



ANN DAVIS TRANSITION SOCIETY

2025



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Ann Davis Transition Society humbly acknowledges that we live, learn, grow, work, and build community on the unceded, ancestral, traditional territory of the Stó:lō Coast Salish peoples



ADTS ELDERS: Slade and Lily Williams

Slade Williams

A Community Energy Champion from Skwah First Nation, brings a unique and inspiring journey to his role—transitioning from work in garbage truck services to the clean energy sector. With little experience at the start, his strong desire to learn and give back to his community has driven his growth. Over the past two years, Slade has been an active participant in EPIC trainings and events, and his commitment earned him a place in the 2020 Catalyst program, recognizing his potential to lead meaningful change. Beyond his energy work, Slade is deeply rooted in his community. He's a dedicated war canoe paddler, racing along the coast from Seattle to Vancouver Island, and shares traditional teachings through drumming classes in local schools. His work reflects a deep passion for both sustainability and cultural preservation.

Lily (Roberts) Williams

My ancestral name is *SeeAmYa*, passed down from the late Antone George of Tzeachten First Nation, whose ancestral name was *SeeAmYaTil*—also my father's name. My connection to Tzeachten comes through my late great-grandmother, Rose Roberts (née Joe), and I also descend from my great-grandmother Annie Paul. My roots run deep in Chilliwack, B.C., and I'm honored to share that. From my childhood, I remember learning to canoe paddle with my dad at age 9, along with my siblings. After graduating high school, I was recruited to a tech school in Arizona at 19—my first time on an airplane! Later, I earned an AA degree from Northwest Indian College in Bellingham, WA. From my first marriage, I raised two beautiful children who are now grown and living their own lives. I recently remarried in May 2025 to my amazing husband, Slade Williams. We both live a busy, culturally rooted life year-round and work in Administration. Our connection grew through conversations about the loss of our mothers, helping each other heal. We canoe paddle together and stand as one, drumming and singing his family songs. I began beading hats during COVID-19 and have since picked up other crafting skills. Keeping my hands busy helps maintain our cultural ways—crafting brings families together. My dad always taught us that canoe life is a way of life, and above all, it's about family.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

As I reflect on this past year, I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude for the progress we've made, the challenges we've faced with resilience, and most importantly, for the people who make this work meaningful.

It is an honour to serve as the Executive Director of Ann Davis Transition Society. I want to extend my sincere appreciation to our Board of Directors for placing your trust in me. Your confidence and commitment to a shared vision have been both inspiring and foundational to the direction we are taking. Your leadership, insight, and unwavering support have strengthened our path forward.



I am equally grateful for the dedicated team that brings the mission of Ann Davis Transition Society to life each day. From staff to volunteers, every individual plays a critical role in our continued success. The heart of our organization lies not in any single person, but in the collective spirit of service that defines who we are. Without the commitment and passion of our team, none of our accomplishments would be possible.

We are entering an exciting chapter. Ann Davis Transition Society stands at the threshold of new opportunities, opportunities to grow, to deepen our impact, and to expand our reach within the communities we serve. With thoughtful strategy, continued collaboration, and a shared purpose, we are moving forward with clarity and momentum.

None of this could be achieved without the support of our Board, our team, and our broader community. Your belief in Ann Davis Transition Society allows us to dream bigger, serve better, and build a future rooted in purpose and possibility.

Thank you for walking alongside us. I look forward to all that we will accomplish—together.
With gratitude,

Tracey Brezouski

Executive Director, Ann Davis Transition Society



BOARD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the President of the Ann Davis Transition Society, I'm deeply honored to collaborate with our Leadership Team, the Staff and our Board of Directors. United by a shared purpose, we are dedicated to empowering those who seek lives free from abuse. Your support makes this mission possible—and we are truly grateful.

