

SAFE FAMILIES CANADA ANNUAL REPORT 2021



Dear volunteers and supporters of Safe Families Canada,

What a blessing it has been to be a part of the Safe Families Canada (SFC) team in 2021. God has moved in incredible ways, from families being stabilized, to caring communities being formed, to the transformation taking place in our staff and volunteers as they serve. What a joy it is to share with you what God has done in Safe Families Canada in 2021 and how you have made a difference in families' lives!

Last year proved to us over and over that nothing can stop the work of God, not even a global pandemic. God continues to bring families to our doors and wrap caring community around each one. Because of this community support, we have had the pleasure of celebrating the many accomplishments of our families as they move towards their goals. Some families received custody of their children after healing and following a plan. Others were approved for refugee status after years of trauma and struggles, allowing them to settle and find a place they can truly call home. Let me not forget to mention the challenging journey of families after exiting human trafficking. It has been no small feat what these families were able to accomplish. And what is evident to me, is that God has also made a way for YOU to be a big part of these families' stories; your prayers and generosity have made it possible. From our families to yours, Thank You!

Safe Families Canada continues to tell its own story of growth in the pandemic's second year. We have seen an increase in staff, volunteers, church partnerships and we have launched another chapter! This growth is a direct result of your support to our local chapters. This has led to nearly 300 families finding the help they needed when they had no one else to call. Thank you for making the SFC vision and mission your own!

As we look forward to 2022 and all the stories awaiting us, we envision the launching of more chapters, our Safe Families church ministries flourishing and more struggling families receiving support. Additionally, we here at SFC will be celebrating an exciting milestone of our own. Safe Families Canada's 10th Anniversary in July! Please join us in celebrating all that God has done through Safe Families Canada and all that He will continue to do. We are grateful for all of your support in 2021 and look forward to your continuing support in 2022, *keeping children safe & families together*.

Many Blessings to you in 2022,

Adele-Marie Diffey
Interim Executive Director

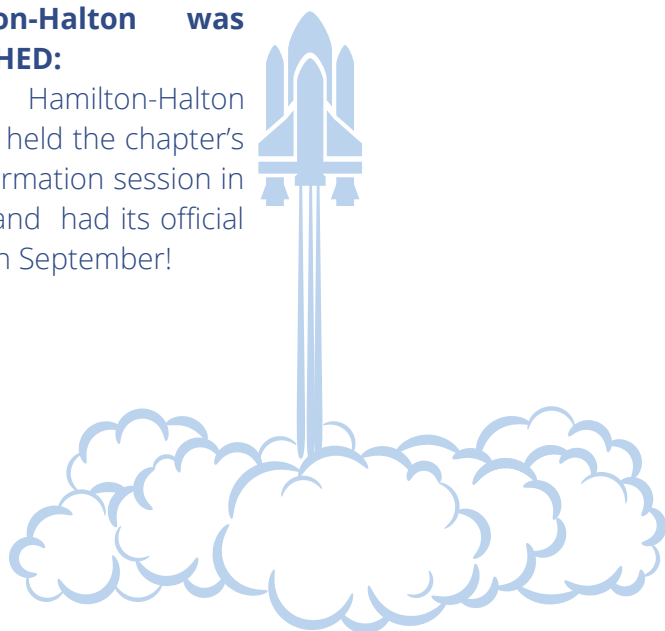
A Year In Review

See how your donations made a way for SFC to reach more families in 2021:



Hamilton-Halton was LAUNCHED:

The Hamilton-Halton Chapter held the chapter's first information session in March, and had its official launch in September!



Project grants received in 2021:

River Dali Foundation:
Kitchener-Waterloo & Cambridge Chapter

Canada Post Community Foundation:
Steinbach Chapter

Province of Manitoba, Safe at Home:
Winnipeg Chapter

Google Ads:
National Office



PLAY DAY 2021: Our goal for 2021 was \$150K and we were Ready To Play! From July to September, SFC chapters were building teams, planning PLAY DAY events and ultimately enjoying a day to play! Despite the pandemic, we came very close to our target, raising over \$132K that went directly to the work of chapters. Preparations have now begun for our next PLAY DAY taking place September 24, 2022. Join our Team!

Get Ready, Get Set, LET's PLAY!



