

ANNUAL REPORT

2025-2026



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MESSAGE FROM KARI SIMPSON, CEO

For 44 years, East Wellington Community Services has been proud to serve our community, continually adapting to meet changing needs with compassion and care. Over the past year, we have seen a significant rise in demand across our programs. Food Bank usage increased by 28.75%, while Outreach services grew by 30% – clear indicators of the increasing number of individuals and families facing food and income insecurity, mental health and substance use challenges, and/or housing instability.

Demand has also remained high for our Transportation and Adult Day Services. Clients are presenting with more complex care needs, requiring access to specialized medical appointments beyond our region. At the same time, caregivers are increasingly relying on in-home supports and our Adult Day Program to provide critical respite, helping them maintain their own well-being while continuing to care for their loved ones.

Responding to this level of need requires both dedication and adaptability. Throughout the year, our staff and volunteers have demonstrated remarkable resilience, compassion, and professionalism – working tirelessly to ensure that every individual who connects with East Wellington Community Services is supported with dignity and respect.

Our ability to meet these challenges is made possible through strong leadership and community support. The guidance of our Board of Directors, combined with the ongoing engagement of partners, donors, and community members, ensures that we can continue to respond where the need is greatest and deliver meaningful impact.

Together, we are strengthening the well-being of our community and building a more connected and supportive future for all.

PROGRAM STATISTICS



Older Adult Services

2643 Visits to the programs



Food Bank

Served 318 individuals. 1/3 of clients are children



Transportation Program

3382 rides, 107 individuals served



Community Outreach

198 Individuals served



Youth Services

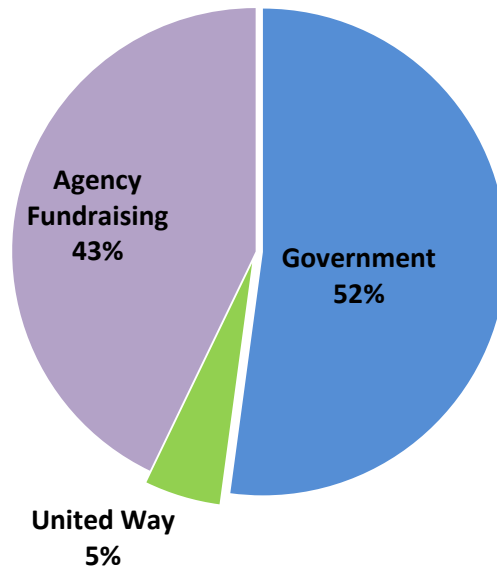
1625 visits and activities at the Centre



