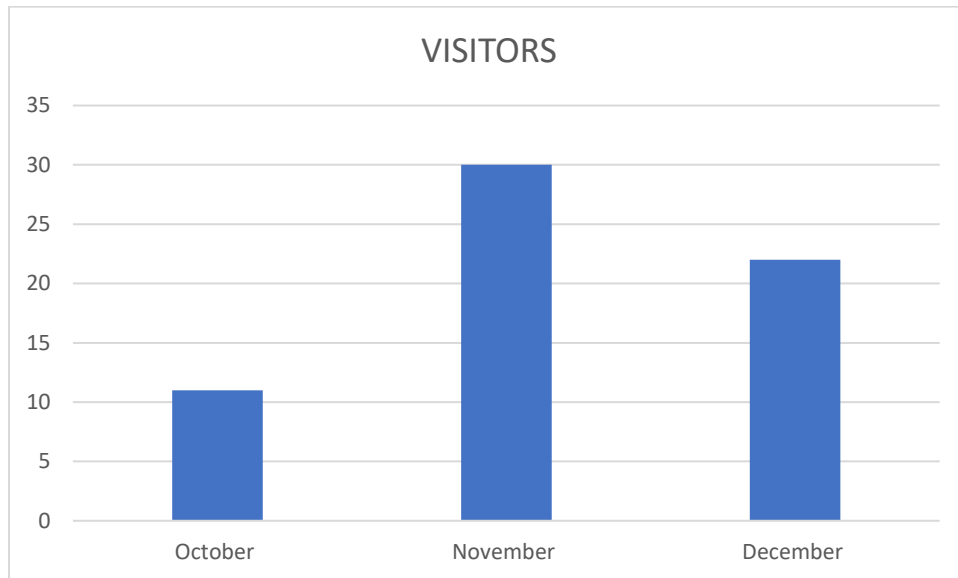




FOUNDATION FOR OROMIAN CULTURE, EDUCATION AND ART SERVICES

Quarterly Report – October - December 2021

We have moved! We got into our new location in December and are getting all set up to offer even more services. Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped with the move to our new location! Please be sure to drop by and see us across the street from NAIT at **101, 10425 Princess Elizabeth Avenue NW**.

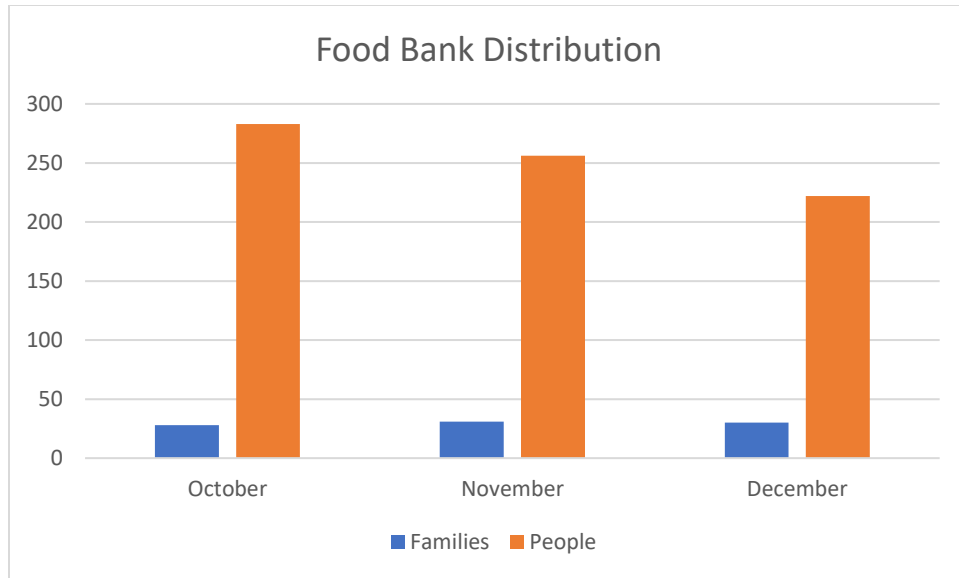


With deep appreciation...

