



## Connected Every Step of the Way

### TO OUR STAKEHOLDERS

#### ANNUAL REPORT FOR OUR 13<sup>TH</sup> YEAR ENDED JUNE 30-2022 AND A PEEK AT YEAR 14

**March 2020** became a daunting start to the end of our 11<sup>th</sup> Fiscal Year as Covid 19 forced us to shut down all live programming. Thanks to Henderson Partners LLP, Kerr Street Café (KSC), and 220 generous donors, a special meals program allowed us to stay in touch with over 100 ArtHouse families with 3,500 hot weekly dinners while we adapted our skills to deliver new Virtual Programs. By July 2020 it was like a reunion as our young people once again joined us for our weekly sessions thanks to our highly skilled Instructors and Staff. Throughout that fiscal year ended June 30-2021 and into our 13<sup>th</sup> there was a combination of both Live and Virtual, and then by February of 2022 we were once again supporting our young people with on-site programming at a number of locations throughout Halton. And with the return of Camp ArtHouse at Sheridan College this summer, we are excited to be heading “Back to the Future”!

We know that many of our children and youth have struggled over these past 30 months. Family circumstances that can include the stresses of poverty, threats to work-life balance, or unemployment and single parent upbringing were elevated by the presence of covid. ArtHouse was there when we could be and as we exit the pandemic, we believe our Case for the Arts has never been stronger. But ArtHouse has also been faced with new challenges – as our 13<sup>th</sup> Fiscal Year came to a close, it was evident that donor fatigue, inflation, increasing interest rates and a war was putting a grip around charitable giving.

Our Vision 2025 Strategic Plan, approved by our Board in June 2022 settled on two important program mandates; first, go to the greatest need; our subsidized communities and hubs and do it as compassionately as possible, and secondly, continue to support our many wonderful Agencies and their program needs in the most cost-efficient manner.

Our third goal is to ensure our longer-term financial sustainability with a request to our generous supporters to consider multi-year gifts. We are pleased with the results to date and are grateful to all who continue to support our work.

We are very proud of our growth over the past 13 years – and although we faced a “wall” in early 2020, we believe in the power of the Arts – they are crucial to our mental well-being. With the support of our highly experienced staff, instructors and volunteers, our young people can build their confidence, develop leadership and teamwork skills and learn to adapt in the face of adversity. We are also determined to provide them with the tools to dream, and to be socially and emotionally prepared to embrace the many choices that can propel them through our exciting 21st century.

This past year Team ArtHouse witnessed some changes; Taylor Meneghini welcomed baby Liv into the world, Tracey Ohata and her family left for the U.S. to start their new life in Sarasota, Florida, Instructor Steven Botelho joined us as a full time Staff member and Gemma Hagerman celebrated her 10<sup>th</sup> year with ArtHouse. We also welcomed Lori Lafreniere as our Finance Manager. I can’t thank them enough for their care and dedication to our young people and their families.

I am also especially grateful to our Board Members, each of whom has provided sound stewardship, particularly over these past 2 ½ years. They too are passionate, enthusiastic and fully dedicated to our mission – thank you all!

