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LOVE's Mission

To break the cycle of violence in the lives of young people and in our communities by building a team of youth leaders who communicate a message of anti-violence.

LOVE's Lens

We use a broad youth-driven definition of violence, which allows for issues such as self-harm, substance use, cyber-bullying (cyber-violence), physical and emotional violence, stigmatization and marginalization, as well as racism, sexism, homophobia and all other forms of intentional exclusion, to be included in our conversations about violence.

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Message from the Chair

What does resilience mean to you?

To me, our supporters are resilient – whether they're the volunteers who continually give up their evenings, or the funders who take the time to understand our programming and its vital importance.

Our staff are resilient – especially this year, as they faced change. We said goodbye to familiar faces, including outgoing Executive Director Tasha Nijjar, and welcomed incoming ED Lambrini Soulos (who herself showed resilience with a move to the West Coast).

But more than anything, resilience is our youth.

It's LOVE BC's young people that come back week after week, attend programming, and share their lived experience.

It's our young people who, despite the barriers they might face, see the worthiness and potential in themselves and others.

It's our young people who provide honest feedback so we can continually improve how and where we connect with them; and it's our young people who fearlessly – and resiliently – become anti-violence leaders in their communities.

If you're reading this, you are among the resilient – and we thank you for showing it this year and beyond.

With gratitude and LOVE,

Heather Stoutenburg
Board Chair



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Programming

Media Arts Program (MAP)

MAP is an after-school program for youth aged 13 to 18, with multiple barriers who identify as having been affected by violence.

Youth and staff work collaboratively with their peers to develop a variety of multimedia and media literacy skills to share personal and/or community experiences.

Topics explored include team building, violence prevention, anti-oppression, and media arts.

MAP was delivered in three locations this year: the Broadway Youth Resource Centre, Byrne Creek Secondary School, and Kwantlen Park Secondary School.

Leadership

Leadership is a comprehensive year-long program that covers a wide range of topics and involves participatory learning.

Youth draw on the media arts skills that they developed in MAP and learn facilitation and public speaking skills by co-facilitating workshops in schools and other community spaces.

Leadership youth also participate in the development of programs and workshops for all internal LOVE programs.



Outreach

LOVE outreaches are workshops that are hosted in community spaces and facilitated by LOVE youth and staff. Topics and projects are tailored to the needs identified by the group. This year we reached 4278 British Columbians through 32 outreaches.

I KEEP COMING ♡
BACK TO L.O.V.E. KNOWING
THAT THERE'S SOMETHING
NEW THAT AWAITS ME.

95%

of youth stated that they developed **new friendships** and strengthened current support networks.

96%

of youth identified a **greater knowledge** of how violence affects the community.

100%

of youth in the Leadership program feel that they have **tools to respond** to violence, discrimination and bullying.

BEATS Magazine

In 2016, we were proud to welcome BEATS Magazine to the LOVE family. BEATS magazine is a publication by and for immigrant and refugee youth in the Lower Mainland. BEATS is youth-run in every aspect of the publication including editing, writing and decision making.

Violence Prevention Committees (VPC)

Violence Prevention Committees provide media arts and anti-oppression based leadership training directly to youth with the eventual goal of creating self-sustaining committees. Youth participants in each cycle produced a collaborative multimedia piece that looked at anti-violence strategies that were specific to their community. LOVE held VPCs in Revelstoke and with Pathways to Education in April and May 2015.

To Love,

I am grateful for being involved into this group. This group made me feel that there is always people around me and know that there is always somebody willing to listen to me. I joined this group in my first year in this country. I have changed from a shy, quiet person to being able to speak confidently and comfortable with the people around me.

Love is special to me because in Love, I can be whoever I want to be and be proud about it.

I have learned many skills apart from art. I hope this program can continue and make more people feel like home in this diverse program.

"Leave Out Violence has made such a large impact on my life. By being a participant in this Media Arts Program, I was able to learn skills that improved my communication and it challenged me to step out of my comfort zone. I learned how to lead and facilitate while having fun and making art. It's been a colourful learning experience I will never forget."

—Amy, Alumni

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Programming Highlights

● June 13 2015 2014/2015 Graduation

Graduates of the Leadership and Media Arts Programs celebrated their accomplishments with food, an art display, and a photo slideshow. All graduates received gifts as a thank you for their involvement and commitment throughout the year.

