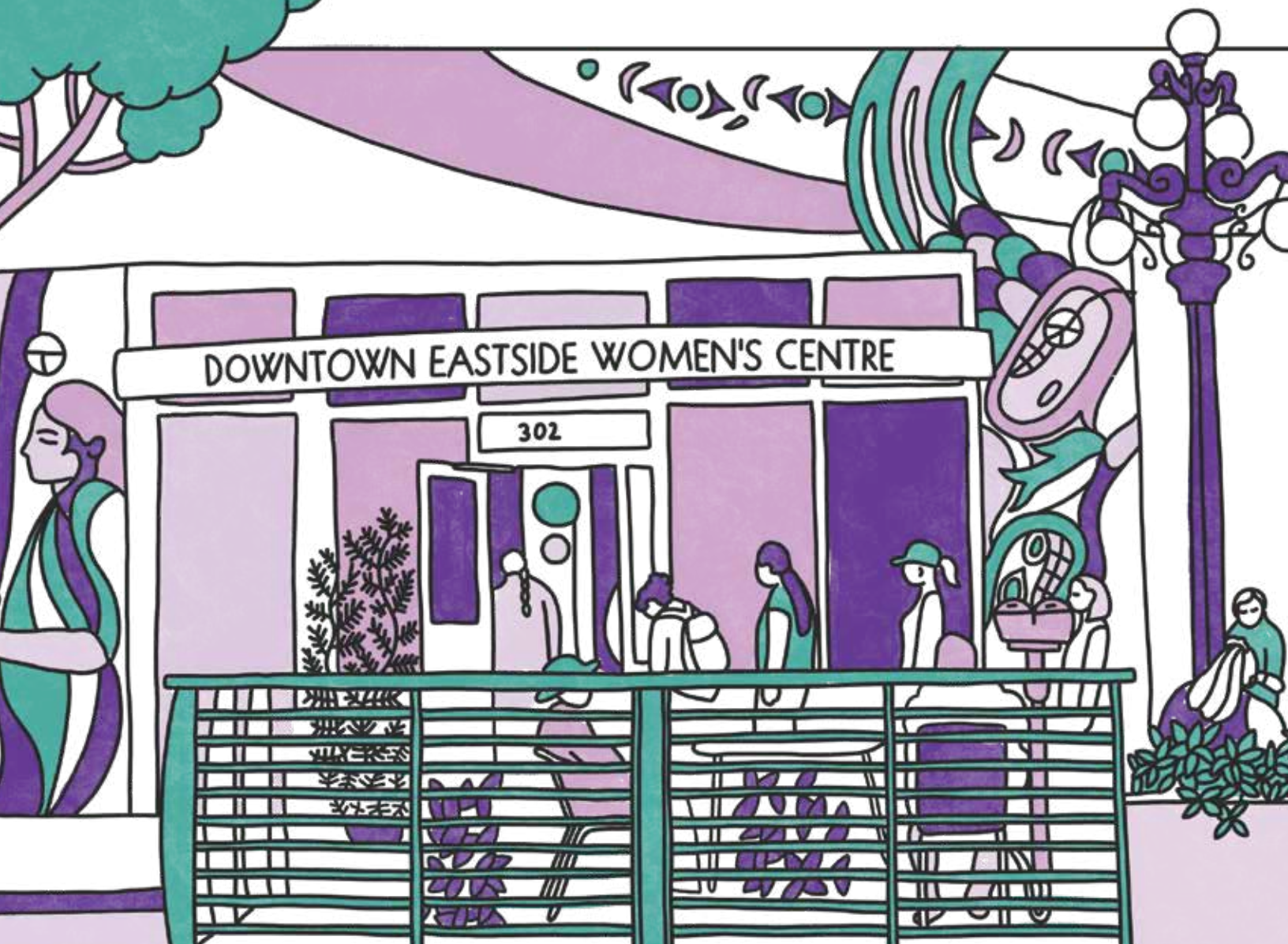


# Downtown Eastside Women's Centre Annual Report 2020-21



# Our Mission and Purpose

The mission of the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre is to provide a safe, non-judgmental environment for women from all walks of life, who live and/or work in the Downtown Eastside. To achieve this goal, the Centre provides supportive surroundings with meals, counseling, advocacy and programs which nurture and empower members.

