

# 2022 IMPACT REPORT HEROWORK Transforming Charities







### **CEO NOTE**

It's been 12 years since the first Radical Renovation for a friend with MS that planted the seed that eventually became HeroWork, and it's been just over 7 years since we became a charity. Over this time, we've completed 17 projects and increased our size and impact.

In this report you will see the stellar accomplishment of the Victoria team as well as our 2022 preparation work for expanding this locally born and grown program onto the mainland. We completed a social and economic impact study on the ripple effect of renewing buildings. The results were stunning. We inspired an infrastructure forum of over 50 leaders from 30 charities that gave key insights into the needs of organizations throughout the Greater Vancouver area, where we are now touring new potential charity partners.

From the tiny seed of helping a friend, we are poised to grow, starting with the Lower Mainland. This is because of YOU, the HeroWork family, who have shown us so much amazing belief and support. This may be your first year, or you may have been with us for over a decade, but together we exemplify the power of community.

YOU are the hero in HeroWork!

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### **GENERAL MANAGER NOTE**

This year is about my team. Another incredible year and project is behind us. With so many highlights in my heart to be grateful for, from setting an all-time volunteer attendance record – nearly 700 on a single project – to making the Charity Intelligence Top 100 Charities list for the second year in a row. The thing that rises to the top for me this year is the gratitude, excitement and confidence that I have for my HeroWork Victoria team.

If you have ever participated in our projects you are aware that leading a successful Rad Reno requires an enormous amount of heart, passion, energy and commitment to the charity's we work for and the people they serve. This past year I witnessed my team demonstrate a level of stick-withit-ness, and genuine connection to each other, our volunteers, and our partner charity that made my experience a very special one. Judging from the feedback that I have received from others I am not alone in this feeling.

BIG THANKS to our many passionate volunteers, donors, sponsors and fans at large. We have a few exciting years lined up ahead for everyone. Forgive me this year for putting my team on a pedestal, however, I am sure you will agree that they are a very special bunch!

In kindness and with immense gratitude,

Levon Bolkin

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## VULNERABLE IMPACTED: 12,000

COMMUNITY SUPPORT: SPONSORS – 150+ VOLUNTEER HOURS – 6,000+

**Downtown Community Centre** 

## **2022 PROJECT VALUE: \$700,000**

755 PANDORA AVE

We are amazed with how the HeroWork community stepped up to help at Victoria Cool Aid Society's Downtown Community Centre (DCC) in the fall of 2022. The renovation will double the DCC's capacity – before the renovation the space served 6,000 people per year. With the new community kitchen five times its original size and a more intentionally designed building layout, the facility and its staff will now be able to serve 12,000 people annually.

With the support of our numerous building consultants, HeroWork was able to reimagine the layout of the community centre by moving the washrooms and kitchen to provide more efficiency. With a full complement of new appliances and cabinets the space now has room for cooking and food prep all designed with accessibility in mind. This will allow everyone to participate in the kitchen and the rest of the DCC to continue to operate with concurrent programming. Brand new gender neutral and ADA compliant washrooms were added. Every surface of the old, tired gymnasium was refreshed—the concrete floors were refinished, the walls were painted and new LED lighting now highlights the beautiful murals above the upgraded fibreglass wall surfaces.

Further upgrades to the DCC include a new timber framed pavilion, a new peer support room, flooring, paint and LED lighting throughout the building as well as air conditioning added to the gymnasium. The building's exterior was reimagined to highlight the DCC'S unique identity and purpose within the Victoria Cool Aid Society.

With the building's new layout and amenities enabling triple the daily programming, it's hard to imagine a more impactful outcome to a HeroWork Radical Renovation!

## **DCC Before**













## **DCC After**













## **FUNDRAISING HIGHLIGHTS**

### Spring 2022 fundraiser – Jail, Bail or Bribe!

HeroWork raised over \$70k at our 2022 Spring Challenge when GM Trevor Botkin was jailed around the clock for two and a half days at Uptown Mall – yes, he even slept in there! Participants had the option to bail him out or contribute bribes to keep him behind bars for longer. The "Director of Radical" was facing charges that he wasn't really a great guy with accusations like stealing candy from babies and impersonating Santa Clause. Luckily, all charges were dropped by Honourable Judge Gordy Dodd.

