




Sunshine HOUSE

Annual General Meeting

NOVEMBER 5TH, 2015

Period April 1, 2014—March 31, 2015

EDITED BY

Benjamin Simcoe



Sunshine House

Who we are

Sunshine House is a harm reduction-oriented drop-in centre serving street-involved and homeless people, many of them affected by addictions, HIV, and Hepatitis C. We provide programs, services and educational resources focused on the prevention of chronic and infectious diseases, operationalized harm reduction, and on the promotion of population health.

Vision

To create a place where people can grow.

The values and principles that guide our work are

***Acceptance
Respect***

***Inclusion
Confidentiality***

Board of Directors

Chelsea Jalloh • *Co-Chair*
Elizabeth Treidler • *Co-Chair*
Heather Ashdown • *Director*
Courtney Bell • *Funding & Proposals*
Hilda Chapman • *Staff Representative*
Carol Ann Coish • *Director*
Derek Pachal • *Director*
Benjamin Simcoe • *Communications*
Patricia Stewart • *Director*
Janis Tecson • *Treasurer*
Laura Thompson • *Secretary*
Margaret Ormond • *Ex Officio*

Staff

Deanna Moose • *Casual Staff*
Hilda Chapman • *Casual Staff*
Sam Medd • *Casual Staff*

JD Ormond
Drop-in Program Coordinator
Levi Foy
Like That Program Coordinator
Margaret Ormond
Special Projects Manager

JD & the Sunshine Band

Core Band

JD Ormond • *songwriter/guitar/bass/vocals*
Adrian Spence • *drums/guitar/vocals*
Gilbert Spence • *drums*
Vince Andrushko • *base/vocals*
Shelley Marshall • *accordion*

Shiners

Ray	Kirby
Shirley	Elaine
Tiki	Mandy • <i>Backup singer</i>
Merle	Anna • <i>Backup singer</i>
James	

Mapping Team

Field Team

Levi Foy
Carrie McCormack
Anna Scott
JD Ormond
JP Melrose
Piper Curtis
Paul Ducharme
Jennifer Cook

Data Entry

Courtney Bell
Benjamin Simcoe

Sunshine House Inc.

646 LOGAN AVE, WINNIPEG

Annual General Meeting

November 5TH, 2015

Agenda

5:15 PM Doors open and refreshments served

5:45 PM AGM begins

1. Welcome from Co-Chairs and call to order
2. Minute of Silence
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of previous AGM's minutes
5. Activity Report & Program Staff Report

Participant Speakers:

- Drop-in • Berle Bittern
- Like That • Kelly Houle
- JD & the Sunshine Band • Adrian Spence
- Automotivate • Ricki Bushie
- Brunch • Roberta Charette

6. Financial Report : April 1, 2014- March 31, 2015
7. Approval of Financial Report
8. Nomination Report, Nominations and Board Election
9. Other Business
10. Adjournment

Minutes from 2013-2014 AGM

Sunshine House Inc.
646 Logan Avenue, Winnipeg
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
November 27, 2014 at 7:45 PM
MINUTES

Present: Ben, Hilda, Janis, Elizabeth, Chelsea, Laura, Heather, Susan, Deanna, Margaret, Adele, Pat, JD

1. Welcome from Co-Chairs and call to order
 - a. Introductions – round table
 - b. Message from the Co-Chairs (Elizabeth)
2. Minute of Silence
 - a. A minute to reflect and acknowledge the loss of lives that used to be part of the circle.
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. At today's AGM, we will be discussing events from April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014.
 - b. Hilda moved that the agenda be accepted and this was seconded by Elizabeth.
4. Approval of previous AGM's minutes
 - a. Minutes from the AGM held on January 22, 2014 were reviewed.
 - b. Pat moved that the minutes be accepted and this was seconded by Chelsea.
5. Activity Report & Program Staff Report
 - a. Solvent Users Recreation Project (SURP) and the recording project were both successful.
 - b. Sunshine House is an interesting place where sharing and knowledge from diverse people converges, and all that was created through SURP demonstrated this. JD and the Sunshine Band have traveled beyond the walls of Sunshine House and continued after the completion of SURP.
 - c. Brunch continued with support from a variety of donors and the whole neighborhood sees it as a resource for them. Brunch has sustained our connection with the neighborhood, as well as beach day, barbeques, and dances.
 - d. We've seen that it is important to reach out beyond Sunshine House. This includes having letterhead, business cards, inviting people from diverse organizations to events and meetings, and hosting lunch and learn sessions.
 - e. We thank Ben for his work in communications, including the website which was launched in late 2013.
6. Financial Report: April 1, 2013- March 31, 2014
 - a. Statement of Operations gives a good breakdown of revenues and expenses from the year. It is on page 19 of the AGM Report.
 - b. The net income indicates the position Sunshine House was in on March 31, 2014. As of March 31, 2014, Sunshine House was able to anticipate new funding soon after that date.
 - c. There have been times when Sunshine House has received anonymous donations that came through the Winnipeg Foundation. We acknowledge and gratefully accept these anonymous donations. We could not have operated in the absence of these donations and they couldn't have come at a better time, as we were contemplating closure of Sunshine House at that time.
 - d. We thank Janis for all of her work on financial reports.
 - e. Pat moved to approve the financial reports and this was seconded by Hilda. All in favor.