We had **23 volunteers** contribute **72.5 hours** of their time this quarter. A huge **thank you** goes out to all those who dedicate any amount of time and energy to FOCAS. The impact of all of these efforts makes a big difference for the people we serve here.

Edmonton Food Bank Partnership

Our partnership with the Edmonton Food Bank has been a huge help for many this quarter. The Edmonton Food Bank supplies us with the food, so that we are able to distribute it to our community.



Tutoring & Mentoring

Our tutors and mentors have been hard at work delivering online tutoring sessions and workshops over the past few months and will break for Christmas holidays.

Our weekend program runs throughout the year, online or in person depending on the COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time. We have three teachers who teach math, English and Oromo. 55 students are participating in this program, which has been running since September 2017. Classes are held every Saturday from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm and Sundays from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

The after-school program has 9-10 volunteers on the team and most of the weekend students in the weekend program also participate in this program too. It is designed to help students work on their school homework and includes parents who are interested in learning English.

We have also started an English Language Class for Adults. Aliese Sumner has graciously been volunteering her time to come and teach these classes offered on Monday and Wednesday mornings. If you are interested in this class, please contact us for more details.

Sponsorship Program

We have submitted 76 people so far for sponsorship to come to Canada and are hoping for an additional allocation for more spaces to be allotted.

We have also welcomed our first newcomer to Canada!

BIG NEWS!!!

ESDC Grant – Capital Project

We were awarded \$99,350 for this grant in order to make capital investment purchases. This grant has allowed us to purchase new office furnishings, shelving units, 2 new smartboards for our learning programs, a photocopier, kitchen appliances, classroom tables and chairs, office supplies, a new sound system and 28 new Chromebooks for in person learning. This is a **HUGE** grant for us and we will be purchasing even more new items throughout the year!

BBI Wrap Around Grant – Professional Services

We applied for this grant in order to obtain some assistance with professional services such as accounting and human resources development. This grant has paid our consultant \$7000 to assist us in these areas which will have a big impact on our ability to continue to grow FOCUS and maintain our current workloads. This assistance will help us to streamline our processes and allow for us to scale up in our projects and staff providing more opportunity for us to take on more.

Black Business Initiative Grant

This grant helps us cover such costs as renting additional meeting space, training for board members, executive teams, consulting and advice, reporting and monitoring, office desks, chairs, computers and a video camera, upgrading our website, printing posters and video production costs, travel and administrative costs related to the project. Check out our new website at www.focascanada.org!

SBCCI Tropicana Grant – Bridging the Gap

Our Community Engagement Workers have been actively engaging in conducting workshops. We have been able to hold a few adult learning classes because of the support from this grant. This grant has also subsidized some Project Manager wages and rent, so we have been able to offset some of those costs as well.

Edmonton Community Foundation Grant – Partnership with the Africa Centre

Our two tutors to continue working with school aged youth and continue with our Community Engagement program. Our Community Engagement Workers will continue the amazing work they are doing under the new funding received with this grant.

Community Initiatives Program - Operating Grant

These funds support our regular operational needs. This is a matching grant, so they fund part of our costs as long as we pay for the rest. They will spilt costs evenly for funds that we contribute to Executive Director and Administrative Assistant wages as well as rent, utilities, and insurance. They will also contribute some lesser amounts to staff or board training, travel expenses and advertising.

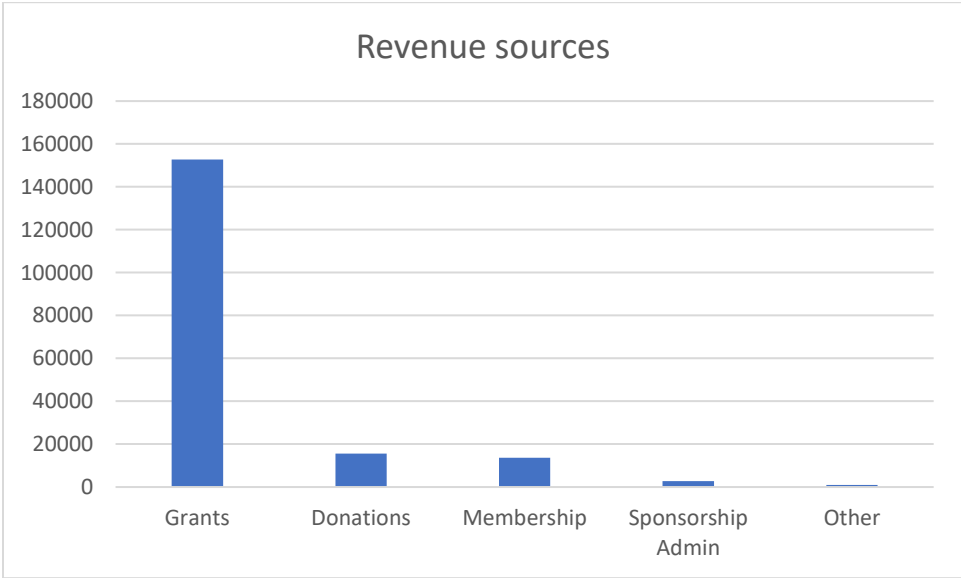
Financial Summary October - December 2021