The meaningful work the ADTS does continues to attract strong, independent, intelligent, and diverse women. At this time I would like to take a minute to recognize our board of directors and extend my sincere gratitude to our Vice President, Brenda Law, and our Treasurer, Christina Forcier, whose dedication and weekly engagement with the society are truly invaluable. To our Directors—Jessica Steiner, Jessica Lackey, and Naomi Pisio—for generously giving their time, energy, and expertise to ensure ADTS operates at the highest level of excellence.



Over the past year, our Society has continued to grow and evolve in meaningful ways. The strength, trust, honesty, and unwavering commitment demonstrated by our staff stand as a powerful reminder of what's possible when we unite around a shared purpose. Their dedication fuels our progress and reinforces the impact we can make—together.

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated Leadership Team, guided by Executive Director Tracey Brezovski, who joined us in January. The unwavering commitment, thoughtful collaboration, and shared vision have played a vital role in advancing the mission of ADTS. I also warmly welcome and thank Lindsay McDonald, our Business and Operations Manager, her contributions over these last few months have strengthened our team and helped ensure the continued success of our organization.

We have a strong team at ADTS, and I want to take a moment to acknowledge your tireless work, day and night, to uplift and strengthen our community. I also want to thank you for volunteering at events like Coldest Night of the Year or showing up at fundraisers like our Drive-Thru Breakfast, your commitment is the heartbeat of our organization. Among our many outstanding team members, I would like to recognize two exceptional leaders: Robbi Leach, our Outreach and Community Programs Manager, and Alice Swenson, our Housing Manager. These remarkable women are instrumental in supporting women and children in our community. Their outstanding leadership, steadfast support and compassionate work ensures that those we serve receive the care, dignity, and safety they deserve. Thank-you ladies.

As we begin this year's AGM, I want to warmly welcome each of you and thank you for being here. Your presence reflects the heart of our mission, and your continued dedication—whether through your time, talent, or support—makes all the difference. On behalf of the Ann Davis Transition Society, I extend my deepest gratitude for the work you do, the compassion you bring, and the unwavering commitment you show to building a safer, stronger community.



Melanie Green, *President of the Board of Ann Davis Transition Society*



Mission

Ann Davis Transition Society provides education, prevention and support services to those affected by abuse or violence.

Vision

Communities free of violence and abuse.

Values

ACCOUNTABILITY:

We hold ourselves responsible to our community to ensure the mission and purposes of the Society are met while maintaining our financial stability.

COMMITMENT:

We are committed to assisting individuals who aspire to live free from abuse.

DIVERSITY:

We celebrate and honour the differences within our community.

INTEGRITY:

We acknowledge integrity as the foundation of truth while maintaining the highest ethical standards to ensure quality of service to our clients and community.

RESPECT:

Our respect of every individual includes encouraging exploration of personal values. In our caring community, we empower people to make sound, educated decisions.

SUPPORT:

We provide a compassionate and safe environment in which individuals are supported

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Outreach Services

Over the past year, the ADTS' Outreach Centre has supported vulnerable individuals and families in Chilliwack facing complex challenges. Clients received assistance with immediate needs, including clothing, housing advocacy, food, legal guidance, social services, and access to community resources through internal and external referrals. During extreme weather changes, the Centre provided a safe space, while offering shelter, food, and essential supplies. Each month, the team consistently provided advocacy, housing support, practical resources, and emotional care, ensuring that clients always had a place to turn for help. The Outreach Centre remained actively engaged in the community, participating in rural encampment visits, wellness initiatives, and events such as Community Clean-ups, Purple Light Nights, the Point-in-Time Count, and Truth and Reconciliation Day. On-site, the Centre continued to offer free monthly haircuts, foot care clinics, Library Connection Days, hearing clinics, and year-round tax services, helping reduce barriers and provide stability for clients.