7. Nomination Report, Nominations and Board Election

- a. Everyone except Ellen wishes to remain on the board in the same capacity as in the past.
- b. Ellen wishes to be an advisor and elder for the board. She will technically be on the board without voting privileges. She will receive all board communications.
- c. Courtney requested a leave of absence and is therefore technically still on the board.
- d. Heather doesn't know what her availability will be while she is doing her residency program because she will be on call. She is happy to join the board if it is ok that she will miss some meetings. Our general guideline is that if someone misses three meetings in a row and does not inform the board then the board investigates.
- e. Chelsea nominates Heather to be on the board. Margaret nominates Derek to be on the board. All in favor of Heather and Derek joining the board.
- f. Pat moves that the standing board members from 2013/2014 that wish to remain on the board do so. Chelsea, Elizabeth, Courtney, Hilda, Carol Ann, Ben, Pat, Janis, and Laura. Margaret is an ex-officio member of the board and committees and Courtney is on a leave of absence. All in favor.

8. Other Business: The Future

- a. We discussed the possibility of increasing the number of positions on the board. We are interested in trying to have client and community member representation on the board. Heather moves to increase the number of possible positions on the board to 15. Laura seconded the motion. All in favor.
- b. The notice of this motion must be circulated to members of Sunshine House. Margaret will do so and give 30 days for comments and then at the second board meeting after the AGM we will make the motion again. At a subsequent meeting, we will also discuss the particular composition of the additional four positions on the board. In other words, whether any of these should be designated for community members or clients.
- c. We can revisit the list of what activities each board member is interested in contributing to. Laura will circulate a document we used in the past to identify what types of tasks board members would like to be involved with.
- d. Membership: should Sunshine House continue to take \$5 for memberships? Instead, we will have an email list and continue everyone on the email list to be our free members. If we need to consult our members about anything, we will simply email all members. Chelsea moves that we eliminate the cost of membership. Ben seconded this motion. All in favor.
- e. The future: All of our funding proposals have been successful recently (2014). Street Feet will start in 2014/2015. Automotivate has been funded by LITE and will begin soon. A new twice a month drop in for people who are exploring sexual and gender identify will begin on Monday nights will be starting in December and WRHA will be funding this. The Cycle of Giving is a bike shop located on Logan which is doing a special bike mechanics project (WRENCH) at Orioles to fix bikes for children. Some SURP graduates may be interested in participating. Battle of the Bands is an event of accountants and lawyers that occurs in March and they also pick a charity to donate money to. Price Waterhouse Cooper is one of the firms that is involved with this.

9. Adjournment

- a. Pat thanks the co-chairs for their leadership.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 9PM.

Message from the Board of Directors

I am honoured to present this year's message on behalf of the Board of Directors of Sunshine House. This past reporting year, April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015, was indeed a dynamic one, full of ups and downs, but always engaging. I admit to struggling with this report; there have been so many positive achievements, but hovering ominously overhead was the constant worry regarding funding. At times, it has been a struggle to keep the doors of Sunshine House open. Core funding remained beyond our grasp despite hope and hard work.

Despite financial concerns, I would like to acknowledge the support that Sunshine House receives in a myriad of ways. Worthy of particular attention is the fact that Sunshine House is the recipient of a great deal of generosity of spirit from a large number of individuals working in various capacities in our communities, people who are always 'watching out' for us. These groups and individuals have become enthusiastic and generous supporters of our work; we could not manage without this support and are truly appreciative.

JD and the Sunshine Band continued to flourish and the 'Shiners' were able to enjoy and share their success in a variety of milieux and mediums. There was, and is to this day, a great deal of public and media interest surrounding the band. On April 9th, the band released their first CD at a sold out launch at Crossways in Common, joined by Red Sons Singers and Nathan and sporting new shirts made by Susan Scott, one of their most enthusiastic supporters. This was definitely one of the highlights of the year for me personally. To see so many people from a wide variety of backgrounds come together in one venue to celebrate the success of the band was a testament to the universal power of music to bring us together. There was such a feeling of unreserved delight and genuine engagement with the music, both on and off the stage. As a special surprise, Margaret Ormond took to the stage to perform The Sunny Side of the Street with the Shiners, and brought down the house.

Deserving of special mention is our 'Like That' program, which commenced in December of 2014. Like That is a program which provides a space where people exploring gender and/or sexual identity can gather for fun, skills building and recreation. Program participants worked hard to raise money for a float in this year's Pride Parade.

Also, during this time, Lit Up got underway. Lit Up, an initiative to create literacy-based programming for street-involved individuals, commenced in the summer of 2014. Participants engaged in various activities, demonstrating that literacy encompasses much more than reading and writing. We celebrated the culmination of Lit Up at the end of August with a reception, "Get Lit", and captivating displays in which we showcased the accomplishments of the program participants.

Sunshine House successfully engages some of the most marginalized individuals in the Winnipeg by being a place where everyone is welcome, without judgement. A "Harm Reduction" approach to our work has built a strong connection with people who often reject community services. All individuals, clients, volunteers and staff, are guided by the principles of *acceptance, inclusion, respect and confidentiality*.