● June 14 2015 Love Out Loud 8: Welcome to the Neighbourhood

After three years at our temporary location, LOVE celebrated our return to the neighbourhood at the Main Street Car Free Day. LOVE youth facilitated arts activities, hosted and performed live entertainment and re-introduced themselves to the community.

● August 17-22 2015 LOVE National Camp

National Camp brought together LOVE Youth Leaders from across the country to Camp Wingate in Quebec, where they could learn from each other and collaborate on new projects.



● November 16 2015 Unpacking Home: We Are Moving Again

Supported by the Vancouver Foundation's Fostering Change initiative, young people transitioning from foster care to adulthood prepared an interactive art exhibit and facilitated a community dialogue that brought together local residents, community organizations and businesses to talk about how communities can support youth transitioning out of care.

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-Youth Program participant 2015

● March 4 2016 Beats Magazine Gala Dinner and Art Sale

BEATS magazine is a publication by and for immigrant and refugee youth in the Lower Mainland. The magazine's youth steering committee organised a night of music, dance, food, and art to celebrate the magazine's accomplishments and to raise money to continue their work.

● March 14-17 2016 Digital Journeys Project

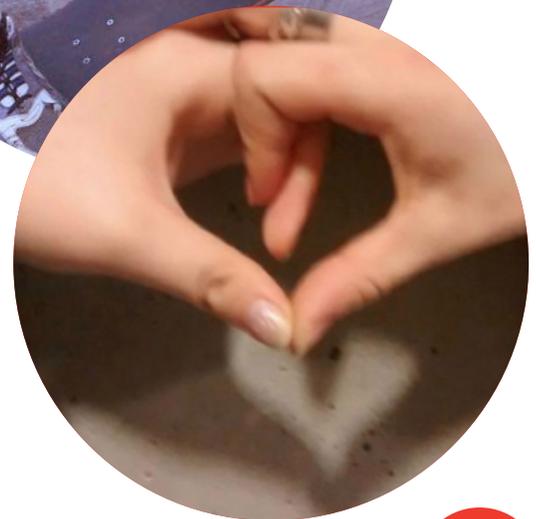
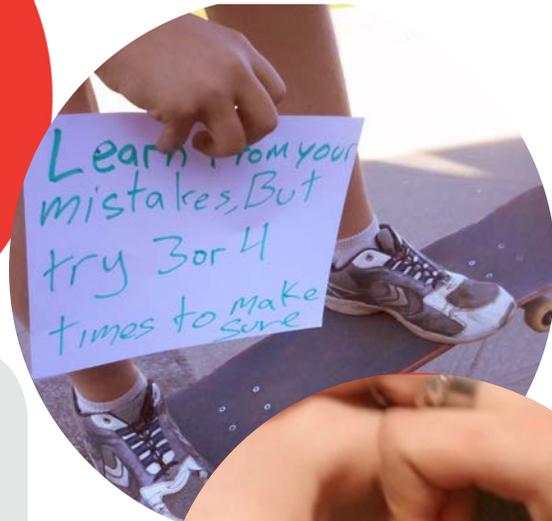
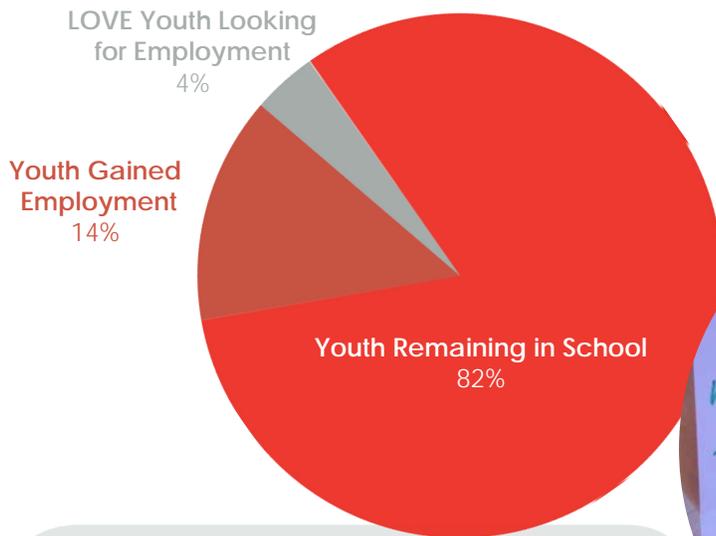
Leave Out Violence partnered with Overly Creative Minds at the Urban Native Youth Association for a week-long intensive film project. The program brought youth together to analyze media, have discussions around violence and discrimination, and then create a film!

