



# ANNUAL <sup>2024</sup> REPORT

**OUR MISSION** To partner with individuals of diverse abilities to lead healthy, fulfilling lives by providing a foundation of support.

**OUR VISION** Building a continuum of services to support the needs of individuals at every stage of life.

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Strive participation in Activate Inclusion Day: Empowering Inclusive Sports

## A LETTER FROM MIKE HOPTON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Strive Living Society is pleased to present our Annual Report for 2024. In this last year, many of Strive's programs continued to see growth, including the Assisted Independent Living, Adult Staffed Living, Supported Independent Living, Strive Centre Vancouver, Footprints and Pinetree programs. In 2024, our services reached a total of over one thousand people throughout our various programs.

Additionally, Strive has continued to expand our service offerings in the Kelowna and Southern Okanagan areas. This expansion has included Assisted Independent Living home share services, Adult Staffed Living, Supported Independent Living, Children and Youth Services Family Care, as well as daily program offerings at our Kelowna Strive Centre.

At our Annual General Meeting this year, Strive's Board of Directors saw the re-election of two of our Board Members, Catherine Vincent and Patrick Clark. Catherine and Patrick were both re-elected for another three-year term. I would like to express my sincerest thank you to our outgoing Board Member Barb Jones. Barb has served on our Board since 2016 as Secretary. Her contributions to our Board were invaluable and we truly appreciate her years of service. Her presence will be greatly missed.

In the upcoming months, Strive will be preparing for its eighth three-year CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) Accreditation. This accreditation survey will be taking place in October of 2025.

In the coming year, Strive will be moving into our recently purchased local office space. Acquiring our own space has provided Strive with the financial benefits of paying fewer rental costs while also allowing Strive to have the long-term security of owning this property. In the future, Strive will be able to benefit from being mortgage-free which serves as a positive investment in our organization's future.

Our move to the new office is anticipated for January 2025. Strive is excited for this milestone to take place and for all to join us in this newly designed space. The new office will include a mix of cubicles, individual office spaces, meeting rooms and the Tonnar Brace Training Room. Strive looks forward to continuing to provide the highest quality of services from this new location.

Mike Hopton, Executive Director



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Alice Williams, President  
David Lee Young, Vice President  
Kyle Takeuchi, Treasurer  
Alisha Lundgren-Drinkwater,  
Secretary  
Trudy Klein  
Catherine Vincent  
Patrick Clark

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Christmas Party

## PROGRAM SUMMARIES

PROGRAM NAME	DESCRIPTION	PEOPLE SERVED	PRIMARY FUNDERS
<b>Adult Staffed Living</b>	The Adult Staffed Living program operates residences throughout the <b>Lower Mainland, Kelowna/Southern Okanagan and Powell River areas</b> . Each home provides staffed living services for one to six individuals, based on their various abilities, needs, and support preferences. Individuals served may have physical and developmental disabilities, behavioral and/or complex medical health care needs, and addiction or mental health challenges.	35	CLBC, FHA
<b>Assisted Independent Living</b>	Assisted Independent Living provides accommodations and support for individuals with an acquired brain injury, mental health diagnosis, as well as physical, intellectual or medical healthcare needs. The support is tailored to meet the needs of the individual. This is a goal-based and outcome-based program. The goal of the program is to increase independence with life skills. AIL provides services in the <b>Lower Mainland, Kelowna/Southern Okanagan and Powell River areas</b> .	321	FHA, VCH, CLBC, WCBC, CVAP, Private Pay
<b>Assisted Living</b>	The Assisted Living program operates two 20-unit buildings in <b>Surrey and Burnaby</b> with fully accessible one-bedroom suites. Each building offers hospitality and personal assistance services to adults (aged 19 to 55) with physical disabilities. Tenants live independently but may require regular scheduled and unscheduled assistance from staff for activities of daily living. The program provides meals, housekeeping, access to 24-hour care and nursing assistance, as well as recreational opportunities	49	FHA, BCH
<b>Supported Independent Living</b>	The Supported Independent Living program supports adults with various needs in their homes and local communities. SIL is individualized and provides a one-to-one approach to support each individual while achieving their identified goals. SIL staff are able to follow intensive rehabilitation programs, ensuring that the individual is working towards maximum independence. This program operates in the <b>Lower Mainland, Sunshine Coast and Okanagan areas</b> .	115	CLBC, PGT, CVAP
<b>Children &amp; Youth Services Specialized Resources, 1:1 Support, Family Care &amp; Respite</b>	When a child or youth needs a foster home Strive will aim to match them with one of our dedicated, loving, and skilled foster parents. Our foster parents have diverse skillsets and can provide a high level of care, including supporting challenging medical and behavioural needs. We follow an inclusive fostering model with trauma-informed practices at front of mind. The one-to-one program aims to connect children and youth with a support worker who they can build a trusting relationship with, work with to meet their specific goals, and ultimately, have fun with while accessing their home community. Strive also operates specialized staffed residential homes for children and youth in need of this service. This program operates in the <b>Lower Mainland and Okanagan areas</b> .	176	MCFD, AMM, VACFSS
<b>Headway Centers</b>	Headway Centres in <b>Vancouver and New Westminster</b> offer services for individuals with acquired brain injuries. The centres have both drop-in and scheduled programs that aim to assist participants in working towards their social, leisure, recreation, and wellness goals. Headway members play an important role in the daily operations of their centre through volunteer tasks and responsibilities.	108	VCH, FHA
<b>Footprints &amp; Pinetree Day Program</b>	Strive Centre Footprints and Strive Centre Pinetree are day programs that provide support to individuals to achieve their specialized goals in various aspects of community integration, physical recreation, volunteer, vocational, and social recreation. As a program we aim to create specialized activities and schedules that cater to each of our participants. We work together to target the specific goals that they have set for themselves and would like to see achieved and maintained during their time in our program. These programs operate in <b>North Vancouver and Coquitlam</b> .	47	CLBC