This past year, as a Board, we gave careful consideration to the re-examination of our definition of Harm Reduction. Sunshine House received a significant amount of attention this year, hosting several important events and prompting us to entertain this conversation. At a Board level, our strong commitment to a Harm Reduction approach was analyzed, discussed, reaffirmed, and molded to fit our particular circumstances. We do not only claim a Harm Reduction approach, we put it into practice

every single day and no two situations are ever the same. Harm Reduction does not remain static; it evolves to suit the needs of our clients, and our beliefs, not only as an organization, but as a group of individuals. We never lose sight of the fact that, ultimately, it is our Harm Reduction approach which has built such strong connections with people who attend programming at Sunshine House.

We welcomed two new members, Heather Ashdown and Derek Pachal, to the Board of Directors. Both Heather and Derek bring a wealth of experience and practical skills and have demonstrated a deep commitment to service on behalf of Sunshine House.

Continuing on with the work of board development commenced last year, strategic planning meetings were facilitated at Sunshine House. As a result, the Board of Directors now has a comprehensive plan for the advancement of effective communication and the promotion of our priorities. Board training and development is necessary and ongoing.

As in my report last year, I would like to acknowledge the valuable contribution made by our staff and volunteers at Sunshine House. Levi Foy's initiative has driven the Like That Program, and, together with J.D. Ormond, has brought a high level of relevancy, and fun, into our programming.

Sunshine House has been recognized time and again, for the validity and success of our approach. At Sunshine House, we identify and fill gaps. We do things that other people can't, and this has been, and remains, the strength of Sunshine House.

Elizabeth Treidler

Co-Chair, Sunshine House Board of Directors

Message from Outgoing Co-Chair

Wow, these three years have flown by incredibly quickly. As I leave my position as one of the co-chairs, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the fellow board members, the Sunshine House staff, the funders, the community members, the supporters, and especially the program participants who I have been so very fortunate to learn from and to work with. In particular, I would like to acknowledge my co-chair of the past two years, "Treidler", for all of her work and collaborations; we have been a great team! I would also like to acknowledge Marge who has provided tireless support, endless midnight conversations, and all sorts of scheming and dreaming; what can I say? You complete me :)

There are many people who work so hard to keep Sunshine House chugging along. The staff's energy, creativity and humor are vital. Each person who participates in any of Sunshine House's programs keeps the momentum of Sunshine House growing; thank you for sharing your energy, your stories, and your time. This board has been absolutely ridiculous and I am deeply fortunate to have spent many an evening working with you around the Sunshine House table. There is often not sufficient time to acknowledge each person's work and efforts but know that all of your contributions matter. Huge.

Dave Matthews wrote the lyrics "We make plans to change the world while the world is changing us." As the board moves forward into this new year, it is my hope that we continue to be challenged, inspired, and changed by this work that we do.

Chelsea Jalloh

Co-Chair, Sunshine House Board of Directors

Governance

Board of Directors

CHELSEA JALLOH

Our board was kept very busy during this last year! In addition to our regular board meeting occurring every 6 weeks, a concerted effort was made to aggressively pursue funding opportunities. This meant that more board members wrote more funding applications more often! Special acknowledgement is merited for members of the board who newly engaged in the proposal writing process, and for those "seasoned proposal veterans" who provided input and mentorship. Incorporating "Communications and Correspondence" as a standing board agenda item has helped to prioritize strengthening relationships with organizations, individuals, and existing funders, and also encouraged regularly taking initiative to explore new potential partnerships. Executive board meetings took place between board meetings as required; thank you to the dedicated executive for all of their hard work. Board meetings are open to the public; notice of upcoming meetings is posted on our Facebook page.



New Board Member Perspective by Heather Ashdown

Sunshine House is an essential resource to people in the surrounding community that offers them a safe place to explore their creativity, to develop life skills and to belong. We see it as "a place to grow". As a new member of the board, I have thought about how these principles apply not only in providing programming for other folks, but also in the way that we conduct ourselves as a board. The way that the board operates, the way that we communicate with one another and celebrate each other, truly reflects the spirit of Sunshine House.

Initially I imagined that this commitment would become one of many that I would have to carefully set aside energy for. Through my time here, I'm finding that the friendship and inspiration in this atmosphere gives me more energy that carries over into other areas of my work and home life. The work that has been accomplished by the participants in our programs has been truly amazing. I was honoured to join this group of great people and I'm proud of what we've accomplished together. Whether or not it's easy or hard work, I always leave our board meetings feeling like I belong here and it has become one of my own "places to grow".



Staff

MARGARET ORMOND

So, after the Board makes wise decisions about preserving energy and minimizing wear and tear, someone comes up with another great idea, and all of our good intentions end up lost. We find a gap. We think it should be filled. We want to do it. And everyone rises to the occasion. It seems that the well of creativity is bottomless. In the day to day bumping around Sunshine House, the Staff is the fuel and fire for everything that happens. That people occasionally get cranky is the small price that is paid for their consistent generosity, patience and good humour.

For the year 2014-15, the good ideas were:

- JD and the Sunshine Band: Such a good idea! Held together by JD Ormond, and his great crew.
- Expanded Sunday Brunch: With clothing room and reading space. JD in the kitchen.

