



# 2018-2019

## Annual Report

Message from the

## Founder and Chairperson Emeritus

In 1994 we had a vision to create a movement that supports youth at risk here in New Brunswick. Focused on adventure based and experiential programming we knew that youth at risk could reach great heights with the proper support. This year marked our 25th year of operations and, as an organization dedicated to supporting and helping youth at risk in New Brunswick, we continue to expand our reach. We continued to increase our youth engagement approach with youth across New Brunswick. We expanded our middle school program with a new initiative called Sport3 in order to reach more students.

All of this work and so much more could not be accomplished without our dedicated volunteers and staff. They continue to outperform and produce high quality programs for youth and youth at risk and we are so very thankful and grateful for their work. Our board of directors is a wonderful and committed group of individuals who supports the mission and vision of this dynamic organization. Our board president, Mike Joyce, has lead a dynamic and passionate group of board members this year and we are thankful for his guidance. My sincerest thanks to outgoing board members Jody Gorham and Larry Johnston – both of you have provided years and hundreds of hours of support to Partners for Youth Inc, all of them as volunteer.

As mentioned, 2019 marked the 25th anniversary of Partners for Youth Inc. As part of our celebrations we hosted over 550 of our closest friends at two (2) gala events, keynoted by the Hon. Frank McKenna and retired police chief and trailblazer, Leanne Fitch. We have much to be thankful for as an organization. Thank you to all of our partners and funders for your support as well, for without you we could not meet the needs of so many youth.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Hon. Jim Ross,**

*Founder and  
Chairperson Emeritus*



Message from the

## President of the Board of Directors

Dear Community Partners, Financial Supporters, Friends and Staff of Partners For Youth. It has been another successful year for the 25th year of Operation for the Organization. As PFY continues to evolve; we look for opportunities not only improve on our current activities, but also to continue to grow with new programs. This is aligned with one of our goals to keep Partners For Youth innovative in providing programs to Youth at Risk.

We are fortunate to have a strong staff that is the core of Partners for Youth. Their Leadership and commitment in Program Design, Program Monitoring, and Program Delivery is essential to our success. The staff perform these roles exceptionally well and are driven by their passion for what we do as an organization. With nine key programs, along with new programs being developed; our staff are never short of challenges and opportunities to grow.

We are thankful to continue to have a large numbers of committed funders this year; who without their support our organization would not exist. My sincere thanks to all of our supporters that include our dedicated 12 in 12 ticket supporters; Chase the Ace supporters; Luncheon Attendees; Volunteer Key Note Speakers; Private Foundations; Not-For Profit Organizations; Service Groups; Corporate Sponsors; and Government Agencies.

We also have a large number of supporters within our community who offer support through gifts in kind including advice, guidance, and services which is just as essential to the on-going success of PFY.

To all of our Community Partners, We appreciate all of your support you have for our organization in what we do and we look forward to continue to working with all of you.

Also a special thanks to my fellow board members for 2019 who have been dedicated in attending meetings and volunteering their time and expertise. Their exceptional commitment to the organization truly adds to the and vision of PFY.

As we look back and acknowledge the success of the past year, I'm looking forward to what next year has to bring for Partners for Youth.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Mike Joyce**  
*President*





## Report of the Treasurer

I am pleased to submit this, my last report as Treasurer of Partners for Youth Inc. At the time of this writing, the financial statements for the past year are being reviewed by our accountants. Subject to the results of that review, the statement of operations report an approximate \$5,000 surplus for the year. Revenues and expenses increased by approximately 10%, reflecting an increase in activity in the year.

As in past years, the predominant item on the Statement of Financial Position is the amount of contributions received for future operations. This liability is offset by our current cash position. The Statement of Cash Flows identifies the sources and uses of cash during the year.

The full financial report is available as an attachment to this narrative annual report. It provides details on revenues and expenses related to 12 months of operations.