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<b>Community Leisure Programs</b>	The Community Leisure Program is a community-based recreational and social program providing individualized and group activities for adults with an acquired brain injury. It is based out of <b>New Westminster and Surrey</b> .	25	FHA
<b>Strive Centres &amp; Outreach</b>	Our Strive Centres are multi-service hubs that offer a variety of services and activities for adults with diverse abilities. It engages individuals, helping them access community opportunities that inspire healthy development, socialization, well-being, and active lifestyles. Programs are available five days a week on a drop-in basis. This program operates in the <b>Lower Mainland, Powell River and Kelowna/Southern Okanagan areas</b> .	362	CLBC, VCH
<b>Hybrid Supported Home Share</b>	The Hybrid Supported Home Share Program is a blend of Supported Independent Living supports and Assisted Independent Living housing. The program provides a warm, family home environment with additional one-to-one staff supports for individuals that have high risk and/or challenging behaviours. Supports are customized to suit everyone's needs. Hybrid Supported Home Share develops a model of independence and inclusion within the community and the family unit for supported individuals. This program operates in the <b>Lower Mainland</b> .	13	CLBC

## STRIVE CENTRE KELOWNA

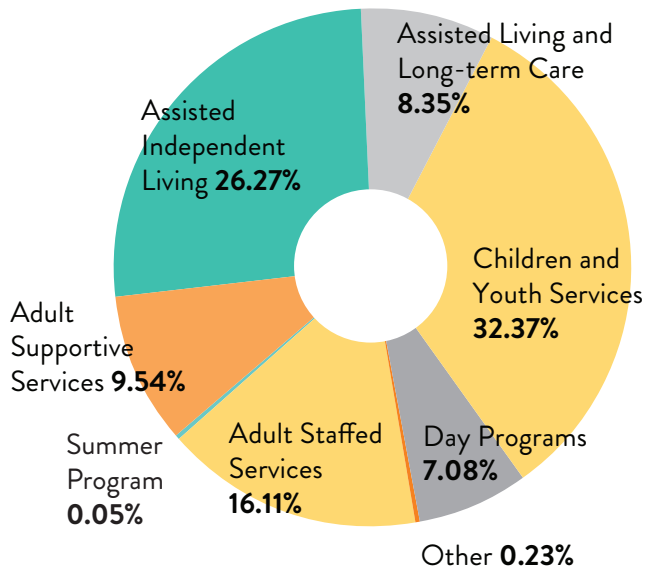
Programs operating in Kelowna now include Assisted Independent Living, Supported Independent Living, Adult Staffed Living, Children and Youth Family Care, and the Strive Centre.



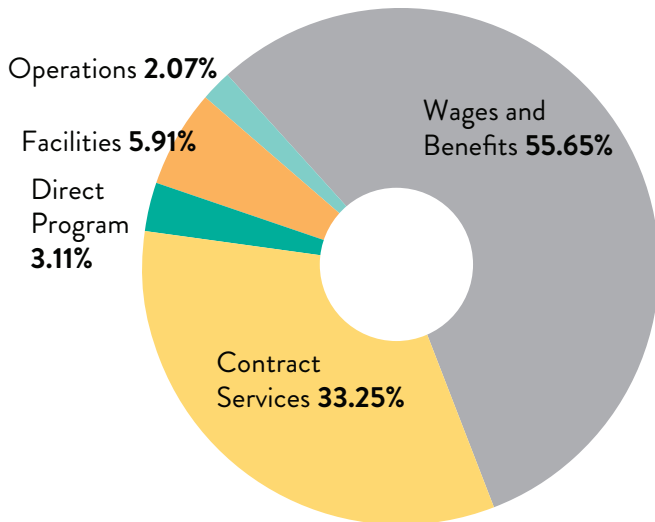
New Strive Centre Kelowna Grand Opening May 2024

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Funding by Program  
**\$52,984,962** (Audited)



Expenses from Operations  
**\$52,075,470** (Audited)



## FUNDERS

- Ayas Men Men (AMM)
- BC Housing (BCH)
- Community Living BC (CLBC)
- Crime Victims Assistance Program (CVAP)
- Federal Government of Canada (GC)
- Fraser Health Authority (FHA)
- Fraser Valley Aboriginal Children and Family Services Society (FVACFSS)
- Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD)
- Public Guardian and Trustee of British Columbia (PGT)
- Vancouver Aboriginal Child and Family Service Society (VACFSS)
- Vancouver Coastal Health Authority (VCH)
- WorkSafe BC (WSBC)

## MAJOR DONORS

- Music Heals Charitable Foundation



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