- Lit Up: Literacy Program, culminating in the art show, "Get Lit," coordinated by JD Ormond, with assistance and creative guidance of Sam Medd, Chantal Degagne, and the Sunshine crew.
- Like That: Levi Foy and the Like That people turn the entire place upside down with their infectious energy. Not satisfied with staying at home, they drag us out and about with Taco sales, Drag Bingos and general mayhem.
- Automotivate: Coordinated by JD Ormond, with mechanical skill and irreverence from Cory Klym.

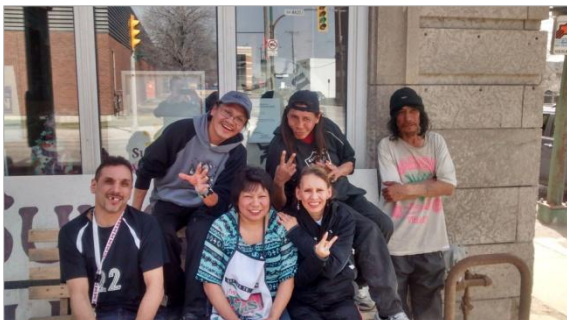
All programs have drop-in as the base of operations, requiring that the casual staff keep connections with program participants easy and relaxed. And cook, and clean, and keep stats, feed the cat, and any number of things necessary for operations. Huge, huge shout out to them: Deanna Moose, who has gone to a fancy job up North; Sam Medd, the brains and inspiration for the clothing room and art space; Hilda Chapman, holding it down for over 10 years; and Rhonda Starr. Special thanks to Janis Tecson for managing our books. JD has stopped writing receipts on paper plates.

Programs and Services

Drop-In

Drop-in continues to be a welcoming environment for people to come, engage, contribute and participate. Drop-in aims to provide engaging activities so participants can focus their energies on positive things. This activities-based approach helps to stimulate people, get them using their minds and hands and a variety of different skills, and also helps to foster a sense of self worth and dignity.

During the past year, the group played lots of bingo, ate lots of good food, rehearsed music, tried out a novel study, built shelves, shared stories, and just got better at hanging out. Also, as a new addition, during drop-in the Street Connections van stops by on a regular basis to do STI testing. The drop-in program accepts people where they're at, and people enjoy coming for the relaxed and welcoming environment.



When did you start coming to drop-in?

When we were housed originally on Sherbrook.

How did you hear about it?

From a researcher who was interviewing people about Hepatitis C, who said that the place was open for everyone.

What was main reason you wanted to come?

Things going on, like Bar-B-Q's, Beach Days, Brunch, were open to everyone. It wasn't just for one group.

Why do you keep coming?

When I get too depressed I come here; I relax and get involved in what's going on. Then I feel better. We always laugh and joke around. When I'm part of the Sunshine Band, up on stage, I feel like a rock star. No matter where people are, even at rock bottom, everyone has something to say. I know someone hears me.

—Drop-In Participant

Brunch

BENJAMIN SIMCOE

Sunday Brunch continues to be a cornerstone program at Sunshine House, a program which brings the community together each week to eat, have fun, and access additional resources and programming at Sunshine House. Brunch is fueled by the hard work of staff and volunteers, and is supported in part by The Winnipeg Foundation and Winnipeg Harvest. For a toonie, community members can enjoy a full breakfast, including eggs, whole grain pancakes, smoothies, and more! As always, kids age 12 and under eat for free.

Due to funding constraints, the existence of the Brunch program has faced turbulence in recent years. A concerted effort on the part of board members and volunteers was undertaken to increase donations to the program, which led to the creation of the “Buy a Brunch” campaign. Donors were given the opportunity to sponsor a Brunch for \$100, which would cover cost of an entire Sunday Brunch, and feed up to 40 community members! Many generous donations flowed in, giving some stability to the program. The names of our generous Brunch donors are listed on the Brunch Donor Wall on our website and at the end of this report.

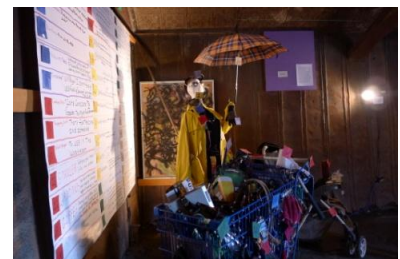
With the reinvigoration of the Brunch program, Brunch services have also been expanded to include the new Community Reading Room and a clothing giveaway. The Community Reading Room is open to community members during brunch, who can read, relax, and enjoy the sunny, renewed space on the second floor. The reading room is dedicated to Arnold Badger, one of Sunshine House’s most inspiring authors. Community members can also access high quality, free, gently used clothing every Sunday, generously provided by Wolseley Wardrobe! Special thanks to Freda, Sophia, Roberta, and Carol Ann, who volunteer their time each week to help make Brunch happen, and staff the Reading Room. Sunday Brunch would not exist without their unwavering support!

Lit Up

CHELSEA JALLOH

Lit Up was a 3 month pilot project to provide literacy-based programming for street-involved individuals; programming that was firmly grounded in the literacy needs, abilities, and interests of the target population. To do this, the first step was to engage in dialogue with potential participants, to explore if they had interest in a literacy program and, if so, what they would want that program to be like. In September 2013, Sunshine House hosted a World Café; over the course of several hours, 17 individuals shared a meal and participated in conversation and a variety of literacy-based activities. Sunshine House recognizes that there are multiple modes of literacy, and the World Cafe activities such as storytelling, drawing, listening to music, and reading aloud, reflected these multiple forms of literacy.

