

<p>360 Stand</p>	<p>“Making a Difference” is a 10 module-training program to help organizations/associations create safe environments for children and youth. It provides policies, strategies, prevention, and awareness, and a step-by-step plan for reducing the risk of child/youth abuse, encouraging organizations/associations to take a proactive, participatory role in protecting children/youth in their care.</p>
<p>Ability New Brunswick Inc. Capacité Nouveau-Brunswick</p>	<p>Ability NB’s project is to increase the capacity of Para NB – Sport & Recreation Equipment Loan Service, a lending bank of adapted recreation equipment, to provide specialized equipment for individuals in the Greater Saint John area with a physical disability at no charge to participate in para sport activities.</p>
<p>Boys and Girls Club of Saint John, Inc.</p>	<p>SJBGC is piloting an outdoor education day camp called Grand Bay-Westfield Survival Camp in partnership with Hammond River Survival Camp. Under our operation, we will use their program curriculum and leadership training to expand services to the Greater Saint John community.</p>
<p>Crescent Valley Resource Centre Inc.</p>	<p>The CV literacy project comprises three innovative community-based literacy components for CV and Anglin Drive residents: Book and movie review events for youth - Engage youth in reading novels and watching corresponding movie. (Connect ideas in the movies / novels to issues in their own lives.) Family board game events - board games, card games or drawing / craft activities. (Work with families to encourage and demonstrate family literacy skills.) Reading Buddies After-School Club - Children read to younger or less skilled readers and discuss stories.</p>
<p>Crescent Valley Resource Centre Inc.</p>	<p>The CV Food Security project comprises three innovative community-based components for CV and Anglin Drive residents, open to others from the priority neighbourhoods. Kitchen Garden – To provide the opportunity for growing a simple container garden with root or salad vegetables and herbs. Stirring the Pot – encourage participants to discover and become comfortable with cooking a variety of vegetables, soups, beans, healthy snacks and more. What’s Cooking - for children aged 10-12 and their parent /guardian.</p>
<p>Elizabeth Fry Society of Saint John NB Inc.</p>	<p>EFry with ONE Change will offer a 20-week project, Celebrate Me!! Girls Making Positive Choices for Self and Community, teaching girls, ages 9 to 11.</p>
<p>Fresh Start Services for Women Inc.</p>	<p>Fresh Start helps women and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Fresh Start often encounters problems with bed bugs. Without appropriate treatment, fumigation, remediation, furniture replacement and follow up, the problem reoccurs. There is no coordinated approach to bed bug problems in Saint John. This project will gather information and build capacity to combat this problem.</p>
<p>Gentle Path Counselling Services, Ltd.</p>	<p>The Caregiver project consists of Educational Sessions made available to those caring for individuals with chronic illness or disease.</p>
<p>Housing Alternatives Inc.</p>	<p>Housing Alternatives operates a rapid rehousing program called the Organized Departure Program. The program targets those who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness, transitions these individuals into safe and affordable homes, provides targeted follow up for up to two years, and brokers services and supports based on participant needs.</p>
<p>Housing Alternatives Inc.</p>	<p>Housing Alternatives' Housing First Saint John program targets the hardest to house and most chronically homelessness individuals in our community. We do this by immediately removing someone from their homeless situation, giving them a safe and affordable home through rent supplements provided by NB Housing, and providing wrap-around in-home clinical support to promote long-term health and stability.</p>

Imperial Theatre Inc.

The Intergenerational Programming offers an opportunity for youth and seniors from priority neighborhoods to connect through performances. In our 2017-18 season we will provide sponsored tickets, transportation and a reception for invited individuals to attend four performances together.

InterAction Children's Theatre Co Inc.

InterAction offers Summer Programs for children and youth in the greater Saint John area. This project would allow 75 children/youth from the priority neighbourhood schools an opportunity to take part in arts based programs in music, dance, theatre, film, and other creative sessions.

Nature Conservancy of Canada

The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) will pilot a program to help youth reconnect with nature. These events encourage teens to escape the city and learn about nature and conservation while hiking through NCC's beautiful nature reserves in the Saint John Area.

The ONE Change Inc.

The pilot project Art Day Camp for Seniors and their Home Care Providers will establish the future potential of an ongoing art/recreational/hobby venue for individuals who require a Care Giver while still residing inside their home.