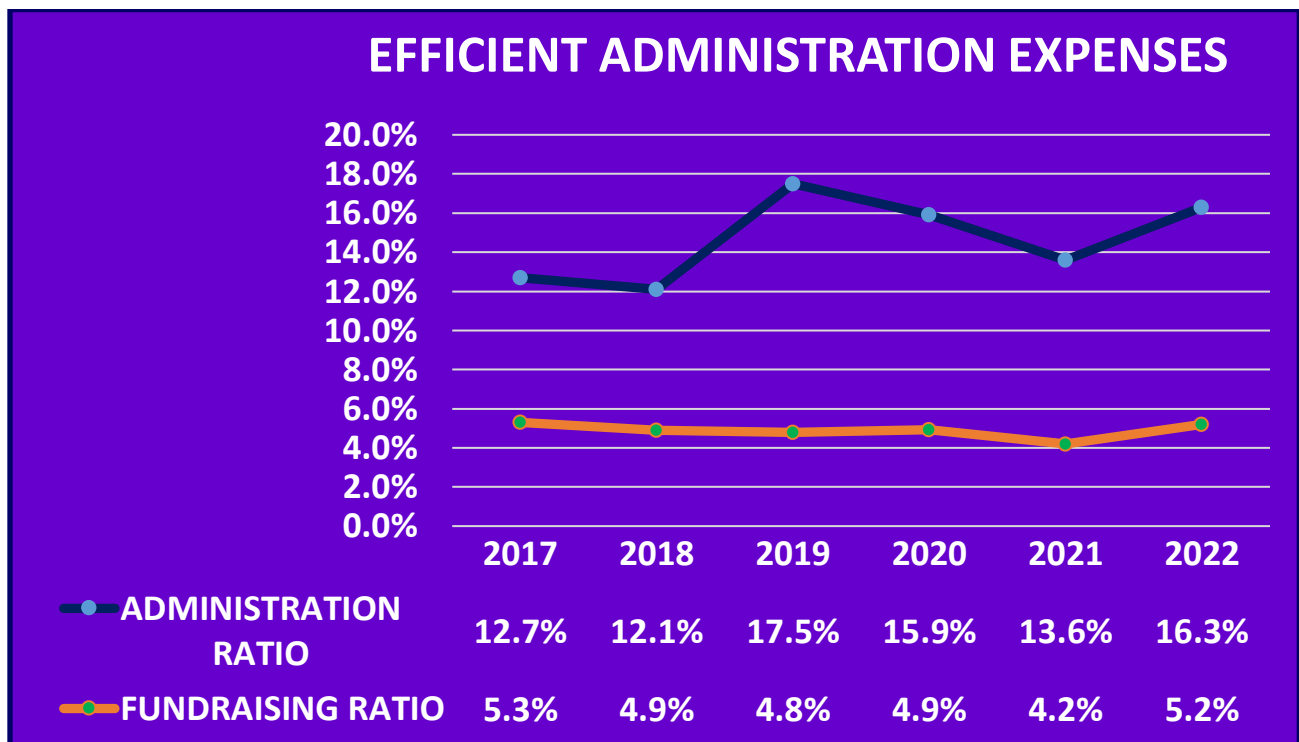
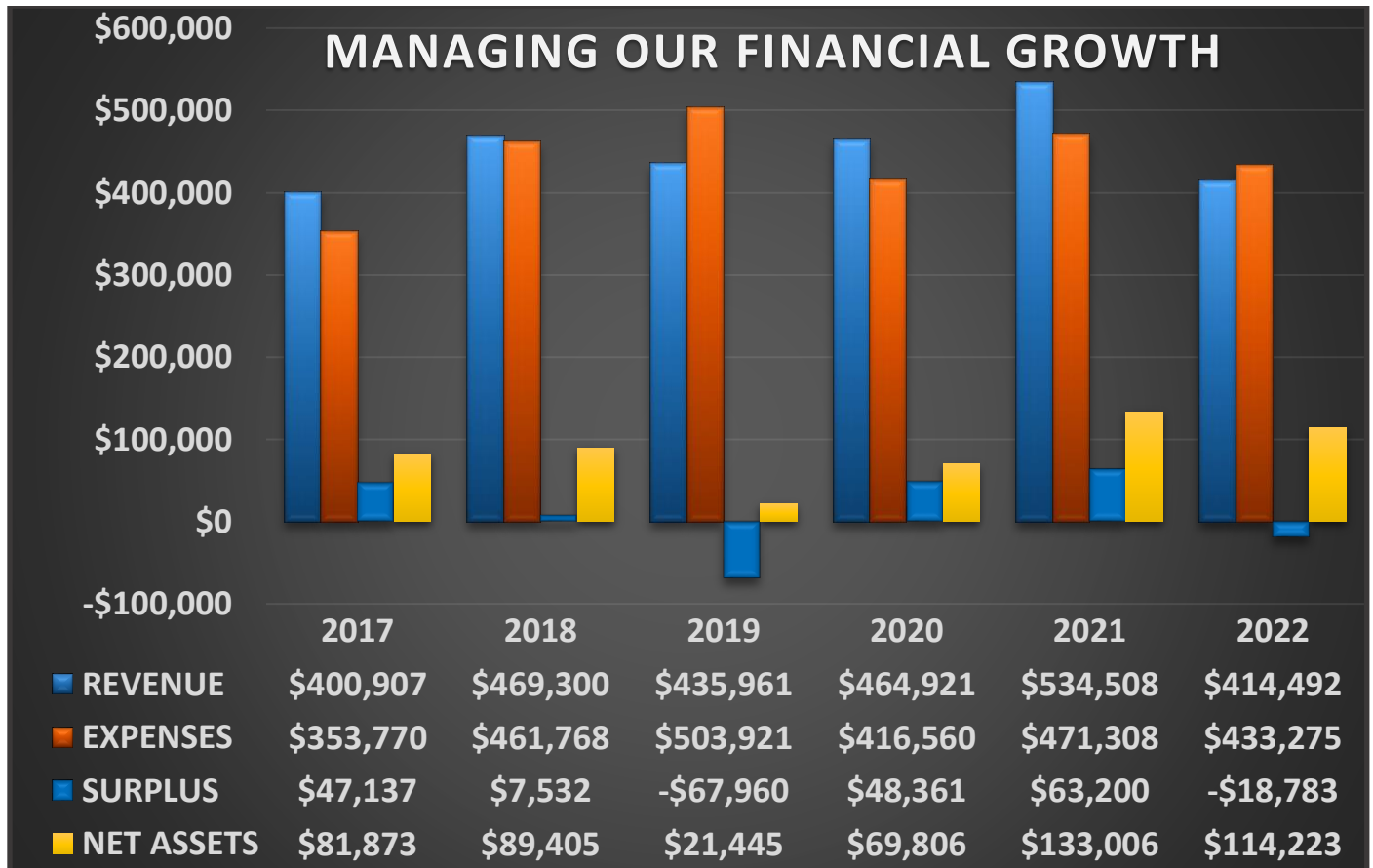
We are very pleased to share some Year 13 Highlights and Charts with you. We are honoured to be Accredited by Imagine Canada ensuring that we continue to set the highest standards of Governance - financially, operationally and strategically.