The constitution of the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre was written in 1978 upon incorporation and remains relevant today:

- To provide a comfortable, safe Drop-In Centre
- To provide recreation and self-help programs
- To act as a source of information by assisting women with referrals concerning their needs
- To provide a social space and facilitate the opportunity for women of diverse backgrounds to interact and build community
- To educate the public and all levels of government about issues concerning women in the area



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# Letter from Board Member (Summer-Rain Bentham)



Over the past year, we have seen the significantly rough impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on women living and working in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. We have seen a rise in violence against women along with the dire consequences of the opioid crisis being exacerbated by the pandemic, resulting in an increase in the number

of women seeking services at the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre. DEWC has remained operational throughout the pandemic to provide women with essential needs. As one of the few low-barrier safe spaces for women in the DTES, women depend on DEWC's services to access hot meals, safe showers, beds, clothing, and other basic needs.

Due to COVID-19 physical distancing restrictions, DEWC had to drastically limit the number of women allowed at both our Drop-in Centre and our 24-hour emergency shelter. This led to many women being displaced and needing another refuge. Our staff faced many challenges and barriers in providing comprehensive services while adhering to the COVID-19 guidelines, but ultimately they were able to continue serving up to 500 women and children daily.

With the ongoing help of funding



from BC Housing, we opened up two additional shelter spaces – a warming space that opened in October 2020 and an overflow shelter that opened in February 2021. The opening of these additional spaces was a direct response to the significant increase we saw on the frontline at DEWC for women needing a safe refuge during the pandemic. Daily working within the challenging physical distancing restrictions, our three shelter locations offered up to 94 beds nightly for women in the community. Since the fall of 2020, DEWC has aspired to open an additional Drop-in Centre for women and children in the community, and has been working hard to make this dream a reality. An

additional Drop-in Centre would allow DEWC to be able to provide a space focused on promoting wellness and offering more cultural programming. After facing various setbacks, we are excited to announce that we will be opening our new Drop-in Centre located at 25 East Hastings. We are grateful to Anhart Housing for working with us on this renovation. From everyone at DEWC we would like to thank you very much for your continued support of DEWC and of all the women and children who access these crucial services. We raise our hands and say thank you.

**Sincerely,**  
**Summer-Rain Bentham**  
**DEWC Board Co-chair**

# **In the past year, the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre (DEWC) has:**

- **Provided practical support to up to 600 women and children daily;**
- **Served up to 500 meals daily; and**
- **Offered essential services and resources 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.**

The provincial health and safety restrictions put in place to mitigate the pandemic have had dire unintended consequences on the community in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside (DTES). While the province was required to isolate and work from home, women who live and/or work in the DTES do not have the same luxuries. Basic needs, such as housing, safety, food, and clothing, were not being met in the neighbourhood and then many service providers shuttered their doors or limited services. DEWC was able to keep its doors open throughout the pandemic with considerable limitations on the number of women served daily.

Cases of overdose deaths, violence, and hate crimes rose at an alarming rate, and, as a result, the neighbourhood is experiencing an overall deterioration of mental and physical health. These times have been especially painful for the women in the community who lost safe refuge, access to a normal routine, and a sense of community. This experience has also been difficult for DEWC staff who were forced to navigate the pandemic both at home and in the DTES community.







DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE WOMEN'S CENTRE

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We initiated an Expansion Project in 2020 to create more safe space for women, while adhering to physical distancing protocols, by increasing square footage and services throughout the DTES. Since August 2020, DEWC's service sites have grown from 3 to 6:

- Drop-In Centre, 302 Columbia Street
- Emergency Night Shelter, 412 East Cordova Street
- Outdoor Patio, 302 Columbia Street
- Warming Space, 398 Powell Street
- Overflow Shelter, 265 East Hastings Street
- Temporary Admin/Programming Office, 312 Main Street

Our operations were at capacity before the pandemic. Adding new service sites ensures that we are able to meet the needs of the community and the infrastructure for future health crises is in existence