Outflow Ministry

Outflow will operate a rapid rehousing project (RRH) for clients of our shelter. This is a multi-step project. One is to build relationships with landlords to ensure available units for clients. Two is to work with clients to assist them in finding an apartment. Three is regular follow-up with clients.

Outward Bound Canada

We are poised to deliver OBC's transformative programming experiences in NB through our Youth Wilderness Leadership Program for underserved, Indigenous and newcomer youth. Our intent in expanding our capacity to deliver this innovative program to NB youth is to: broaden access to our programs; share knowledge, and resources; and, train local practitioners within youth serving agencies or educational organizations in how they can implement the program themselves in their communities.

Partners for Youth Inc.

Our "Road Map" career development program is uniquely designed to engage at risk and homeless youth in career development. The program will be a transitional, intensive, educational, employment support and housing program for homeless youth from ages 16 to 19. A significant component of the Safe Harbour House initiative is involving resident youth in career development and post-secondary education exploration.

Portage Atlantic

Portage Atlantic (PA) Aftercare staff actively work on networking with community organizations to ensure that successful rehabilitation endures. In keeping with the Portage model, the group utilizes principles of positive peer support and self-help. The Aftercare program supports these youth for a period of two years.

Saint John Community Loan Fund Inc.

Our project is to create a new Centre for Social and Micro Enterprise within the Hub. This will include adding value to our existing programming by completing a best practice manual for Enterprising Women and testing with our next intake; establishing an enterprise resource centre; and providing collaborative space for individuals to sit and work while receiving just-in-time mentorship and guidance from our Enterprise Development Officer.

Saint John Women's Empowerment Network

This project will see low income women trained in facilitation, community development skills which may lead to employment and an effective poverty awareness tool will be shared widely in the community. The Women's Empowerment Network designed an experiential workshop with graduates of our POWER UP! Program that is rooted in the real life experiences of men and women living in priority neighbourhoods.

The Air Cadet League of Canada, 527 Simonds Squadron	527 Simonds offers free leadership, band, flying, biathlon, and marksmanship training to youth aged 12-18 regardless of citizenship or socio-economic background. Our project will provide youth access to band instruments as not all those who participate in band can afford to purchase or access instruments.
The Family Resource Centre (SJ) Inc.	The BEST partners are running a series of programs and activities focused on mental wellness and resilience in parents/caregivers and children 0-5. These are the very skills where children entering kindergarten in Saint John's urban core are struggling.
The ONE Change Inc.	ONE Change provides a Community Lunch Program weekly to residents in the Neighbourhood. We also provide emergency food packages to residents when they are unable to access the Food Bank. Our programs provide lunch to our After School Program participants and snacks to kids participating in our Believe and Achieve Evening programs through our Junior Chefs program.
The ONE Change Inc.	ONE Change is starting a program for students to save for post-secondary through a partnership between business and community. Local business partners who will host an internship for 10 weeks over the summer months. Employers commit for a 2 year period. Students in grade 10/11 will participate. Upon completion of the placement, the employer makes a \$2500 contribution to a scholarship fund in the student's name. Upon completion of the 2 year project students will have \$5,000 for post-secondary education.
The Saint John Theatre Company Inc.	The SJTC Theatre On the Road program allows the SJTC to deliver curriculum relevant programming at no cost to schools or individual students.
Town of Hampton	The Fit Over 50 Series Program is a free regionally delivered active living program designed by and for individuals ages 50 and up in the Greater Hampton Region.
YMCA of Greater Saint John, Inc.	The membership project will implement, monitor and evaluate participation in a pilot project that provides 40 grade 5 students with access to Y programs and services. This age was selected because they are old enough to come to the Y without a parent and young enough to have health, wellness and social activities become a habitual practice.
YMCA of Greater Saint John, Inc.	The Rainbows Program is an international program that fosters emotional healing among children and youth grieving a loss or a life-altering crisis. The program provides peer support for individuals dealing with death, divorce or any other painful family transition or crisis.
YMCA of Greater Saint John, Inc.	The leadership project is an 8 week learning project for participants of various generations. In this environment the young can learn from their elders and vice versa. The program will include topics such as technology, culinary arts, recreation, outdoor pursuits and finance. Youth from the Y's Leadership Program, adult members and seniors from local care facilities will be the participants in the program.
YMCA of Greater Saint John, Inc.	Inclusive Camp is designed to give every camper a positive camp experience regardless of their ability. Each camper is carefully cared for by a one-on-one counsellor allowing them to participate with their peers at their own pace. We plan to pilot the project at the Millidgeville Community Centre to help us meet the needs of the Greater Saint John community.
Youth Enhancement Program, Inc.	We support the Nutrition programs at HWSF including breakfast, lunch, snacks. We will provide "backpacks" of emergency food for families in need.