## Fall 2022 fundraiser – HeroWork Party: We Will Walk You!

On Sept. 24 we hosted HeroWork's second annual fun-walk fundraiser. This was an 80's themed walk that raised just under \$30k for project delivery needs. There were some crazy wigs, great 80's tunes and fun games like bubble ball sumo wrestling and karaoke! It was an absolute blast. We're hoping to make the 2023 summer fundraiser bigger and better than ever and continue to build on this concept in the years to come.

### Year-end Campaign – Almost Done and Dusted!

We feel very grateful to have surpassed our year-end 40k fundraising goal. This campaign was initiated to help HeroWork recover project delivery costs accumulated during our DCC renovation. HeroWork endeavours to roll out this campaign for our annual year-end giving campaign, tied to our project completions in 2023 and beyond!





## **Coming scheduled projects**

### Spring 2023: Power To Be

Power To Be is an organization that removes barriers for youth, families and adults living with cognitive, physical, financial, and social barriers that want to experience the outdoors. Programs offered in this beautiful Prospect Lake location redefine what inclusion and ability looks like. This project is HeroWork's second renovation with Power To Be, our first being in 2017. This transformation will focus on more capacity and programming, increased accessibility, a multi-use learning building and an adventure inspired raw-timber frame outdoor gathering space.



### Fall 2023: St. Vincent de Paul

We are venturing out to this incredible organization's Royal Oak location in the fall of 2023 and again for phase two in the spring of 2024. St. Vincent de Paul is an international organization founded in 1833 to serve society's most vulnerable populations. This large two-phase Radical Renovation will include a new commercial kitchen, expanded daycare and related playground, an outdoor classroom, expanded therapeutic community gardens and numerous other items relating to building maintenance and accessibility. Those impacted by this project will include persons with disabilities, seniors, at-risk mothers, children living in poverty and persons affected by food insecurity.



### **MOVING FORWARD AND STAYING BOLD**

As one of the final preparation pieces to expanding our program, we gathered over 50 Lower Mainland charity leaders from over 30 organizations to participate in an infrastructure forum. During this full-day session, we explored how building renewal could increase an organization's impact.

We heard that in addition to our Radical Renovations, charities need more research and advocacy at all levels of government; they need consulting services that connect building designs to long term visions. They also need training and programming tailored for their distinct communities. See our full report at <u>www.herowork.com/research-and-guide</u>.

With this work done we have started adjudicating projects—our next step on the long visionary journey to create and sustain a movement of inspired communities revitalizing charity infrastructure across Canada. Stay tuned for more announcements!



## SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT

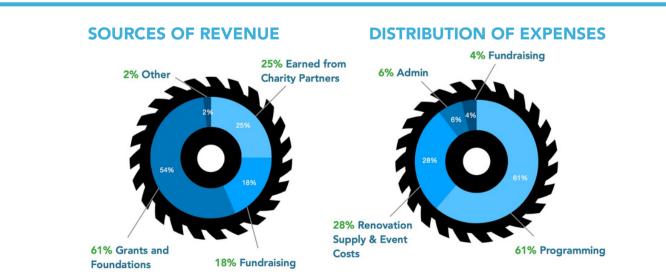
There is no other charity quite like HeroWork. No other organization is dedicated to transforming charity buildings and spaces, and thereby transforming their ability to better serve vulnerable populations. This is a critical and underserved part of our sector because many charities work in substandard conditions. However, there has never been a study on the impact of renewed buildings.

To provide tangible evidence and data on this impact, HeroWork Canada, CIFAL-Victoria at the University of Victoria, and the Victoria Foundation partnered on a Social and Economic Impact study of Charity Infrastructure Renewal.