# Emerging and Ongoing Issues

**Vancouver's DTES is a community in crisis. Issues such as the opioid crisis and gender-based violence already commonplace in the DTES were amplified by the conditions of physical distancing and enforced isolation throughout the pandemic. We are working to minimize the disproportionate impact of the pandemic in this community.**

## **Opioid crisis:**

The opioid crisis, fueled by increasing contamination of the illicit drug supply with powerful synthetic opioids, such as fentanyl, was amplified by enforced isolation and a decrease in mental health supports. DEWC staff are regularly administering Naloxone to save lives in the community, with some encountering 5+ overdoses in a shift. As part of our harm reduction efforts, we provide an

exorbitant amount of inhalation and injection harm reduction supplies daily. We also educate the public on the link between trauma and addiction and the immense traumas experienced by residents in the community, such as child abuse, Canada's sanctioned Residential School System, sexual and physical assault, and racism.

## **Increased violence and harm against women:**

Safe spaces are more important now than ever. Incidents of domestic violence have risen dramatically due to enforced isolation and the temporary closure of workplaces and schools. Many women have experienced violence at increased levels while waiting outside in line for crucial services. Sex workers are being assaulted and abused more violently. Some are taking increasingly riskier dates, they previously would have rejected, because of the

economic consequences of the pandemic. The streets at night have been quieter, less trafficked, and more dangerous for vulnerable women. Many women were displaced from DEWC's service sites due to provincial health and safety restrictions and some have not returned, which has our team worried about their wellbeing.

Some women have been neglected or mistreated by the health care system. Staff have seen several cases of infectious wounds, sepsis, or worsening injuries because they have not received proper care. In particular, St Paul's Hospital sent 3 women requiring home support to the Emergency Shelter, as well as seniors with dementia or required care well beyond our level of training.





### **New women in the community:**

DEWC staff and other community service providers are seeing an increase in the number of new faces in the neighbourhood. This is especially evident at our Emergency Shelter and new overflow shelters. Women coming to the DTES from other parts of the Lower Mainland and Canada to escape unsafe housing situations, chronic homelessness, gender-based violence, and other conditions of poverty. Staff have noted new young women, women with severe mental health issues, and several Chinese seniors who were dropped off in front of our shelters with no resources. Upon the relaxation of provincial health and safety restrictions, each shelter filled to capacity, including women seeking drop-in services, such as meals, showers and support. We anticipate an increase in the number of women seeking assistance in the DTES as Canada grapples with the pandemic and the subsequent economic recession.

### **Missing women in the Downtown Eastside:**

Between January and March 2021 we received communication on up to 8 missing women in the DTES. Majority of the reports had case files with the Vancouver Police Department. DEWC

sites are supported by posting notices in the space for everyone's knowledge and awareness. We currently do not keep regular statistics on the missing women.

### **Rise in anti-Asian hate crimes:**

During the first year of the pandemic, there was a 717% increase in anti-Asian hate crime incidents, as reported by the Vancouver Police Department. According to the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at California State University San Bernardino, Vancouver had the most reported anti-Asian hate crimes in 2020 than any other city in North America. These statistics do not include many unreported attacks and other forms of violence perpetrated on Asian seniors. DEWC's Chinese Seniors Outreach program reports that many seniors avoid leaving their homes for fear of assault and most are hesitant to make a police report if there is an occurrence. We are concerned for the lives and safety of Asian women in our city. More safe spaces are needed to ensure that women have a place to go and a community to support them.

**These issues highlight the need for ongoing community consultation, advocacy, and program development. It is very clear from the experiences of the women and staff that needs are not being met and there are crucial system changes needed for the safety and wellbeing of women in the Downtown Eastside. As an organization, we commit ourselves to increasing awareness of these systemic injustices and inequalities that contribute to women's vulnerability.**

# Programs & Services

DEWC is a trusted essential services provider with more than 40 years of experience in the community assisting women with basic needs, crisis support, and services that support long-term changes for women in need. We are a women-focused agency with programs and services developed out of demand from the women of the community, our spaces are their spaces, and we work to address the needs that they express. Because our board is elected by women of the community, and local women who use our services have voting seats on the board, we are well positioned to respond to their needs. Through our programs and services, we support a diverse population of cis and transgender women, including Indigenous women, Chinese senior women, single mothers, women with disabilities, women with addictions, and women with mental and/or physical health conditions. Over 70% of our members identify as Indigenous, affected by a multi-generational legacy of the effects of residential schools and both a history of, and day-to-day encounters with, racism.