Record Year and Year End Giving: Our fiscal year totals for 2020-21 were more than double what they were for 2019-20. And, not only did you help to blow the matching campaign out of the water, but Safe Families Canada's year end giving resulted in a record gift to families in crisis across Canada.

Giving Tuesday - \$8,823
Matching Campaign - \$185,072
Year End Giving Total - \$371,853



THANK YOU for your generosity! With additional chapters, an increase in staff, volunteers and funding, more struggling families will have a circle of support to count on.

SAFE FAMILIES STORIES:

The Ottawa chapter saw an increase of 191 hostings in 2021 for a total of 596 cumulative hostings. One of the many inspiring stories is that of a young mom who left human trafficking. She was referred by a social service agency that provides support for women and girls involved in the Canadian justice system.

Mom was pregnant and needed someone to look after her young toddler while she went into the hospital. She was matched with a Host Family who became the loving extended family this young mom could trust and rely on. They have been there for her and her children throughout all of the ups and downs in 2021 and remain committed to providing ongoing care, love and compassionate support for her children as needed.

~ Regional Director, Ottawa Chapter, Kimberly Sabourin

"It has been a privilege to be part of Safe Families Canada as a Family Friend over the past year or so. I've been guided well in how to serve with graciousness and love and have appreciated the attention to my questions to get me going.

The first family that I was matched with became attached in heart and deed, as they tried to navigate the next steps towards health and moving through trauma. What a joy to be welcomed into their lives to offer support and outings.

Recently, I met a second lovely woman reaching out for support. After our first time together she said 'I even like you'. Although that sounds *cute*, it's actually quite profound in the dynamic of connection that is so vital.

I've been learning and thanking God that He is in all that we do and say, from the *pairing* done by staff to walking alongside families in crisis even if I felt unsure if I had the right thing to offer.

I've also appreciated, and you've likely picked it up in my writing, that there is a tremendous blessing in offering up what I have and seeing God multiply it."

~ Barb, volunteer, Edmonton AB.



Share your Safe Families Story at: info@safefamilies.ca

Tell us how you have been supported, served or seen the impact of Safe Families Canada in your region. Include your Name & Chapter, and your story could be chosen to be highlighted in our local or National newsletter.

All Stories Count, All Stories Are Connected!



We're Growing



DO THE MATH!

- 10 chapters to 11
- 20 staff to 45



- 660 volunteers
- 97 partnering churches



We were able to wrap support around 276 families!

AND SO MUCH MORE!

- Chapters in Development at the end of 2021:
Brantford, ON, brantford@safefamilies.ca Guelph, ON, guelph@safefamilies.ca
Barrie-Orillia, ON, barrie-orillia@safefamilies.ca Calgary, AB, calgary@safefamilies.ca
- Brantford and Guelph set to launch in 2022!
- If you would like to consider launching a Safe Families Canada chapter near you, please contact our National Office: info@safefamilies.ca

WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE THIS WITHOUT YOU!

If you were looking to make an impact in your community in 2021, you succeeded! Your contributions to your local chapter changed families forever. You chose to support Safe Families Canada to make a difference in your community and now you have seen the impact!

Yet, there are families who will face a crisis alone in 2022. Our most vulnerable population — our children — are at risk of neglect, abuse and being separate from their families. These families are vulnerable because they do not have anyone to call for help.

Like you, Safe Families Canada understands the needs of families facing a crisis and a parent's concern for their child's care. We also know that when parents are provided with immediate support to address the issues that led to the stressful situation, they are less stressed, children are safe and there is less risk of child welfare needing to be involved.*

When you give to a Safe Families Canada chapter, the funds go directly to the operations in that region. More than 95% of our funding is used towards charitable activities in your region. Our financial policies & procedures and annual audit ensure this. Check out our *Financial Transparency* information on the *Donate* page of our website: <https://safefamiliescanada.com/donate/>.

We hope that you will continue to support Safe Families Canada in 2022 as together we continue to make a difference by *keeping children safe and families together*.

*Testa, M. F. & Budde, S. (2021). Low-cost randomised controlled trial of Safe Families for Children. Children's Home Society of America.

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- Etransfer: to accounting@safefamilies.ca, with your full name/contact information for a tax receipt
- Cheque: made out to **Safe Families Canada**, 1730 Bur Oak Ave. Bldg G, PO Box 3029, Bur Oak Post Office, Markham, ON., L6E 0J1, with your Chapter on the Memo line.

