

FOUNDATION FOR OROMIAN CULTURE, EDUCATION AND ART SERVICES

Annual Report 2021

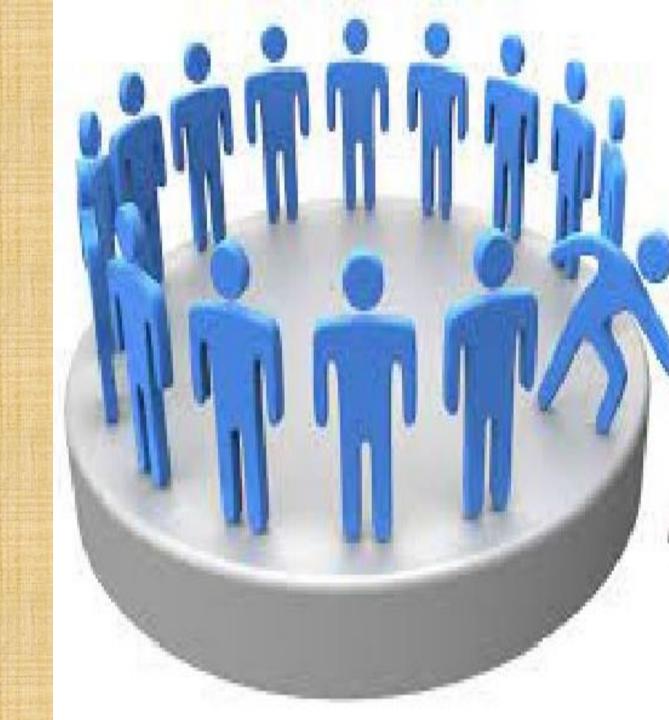
lockdowns, mandates and restrictions affecting many of our activities. Through this we have learned to adapt and make the most of these conditions and though most of our plans for community engagement were impacted or cancelled, we still managed to do quite a bit by shifting to online service delivery for the majority of our programs.





Membership

- New members in 2021 = 75
- Total FOCAS Members = 295
- Only less one per cent is inactive members
- These are not just numbers.
 They are active human who love and support their organization.





Board of Directors

- 1. Mohammed Abazinab: Chairman
- ▶ 2. Biftu Yusuf : Co Chair Person
- 3. Salah Issa: Secretary
- ▶ 4. Umer Taha: treasurer
- 5. Nujuma Mohammed: Director
- ► 6. Carlos Vialard: Director
- > 7. Gammachu Taha: Director



Biftu Yusuf Co-Chairperson



Mohammed A. Chairman



Salah Issa Secretary



Gammachuu Taha Director









Staff Members

- 1. Bedri K. Mohammed: Executive Director
- 2. Amanda Proctor: Admin Assistant
- > 3. Andrea Devy: Community Engment
- 4. Entisar Yusuf: Community Engagement
- 5. Sadiy Sora: community services
- 6. Mohammed Yusuf: Teacher
- 7. Shannon Gonsalaz: Teacher
 - 8. Yolane Yang: Teacher
 - 9. Ibrahim Mume: Teacher



Bedri M. Executive Director



Umer Taha; Treasurer



Amanda P. Admin Assistant

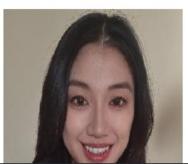


Iftisam M. Sponsorship Coordinator











Sponsorship Team

- ▶ 1. David Yaki: Signatory
- 2. Mohamed Ahmed Delbo: Signatory
- > 3. Bedri K. Mohammed: Signatory and second contact person
- 4. Iftisam Mume: Main contact Person





Volunteers

Our volunteers continue to support FOCAS efforts to provide opportunities to the community. This year we saw more than 56 volunteers donate over 135 hours of their time to our organization. THANK YOU to all of you that have donated your time and energy!