Once again, I take this opportunity to thank all of the staff at PFY for their hard work throughout the year. Their efforts contribute greatly to our sound financial position.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Larry Johnston,**  
*Treasurer*



# Making Waves/ Vague par vague

Over 100 students took part directly in our Making Waves program over the course of the 2018-19 academic year. The only program of its kind in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, Making Waves/Vague par vague, is a successful and evidence based healthy relationships program for youth. It is delivered within a youth engagement model where the participation of

- youth as facilitators and participants is key to its success. Youth come together to take part in a series of workshops and activities and then work with support staff to develop an action plan for delivery at their local schools or communities. This peer based train the trainer program is unique and allows youth to educate and engage their peers on healthy relationships and relationship violence prevention. In the last year a considerable amount of time was spent creating connections and partnerships with First Nations communities in New Brunswick to expand the program with indigenous youth.





## New Brunswick Youth in Care Network

The New Brunswick Youth in Care Network is a dynamic and leadership based team made up of current and former youth in care. Focused on system change, support, engagement and initiatives for youth in and from care the network has had a very busy year across New Brunswick and beyond. Early in the year the network focused on celebrating Youth in Care Day on November 29, 2018. Events in several communities brought participants together to celebrate and support one another as youth in care.

Members of the network and the network coordinator travelled to Minnesota to participate in leadership training offered by NACAC, the North American Council on Adoptable Children. This was an amazing opportunity for network members to learn about key areas of leadership related to youth in care and also connect with others across North America in order to build a wider network of support.

- A key area of focus this year was the development of a handbook on child and youth rights which is provided to every youth entering and in the care system in the province of New Brunswick. Involvement and insight into this information by current and former youth in care is an important element as this lived experience is critical for youth entering the system.

- The network decided to hold the 2nd ever Youth in Care Hearings in November of 2019. In the lead up and as part of the preparations for this critical event, the network coordinator and members of the leadership team travelled across the province over several months meeting with youth in and from care for feedback and content for the hearings. The team also met with stakeholders, government officials and social workers in order to fully reflect the reality of the system of care in New Brunswick.

- As an extension of NBYICN roles in program and representation, we also helped coordinate funding for youth in care through the Stay in School and Health and Well-being Funds. These funds are provided in partnership with the Children's Aid Foundation.



# The Adventure Classroom Project

One of our oldest running programs, a total of 22 groups from 20 middle schools took part in the Adventure Classroom program in 2018-19.

Participants in the program are led through activities and workshops on a series of topics, including: mental health, communications, environmental sustainability, leadership, and teamwork.

In all, these groups amounted to over 220 total participants, all of whom were then invited to attend Camp Tippy Canoe over the summer. Given the range of schools involved, the Adventure Classroom amounts to a remarkable tour of our beautiful province. This year's program also featured a new exciting pilot project called Sport 3 - a Sport3 is inspired by the values inherent to street football: inclusion, teamwork and fair play. It provides a blueprint on how to create programmes that have a lasting social impact. Over time, Sport3 has become a vital tool for community organisations from every corner of the world. There are several benefits of playing sports for children/youth, such as having a healthier life, gaining more academic integrity, improving medical and mental fitness.

## Camp Tippy Canoe

If our Adventure Classroom is the beginning of the journey, Camp Tippy Canoe looks to take participants on to the next step by way of canoe trips and outdoor pursuits in a fun, safe, and social environment.

Over 140 youth participated in our summer camps this past year, most of which were from our Adventure Classroom middle school groups. This link is intentional, as it allows our staff to provide the skills and education needed to take on their camp adventure. We had 13 camps over the summer. This number includes eight middle school camps, four elementary school camps, and one high school leadership camp.



# Youth in Action for Mental Health

Youth in Action for Mental Health provides students with the opportunity to learn and discuss issues related to mental health. YAMh puts youth voices and ideas into action to facilitate productive conversations and activities around the promotion of positive and critical understandings of mental wellness and distress. This project fills a gap in youth mental health education and literacy.

