

2023 Annual Report – Somali Community in Hamilton

About Us

The Somali Community in Hamilton is a charitable organization committed to supporting low-income youth, underserved families, and newcomers. Through our sports, recreation, and mentorship programs, we strive to build stronger, healthier communities where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

Mission: Education, counseling, and support for Somali immigrants and refugees in Canada.

Vision: Building a resilient community with accessible resources.

Values: Inclusion, Equality, Justice, Health, and Diversity.

Programs and Activities

In 2023, we continued to grow our impact through the following programs and services:

- **Youth Programs:** Engaging more than 300 youth in after-school and weekend recreational activities, mentorship, and skill development.
- **Social Services:** Supported over 100 families with essential social services, including translation assistance, housing, and citizenship services.
- **Employment and Education:** Assisted more than 150 youth with employment opportunities, housing support, and access to education.
- **Senior Support:** Expanded our digital engagement and social support initiatives for Somali seniors.
- **Recreational Activities:** Weekly soccer, basketball, and anti-hate initiatives continued to foster community engagement.
- **Kids Eid Party:** This year, we hosted our largest Kids Eid Party, with over 500 families coming together to celebrate in a joyful, safe space.

Impact and Achievements

In 2023, the Somali Community in Hamilton made a significant difference in the lives of youth and families. Our accomplishments include:

- Supporting **over 100 families** with social services and translation assistance.
- Helping **150+ youth** secure employment, housing, and educational opportunities.
- Providing **recreational programs** to more than **300 youth** through sports and community activities.
- Hosting a successful **Kids Eid Party** that saw participation from over **500 families**.

Financial Health		
Statement of Income and Expenses		
For the year ending December 31, 2023		
	2022	2023
REVENUE		
Revenue – Offerings	\$3,500	\$603
Revenue – Grants	\$36,500	\$119,220
Total Revenue	\$40,000	\$119,823
EXPENSES		
Advertisement	-	\$1,000
Meals and Entertainment	\$100	\$742
Business Licenses and Permits	-	\$1,000
Interest and Bank Charges	\$420	-
Office Supplies	\$501	\$4,465
Professional Fees	\$839	\$2,846
Supplies	-	\$34,468
Rental Equipment	-	\$11,132
Salaries and Wages	-	\$23,832
Subcontractors	-	\$4,050
Occupancy Costs	\$10,600	\$10,136
Utilities	\$1,508	\$1,273
Travel and Telecommunication	\$3,500	\$222
Total Expenses	\$17,468	\$95,166
Net Income (Loss)	\$22,532	\$24,657
Opening Retained Earnings	\$39,138	\$16,606
Closing Retained Earnings	\$16,606	\$8,051

Testimonials

"The Somali Community in Hamilton gave me the support I needed to find a job and access housing. Their programs have truly made a difference in my life."

— **Ahmed S.**, Youth Program Participant

"The Kids Eid Party is a highlight for my family each year. It's a day filled with joy and celebration, bringing the community together in such a meaningful way."

— **Fatima A.**, Community Member

"As a senior, I value the programs offered by the Somali Community in Hamilton. They help me stay connected to my culture and my community."

— **Abdirahman O.**, Senior Program Participant