Through our research and social planning services, the Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton is committed to ensuring that Hamilton is the best community it can be for all who live here and that no one is left out of the benefits and opportunities Hamilton has to offer.

**MISSION STATEMENT**
To improve the quality of life for all citizens by engaging in activities that will result in:
- improved social policies and services
- maximized access for all citizens to the opportunities afforded by society
- effective citizen involvement in the continuing consideration of social issues

**VISION STATEMENT**
To create a community that provides a socially, physically, and economically supportive environment and supports public participation and community integration to preserve and enhance the health and well being of our population.

**VALUES**
The SPRC commits to ethical practice that will:
- improve community conditions in a way that respects the rights of individuals
- ensure that programs and priorities are developed through processes that ensure an opportunity for input from community members
- endeavor to work for the empowerment of disenfranchised community members and ensure that resources and conditions necessary to well being are available to all
- programs and policies of the SPRC will anticipate and respect diverse values, beliefs and cultures in the community
- create sustainable, equitable, respectful and supportive environments that will enhance the physical and social environment

Just over one year ago, we carried out an extensive community consultation to gather ideas and suggestions for strengthening the impact of SPRC services to the community. We benefited from the advice and guidance of a wide range of community members concerned with the well being of Hamilton residents, particularly those in our community who are most vulnerable or marginalized. We used that input to strengthen the focus of our work. As a result, we have accomplished a great deal in building community awareness and response to issues. This input gave us clear direction and we followed up by committing more fully to a number of social issues of importance.

The SPRC advanced projects in Hamilton on issues of poverty, affordable housing, healthy development of children and youth, equity and inclusion. We published reports about Women and Poverty and Homeless Women in Hamilton, affordable housing, Seniors Trends and Issues as well as selected neighbourhood profiles. The SPRC partnered with the 25 in 5 Network for Poverty Reduction to mobilize a local Do the Math campaign, followed by the Eat the Math campaign challenge where participants ate a ‘foodbank diet’. SPRC operated the Hamilton Jobs Action Centre to assist laid off workers in returning to work and promoted awareness precarious work and the difficulties it increasingly creates. We hosted several workshops on key affordable housing issues such as the need for supported and supportive housing, integrated neighbourhood development and opportunities for creating affordable housing in Hamilton. In keeping with our interest in Hamilton’s young people, we released a report on Youth Trends and Issues in Hamilton leading to the development of a youth outcomes strategy team for Hamilton. This initiative is now led by the United Way of Burlington and Greater Hamilton. On a related note, we studied and reported on Student Nutrition Programs for the purpose of advancing actions to make them better resourced and more widely available; this is an issue that the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction is pursuing.

The SPRC continues to focus on vulnerable populations and marginalized communities. We have worked collaboratively with local services and people attending to the Aboriginal population, women with low incomes, immigrants, workers in precarious work and lower city neighbourhoods. We have been assisting H.E.D.A.C. (a coalition of local Aboriginal agencies), to strengthen the network of services meeting the needs of our urban Aboriginal population. We have supported the coordination of services to street-involved youth and we have been creating positive spaces for high school students to address homophobia, eliminate barriers and create safe spaces.

Through all of our work, we endeavor to ensure that action on social issues is well founded in research and knowledge of the community. In this way, we do our best to contribute to the development of solutions and strategies that improve social conditions in Hamilton. We have been privileged to work with many others in this effort including: the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, Best Start Network, Affordable Housing Flagship, Hamilton Executive Directors’ Aboriginal Coalition, Street Youth Planning Collaborative, Hamilton Positive Space Collaborative, Jobs Prosperity Collaborative, and the Hamilton CAPC Council.

