



SAFE 'N SOUND

“The Space”

SOME BACKGROUND

- The Space was opened in 2007 by a group of concerned individuals after the Salvation Army shelter had closed.
- Approximately 60% of our funding is community based



SAFE 'N SOUND RESIDENCE



Our Vision:

Provide Safety and Support to the homeless and those living in poverty.

Our Mission :

To feed the Hungry;
To provide Shelter for the homeless;
To provide hope to the hopeless;
To support people seeking health, wellness, and belonging.

Our Values:

We value the inherent dignity of all people and accept people where they are at without judgement.

THE “GO TO” ORGANIZATION

Expanding Partnerships

Addictions:

- OATC; Public Health, Withdrawal Management, CMHA Grey-Bruce (Hope Grey Bruce)

Food Security:

- Alliance Church, Calvary Church, Unsong, Sons of Elohim, Seasons Retirement Home, Summit Place, local restaurants and private community members.

Donations:

- Financial and Non-financial contributors
- For example, the Berea Lutheran Hats and Mats Project in Goderich – they provide sleeping mats made out of recycled milk bags!

WHY ARE WE “THE SPACE”?

Safe ‘N Sound is known as “The Space” because of the safe and inclusive environment it fosters.

At The Space we aim to provide services that are;

- Non-judgemental
- Accessible
- Inclusive
- LGBTQ2 S safe.
- Secure
- Respectful
- Non-Punitive

PROGRAMS

Various programs are offered throughout the week by Safe 'N Sound or supporting partnering agencies. Some of these programs include;

- Clean Needle Exchange (1 of 2 sites in Owen Sound)
- Transitional Housing Support Program
- Harm Reduction Program in partnership with Public Health
- Foot Clinic
- Quarterly Immunization Clinic
- Creative Art Program
- Weekly Saturday Evening Soup Kitchen – provided by Calvary Church
- Bi - Weekly Sunday Lunch - Eat in or Take Home provided by Unsong
- Monthly Sunday Dinner – provided by B'nai Elohim Church

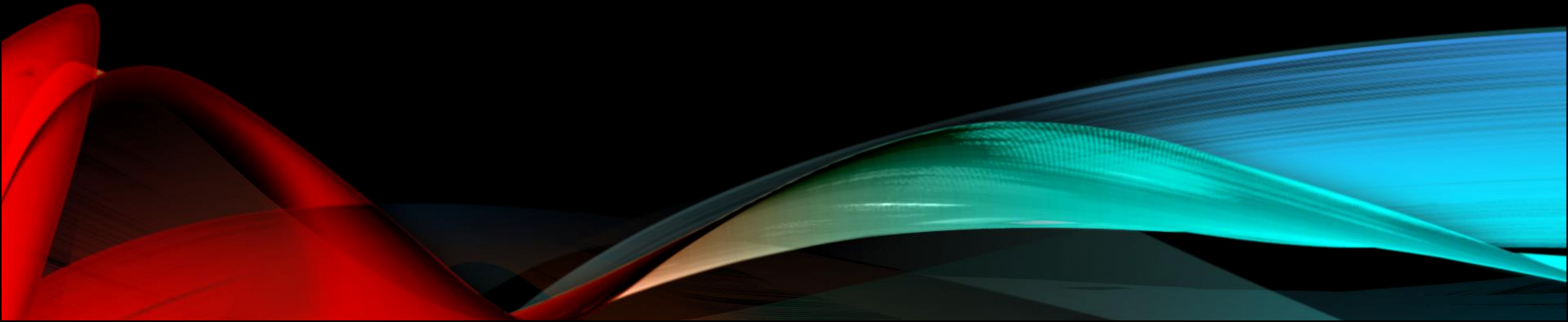
- **After Hours Emergency Shelter Service**
 - in partnership with the Y Housing Program
- **Advocacy Line**
 - offering support, information about an individual's rights as a tenant and referrals
- **Resettlement Services**
 - to assist those leaving an institution (jail, hospital, crown ward ship) to return to tenancy and reconnect with the community.
- **Day to Day Living Support**
 - Showers, resource support, crisis intervention, de-escalation and stabilization services.
 - Access to computer and telephone services
 - Assistance with basic life skills, support, referral and advocacy
 - Access to emergency food, clothing and furniture.
- **Employment Program**
 - ODSP Employment Support Services in partnership with Bruce Grey Shores Employment Services

