

## **New Path Foundation**

### **Annual General Meeting Report 2016-17**



**Board Chair,  
Brett Restemayer**



**President & CEO,  
James Thomson**

On behalf of the New Path Foundation we would like to welcome and thank everyone attending this evening...our guests, staff team, key stakeholders and both current and past Board members.

Over this past year, the New Path Foundation was once again very busy continuing to build on our strategic plan launched this past year. With our main focus on internal capacity building, much time and energy was spent ensuring the Foundation had the internal processes and practices to ensure responsive measures were in place for our most important stakeholders, namely the Partner and Tenant organizations that we support through our Common Roof initiatives.

The following are highlights of the work undertaken.

#### **Strategic Governance:**

Although our Board remained relatively small in size, it continued to benefit greatly from the combined passion, insight and perspective that our Board Membership Team was able to provide. Through our strategic plan, the organization's by-laws were thoroughly reviewed and updated to bring them in line with current practices. Presentations were held to fully understand the Foundation's commitment to the Common Roof model and shared space approach, and a full Board assessment was undertaken to ensure the right mix of representation at the Board table as well as identify areas that are needed to be secured. On that note, near the end of this past fiscal period, a call out for additional Board membership was initiated to support our continued growth and development. Progression of our strategic plan activities was updated each quarter to ensure fulsome discussion on our 4 main areas of focus: Service Delivery, Resource Development, Capacity Building & Partnership Engagement and Development. Lastly some staffing changes were made as Ken Edwards, our Vice President of Finance left the Foundation and a decision to move our financial supports to a community based firm was implemented. We remain confident that we are on the right course with our strategies, working towards laying a strong foundation for continued growth and development. To our Board Membership and staff team, we would like to

thank each and every one of you for your support over this past year and for your continued sound advice and judgement.

### **Fundraising:**

This past year we decided to step back a bit from active fundraising, to allow more of a focus on the capacity building aspect of our strategic plan. Our annual HelpThe1in5 appeal, supported by community donations as well proceeds from events held by key partners, continued raising funds to support New Path Youth and Family Services' pressure point areas identified by their staff team. We would like to thank them for believing in us and the work we do to support children's mental health in our community. Thank you all so much.

### **The Common Roof:|**

Our Common Roof developments continue to represent a unique investment in social purpose real estate, providing community based non-profits, charities and small for-profit businesses the opportunity to participate in shared facilities and shared services. Participation in Common Roof projects enhances the individual missions of partner organizations, while ensuring long term sustainability for future generations. The collaboration and integration of services under one roof provides more effective and efficient operations of critical human services, ultimately benefitting the client population. Our Barrie Common Roof has been in operation since 2006 and celebrated its 10 year anniversary this past March. Our Orillia Common Roof has been in operation since 2011 and is operating at about 75% occupancy. We are still focused on finding and securing tenants for the remainder of the available space on the third floor.

Our Common Roof model continues to gain international attention and we have presented to various groups across Canada and the United States. New Path Foundation remains connected to the NonProfit Centers Network, an organization based in Denver Colorado that brings together like-minded, forward-thinking charities to join the movement to shared facilities and services. We are working alongside them to explore the development of a Canadian based entity that was launched last year and look forward to working alongside them as they progress in this development. Locally in Ontario, we have been very active with the Provincial Government through the Community Hub Secretariat and most recently participated on the Resource Network Group for Community Hub Development culminating a three day conference held in Toronto in May. We are seen as a model of effective practice that can provide solutions to a number of the challenges social service agencies are dealing with, in this age of limited government resources.

In closing, we would like to thank those young people who have stepped up and supported our work over this past year. We would also like to thank and recognize our staff team including Ken Edwards, Tracey Becker, Maureen Armstrong, Stacey Young, Orma Sheppard, Angie King, Jon Thomson and Roger Fridge. You provide the backbone to our organization and your contributions in helping us move forward each and every day are most appreciated.

***Brett Restemayer***

Chair, Board of Directors

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President and CEO