Building upon the findings of the World Café, and with support from a University of Manitoba Major Outreach Award facilitated by Dr. Barbara

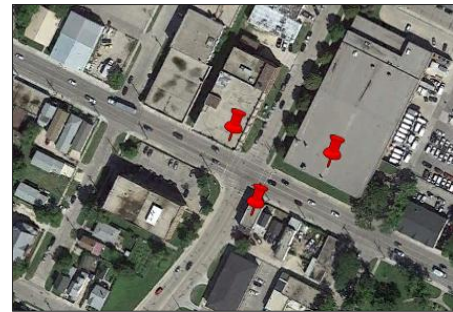


McMillan (University of Manitoba, Faculty of Education), and additional contributions from Dr. John Wylie (University of Manitoba, Faculty of Medicine) and Dr. David Mandzuk (University of Manitoba, Faculty of Education), the Lit Up program officially launched in April 2014. Working with Program Coordinator JD Ormond, participants engaged in a variety of creative and often unconventional literacy-based activities, such as creating art, playing games such as hangman, mapping experiences of the healthcare system, creating lists of items used for canning, and building sets/installations based on participants' stories. In August 2014, Lit Up Participants hosted "Get Lit" – a community exhibition featuring the projects they created during the Lit Up Program and a performance by JD and the Sunshine Band. Further literacy-based programming is of great interest to Sunshine House; we are exploring funding options to support the development of future literacy-promotion programs for our clients.

Mapping Project

MARGARET ORMOND

Initially conceived as an element of evaluation of the Street Connections program, the Mapping Project expanded to a collaborative project/partnership between the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) and the University of Manitoba's Centre for Global Public Health (CGPH), with Sunshine House acting as the worksite for a technique that had been undertaken in countries across the globe. The Mapping Project was designed to gain insight into the physical and virtual locations where Street Connections clients may be located to provide concrete geographic evidence of areas or regions that require the services of both Street Connections or other related services and programs.



The Mapping Field Team (8) was employed by Sunshine House, as the coordinating body for the Mapping Project. Training, field work and data collection occurred from May to August 2014. Working from the model for Mapping developed by CGPH, the Winnipeg site developed and refined tools and mechanisms for application in the Canadian urban context. These included detailed safety planning, refined mechanisms for assessing the "nature of neighbourhoods" through the lens of the observer. These unique tools may contribute to the body of research and expertise that Sunshine House provides both to academic research being undertaken at the community level and community-based research undertaken by and with communities.

The Mapping Advisory Committee was comprised of individuals with direct or indirect expertise (Personal, Academic and Service Provision) related to the populations of interest for the Mapping Project. Guided by Terms of Reference that were approved by the Group at their inaugural meeting, members offered guidance on processes and tools developed for the conduct of the Mapping exercise, including refining the definitions and instruments used by the Field Team.



Like That

LEVI FOY

Like That is a new program which provides a space where people exploring gender and/or sexual identity can gather at Sunshine House for fun, skills building and recreation.

We use “like that” as a colloquial term that is clear without having to check specific boxes. It is queer without having to be explicit and it avoids the typical identifiers that may be laced with histories of oppression and homophobia. *“I am ‘like that’. That’s the way it is.”*

PROJECT GOALS

- To foster a creative and supportive environment where people can explore their gender and/or sexual identities.
- To provide people with a safe space to meet and be a part of a community.
- To give people the opportunity to learn new skills and strengthen their existing skillset.
- Foster a culture of independence.



Mission Statement

Like That since its inception has constantly changed and grown into the chaotic entity that is today. Originally we had set out to create a unique space for people to come and explore ideas around gender, sexuality, and identity. The reason why we felt it was necessary was because through the collective experiences of the Sunshine House we recognised that many people involved in the gender and sexually diverse communities may not be comfortable in established places because of stigmas regarding individual’s personal lives. We set out to create this space with support of various other organisations in the city who were doing similar work.

Thanks to the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority - Healthy Sexuality & Harm Reduction, QPOC-Winnipeg, and those who donated to the online FundRazr campaign for helping us get to Pride!

Operating Principles

At Like That we validate and honour people's experiences and wisdom. We support and engage each other in the spirit of mutual respect.

We believe in: Learning people's names, introducing ourselves, learning more about each other and welcoming new faces.

This is a self-regulated space - there are no bosses or people who are watching us and trying to tell us how to be here. We are responsible for ourselves and the group as a whole.

Come in at your own pace - join in immediately, hang out, or observe, eat, whatever feels best for you is good with Like That.

Share at your own pace - you only have to share when you feel like it or when it feels safe and OK for you to do so. We don't ever want people to feel pressured to share here!

We want Like That to feel like a place where we can step outside our comfort zones and take risks and be supported by one another to do so.

Gender expression/exploration is welcomed and CELEBRATED here. We love to play with gender, and non-conforming gender expression is loved and valued alongside more traditional gender expressions.

No fat shaming at 'Like That'. Fat is not a dirty word and all bodies are welcome here.