# Drop-in Centre

Our Drop-In Centre at 302 Columbia Street has been called the living room of the organization. It's a place where women and children, seniors, and trans women can come to make connections, find comfort and support networks, and access resources to improve their situations.

The Centre has at times been restricted to a capacity of 50 people during the pandemic, including staff and volunteers. Women were forced to line-up for meals in all weather conditions and some faced theft and violence upon exiting with food. Maintaining Centre operations throughout a pandemic amidst the closure of several service providers, while also adhering to provincial health and safety restrictions, put significant strain on the organization and its staff. In the summer, the City of Vancouver expedited permits for outdoor patios on the street for restaurants throughout the city, but the same urgency was not given to social service providers. DEWC was required to advocate for a safe outdoor space for vulnerable women in the DTES. Eventually, a patio with 6 tables, 16 chairs and planters for privacy was established in front of the Centre for meals, small gatherings and activities.



At the Drop-in Centre, we provide basic needs as well as counselling, advocacy, social, educational and referral services:

- Breakfast, lunch, snacks, and dinner during programs;
- Crisis supports, counselling, and advocacy;
- First aid and harm reduction;
- Showers;
- Toilets;
- Clothing;
- Telephone and computer access;
- Secure mailing address;
- Storage of personal documents;
- Message board;
- Resource centre; and
- Social space for women to build community.





# Annual Number of Women Served at Drop In during the 2020 - 2021 Fiscal Year

## Annual Total

Meals	97,743
Internal Referrals	8,234
External Referrals	3,768
Emergency Calls	122
Police	32



# Emergency Shelters

The pandemic and the province's ever-changing health and safety restrictions have greatly affected the lives of the women and shelter staff alike. Our Emergency Shelter was required to reduce beds from 57 to 50 to adhere to physical distancing protocols. The shelter remained operational 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Two additional warming and respite locations were opened at 398 Powell Street and 265 East Hastings Street, offering 14 and 32 beds, respectively.

All 3 sites offer services, such as hot meals, art therapy workshops, haircuts, and other programming including housing services and advocacy. Indigenous women remain a majority of the demographic at the shelter, but we have seen an alarming increase in Asian women and seniors. Language and cultural barriers continue to be a challenge. Retention of frontline staff has been difficult throughout the pandemic.

- **49,886 meals served**
- **Average of 4200 meals served per month**
- **2 additional overflow shelters added 46 beds**



# Program Spotlight:

“The Specialized Services team has done wonderful work this year with new programming and the Peer Program, it’s heart-warming to see women assisting staff at the front desk and in the kitchen. These opportunities provide a sense of inclusion, trust and purpose. Marcella, Skills Development and Programming Coordinator, has brought so much joy and participation at the Shelter. Activities such as crafts, hair cuts, and health and wellness groups made a difference on the floor bringing all different women together to get to know one another in a relaxed setting.”





**“The manager of the RONA in Richmond gave me his last box of N95 masks when the pandemic first hit. They were for his staff, but he saw the panic in my face at not being able to keep my staff safe.”**

**- Vanessa McKittrick,  
Shelter Manager**



# Kitchen Program

Provide an average of  
*13,000* meals per month

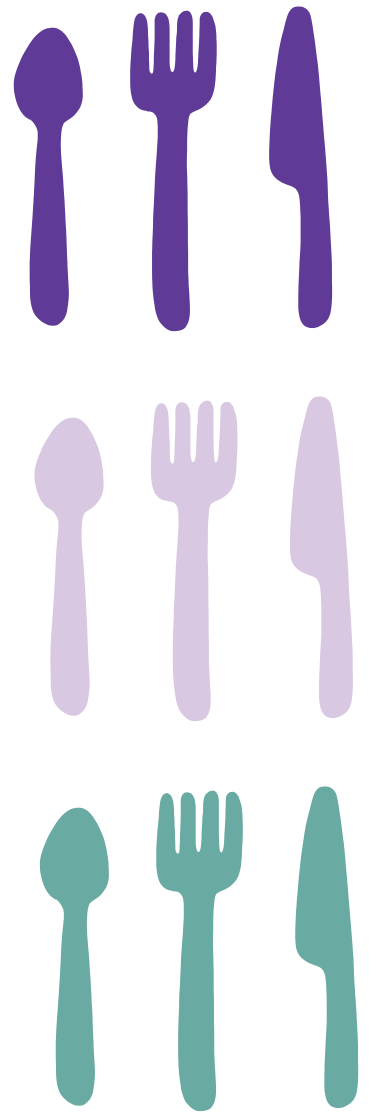
*2* additional service  
sites serving daily  
meals