Outreach Stats

- **Total Walk-ins / One-on-Ones:** 10,821 served
- **Requisitions Distributed:** 7,123
- **Food Items Distributed:** 7,754
- **Footcare Clinics:** 22
- **Haircuts:** 126
- **Naloxone Kits Distributed:** 383
- **Taxes Completed:** 146
- **Library Connections:** 39
- **Income Assistance Services:** 57
- **Bus Tickets Provided:** 53
- **Gift Cards (Grocery & Tim Hortons):** 774

Client Testimonials

"I was struggling hard on the streets, homeless, nobody cared about me, I was banned from all the shelters, and I had this one really, really hard night. I went into the outreach Centre, angry at the world, and the staff took the time to sit with me, listen, and suggested I call the Women's Centre and get a bed. Then they provided me with new set of clothes, and before I got picked up to go the Women's Centre, the workers had helped set up an appointment with Income Assistance. I was able to get my income and then eventually my ID. Over time, they also helped me connect with counselling, and treatment referrals. I don't know where I would be if I hadn't walked through that door that day." - 29 yr old client

"I am a single mother with 3 kids: 12, 8, and 3 years old. After years of being stuck and scared, I was finally able to flee my abusive relationship. My kids and I had housing but were facing eviction. The staff at the outreach Centre connected me with a rental supplement, and now I can work part-time, pay my bills, and provide food for my family. Most importantly, my children and I are safe. I am so grateful for the support and guidance I received, in so many ways this support truly changed our lives." 31 yr old client

"During the extreme cold this past winter, I had nowhere to go with my two large dogs. The staff welcomed us into the outreach Centre during the day, giving us a warm place to rest, eat, and feel safe. Knowing that we had this support made those freezing days manageable and reminded me that there are people who truly care." - 36 yr old client

Women's Centre

Ann Davis Transition Society's Women's Centre provides a safe, low-barrier, and pet-friendly environment for women who are experiencing or at risk of violence. Operating 24/7 in a communal living model, the house accommodates up to 22 women and ensures safety and stability. The Centre is staffed around the clock, with team members supporting residents in goal planning, resource navigation, and building pathways toward greater independence.



In addition to shelter, the Women's Centre offers wraparound supports that extend both on-site and through ADTS' Outreach Program. Through these services, women are connected with housing advocacy, legal support, and referrals to community resources, while counseling is offered once per week to provide therapeutic support. This fiscal year, the Centre supported many women experiencing homelessness, which often led to longer stays due to the ongoing housing crisis in our region. Staff also saw higher mental health and medical needs, worked closely with women seeking connections to detox and treatment, and provided emotional support through court accompaniments. This combination of immediate safety, practical assistance, and ongoing services reflects the Centre's vital role in responding to community needs and supporting women as they work toward healing and stability.



**NOT
SHELTERED**

569

SHELTERED CALLS

5547

INTAKES

274



Transition House



3748 Women & Children bed stays



4222 Not sheltered



168 Texts



895 Calls

The Ann Davis Transition Society House provide safe, temporary shelter for women and children experiencing or at risk of violence and homelessness. The Transition House is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, by a team working through a trauma-informed, client-centered lens. Our approach is non-judgmental and compassionate, meeting women and families where they are in their journey.

Support services include referrals and direct assistance with social assistance applications, job search support, housing navigation, and court accompaniment—particularly for child custody matters. We also connect families to victim services, food security programs for after their stay, and resources for school supplies and clothing—often essential for families arriving with only the clothes on their backs. This list is not exhaustive but illustrates the wide range of advocacy and support our staff and organization provide.

We emphasize independence and resilience, tailoring our approach to meet the varying needs of our clients. Some clients arrive with a strong sense of direction and simply require support in accessing resources. Others depend heavily on staff to guide them through even the most basic tasks. Regardless of the level of support needed, our team is committed to providing individualized, respectful care that honors each client's experience and goals.

We continue to observe evolving trends in client communication. Increasingly, women are reaching out via text message, which has become a more common and accessible method of initial contact.

Success Stories from Housing and Counselling

A single woman fleeing abuse came to the Women's Centre without her four children, as no safe house had space for a large family. Large families often struggle to stay together due to limited shelter capacity. Both Houses coordinated to reunite the family at the Transition House once space became available. While there, Mom worked hard toward finding housing, with staff supporting her throughout the process. They arranged a donated bicycle for one of the older teens, provided household items, and connected the family to outside resources. When Mom found a rental, she felt she should leave immediately, worried she was taking space from another family. Staff encouraged her to stay until supports were fully in place, as the new home had no beds or essentials. Grateful, Mom agreed, saying the support eased her stress and made a big difference in starting fresh.