2017 Youth Vital Signs Grant Recipients

Belleisle Regional High School

The idea is to create a solar greenhouse to maintain a year-round growing season by harnessing and storing the renewable energy source of the sun via a subterranean heating and cooling system (SHCS) and other thermal mass storage options. Today, students are disconnected from nature and need to be taught simple life skills necessary to build an appreciation for the environment in which we live and teach our young people the responsibility of being good stewards of our lands.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Saint John, Inc.

The Teen Mentoring Project involves "cross-age peer mentoring" where older youth mentor younger students. The project focuses on the relationships between mentors and mentees as the main mechanism by which mentees develop in the areas of self-esteem, connectedness, identity and academic attitudes. In the relationship, the mentor provides guidance, support, attention and caring over an extended period of time. Mentoring can be used as a means of guiding youth by role modelling or teaching behaviors and skills.

Boys and Girls Club of Saint John, Inc.

Mighty Tides will be a social enterprise led by high school students that sells products and clothing showcasing a "Maritime-inspired" logo developed by our youth. We are encouraging our youth to explore their creative & entrepreneurial talents and share them with our community.

Brilliant Labs Inc.

Maker Education is driven by authentic, experiential, hands-on, youth-focused, group-and project-based learning using technologies like 3D printing, kid-friendly coding, robotics, drones, video, etc. GetConnected honours our country's rich history of invention and through the establishment of two, youth-focused and -led, community based, permanent and sustainable 'Makerspaces': specially equipped spaces to connect, engage, inspire and educate youth to safely create, innovate and learn through projects, using technologies, equipment, tools, materials and supplies in new and different ways!

Harbour View High School

We will create a peaceful greenspace; an inviting place for students to eat lunch, hangout and also where teachers can bring students during class time to work. The new green space will consist of picnic tables, an awning, raised garden beds and benches. Additionally, we will establish a garden extension which will include fruit trees, vegetables, and a commemorative red maple tree in honor of Canada's 150 anniversary. For the duration of the project we will address our food security issues within our school by providing fresh fruits and vegetables for our culinary arts programs.

InterAction Children's Theatre

Laboratory is a creative based arts project that brings together youth from a wide range of socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds to share, engage, and build a completely original performance piece based on their experiences as Canadians. The Laboratory Project works with students from our regional high schools, offering them free access to Dance, Music, Video, and Theatre mentors, studio spaces, technical support, and the means to create a multimedia based arts project. The final product, the creation of a CD, video, and live performance, will be available for use in schools and community centres as a lasting legacy to the region.

KV Oasis Youth Centre

Our project is an online news feed produced by youth ages 13-25. Our goal is to engage youth on current events within their community, their province, their country and in the world. The youth will report on politics, sports, arts, entertainment, business, as well as reflecting on Canada's cultural diversity. We will have community collaborators to guide the youth through creating this informative resource. This online newspaper will arm our youth with knowledge that will help them make educated decisions on their political future locally, provincially and nationally. It will also offer our youth job opportunities, an outlet for their creativity and will create positive social change.

Saint John High School

Food 4 Thought is a readily accessible, daily food program which offers breakfast and lunch nourishment for Saint John High's student population whose food security is at risk. The sustainability of the program is also unique in that student leaders are responsible for setting out and cleaning up the breakfast and lunch offerings and will, with future financial support, access community kitchens, invest in bread makers and other small appliances, and partner with local restaurants and grocery stores to source and produce food that will be consumed in the Food 4 Thought program.

The Resource Centre for Youth (TRC)

This project will work with the current youth in the Saint John Pathways to Education program. The goal is to provide these youth with the guidance, support and resources they need to create opportunities for themselves and their peers in order to develop a stronger connectedness and sense of ownership within community. Beginning with introductions to concepts and applications around personal awareness and leadership skills through experiential learning activities, it will gradually narrow over the year to provide the individual guidance, support and resources the youth need to develop a project of their own and see it through to completion.