DEWC serves up to 500 hot, nutritious meals each day. Oftentimes, women report that meals at DEWC are their only source of food. We strive to address food security issues in the Downtown Eastside by ensuring that meals are balanced and nutritious, always including fruits or vegetables and protein. Our meals program is the heart of our operations and the most important service we offer. Oftentimes, a hot meal is a gateway for the community's most vulnerable women to refuge, other basic needs services, and specialized services

to help improve their situation.

The kitchen team has shown incredible flexibility and creativity while working with the continual change throughout the pandemic. At the start of the pandemic, fewer meals were being served because many women were sheltering at home and/or not traveling to our service sites. Additional shelters were added to DEWC's service sites, requiring meal service delivery from the kitchen at the Drop-In Centre.

Meal formats were adjusted to include breakfast to-go bags, reheatable meals for home, and regular evening snacks for overnight periods. Over the past year, kitchen staff have developed a "health through nutrition" initiative focused on balanced meals and menu planning in consultation with the women at each site to work towards cultural inclusivity and community engagement.



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# Housing Outreach

Our Housing Outreach Program works hard to advocate for access to women's housing opportunities, decrease barriers to housing, and provide more support for women to feel empowered in the community.



The pandemic created an unexpected window of opportunity to house women. In the spring of 2020, the City of Vancouver arranged for hotels to house members of the DTES community. We also worked with other organizations that manage hotels in Vancouver and Surrey to house more women. Our team was able to house 11 women through these initiatives. They were also able to house 48 women experiencing chronic homelessness by securing permanent housing, running from market to modular housing. Our staff have noted that many women were contacting from other parts of the Lower Mainland and Canada for help with rent subsidies. Women have also been supported with housing loss prevention and accommodation for isolating if experiencing COVID-19 exposure or symptoms.

# Skills Development

DEWC's volunteers and Community Peers have shown great resilience and adaptability throughout the pandemic. New protocols were created and communicated across the organization to address the provincial health and safety restrictions. Our new Community Peer Program was created in response to the pandemic and the strain on the community and DEWC staff. Community Peers provide a low-barrier, non-judgemental bridge to DEWC's integrated services for the most vulnerable women in the community, and information to keep them safe. Volunteers and Community Peers work alongside staff to keep our service sites clean and women supplied with PPE.

We are continuing to improve our Skills Development Program to be inclusive of any woman at the centre who wants to participate. We are evaluating how to combine skills development with specialized services, including working groups where women discuss ideas for our housing, advocacy, and victims' services programs. Participants have become more open to having difficult conversations about important issues including racism, cultural sensitivity, and economic and social sustainability.

- **Over 22,000 volunteer hours contributed**
- **5,080 hours of peer work**
- **43 active volunteers/peers**
- **5 recreational events**
- **10 trainings and workshops**

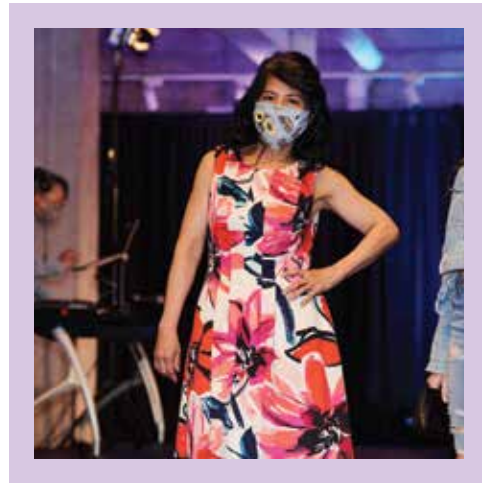
# Volunteer Spotlight



## Melina

Melinda has dedicated her time giving back to other women in the community at our Drop-in Centre. It has now been three and a half years since Melinda started volunteering for the DEWC during her first year of sobriety. She says that she loves the work and feels that she is able to give back to the community.