This space is positive, we listen to each other and hear people out.

We are open to other ways/approaches/realities. We don't have to agree to get along.

We engage with each other and if we notice someone making an effort to engage, we will make that effort back.

If we have drama with other Like That folks we will either leave it at the door when we come in or we will ask another Like That person to support us in conversation.

We are OK with conflict, disagreements, and living real at Like That. We also want to meet any conflict or trouble head on and deal with it in a good way, together. We know that sometimes shit gets real and hard and we know that if we can deal with it together that sometimes that is where magic happens.

So how do we hold each other to account?

Once a month we will hold an informal optional popcorn style sharing circle. We will sit upstairs and share with each other how we are, what has been happening within the group, and how we want to take care of the special thing that we have here.

Automotivate

JD ORMOND

Automotivate is a course out of the Sunshine House designed to connect people with hands-on auto mechanics skills and education. Using vehicles that a few generous individuals have donated, the aim of this 8 session course is to fix them, and in the process, gain some practical hands on knowledge of the machines that make us go...fast.

There are six young folks taking part in the program. They will hopefully enjoy it enough to not want to quit. A certified mechanic, Cory Klym, will be running the group. Cory was our mechanic during the Solvent Users' Recreation Project. He helped us resurrect the Sunshine van, aka the "Rushmobile". That module was done out of my mother's garage. This project will be a little more plush, as we'll be working out of an actual mechanics shop.

My job is to make sure that some of the traits that Sunshine House has been successful with in the past—providing a place where people can learn and create—can happen again. Along the way, I'm confident that there will be some mishaps and surprises that will validate the existence of this blog, namely my pitiful lack of auto mechanics knowledge and the process and joy of leaning about it.

More from the Automotivate Blog: sunshinehousewpg.blogspot.ca



Special Dates & Events

Rock & Doc

CHELSEA JALLOH

On December 8th, 2014 the Sunshine House Documentary was launched at the Park Theatre. The launch celebrated the culmination of local film maker, Jim Agapito's, time with the participants and staff of the Solvent Users' Recreation Project (SURP). Sunshine House was fortunate to work with Jim as our Artist in Residence, an initiative of the Winnipeg Arts Council. Jim, in addition to photographers Matt Purchase and Chris Friesen, worked closely with the SURP participants to capture the experiences, environment, and success of the SURP program. A big thank you to Tricia Wasney, the Manager of Public Art at Winnipeg Arts Council, for her support of this initiative, and also thanks to the funders of the SURP project, Neighbourhoods Alive! And Mount Carmel Clinic. Thank you to JD and the Sunshine Band for providing a great set of music at the event. And, of course, sincere thanks to Jim for all the work on the great film, to Chris and Matt for all of your wonderful photography, and to all of the fine folks who packed the Park Theatre to celebrate the documentary launch!

To view the gallery, and watch the documentary, visit: winnipegarts.ca/wac/artwork/sunshine-house





JD and the Sunshine Band continue to spread their good vibrations beyond the beating heart of central Winnipeg. Formed in 2013 to craft songs out of the slang and humour of the streets of Winnipeg, the band has been a vessel for which folks from all walks of life can contribute. And they have struck a chord that has resonated far beyond their expectations. From their humble Logan Avenue birthplace, to rubbing elbows with some of music's biggest acts (Steve Earle, Dwight Yoakam, Blue Rodeo), the Sunshine Band's take on folk music has a place on the big stage. Make no mistake—the band will continue to take the pulse of Winnipeg's heart, give it a melody and a back beat, and put it back on the streets with renewed swagger. Keep your ears to the ground—a new album is in the works, due out in 2016.

Get your shades on. There will be blasts of Sunshine in the near future!
- JD Ormond

Photo by Robert Wilson

April 4, 2014

Band interviewed on
Peg City Groove (CKUW)

April 7, 2014

Band featured in
Stylus Magazine

April 8, 2014

Band project covered by
Winnipeg Free Press

April 9, 2014

Band project covered
online by CBC Manitoba

April 9, 2014

Band debut & CD release
concert, feat. Red Sons
Singers and Nathan Music Co.

SOLD OUT!

May 8, 2014

Band snags a few stars
in Winnipeg Free Press
New Music column

May 12, 2014

Band hits #4 on CKUW
top 30 album chart

Year of the Band

JD and the Sunshine Band was born out of the music recording module of the Solvent User's Recreation Project (SURP). It is a collaboration between musicians and the folks who participate in Sunshine House programming. The band completed its first album in April, 2014 on the Transistor 66 label, and was met with critical acclaim. Two music videos have been produced to date, and the band has been invited to play multiple events and festivals.

The band project was made possible in part by grants from the University of Manitoba Department of Medical Microbiology, Healthy Together Now, and Assiniboine Credit Union.

To watch the music videos and find out how to purchase the album, visit: sunshinehousewpg.org/band

June 20, 2014

Band plays Aboriginal Day at the Forks

August 6, 2014

Band plays Big Fun Festival

August 17, 2014

Band plays Rainbow Trout Music Festival

Sept 1, 2014

"Heard That One Before" music video released!