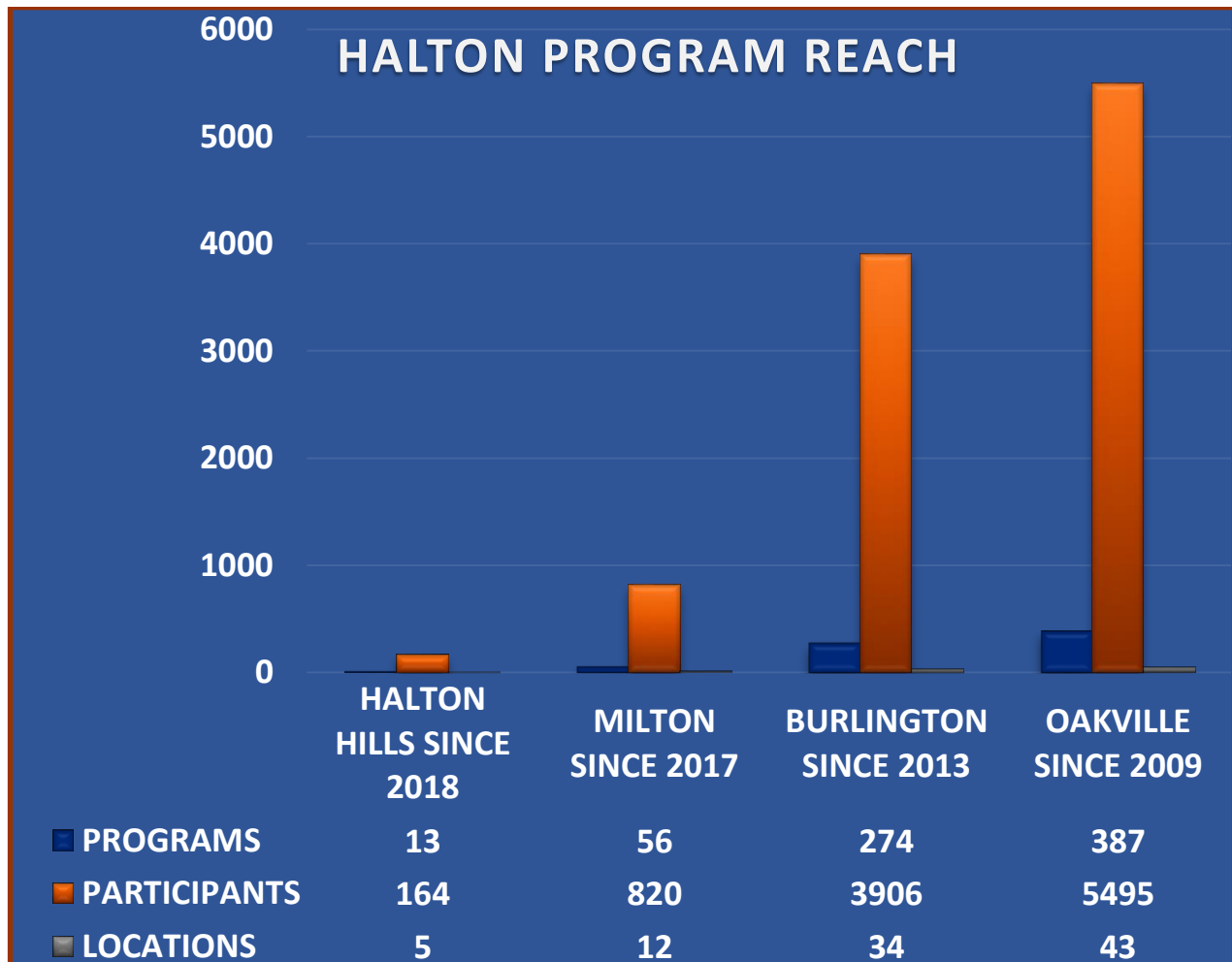
Sincerely, Don Pangman, Founder and Executive Director

## HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30-2022

- We provided 53 Free Programs at 16 Locations throughout Halton engaging 610 children and youth
- We developed an even stronger focus on our Neighbourhood and Community Hub Programs
- We continued to enhance our Agency Program Partnerships with ROCK, CAS and HMC, the HDSB and the HRPS
- We launched Pathways to Possibilities – arts-based programs and career exploration workshops
- We strengthened our partnership with Sheridan College and their Youth Amplified Program
- We upgraded our Impact Analysis with a fully revitalized Outcome Measurement process

Financially, Fiscal 2022 was impacted by significantly lower Federal Covid Emergency Funding and an unsteady economy which affected giving choices.





**WE MAY BE THEIR ONLY ROLE MODEL**

“I HAVE LEARNED THAT IT’S OKAY TO MAKE MISTAKES.”

“STEVEN’S CALM, KIND PRESENCE SETTLES THE STUDENTS AND THEY RESPOND SO POSITIVELY TO HIM.” ROCK PROGRAM (ABERDEEN HOUSE)

“THE INSTRUCTOR IS AMAZING! I CAN RELATE TO HIM AS HE SPEAKS ABOUT HIS ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION.”

“WE KNOW ARTHOUSE WILL FOREVER BE A PART OF OUR CHILDRENS LIFE STORY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE TIME WHEN WE CAN GIVE BACK TO ARTHOUSE SO THEY CAN SUPPORT OTHER FAMILIES.”

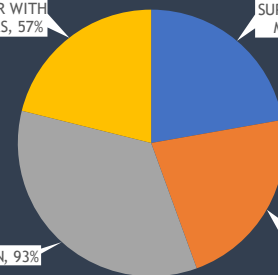
**WE ASKED OUR KIDS:  
WHAT COMES TO MIND WHEN YOU THINK OF ARTHOUSE?**

I'M WORKING BETTER WITH OTHERS, 57%

THEY ARE SUPPORTING ME, 60%

IT'S FUN, 93%

I'M BEING LISTENED TO, 60%



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