There is much more work to do and the SPRC remains focused on working together with others in this community to make it the best place it can be for everyone living here. Thank you for supporting our work; it is important to us and helps strengthen our impact on positive community change.
PRORITIEYS & ACTIONS

HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN & YOUTH
• Best Start Network
• Community Action Program for Children (CAPC)
  • babyschoosers
  • Catholic Family Services
  • Community Access to Child Health (CATCH)
• Hamilton East Kiwanis Boys & Girls Club
• Hamilton Partners in Nutrition
• Hamilton Public Library
• Home Management Workers
• Immigrant Women’s Centre (SJWIC)
  • Skills Through Activity and Recreation Hamilton (S.T.A.R.)
• Today’s Family Early Learning and Child Care
• Hamilton Chinese Community Services Centre
• Youth in Confidence in Learning and the Future

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS
• Aboriginal Homelessness Partnering Strategy
• Affordable Housing Flagship Initiative
• Hamilton Aboriginal Education Council
• Hamilton Executive Directors’ Aboriginal Coalition (H.E.D.A.C.)
• Housing and Homelessness Action Planning Group
• Street Youth Planning Collaborative
• Supportive Housing in Hamilton
• Urban Arts Initiative
• Youth Outcomes Strategy
• Young Parent Network
• Youth Housing Partnership (Youth Housing Support Project)
• Youth Housing Support Project – Homelessness Partnering Strategy

EQUITY AND INCLUSION
• African Canadian Network of Hamilton (ACNoH)
• Applying LGBTQ Positive Space Training to Family Health Care Providers
• Hamilton Positive Space Collaborative
• Queer Voice – Straight Talk Forum

POVERTY REDUCTION/ELIMINATION
• 25 in 5 Hamilton Network for Poverty Reduction
• Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits
• Common Campaign Coalition
• Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion
• Hamilton Jobs Action Centre
• Hamilton Partners in Nutrition (HPIN)
• Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction (HRPR)
• Hamilton Social Enterprise Network
• Living Wage and Fair Employment Coalition
• Poverty Reduction Collaborative of Hamilton
• Riverdale Neighbourhood Hub
• Skills Development Flagship Initiative
• Women and Poverty in Hamilton Report

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND NEW ISSUES
• Community Collaborative for Adult Justice
• Community Economic Development & Micro-Enterprise Project
• Community Mapping Service
• Community Social Data Strategy
• Healthy Communities Partnership
• Human Services Planning Table
• Jobs Prosperity Collaborative & Quality of Life Project
• Hamilton Social Landscape Project
• Social Planning Network of Ontario
• Violence Against Women/Catholic/Children’s Aid Society Steering Committee

HIGHLIGHT
SPRC supported the African Canadian Network of Hamilton (ACNoH), a newly established group aiming to serve the African Canadian newcomer and immigrant population of Hamilton.

The Hamilton Tiger-Cats visited 30 breakfast programs in Hamilton from March - May in support of Hamilton Partners in Nutrition and made a donation towards these programs in the amount of $5,000.

In May 2010 SPRC released the Women and Poverty in Hamilton report in partnership with the Immigrant Women’s Centre Women’s Press newspaper.

The Urban Arts Initiative (UAI), is working to develop and implement arts programming for “at-risk” youth.
## Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton (Incorporated without share capital under the laws of Ontario)

**Statement of Financial Activities and Accumulated Net Assets Operating Fund**

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<td><strong>Expenses</strong></td>
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<td>Organization dues and periodicals</td>
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<td>Equipment and maintenance contracts</td>
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<td>Other administration</td>
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<td>(10,500)</td>
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<td>Accumulated net assets at end of the year</td>
<td>$493</td>
<td>$337</td>
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**Note:** The information given in this Annual Report is an extract from the financial statements. The complete financial statements, including all related notes to the financial statements, are available on request.

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The Community Action Program for Children (CAPC) partnered with the Immigrant Women's Centre (IWC) to provide employment counselling to newcomer women in the CAPC catchment area.

SPRC exceeded its Workplace United Way Campaign goal in raising $8,793.20 dollars, $1,293.20 over the target of $7,500! The funding agreement for the Homeless Partnering Strategy – Aboriginal Homelessness Projects was renewed in the amount of $103,289 to fund Urban Aboriginal Homelessness response services in Hamilton.
June 2010 saw the release of the housing report Adequate, Suitable and Affordable?, which painted a picture of wait lists, social housing in disrepair and the lack of affordability for home ownership in the city, and set in motion a dialogue about the current state of affordable housing in Hamilton.

The Affordable Housing Flagship delivered a successful conference on April 7th, with about 60 attendees, guest speakers from Chicago, Waterloo, York, the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton-Halton Home Builder’s Association.

Since October 2009, the Youth Housing Support Team project has worked with approximately 355 street-involved and homeless youth to address their housing needs.
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Social Planning and Research Council would like to thank its major funders for their continued support of the work of the council.