This study confirmed that improving charitable infrastructure has a significant impact on delivering critical services to our most vulnerable community members. Using the HeroWork model as a demonstration of the powerful change created by renewed infrastructure, the study has shown that renovating charity buildings is a fast and transformative pathway to a charity's success:

- For clients: improved, innovative, enhanced, and/or expanded services;
- For organizations: lowered upkeep costs, healthy and safe workplaces, purpose-built environments leading to efficiencies, "greening" of facilities, increased community awareness, improved client, staff and volunteer perception, and increased revenue;
- For communities: improved neighbourhoods and neighbour relations, eager participation of volunteers and sponsors, and increased community commitment and support; and
- For funders: monies allocated to infrastructure are a one-time cost that pays big dividends for community social services and the vulnerable populations they serve.

By investing in and improving physical infrastructure owned and used by charities, we can improve service delivery and program innovation, and respond to the changing and increasing needs of vulnerable populations. See the study at <u>www.herowork.com/research-and-guide</u>.





### **VOLUNTEER SATISFACTION**

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Pre-event communication	4.8	5
Check-in and orientation	4.8	5
Appropriate safety measures	4.8	5
Overall experience	4.8	5

"The HeroWork team goes above and beyond. Everyone who volunteers is welcomed like family. Everything is perfectly organized and ready to go. I never thought hard labour could be so much fun. Great job!!"

"We showed up with five 16-year-old kids from a rugby team we sponsor and coach. HeroWork had us so well-organized, it was easy to just show up and do what was in front of us. I am so grateful to Kate, Jason, and the rest of the team for being attentive to the kids and for making sure everyone was safe and having fun. Thanks so much to Selena for bringing us lunch. The boys felt so good afterward, many of them asked when we could come back again!"

"Despite it being a busy day with loads of volunteers, I was impressed by the organization of people and tasks, and many thanks to Fifth Street Bar and Grill for the amazing lasagna lunch!! It was a fun day and a great experience!"

### **2022 VOLUNTEER GROUPS**

BCCWITT BCI BC Legislature HR Operations Benevity Camosun Women in Trades CFB Base Admin CFB Esquimalt Base Logistics CFB Fleet School CFB Navy Checkfront Coastal Community Credit Union Cool Aid Society Deloitte Durwest Grant Thornton Greater Victoria Harbour Authority HMCS Calgary Jawl Properties Megson FitzPatrick NZ Builders Youth Rugby Pacific Design Academy Pacific Horticulture College PEERS Pinchin Pomerleau Power To Be Redbrick RJC Engineers Royal Bay Secondary Slegg Langford Social Worker Bees Urban Systems UVic Vikes - Men's Rugby UVic Vikes - Women's Rugby Victoria Freemasons Victoria Real Estate Board Workday

## **2022 FINANCIAL SPONSORS**

### KEY STONE DONORS - (\$20,000+)



TOGETHER, LET'S DO GREAT THINGS

## **2022 FINANCIAL SPONSORS**

### **COMMUNITY DONORS – (\$2,000-9,999)**



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## **Pinch Family Trust**



## POMERLEAU

## **Sutherland Foundation**

### SUSTAINING DONORS - (\$500-2,500)

Adrian Beaudin Andrew Wishart Anthony Budden Annette Wall Ashley Klimas **Betty Chen-Mack Billy-Joe Checko Bridey Morrison Morgan Bruce Johnson** Deborah Hunt **Doneen Sprowl Eileen Banerjee** Erin Wishart Gary Stride **Greg Baynton** Gurdial Dodd James Darke

James McDanie Jan Liml Jason Demmy Jason Ramsey Jim Ross Jefferson Ross Jenny Fraser Jude Hall-Patch Josephine Woods **Kelly Forbes** Lamont Brooks Lisa Nye Louise Davies Macarena Schindler Malca Casiro Matthew Stow May Lee

Mia Frankl **Michele Parkin** Neil & Tacye McLagan **Rob Tournour Masonry Richard Nicholson** Ryan Bigge **Ryan Gallagher Ruth Robinson** Sharlene Smith **Terry Edison-Brown** Teresa Hall-Patch Tom Gore Valerie Sharp Victoria Chinatown Lionesses Wendy Pratt Wendy Sullivan And many more...

## **2022 MAJOR IN-KIND CONSTRUCTION CONTRIBUTORS**

Christine Lintott Architects Inc.



**Cheryl Rowley Design** 





Western Forest Products





Cloverdale Paint

Butler



NZ BUILDERS LTD.