85% of LOVE youth had the opportunity to explore a new art form.

94% of LOVE youth identified that they felt supported to be creative.

92% of LOVE youth responded that they gained a greater capacity to understand the link between homophobia, transphobia and violence.

89% of LOVE youth identified feeling trusted and trusting their peers in the program.



"Connecting with other youth who are a part of the same cause was amazing. Knowing that there are other young people who can be so committed to a single cause of non-violence helps to give me faith in my own generation and people overall. I've learned to get past my shyness and be able to speak my mind. I've learned that there are so many people who are just as committed to LOVE around the globe. LOVE is CHANGING THE WORLD!"

-Female Youth Leader, 19 yrs old

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Message from the Fundraising Committee

● May 2015

LOVE hosted over 65 friends and supporters at LOVE Affair at the Loden Hotel penthouse. The event raised just shy of **\$7,000** for LOVE programs. Attendees had the opportunity to learn more about LOVE and youth programming, purchase youth photography and bid on silent auction items donated by businesses and organizations such as: Hard Rock Hotel, Nita Lake Lodge, SKN Clinic, Saje Natural Wellness and Éminence Organics, just to name a few. The event was also sponsored by Blakes LLP and Goldcorp.

● May 2015

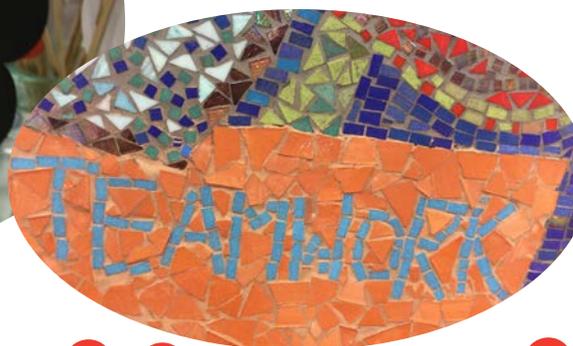
LOVE BC was the featured charity of Barre Fitness' "Raise the Barre." Every month, Barre Fitness™ proudly sponsors a charity or cause as requested by clients. 100% of proceeds from every Sunday's "Raise the Barre" class goes towards these organizations. **\$380** was donated to LOVE programs.

● December 2015

LOVE was selected as the recipient charity of TELUS' Lower Mainland holiday gala, receiving a **\$8,115** donation from ticket sales and employee contributions.