Visitors (service recipients)

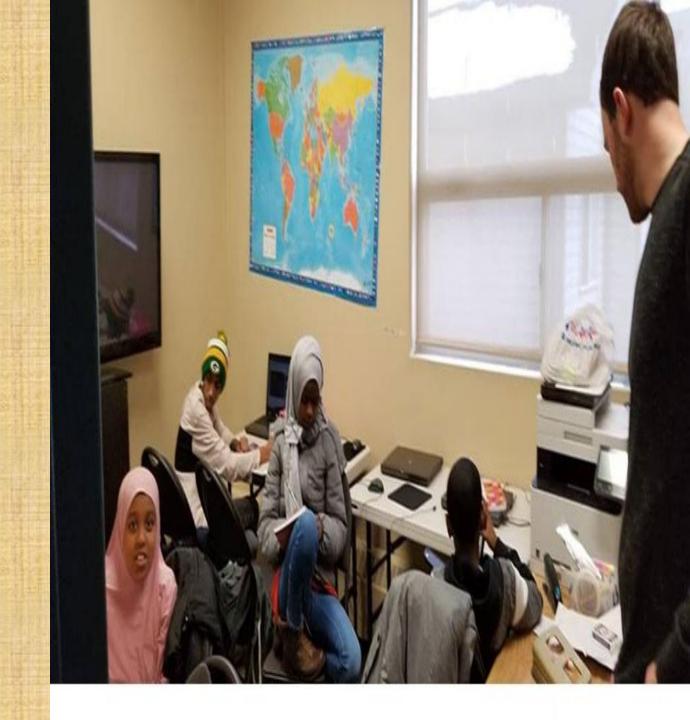
- 1. over 560 visitors to the office
- 2. food support: more than 75 have received food
- > 3. More than 45 family have received computer
- 4. we have submitted 75 application for more 109 individuals
- > 5. our first sponsored person arrived in this year





Tutoring and Mentoring

- The tutoring program continued to run online this year. Ms. Shannon Gonsalves and Ms. Yolane Yang have been tutoring students each weekend to help work on school subjects as needed. More than 45 students from grade 3-10 are tutored.
- Our students have all received
 Chromebooks or computers to help with
 their online learning needs courtesy of the
 Government of Canada and the Red Cross.
 FOCAS has purchased some online learning
 programs such as Raz Kids; IXL and
 Mathletics to assist in helping our students
 learn on our new 2 Zoom platform.





Adult Language Class

- We have started with 5 learners
- Ms. Aliese Sumner has started our English language class for adults, graciously volunteering her time every Monday and Wednesday morning and will continue into 2022!



Canada Summer Job

We had 5 new hires for the Canada Summer Job Program including a Sports Coordinator, Youth Worker, an Office Assistant and two Grade 2-12 Educators. With restrictions lifted, classes and activities ran through the summer break and provided some much needed outdoor summer fun!

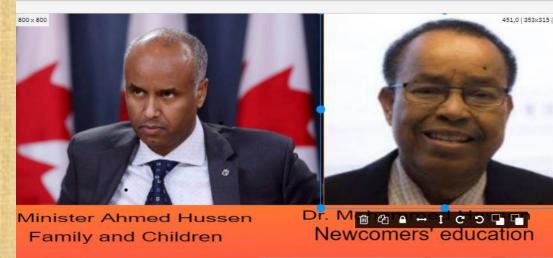






Fund Raising

- March 17, 2021 = \$30,000.00
- December 26-31= \$15,690.00 Continued to 2022.
- ► Total fundraising in 2021=\$45,690.00
- THANK YOU to everyone for your generosity!





Dr. Marta Kuwe Kumsa Immigrant women



Dr. Peri Klemm newcomers' education





Sponsorship

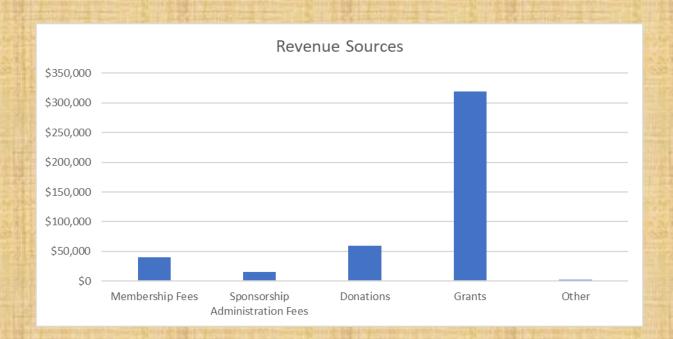
- Number of Application we received 104
- Number of people sponsored 104
- Firs arrival = Tuffa Shamsudin
- **** FOCAS second person has also arrived this year.





Revenue Resources

These funds must be used for specific purposes including wages, rent, capital purchases, and other items as indicated by the specific grants.