Sept 5, 2014

Band plays HIV/HCV Nursing Education Day in Yorkton, SK

Sept 13, 2014

Band plays Harvest Moon Festival

Jan 23, 2015

Band plays Times Change(d) High and Lonesome Club

March 19, 2015

Band project and van benefit concert covered by Winnipeg Sun

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APRIL 2014

Lit Up literacy project begins!
Runs April—July 2014.

APRIL 9, 2014

CD Release & Fundraiser



MAY 2014

Mapping Project begins!
Runs May—August 2014.

JUNE 22, 2014

Photo gallery installation
launch & brunch celebration
with Friesen Family!

JULY 19, 2014

Annual Community BBQ



AUGUST 28, 2014

Get Lit.

OCTOBER 2014

Debut of the revamped 2nd
floor Community Reading
Room!

NOVEMBER 2014

Toes the Cat joins the family!



NOVEMBER 8, 2014

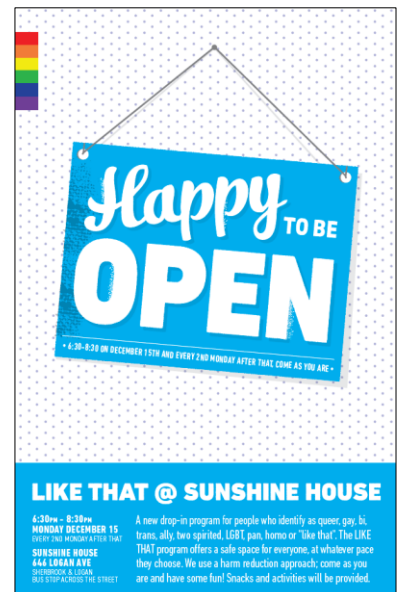
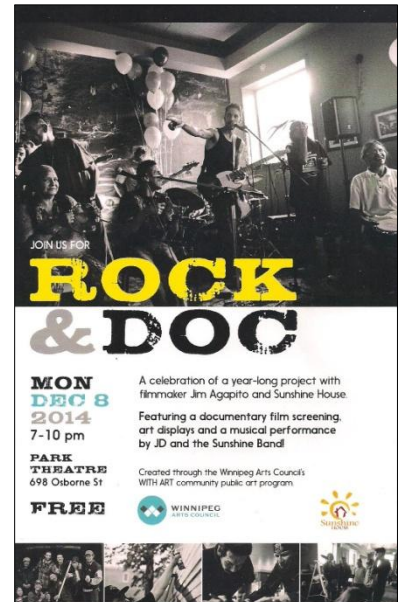
Handsome Daughter
organizes popup dinner
fundraiser for Sunshine
House!

NOVEMBER 27, 2014

2013-14 Sunshine House
Annual General Meeting

DECEMBER 8, 2014

Rock & Doc at the Park
Theatre!



DECEMBER 15, 2014

Like That begins!

NEW YEAR'S EVE 2015

QPOC-Winnipeg New Year's
Eve fundraiser for Like That

JANUARY 2015

Debut of new clinic space

FEBRUARY 24, 2015

Like That online fundraising
campaign begins

MARCH 2, 2015

Automotivate begins!

Building Enhancements

BENJAMIN SIMCOE

Thanks to our hard-working volunteers, and to some of our funding partners, Sunshine House received a number of much-needed upgrades during the 2014-2015 year!

FLOORING & FIRE ESCAPE

The old carpeting on the main floor was removed, and replaced with durable vinyl flooring, which looks great, and is easy for staff to maintain. Our rear fire escape was completely replaced with an all-new sturdy structure, which was finished just in time to accommodate expanded services on our second floor. The flooring and fire escape were funded by a grant from the Province of Manitoba - Winnipeg Community Infrastructure Program (WCIP).

COMMUNITY READING ROOM

The living space on the second floor was revamped into a new reading room, which is enjoyed by participants and community members every Sunday during Brunch. Books and publications on a wide variety of topics are available, and reading glasses are put out for those who need them. Thanks to Carol Ann, Piper, Laura, and Elizabeth for the hard work and creativity that went into putting the space together. The Community Reading Room is dedicated to the memory of Arnold Badger, a reader, writer, and Sunshine House participant.

TOES' FOOT CLINIC

Thanks to the incredible efforts of Bill Forsyth, Carmen Lopez, and Guenther Hille, the second floor front office was converted into a professional clinic space, complete with sink and examination chair. The clinic was built to house the Street Feet foot health program, which later began in the 2015-2016 year. Thanks to the WRHA for use of the examination chair.

DISHWASHER

The kitchen received a much-needed upgrade in the form of a brand new dishwasher! The dishwasher allows Brunch staff to sanitize dishes in a manner that is both quicker and safer for those dining at Sunshine House, and helps us serve more community members. Thanks to the Central Neighbourhoods Renewal Initiative at CNDC for making this possible!

GALLERY

The first floor space has been dramatically improved with the addition of a permanent gallery installation, featuring the photography of Chris Friesen, who captured the evolution of the Solvent Users' Recreation Project over a period of ten months in 2012-2013. The installation was generously donated as part of a major contribution from the Friesen family. Thank you!