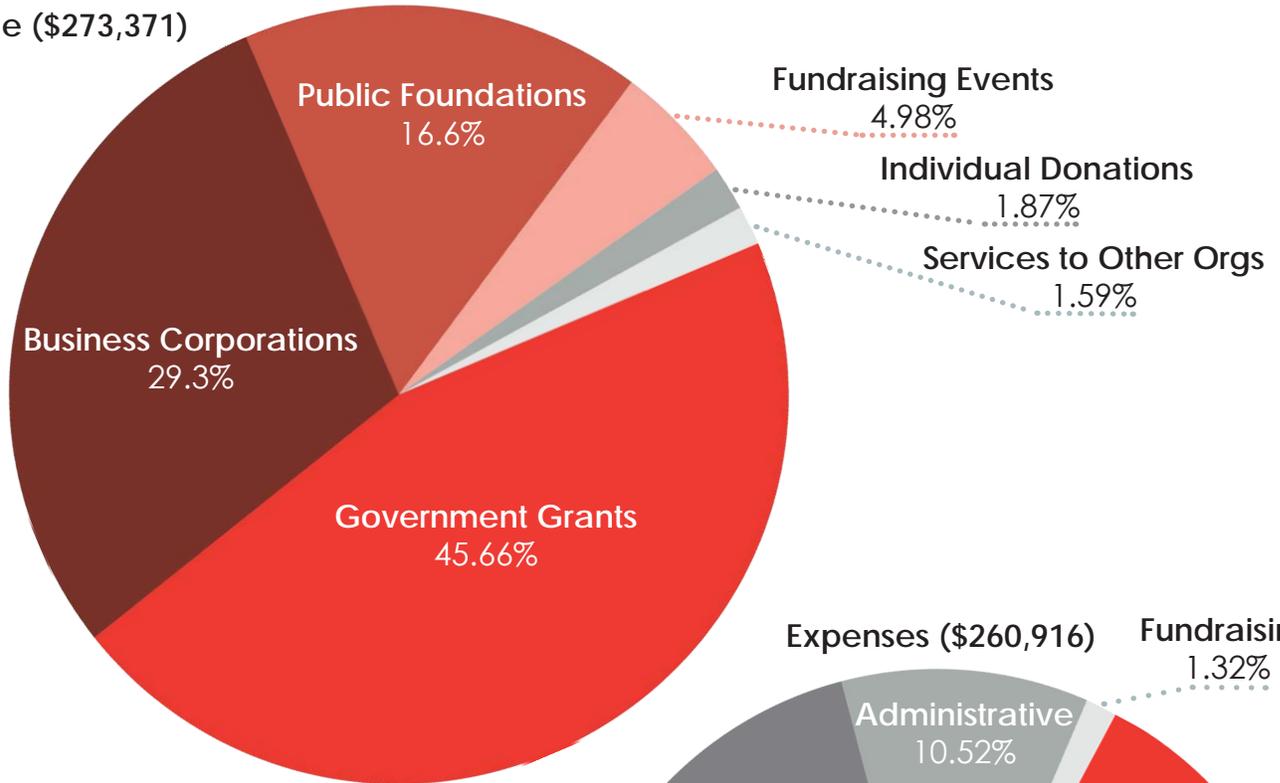
● February 2016

LOVE was selected as Marquis Wine Cellars' featured charity recipient for its "Winegrams" event. In the same month, LOVE was 102.7 the PEAK radio's Charity of the Month.

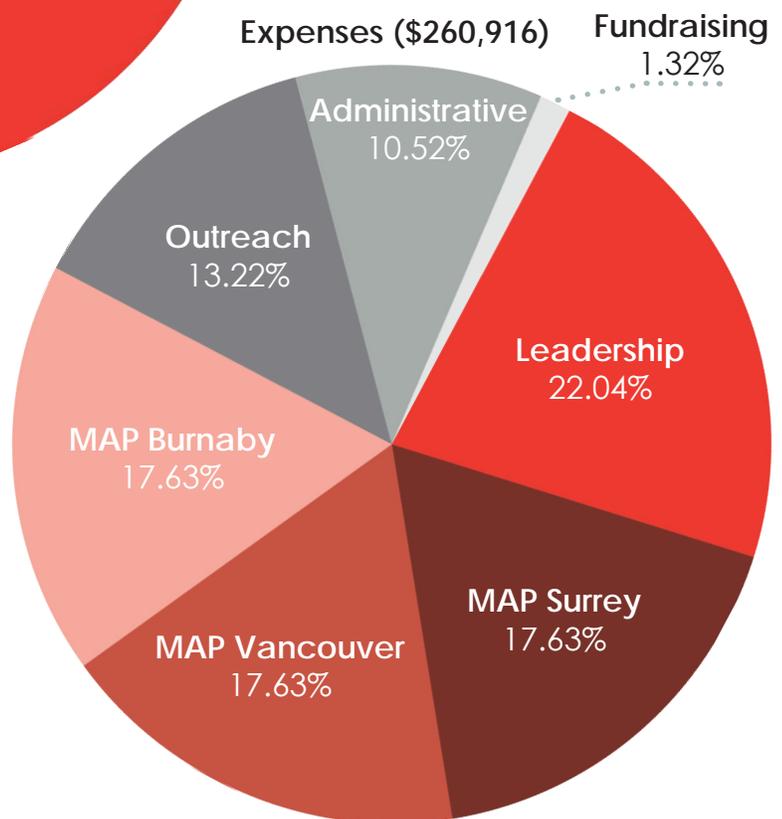


Financials 2015-2016

Revenue (\$273,371)



Expenses (\$260,916)



LEAVE OUT VIOLENCE (LOVE) SOCIETY BC
Balance Sheet
March 31

	2016	2015
Assets		
Current		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 218,330	\$ 251,404
Accounts Receivable	2,553	8,502
GST Receivable	893	554
Prepaid expenses and deposit	5,610	2,110
	227,386	262,570
Equipment	2,147	2,477
	\$ 229,533	\$ 265,047
Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 8,272	\$ 15,758
Deferred contributions	55,017	95,500
	63,289	111,258
Net Assets		
Invested in Equipment	2,147	2,477
Internally Restricted Contingency Reserve	57,972	57,372
Unrestricted	106,111	93,940
	166,244	153,789
	\$ 229,533	\$ 265,047



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Supporters

Community members who believe in youth engagement and empowerment provide LOVE BC with vital support. Your support enables us to change lives and make our communities safe. Thank you!

