during COVID, it became a primary focus. People were hungry, and we saw many individuals at our sites who'd never needed to seek out a meal or emergency food before. We continued to benefit from a donor who generously provided restaurant meals for our sites. This momentum made a real difference and others joined in making sure our guests had meals throughout the year.





More grants became available to help support the purchase of kitchen equipment and food. This helped us deal with the increased demand for emergency food and supplemental food kits.

West Broadway continued on the journey of exploring what it would look like to fully come under the operations of 1JustCity. A team of representatives from West Broadway and 1JustCity met regularly to work out the details with the goal of a January 1, 2022 date. Our Governance Committee continued its work in developing policies for the organization to ensure consistency, accountability and efficiency in how we operate as an organization.

The team planning our Beat the Cold fundraiser can only be described as resilient! They planned and re-planned several times due to Covid, and each time they did it with a “we can do this” attitude.

Everything we knew to be “normal operations” was upended for a second year, and yet we moved through the year with a heart for the work we do, and the people we serve. We recognize that the challenges the year brought to us as an organization are small in comparison to the challenges our guests experience every day of their lives. We are grateful for the conversations held with guests while they checked in for the day. Our volunteers got to know each other and our guests more personally because it wasn’t “business as usual”. We look forward to offering indoor service once again and West Broadway and West End, giving us more roles for volunteers waiting to return as well as roles for new volunteers anxious to join our team.

A big thanks to all of our donors, volunteers, and staff for their incredible generosity, resilience, and willingness to adapt to trying times. We are truly grateful for all your hard work.

Until next year,

Glynis Quinn
Interim Executive Director, 1JustCity
&
Gail Purcell
Chair of the Board of Directors, 1JustCity