In 2018-19, students from 8 schools participated in the program. In total, over 100 students were engaged throughout the year, with many more engaged via their youth-led leadership projects.

Their varied final mental health projects included planning and coordinating school wellness days, bringing in speakers to talk about their lived experiences, and devising programs for giving back to their supporters and peers.



## Ring-A-Bell

As an extension of our work on mental health, the 8th annual Ring-A-Bell Campaign, in partnership with Bell Let's Talk, united 50,000 students and staff from schools all around New Brunswick in a campaign to raise awareness on the mental health needs of our youth.

The week long initiative culminated with an official ceremony featuring the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, the Hon. Bill Oliver as a key note speaker at MacDonaldConsolidated School in Kingston, NB.







## Safe Harbour House

Safe Harbour House is a supportive and transitional housing program for homeless youth. We opened the doors to the redesigned program in March 2017, and have had youth living in the home every single night since the opening. Our dynamic staff work tirelessly to engage and empower our residents. A number of residents have successfully graduated high school, found employment, transitioned into supportive housing, or have returned home.

The Safe Harbour model involves very close ties with community partners. Youth residents are encouraged to connect with services and

opportunities throughout the region as part of their case plans. In this way, the concept of independent living grows to include social connectivity. Further, our full-time outreach worker provides a bridge for residents as they complete our program and move onto safe and supportive housing.

Our staff also plan activities and events for residents throughout their stay. This year, such activities included tutoring, career development, art, music, paint ball outings, trips to the QPlex in Quispamsis, movie nights, and weekly community barbecues.

Throughout their stay, Safe Harbour staff engage youth in a person-centered approach that draw on their strengths and encourages and supports residents as they reach their own personal goals.



## Road Map

The RoadMap Program is one of Partners For Youth Inc.'s most important projects. Beginning in 2007, Partners For Youth Inc. began to explore the possibilities for a financial literacy program grounded in experiential education. This exploration was the result of considerable feedback from youth who had participated in our many programs. The first version of this program was delivered in several New Brunswick high schools and focused exclusively on developing youth's financial literacy. Following the completion of this pilot program, Partners For Youth Inc. expanded the program to focus more concretely on employment and education.

This version of The RoadMap Program maintains an emphasis on financial literacy, but focuses on employment, education, and social and emotional development as well. Uniquely

- developed for youth in/from care and custody, the RoadMap Program includes workshops that teach youth participants job-readiness skills, including job searching, job profiling, interview skills, and resume writing. These workshops are offered in conjunction with a formal experiential education component that prioritizes group formation and social and emotional learning.

- This year, we had over 50 participants in the Roadmap program. Of this number, many have found gainful employment following the program, with many others who are well on track. The remaining number continue to receive tailored support to help them become financially and personally independent.

- In all, our program coordinator has engaged students from four communities in this year: Saint John, Fredericton, Woodstock, and the Kennebecasis Valley.



# Pilot Project - Discover YOU(th) Community Based Experiential Drug/Alcohol Intervention

Partners for Youth Inc. has developed and has been piloting the delivery of a community based intervention and support program for youth battling addiction and who are involved in the criminal justice system. Youth who have participated in the program are in open and closed custody or are living in the community after their sentences have ended.

## The overall objectives of the project are as follows:



To engage youth involved in the criminal justice system in NB to support the design and development of a community-based experiential drug/alcohol intervention program;



To engage youth involved in the criminal justice system as participants in the delivery of an experiential intervention program focused on drug/alcohol treatment in a community-based setting;



To determine, based on evaluation, the effectiveness of an experiential community-based drug/alcohol intervention program.

The project lead begins the programming with youth in open and closed custody facilities and then continues to support the youth post custody in their relevant communities and at the request of the youth participants. Upon release, the project lead becomes part of case planning for the youth and communicates with the youth's probation officer and/or social worker upon their release from custody. To date, 25 youth have finished the program, and 13 others have participated in some capacity.



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