Revenue

During this quarter, we received 2 grants in this quarter accounting for the majority of our income totaling \$185,713 in revenue from October to December. Grant funding is awarded with specific restrictions for spending based on the grant, so we will be working within those restrictions to best utilize the funds awarded.

We continue to receive donations and new members throughout the year that help increase our revenue as well. Lastly, sponsorship administration fees do account for a portion of our revenue in order to help support the costs of preparing and submitting the sponsorship applications.

We started our fundraiser on December 26th and **62 people raised \$15,690 in just 6 days** to close out 2021! Donations for the fundraiser continue to pour in through January too. Thank you all so much for donating to FOCAS and allowing us to continue serving the community!

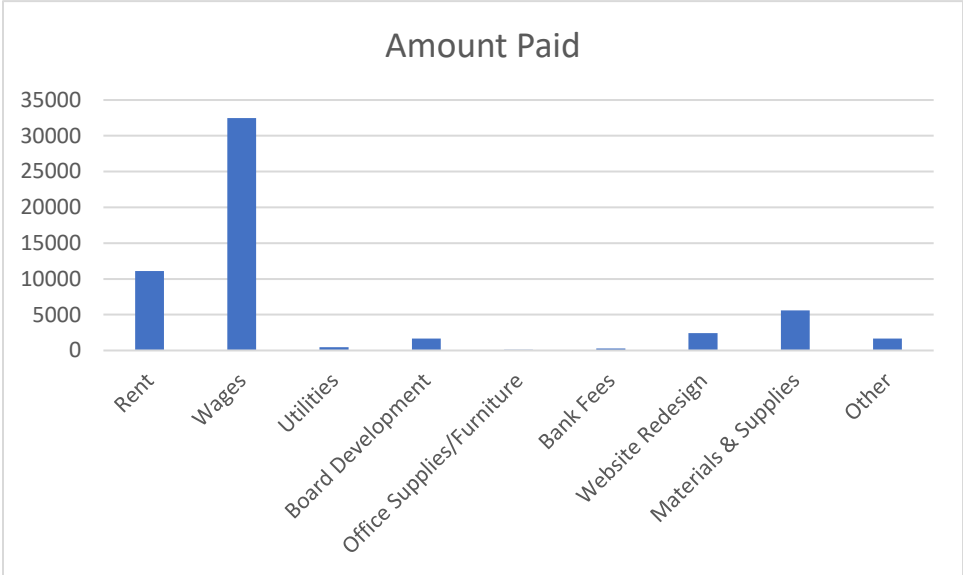


Expenses

Our expenses are paid using funds either from a specific grant or from FOCAS funds. Where grant funding is applicable, those expenses are paid directly from the grant funds so that we are able to use our funding for other areas of operations.

Office supplies and stationary are always in demand with our tutoring program. With many COVID restrictions back, it has been more difficult to hold in person activities, but we are doing so safely and as we are able.

Our new website is now up and active making it easier to find what you are looking for and learn about FOCAS.



Final Remarks

We expect that some of the restrictions will tighten up further as the weather begins to get colder, so we will likely see our online delivery continue into the winter months.

We welcome all inquiries and value your feedback, so please come in and see us or send any thoughts or questions to us. Please feel free to email us at info@focascanada.org or call us at 780-250-7007.