Communication & Information Sharing

Canadian Association for HIV/AIDS Research

May 1, 2014

St. John's, Nfld

Poster Presentation "How a Recreation Program for Solvent Users is HIV Prevention"

Authors: Margaret Ormond, JD Ormond, Gilbert Spence, Chelsea Jalloh

Canadian Association for Nurses in AIDS Care

April 24, 2014

Winnipeg

Presenter: Margaret Ormond

Oral Presentation: Solvent Users' Recreation Project: An innovative program's connection to community health and HIV prevention

SURP Lunch & Learns

March 26th & April 2nd, 2014

Sunshine House

Publication

Literacy Partners Manitoba

"Write On" magazine

Spring 2014

Title: "Getting 'Lit Up' at Sunshine House"

Authors: Chelsea Jalloh & Margaret Ormond



Sunshine House joined Twitter in January, 2015!

Follow us [@sunshine_wpg](https://twitter.com/sunshine_wpg) or visit twitter.com/sunshine_wpg



Sunshine House joined PayPal in February 2015, and can now accept online donations!

If you are interested in making a donation online, please visit sunshinehousewpg.org/donate



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A copy of this report, and all past Sunshine House publications, are available at:

sunshinehousewpg.org/publications

SUNSHINE HOUSE INC.		
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		
AS AT MARCH 31,2015		
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
ACU - Chequing Account	(13,267)	
ACU - Surplus Shares	130	
GST Receivable	2,099	
Accounts Receivable	21,368	
Total Current Assets		10,330
Fixed Assets		
Grant Asset	227,520	
Accumulated Deprec - Grant Asset	(102,384)	
Dishwasher	1,250	
Accumulated Deprec - Dishwasher	(250)	
Building Improvements -Fire Escape & Flooring	2,852	
Accumulated Deprec - Fire Escape	(300)	
Accumulated Deprec - Flooring	(270)	
Total Fixed Assets		128,418
TOTAL NET ASSETS		138,748
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	0	
Deferred Revenue	11,560	
Employee Deductions Payable	7,890	
Payroll liabilities	4,968	
ACU - Line of Credit	13,267	
MB Hydro Loan	3,511	
Total Current Liabilities		41,196
Long Term Liabilities		
Deferred Revenue (for Grant Asset)	125,136	
Total Long Term Liabilities		125,136
TOTAL LIABILITIES		166,332
Equity		
NET ASSETS		
Net Income (Loss)- Previous Year		(7,681)
Current Earnings		(CAD19,903)
TOTAL EQUITY		(27,584)
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		138,748

SUNSHINE HOUSE INC. STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS APRIL 1, 2014 - MARCH 31, 2015		
	2014-2015	2013-2014
REVENUES		
Homelessness Grant (for Amortization)	11,376	11,376
University of Manitoba - SURP	0	5,000
U of M Lit up Project	5,280	0
Donations/Memberships	32,219	22,890
All Charities Campaign	141	0
WRHA Healthy Together Now - SURP Album	0	2,500
WRHA - Mapping Project	46,303	18,000
Catering Services	0	825
Manitoba Community Services Council	8,800	0
Community Infrastructure	2,852	0
Downtown Biz	800	0
Winnipeg Foundation	11,632	22,500
Housing & Comm develop - Rec & Wellness	15,000	0
Assiniboine Credit Union - Automotive	4,000	0
L.I.T.E. CED Grant - Automotive	6,000	0
Mount Carmel Clinic	8,000	10,000
JD & Sunshine Band	6,776	0
CD Release Proceeds	5,363	0
Like That	5,000	0
CNRI-Dishwasher	1,250	0
CNDC	350	576
ACU Interest	17	1
TOTAL REVENUES	171,159	93,668
EXPENSES		
Amortization	11,559	11,559
Bank Charges	567	589
Board Meetings & Development	758	86
Building expenses - Maintenance	6,159	3,311
Building expenses - Taxes & Insurance	6,074	7,392
Building expenses - Utilities	7,744	5,877
Building expenses - A/C Loan	1,175	686
Office Supplies & Equipment	1,498	579
Program expenses - Drop In/Brunch	3,481	5,966
Miscellaneous	505	0
Events - Celebrations, Feasts, Dances	1,701	1,552
Transportation, Travel & Vehicle	3,598	0
Salaries & Wages	83,760	0
SURP Expenses-wages / honoraria / operational	4,274	26,980
SURP Album Expenses-wages/prod/oper	6,519	13,103
SURP CD release	691	0
Salaries & Benefits - Admin/Bookkeeping	0	3,293
Salaries & Benefits - Project Manager	0	14,988
Salaries & Benefits - Coordinator	0	2,527
Salaries & Benefits - Drop-in Staff	0	10,191
Payroll Remittances	27,325	3,293
Workers Comp	1,190	0
Lit Up Project Expenses	5,670	1,071
Mapping Expenses - wages/honoraria/oper	5,943	1,470
JD & Sunshine Band	5,627	0
Like That	4,222	0
Automotive	1,022	0
TOTAL EXPENSES	191,062	114,513
NET INCOME (Loss)	(19,903)	(20,845)

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campaign, for getting us to Pride!**

**Thank you to all of our
Buy A Brunch donors!**

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Donation in memory of Daniel Donaldson

Donation in celebration of the birth of
Todd and Amanda's son, Grayson.

Jackie Snarr

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Donation in the name of Kim Hes

Donation in the name of Joanna Seys

Donation in the name of Laura Bennett

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