



# CHSN Annual Report

2023-2024



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# OUR VISION

Central Hastings Support Network envisions a thriving community where sustainability flourishes and poverty is eradicated, empowering all individuals to achieve their fullest potential.



## A YEAR WITH UNIQUE CHALLENGES

With transit rides doubling since the previous year and visits to the Madoc Food Bank reaching record numbers, our dedicated staff and volunteers faced a significant increase in workload during the 2023-2024 period. Our team stepped up, demonstrating remarkable flexibility and resilience. In the face of heightened pressure, their commitment and willingness to go above and beyond allowed us to continue providing essential transportation and emergency food to those in need.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

When I joined the Central Hastings Support Network halfway through the operational year, I was excited to take on the challenge of leading programs that advocate for our community's most vulnerable. It is inspiring to see the kind of impact we make in the lives of the people we support. What has made this journey even more fulfilling is the dedication and compassion of the team I get to work with every day. From our hardworking staff and board of directors to the warm-hearted volunteers who make up this organization, it's clear that we all share a vision of seeing our community thrive. Together, I am confident that we will continue to make a positive impact.

~Victoria Trevorton

# MOVING BARRIERS TO ACCESS ONE PROGRAM AT A TIME

PROJECT	DETAILS	OUTCOME
Christmas Sharing	A collaborative community program designed to provide meals and gifts during the holiday season.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Over 500 Christmas meals were shared during the 2023 season</li><li>• Close to 200 children were provided with gifts for Christmas morning</li></ul>
Volunteer Income Tax Program	Volunteers file income tax and benefit returns for low income and vulnerable community members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Three CHSN volunteers prepared an impressive 230 returns in a period of just 6 months</li><li>• Resulted in the recovery of countless benefits &amp; credits</li></ul>