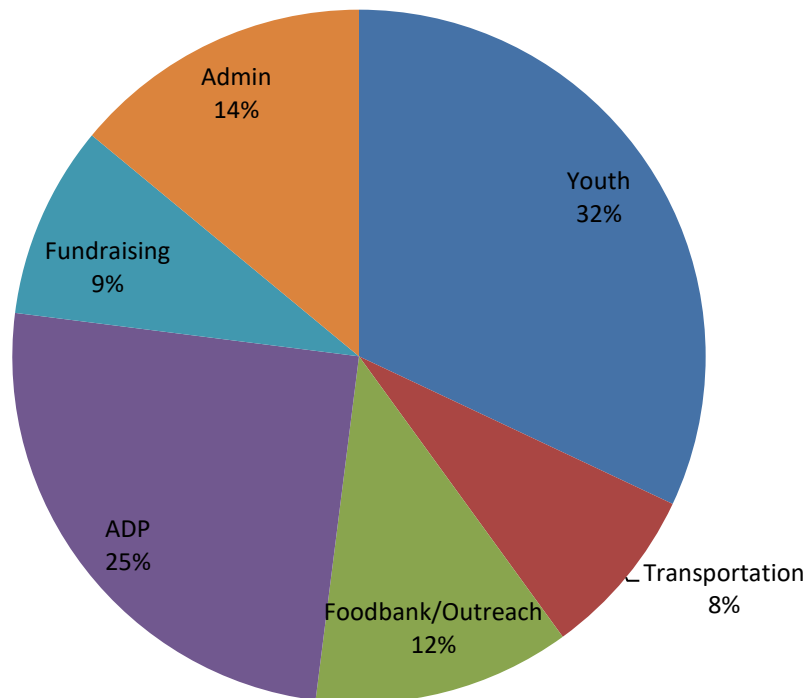
Volunteer Program

113 volunteers, contributing 8468 hours

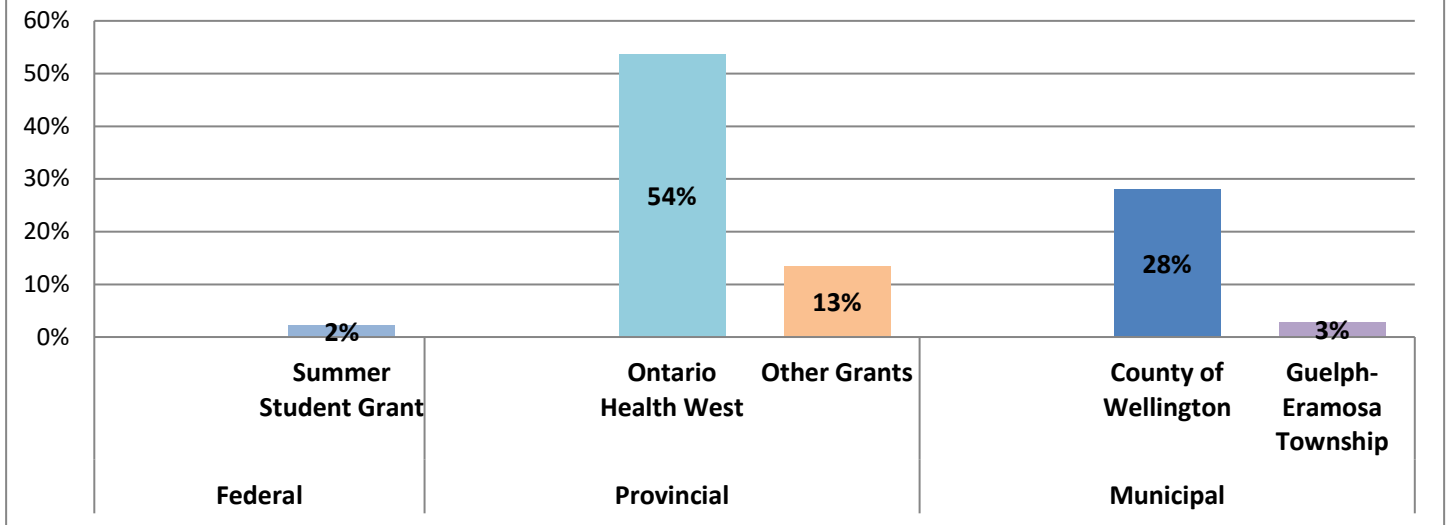
2025-2026 EWCS Income



2025-2026 EWCS Expense by Program



EWCS 2025-2026 Government Funding



Client Testimonials

Outreach:

I was homeless again, with nowhere to go. Thankfully, I was able to get support from EWCS, and they were able to place me in a hotel for the winter months. I was especially grateful because last winter was really hard and I could not imagine sleeping outdoors in all that snow.

My worker checked on me regularly and worked closely with me to help find a place of my own. Finally, I was able to move into my own place in March.

I am so happy that I no longer have to worry about where I am going to sleep at night. As I get older, life on the streets has become even harder, and my body just can't keep up with the challenges of being homeless anymore. Now I am safe, stable, and no longer have to live with that constant worry.

Food Bank:

I used to be one of the people donating to EWCS food drives, and now I am a client myself. I never imagined this would happen in my life.

My husband left me and the kids with nothing, and we have had to start from scratch all over again. It has been incredibly hard, but I am so thankful for the staff at EWCS. They have never judged me when I walk through the door. Instead, they make me feel cared for, supported, and valued.

There have been times when I have come in overwhelmed and in tears, and they have welcomed me with kindness and even a big hug. Their compassion and support have helped me through some of the hardest moments in my life. I am truly grateful they have been there for me and my children during these difficult times.

A YEAR IN REVIEW