We greatly appreciate the support of our funders:

- Atkinson Charitable Foundation
- Breakfast Clubs of Canada
- Canadian Education Association
- City of Hamilton
- ECHO: Improving Women’s Health in Ontario
- Elizabeth Fry Society
- Eva’s Initiatives
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- Haldimand-Norfolk R.E.A.C.H.
- Hamilton Catholic Children’s Aid Society
- Hamilton Community Foundation
- Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board
- Local Health Integration Network
- McMaster University
- Ministry of Children and Youth Services
- Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport
- Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities
- Mission Services of Hamilton
- Ontario Trillium Foundation
- Public Health Agency of Canada
- Service Canada
- Shalem Mental Health Network
- Suicide Prevention Community Council
- United Way of Burlington and Greater Hamilton
- Woman Abuse Working Group

During the past twelve months, we have enjoyed the opportunity of working with the following voluntary sector groups and agencies:

- Aboriginal Health Centre
- babysavers
- Affordable Housing Flagship of Hamilton
- Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits (CAWDB)
- Canadian Council on Social Development
- Catholic Children’s Aid Society of Hamilton
- Children’s Aid Society of Hamilton
- City of Hamilton
- Community Centre for Media Arts (CCMA)
- Community Consultation Committee on Social Housing
- Community Information Hamilton
- Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario
- Elizabeth Fry Society of Hamilton Branch (The)
- FirstOntario Credit Union
- Hamilton Chamber of Commerce
- Hamilton Chinese Community Services
- Hamilton Council on Aging
- Hamilton Executive Directors’ Aboriginal Coalition (H.E.D.A.C.)
- Hamilton Independent Living Program
- Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network (LHIN)
- Hamilton Library Public Library – Red Hill Branch
- Hamilton Regional Indian Centre
- Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction (HRPR)
- Hamilton Training Advisory Board
- Hamilton’s Centre for Civic Inclusion
- Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board
- Hamilton Wentworth Elementary Teachers Local
- Halton Legal Clinics
- Housing Help Centre
- Immigrant Women’s Centre
- Interval House
- Jobs Prosperity Collaborative
- Living Rock Ministries
- Lynwood Hall Child and Family Centre
- McQuesten Legal and Community Services
- McMaster University – Faculty of Health Sciences
- McMaster University – Faculty of Social Sciences
- Mission Services
- Mohawk College of Applied Arts and Technology
- Native Women’s Centre
- Poverty Employment Precaarity in Southern Ontario Research Alliance
- Rotary Club of Hamilton
- Settlement and Integration Services Organization (SISO)
- Sexual Assault Centre of Hamilton and Area
- Skills Through Activity and Recreation Hamilton (S.T.A.R.)
- Social Planning Network of Ontario
- Solutions for Housing Action Committee
- St. Leonard’s Society of Hamilton
- St. Matthew’s House
- St. Michael’s Hospital
- Street Involved and Homeless Youth Managers
- Street Involved Youth Network
- The AIDS Network
- Today’s Family Early Learning & Child Care
- Urban Native Homes
- Volunteer Hamilton
- Wesley Urban Ministries
- Woman Abuse Working Group (WAWG)
- Youth Employment Network
- YWCA Hamilton

A special thanks goes to the friends of the SPRC for their donations in 2010/2011. Also, to the citizens of Hamilton who participated in SPRC events and consultations.

The Community Action Program for Children (CAPC) continues to be successful largely as a result of the important work done through our partners in this project. These partners include: babysavers, CATCH, Catholic Family Services, Hamilton East Kiwanis Boys & Girls Club, Hamilton Partners in Nutrition, Hamilton Public Library, Immigrant Women’s Centre, Public Health Services and the Community Services Department of the City of Hamilton, S.T.A.R. Hamilton, Today’s Family Early Learning and Child Care, and Wesley Urban Ministries. We would also like to thank and acknowledge the committed volunteers who have made CAPC so successful.

The support and involvement of educational institutions in the community work of SPRC continues to be a success. We would like to acknowledge Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board, Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board, McMaster University School of Social Work, Mohawk College of Applied Arts and Technology, Wilfrid Laurier University, and York University for their contributions.