- We provided food more than 76 families throughout the year
- currently we not providing any food as our contract with Edmonton Food is paused for lack of charity license





United Way

United Way made a significant donation of 188 gift cards for \$50 each (total of \$9400), along with masks, sanitizer and face shields



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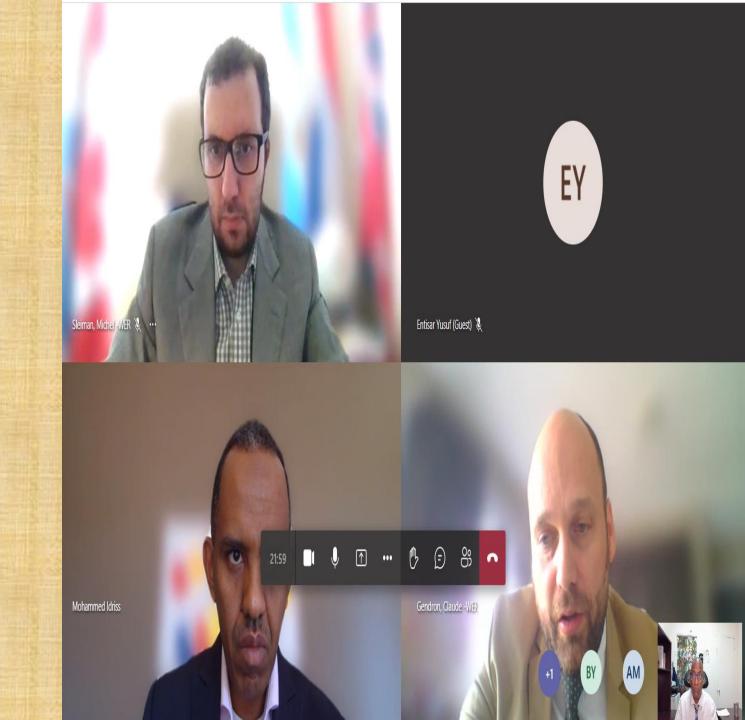
- Board training
- Executive Team Training





Important Meetings

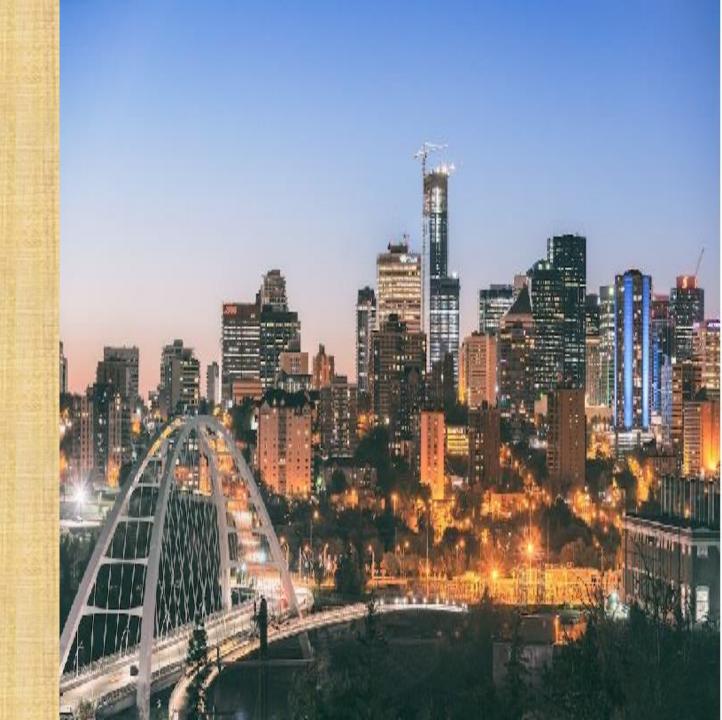
- 1. with Culture and Heritage Minister Honorable Mr. Coming
- 2. with Canada Foreign Ministers
 African desk team
- ▶ 3. With Community Initiative Program team representing A minister
- 4. with MP Honorable





Important communications

- With city of Edmonton to designate an Oromo Week. (almost 75% of the work is done)
- The week will be starting from Haacalu's assassination day, June 29^{th.}
- We also forged very good relation with City.





- COVID- Has a big impact on our events. However, we held two important events
- FOCAS Family Day Event: More 80 people did participate. High profile guest speakers including Minister Ahmed Husseen, Professor Mohammed Hassen, Prof. Marta Quwe Kumsa, Prf. Peri Klemm were present.
- Support youth Soccer: we help barbecue program and fed soccer clubs came from different cities and pretty much everyone in the field