**“Being part of a team here taught me to be more empathetic, compassionate and understanding of others. The one thing I’ve learned over the past year is that I want people to know that no matter what obstacles come our way, we are all in this together and will get through it.” - Melinda**



## Lily

Lily is one of our amazing volunteers at the Drop-in Centre. We are thankful for her continued efforts in supporting women during the pandemic. She supports the women at the Drop-in Centre by getting food, drinks and toiletries for them. She also helps to bridge the communication gap between Chinese elders and other women at the DEWC, since many of the elders only speak Cantonese or Mandarin.

**“I choose to volunteer at DEWC because I’m familiar with everyone here and I like being here. I want everyone to feel welcome at DEWC because to me, this feels like home.” - Lily**



# Mental Health Advocacy

The Mental Health Advocacy Program provides support and advocacy to women with mental health and/or legal concerns. This includes assistance in navigating the Ministry of Children and Family Development, the Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation and/or the Residential Tenancy Office. We also assist women on issues and applications concerning the Canada Pension Plan, Old Age Security, and Guaranteed Income Supplement. This program successfully assisted 3,200 women over the past year. Our advocates continue to work with the Ministry of Social Innovation and Poverty Reduction to ensure that a liaison person is available to assist the program directly to reduce wait times.



# Cultural Programming

We adapted our cultural programming to serve our participants based on provincial health and safety guidelines throughout the pandemic. Program staff were able to deliver safe face-to-face meetings and small programs at the Drop-In Centre. Our goal was to continue promoting community engagement throughout this difficult time. Programming included weekly movie nights, bingo nights, haircuts, talking groups, and expressive art therapy.

Monthly events and workshops were created based on the women's feedback and requests, including a movie and discussion group for Black History Month, Mother's Day Pow Wow Patio Celebration, Black Heritage Walking Tour, financial literacy workshops, and Indigenous People's Day Patio Celebration.

We also hosted a number of outings; such as kayaking in False Creek; day trips to Lynn Canyon and Steveston; painting in the park; museum trips to the Museum of Vancouver and the



Imagine Van Gogh exhibit; and the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls protests at Vancouver City Hall on Red Dress Day.

- **50 events/workshops**
- **6 outings**
- **1,110 participants in attendance**
- **Over 1,200 gift/craft bags distributed**

# Indigenous Women's Projects



In February 2021, our Indigenous Women's Program position was created, bringing together the Elder's Council/Elder coordinator, Power of Women (POW) program, and creating space for additional Indigenous women's programming. Women of the Centre were consulted on their programming needs before this program was devised. In a short amount of time, this program resulted in 30 group meals, 26 workshops, and 7 events. Activities included:

- Cultural teaching workshops
- Ongoing social advocacy meet-up groups
- Creation and use of a community garden space for Indigenous and Chinese Elders
- Technology literacy workshops for Indigenous Elders
- Culturally appropriate outings
- One-on-one client meetings



# Chinese Seniors Outreach



Provincial health and safety restrictions caused a significant decrease in the number of Chinese seniors attending the Drop-In Centre. DEWC's Chinese Seniors Outreach worker provided support to seniors sheltering at home through phone calls and conference calls. Unfortunately, our weekly Community Kitchen Program was cancelled due the pandemic and loss of our external kitchen, but we plan to reinstate this program in 2022, if conditions allow.

Anti-Asian racism has been on the rise throughout Vancouver, but it is especially apparent in Chinatown and the DTES. DEWC staff have been assisting women with police reports and other supports following racist incidents. We are also working to expose this problem to the public and government funders.



# Victim Services

The Victim Services Worker assists women who are victims of crime and/or violence. This includes reporting of crime, referrals to internal and external programs and services, accompaniment to court. She also extends her support to women who are unwilling to file a police report due to mistrust of the criminal justice system. She is involved in numerous projects to raise awareness about the violence perpetrated against women in the community, particularly Indigenous women.