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**HEIDELBERG**CEMENTGroup

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TRANSFORMATIONS

## **2022 MAJOR IN-KIND CONTRIBUTORS**



#### FULL LIST OF IN-KIND CONTRIBUTORS

Architect/design/creative Berlin-Eaton Consulting Christine Lintott Architecture Cheryl Rowley Design Studio Leaf - Leif Gustavson

#### Cleaning

Black Tie Property Services De La Clean Neat & Discrete Janitorial Services

#### Construction

Aral Rentals Aarc West Mechanical Insulation Banyan Group **Bartlett Tree Experts** BC Center for Women In The Trades (BCCWITT) **Butler Concrete and Aggregate** Camosun Women In Trades Training **Camosun Pipe Trades Foundation Cascade Fire Protection Climate Custom Homes Cloverdale Paint Complex Fire Protection Dulux Paints** Dutch Carpenter & Co. **Exotic Stone** Farmer Construction Gladiator Drywall **Green Island Builders Industrial Plastics & Paint** J.Lee Diamond Drilling **Kinetic Construction Ltd** LeHigh Hanson Level Lift McRae Painting Namdor Reinforcing NZ Builders **PPG Architectural Coatings Redline Glass Ruffell & Brown** Sherwin Williams **Slegg Building Materials** Soare Contracting Sunbelt Rentals TELUS Trailside Masonry **TriCity Finishing Twigg Transformations** 

United Rentals VanCity Concrete Vic City Crane VICA Construct Your Future Western Forest Products

#### Electrical

CBS Electrical Contractors Denmar Electric Gescan Electrical Supply Houle Electric IBEW Local 230 Mac II Agencies Sitka Electrical Systems VI Electric Western Joint Electrical Training

#### Engineering

AME Group Consulting Mechanical CP Code Consultants e2 Electrical Engineering Pinchin Prime RJC Engineers WEIR Design & Engineering

### Flooring

Christy James Tile & Stone End of the Roll Island Floor Centre JY Tiling Square One Tile

#### Landscaping

Eden Projects Garcia's Island View Nursery Garden City tree and Landscape Mustang Landscape and Design Pacific Horticulture College Red Seal students

Millwork and Metalwork Broadwell Metal Harbour City Kitchens Lewis Sheet Metal Sheet Metal Workers Int'l Assoc. Local 276

Plumbing/Refrigeration/HVAC Andrew Sheret E.H. Price H.I. Mechanical Level Up Miles Plumbing (gas permit) Mike Wolk's Plumbing & Drainage Red Blue HVAC UA Local 324 Plumbing and Pipefitters Victaulic Wade Roberts Plumbing Watts Plumbing & Drainage Your First Response Plumbing

#### Media

100.3 The Q! Black Press CFAX 1070 CHEK News CTV Times Colonist

#### **Other/Service**

5th Street Bar and Grill **Big Wheel Burger** BCI **CFB Esquimalt Navy Base Chinatown Lionesses** City of Victoria Cox Bay Beach Resort **Diamond Delivery** Don Craig Photography **Erik Pay Photography Garside Signs** Gary Stride - Safety Consultant Harbourside Rotary Kattia's Kitchen Mega Screen Productions Monk Office Oak Bay Beach Hotel **Red Barn Esquimalt Rick's Heart Foundation** Saltchuck Pie Company Serious Coffee Millstream Village **Simply Pure Water** Soap For Hope Canada St. John's Ambulance #176 Tacofino Terri Kott Photography **Titanium Tents** Tom Gore Photo



Local charities are continually strained to meet rapidly increasing needs of vulnerable communities. Your support ensures HeroWork can answer their call to action – we can't do it without you!

"The key to what HeroWork does is that it leverages your support – a contribution to HeroWork doesn't just help them – it helps the organization they're renovating," said regular general volunteer Marcus Handman. "That then unfolds into the community in terms of what can be done, for example, the Downtown Community Centre can reach so many people – and HeroWork's expansive renovations make that possible."

Your financial support enables HeroWork to stay the course and to continue inspiring community to rebuild charity spaces in need of radical transformation!



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