EVENTS

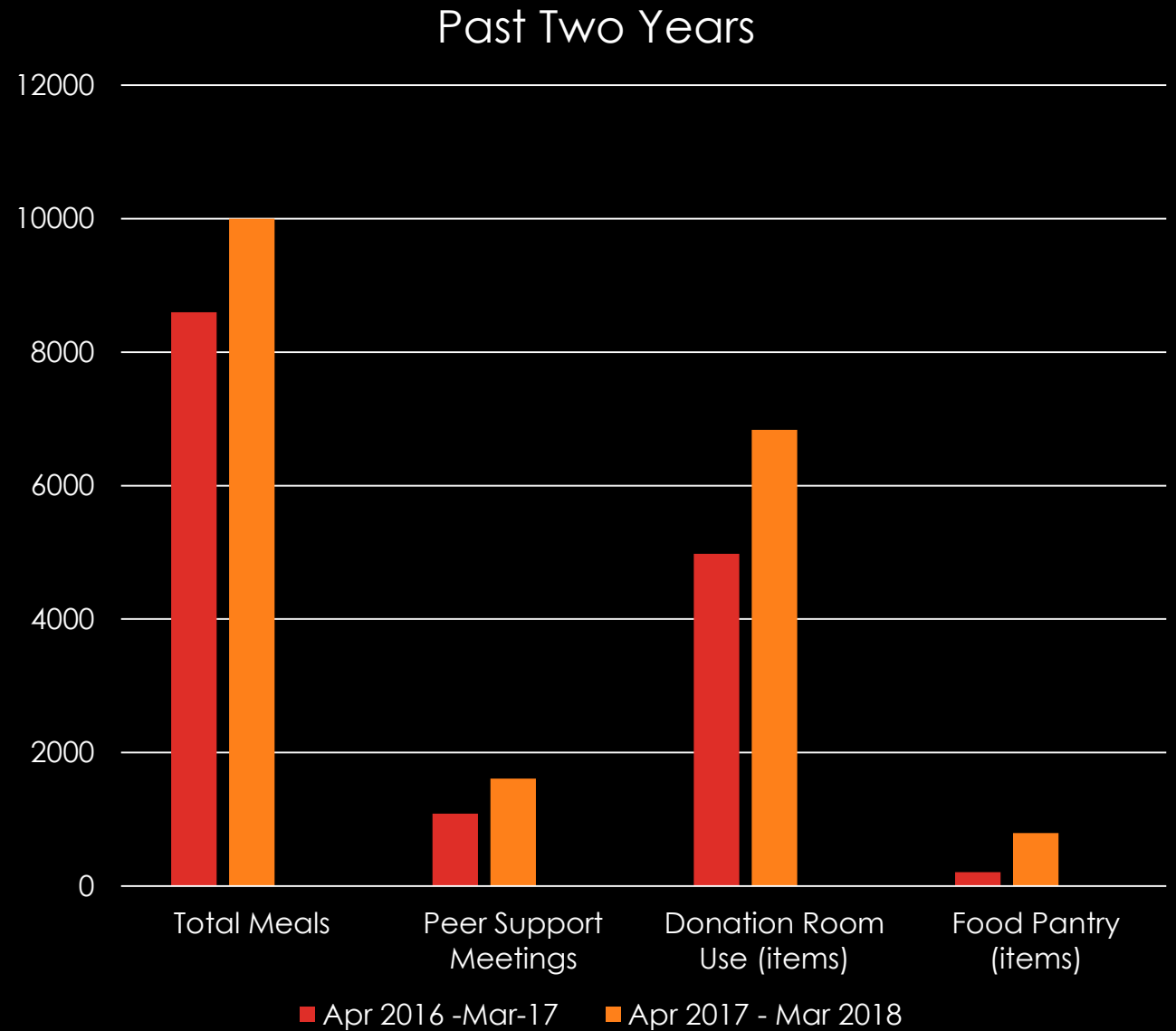
- Community Networking:
 - Annual Winter Coat Giveaway
 - February Soup Market Fundraiser
 - Information Nights & Social
 - Christmas and Thanksgiving Dinners
 - Annual General Meetings
 - Play-A-Round for Safe 'N Sound