## FUNDRAISING SUMMARY

**\$7,000**

Art Auction

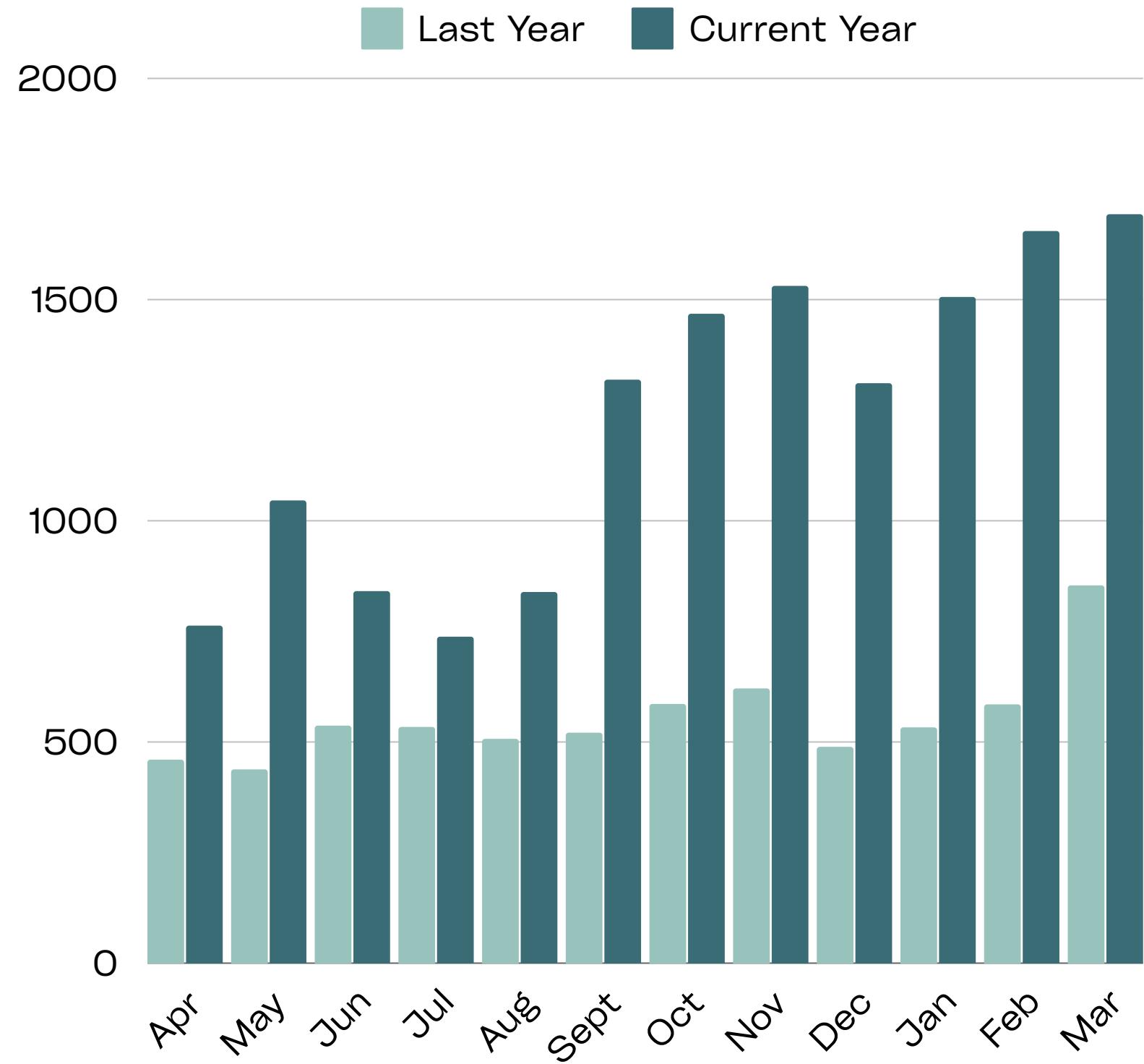
**\$8,000**

Golf Tournament

**\$15,000**

Christmas Sharing

# Public Transit Ridership



# THE YEAR IN REVIEW

## April 2023

Sally Gale retires after 12 dedicated years with CHSN & Wendy Hay steps into the role of Acting Executive Director.

## May 2023

An updated Strategic Plan focuses on modernizing operations, increasing visibility, improving community connections, and strengthening programs to be sustainable and adaptable.

## June 2023

CHSN's final Art Auction takes place with Tonny Braden, fearlessly at the helm for many years.

## July 2023

July 14th marks the official ribbon-cutting and open house for the new Madoc Food Bank facility, the funds for which were provided by the Parrot Foundation and generous community donors.

## August 2023

The 4th Annual CHSN Golf Tournament raises over \$8,000.

## September 2023

CHSN says goodbye to talented summer students, Fred and Sapphire.

## October 2023

CHSN Board members begin updating the organization's by-laws to ensure they comply with the Ontario Not-For-Profit Corporations Act.

## November 2023

Victoria Trevorton is hired as the new Executive Director as Wendy Hay's powerhouse tenure comes to an end.

## December 2023

A record \$15,000 is donated by local organizations & individuals in support of the Christmas Sharing program.

## January 2024

Rural Transit Partners meet to support CHSN's application for provincial funding from the Rural Transit Solutions Fund, with the goal of securing a fully accessible mobility van.

## February 2024

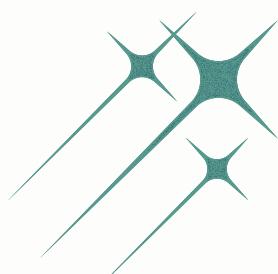
CHSN contracts a consultant firm to evaluate the suitability of digital booking platforms for Central Hastings Public Transit.

## March 2024

CHSN says goodbye to hardworking board members, Gina Olson and JoAnne Albert, as they leave the board to focus on other commitments.

# Thank you

to all our staff, volunteers,  
community partners & donors



## Staff:

Executive Director  
Executive Assistant  
Transit Coordinator  
Food Bank Coordinator  
Finance Coordinator  
Transit Driver  
Custodial Staff

Victoria Treverton  
Brooke Berry  
Darelle Winterburn,  
Jane McCulloch  
Judy Hagerman  
Alexx McCann  
Kara Frantz

## Board of Directors:

Shannon Lee	Chairperson
Andrea Markham	Vice-Chair
JoAnne Albert	Secretary (Ret.)
Tina Frantz	Treasurer
Tonny Braden	Director
Gina Olson	Director (Ret.)
Kevin Young	Director
Julie Bowen	Director
Judy Brant	Director

## OUR TEAM



We couldn't have  
done it without your  
generous *support.*



Madoc Thrift Store

CLOTHING AND MORE



Ontario The Ontario logo, featuring the word "Ontario" in a bold, sans-serif font next to a circular icon containing a stylized white "O".



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