This year, DEWC assisted women with ongoing meetings related to the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls by providing accompaniment, advocacy and support. We also work in tandem with other organizations and social service agencies to help keep women in the community safe.



**896**  
**clients assisted**

# Events

## Herstory in Focus 2020: Inner Strength

DEWC's 5th annual Herstory in Focus was a Herstory like no other. Supporters joined us virtually to celebrate the admirable resilience and strength of the women in the DTES throughout the pandemic.

It has been a tradition to feature a fashion display, showcasing women participants and their favourite runway outfit. My Sister's Closet donated dress clothes for the women to choose from and fashion students at the Vancouver Community College gave a workshop on sewing masks. The event also featured musical performances, readings, a dance performance and drumming by a variety of community artists, including PIQSIQ, Marisa Gold, Dalannah Bowen, and Wildflower, Women of Turtle Island Drum group.

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, supporters, and silent auction donors, Herstory raised a total of \$58,368 for DEWC's Meals Program. These funds provided nutritious, hot meals, and helped to connect women to a continuum of support throughout the pandemic.





# Other Events

## Lunar New Year

The Lunar New Year is an important occasion celebrated by many East and South East Asian communities to mark the transition on the Lunar calendar. Chinese seniors and women at DEWC received red packets, folded dumplings, participated in dances, created lanterns, and enjoyed a special lunch to ring in the year of the Ox.



## International Women's Day

International Women's Day We hosted a portrait night for women at the Drop-in Centre as part of our International Women's Day events. Participants had their make-up and hair done by volunteers and enjoyed a special meal.



# Fundraising

DEWC's fundraising initiatives are mainly internal and consist of applications to government funders, corporate sponsorships, annual events, such as Herstory in Focus, and donation drives. We are contracted by all levels of government to deliver much of the programming that we do. We are assisted in fundraising by community groups, such as Community Impact Real Estate to help fund our Community Peer Program, and third-party fundraisers by community members and other supporters.

Our Drop-In Centre at 302 Columbia Street is still mostly funded through individual donors, big and small.

*- thank you!*



# Next Steps

Looking forward, our biggest priority is to create more safe space and increase services to adjust to an increase in the number of women accessing our services.

In 2020-21, we worked to identify a site for a second drop-in centre, which is now set to open at 25 East Hastings in November 2021. A Community Kitchen will be built in 2021-22 to ensure the smooth operations for the meals program at all of our service sites. We are optimistic that these new service sites will fill the gap caused by the closure of several service providers and an increase in women seeking assistance in the DTES throughout the pandemic. We are seeking more government and foundation contracts and large donors to keep the new sites open and operational. Our meals program, which is at the core of DEWC's services, is in need of more support, storage, and staffing to match our expansion to our new shelters and Drop-in centre. Once the new Drop-in centre is open, the kitchen team hopes to use the



kitchen for food-focused programming like community kitchens, cooking classes, and cultural inclusive projects. We also hope to host more food-related celebrations with our community at the shelters, such as the outdoor patio celebration we had for Indigenous Peoples Day.

Housing remains one of the main areas of need for the women in our community. Housing stock in Vancouver is disappearing, particularly in the DTES and surrounding areas. Going forward, our housing outreach team plans on collaborating with more organizations, as we do with the WISH Drop-In Centre Society in order



to provide services to more women. DEWC is also looking to acquire more safe spaces for women in need. At the time of the pandemic, we had to drastically limit the number of women allowed in the space. After the provincial health and safety guidelines were relaxed on July 1, 2022, all of the new service sites filled to capacity. We anticipate struggling with capacity issues for years to come. Due to the time spent on creating safety protocols and around disaster planning in general, we feel confident that we are much more operationally prepared for any future COVID-19 surges or public health crises. This will help minimize disruptions to services.



## Here are the next steps of some of our other programs:

- Our Chinese seniors outreach program will host more enriching workshops and events such as health, dental, budgeting and even tech workshops; continue with garden space; and create more bilingual communication tools in the Drop-in to reduce communication barriers.
- Our advocacy team, including mental health and victim services, will receive more training and focus on building stronger networks to benefit the women we serve.

# Thank you to our generous supporters and funders!

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