Government

BC Arts Council
BC Gaming Fund
BC Ministry of Justice/Youth Crime Prevention
City of Vancouver

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Economical Mutual Insurance Company
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Averbach Family Foundation
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The Christian Community of Saint Faith
Charitable Impact Foundation
Giving Tree Foundation
Jackman Foundation
Provincial Employees Community Services Fund
St Faith's Anglican Church
Vancouver Foundation

Gifts of LOVE In-Kind

Broadway Youth Resource Centre
Ed Oldfield
Éminence Organics
Everything Wine
Float House
Granville Island Arts Club
Hard Rock Hotel
Harper Grey LLP
KC Kids
Landsea Tours
Nita Lake Lodge

Out on Screen/Out in Schools
PeerNetBC
Saje Natural Wellness
SKN Clinic
Vancouver Canucks
Vantage Point
Zero Ceiling Program
107.7 The PEAK

Community Partners

Broadway Youth Resource Centre
Byrne Creek Secondary School
Check Your Head
Car Free Day on Main Street
Eagle High - PCRS
Fostering Change - Vancouver Foundation
Kwantlen Park Secondary School
Overly Creative Minds
Pathways to Education

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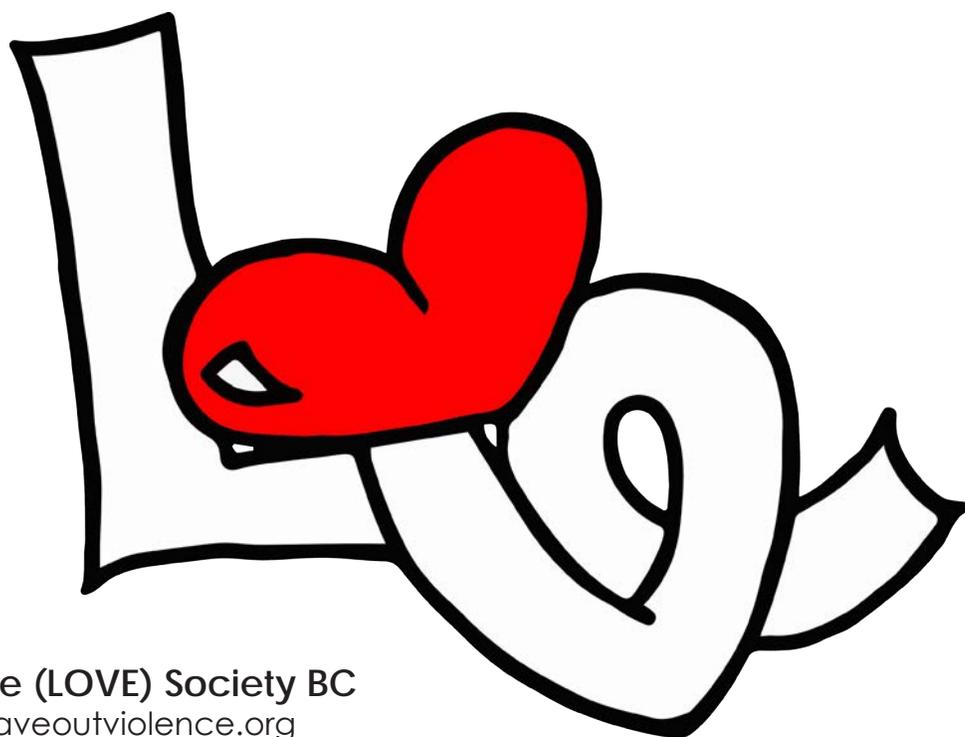
Staff

Lambrini Soulos, Executive Director
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Mutya Macatumpag, Program Facilitator
Ivo Blackstone, Program Facilitator
Omar Chu, Office Coordinator
Jeo Mateo, Alumni Co-Facilitator
Kaya Noyes, Alumni Co-Facilitator
Samantha Kohlen, Alumni Co-Facilitator

Best wishes to our former staff. Thank you!

Tasha Nijjar, Executive Director
lee williams boudakian, Program Director
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