POVERTY IN GREY-BRUCE

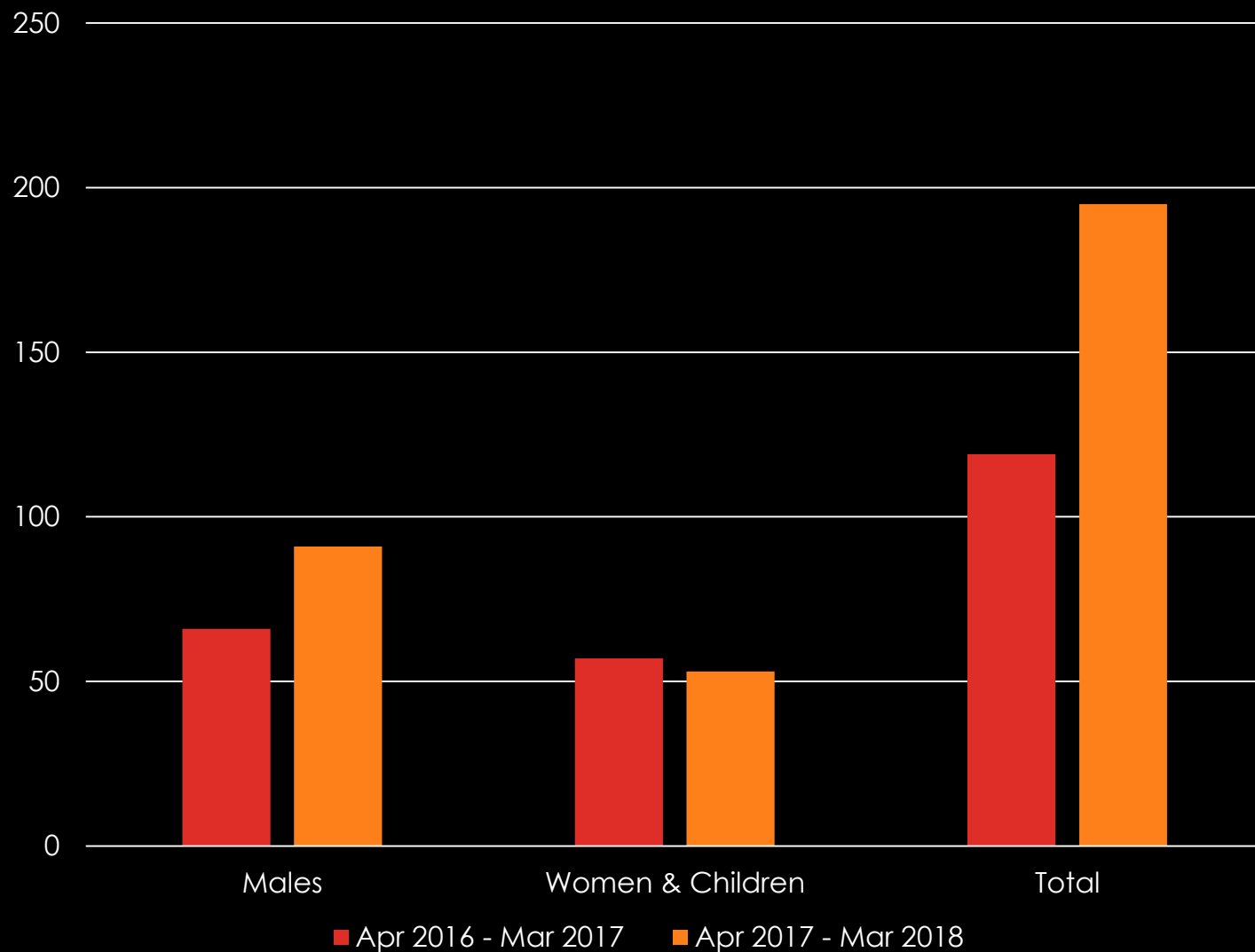


Participants are asked to sign in for data collection purposes . However – an average of 20 people a day do not sign in and to take into consideration this number it would show our yearly meals being closer to 10,000 and rising.



There has been a continuous increase in service users. Individuals and families move to Grey-Bruce from larger cities with the belief that there is shorter waiting times and easier access to employment and safe housing.

Emergency After Hours – Crisis Housing Program



SAFE 'N SOUND – Transitional Housing Support Program

Pilot Project began in May 2016

Our Belief is that Homelessness and living in Poverty are not life choices. The Safe 'n Sound Residence Support Program is committed to providing Stable Housing without further Government or Private Donations. Services are based upon direct input and contributions of the Participants.

Engaging Participants Matters

- Bi – Monthly Meetings with Program Coordinator;
- 4 Hours of voluntarism per week in Maintenance of the Residence or at The Space.
- Promoting positive interaction among participants

THSP UPDATE

14 People provided Residence at an all inclusive fee equal to the housing allowance established by Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program or 30% of income between May 2016 and October 2017;

- 1 Participant completed CGEP
- 1 Participant completed Young Drivers Course
- 2 Participants have been accepted in to College programs
- 3 Participants moved from the Program with employment and housing
- 11 Participants have chosen to live in a Drug & Alcohol Free environment.
- 3 Participants returned to homelessness and addictions

HOW WE OPERATE

- Safe 'N Sound relies on the support of approximately 45 volunteers
- Currently The Space employs :
 - 1 Full Time Staff
 - 6 Part Time Staff (kitchen coordinator, transition housing worker, maintenance etc)
- In order to move our program forward effectively The Space should see an increase of two more full time positions with one dedicated to the Transitional Housing Support Program.

Strategic Commitments:



- 1) Expand the Safe 'n Sound Transitional Housing Support Program;
- 2) Strengthen Financial Capacity;
- 3) Provide leadership in addressing Homelessness in Grey and Bruce Counties;
- 4) Expand Staffing to better meet the identified needs of the Participants;