"For the past five years, I have faced abusive relationships, treatment challenges, and even the loss of a child. During this time, the Women's Centre has always been there for me. I have stayed at the house when I need support, and when I have left for however long, I know I can return if things fall apart. Every time I come back, I feel safe, welcomed, and cared for. The staff never judges me and provides the support I need to keep moving forward. I am so grateful that this place exists, and for the people who work there."

A youth was mandated to attend counselling as part of the Restorative Justice Program. At first, the youth was resistant, frustrated, and unsure why counselling was necessary. Over time, the counsellor noticed a shift in the client, and the youth found a space to process what had led to their choices, unpack the harm caused and reflect on the impact of their actions on themselves and their future as well as others. As a part of the Restorative Justice Program, the youth began to accept responsibility, transforming accountability into a source of empowerment and changing the story they were writing for their life. In counselling, the youth began to dream out loud, cultivating a passion for barbering. With encouragement and determination, the youth devoted hours to practice, training, and refining their skills. What was a passion became a business, which grew and became recognized in the community. The youth gained respect, financial independence and became a role model for others. Today, this youth is back in school, balancing education and business with bigger dreams for the future, realizing hard work and accountability can create opportunities.

"K", a mother of two teenagers and a three-year-old, was attempting to co-parent with the father of the three-year-old. "K" had left him recently because he was controlling, acted abusively, and struggled with an addiction. Her mental health had suffered from his abusive behaviour and his unwillingness to co-parent in the best interest of the child. Although there was a court order for him to stay away from "K," he used every opportunity he could to play mind games and interfere with her ability to parent effectively and move her life forward in a productive way. As a result of attending counselling, "K" has severed direct communication with him, relying on a friend to receive his communications and pass on any required information. "K" has become empowered to take control of her life, rather than be controlled. Previously, she had gained an education and the necessary certification and has a plan of action for her future. She is looking to start a daycare in a larger home space, allowing her older children to be with her more often. "K" is poised to fly!!

Counselling Programs

Prevention, Education, Advocacy, Counselling, and Empowerment (PEACE)

The PEACE Program provides age-appropriate individual and group counselling services to children and youth who have experienced abuse or witnessed domestic violence in the home. PEACE counsellors also communicate with and support non-offending parents by providing information about the services available to them.

April 1/24 – March 31/25	Children Ages 3-11	Youth Ages 12-18
New Referrals	114	166
Direct Counselling Hours	216	1199
Waitlist	51	16
Families		

Stopping the Violence (STV)

The STV Program provides free individual and group counselling for any woman who has experienced violence, abuse, and trauma in her life. The counselling staff provide one-on-one in-person or virtual support, as well as psycho-educational groups. Through working with counsellors, women learn to recognize and understand the dynamics and impacts of abuse, new coping strategies and assertiveness skills, strengthening their self-confidence and self-worth.

Victims of Sexual Misconduct

Through a Department of National Defence funded project, initiatives and services are provided for the local Armed Forces community. Access to trauma-informed counselling, group support, and referrals are available to those impacted by sexual misconduct. Individual counselling, three support groups (each four weeks long), and two therapeutic day workshops were held, with a feminist, trauma-informed perspective enabling the building and maintenance of resiliency, agency, self-empowerment, and emotional processing.

April 1/24 – March 31/25	STV	Canadian Armed Forces
New Referrals	626	4
Direct Counselling Hours	2163235	47
Group Hours	5123	12
Waitlist	273	0

Other Counselling

Family support and counselling has been offered to families who continue to be impacted by the floods of 2021 through a generous Red Cross grant.



With humble gratitude

We could not continue this important work without the generous support of our funders and donors. On behalf of our staff and the clients we serve...

THANK YOU!

