

# 2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT



## MESSAGE FROM LIFECYCLES TEAM

While it was a difficult year in terms of climate disasters and the relentless pandemic, our resilient and dedicated team of staff, board members and volunteers pulled us through. With an overabundance of fruit from our fruit tree projects, to an increase in watering needs in all our micro-farms, we were nearly overwhelmed. But with each and every one's help, we turned hardships into opportunities and thrived.



## OUR PROJECTS

This year we harvested a **record-breaking amount** of apples, pears, plums, cherries, grapes, kiwis and quince from backyards all around Greater Victoria. Our **300 active volunteers** worked with staff to pick and sort **78,961 lbs** of fruit! - nearly doubling last season's yield of 39,915 lbs. We shared 50,438 lbs of backyard gleaned fruit and 10,972 lbs of farm produce with project participants, LifeCycles programs and community partners through the Food Share Network. We introduced on-line **Fruit Tree Talks**, and 90 people received pre-made bags of produce at our **Community Fruit Share day**.

### FRUIT TREE PROJECT



We had a busy spring at the Victoria Seed Library with weekly seed swaps hosted by our partner, the Greater Victoria Public Library. **100 members** ordered seeds from our extensive catalogue of over **200 varieties of locally saved seeds** and many others stopped by to talk gardening and have a look through the community bin. We shared seeds with several community gardens and groups, and supported the start up of a school Seed Library in Sooke. LifeCycles and the Food Eco District (FED) continue to add engaging demonstration gardens at the Central Library.

### VICTORIA SEED LIBRARY



In 2021, we had **22 volunteer work parties** contributing over **300 hours** of their time. Volunteers are integral in our orchard, and this year they achieved a great deal, including building and upgrading the orchard fencing. We also held **4 workshops** with over **65 participants**. While most of the fruit at Welland is shared with visitors, we were able to harvest **880 lbs** of fruit to share with the broader community. At our fall **Welland Orchard Day**, 75 folks came by the orchard to have a tour of the orchard, taste test and compare different varieties of apples, and get tree care advice.

### WELLAND COMMUNITY ORCHARD



In 2021, **Growing Schools** worked with schools to maintain school micro-farms, and gardens, ran **Seed the City** for the third consecutive year, offered workshops, and piloted a Welland Field Trip series. Throughout, we **delivered 51 workshops, 24 harvest sessions, and 8 field trips** for a total **782 students**. Our school farms grew **1300 lbs** of produce which went into school meal programs. Throughout our Seed the City work experience program, students brought produce from our schoolyard microfarm sites to the Oaklands Sunset Market, and surplus was donated to the Food Share Network.

### GROWING SCHOOLS



## SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

LifeCycles Tree Care Service is building a strong reputation as fruit tree specialists with sought after skills in multi-year restoration programs. As a result this area of business grew 43% last year. Our summer pruning service is also starting to take off - doubling last year and again this year. We've bottled 150 cases (1800 bottles) of LifeCycles own cider destined for sale in the summer.

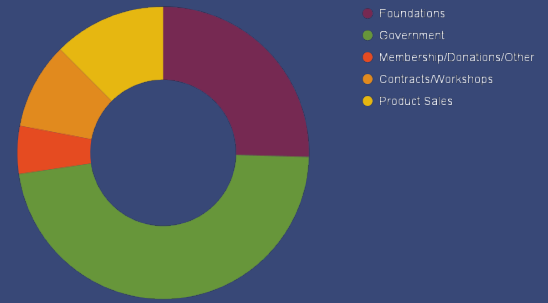
## LIFECYCLES MEMBERS

The Board of Directors has recognized the valuable contributions of volunteers to LifeCycles by admitting all active volunteers as members of the society. Members reflect our values: to care for the land, to empower the community, and to build a movement that changes the way everyone lives and eats in Greater Victoria. As a member, you become a voice for our organization and an advocate for a better food system in the community, and you can make real change happen with voting privileges at our Annual General Meeting.

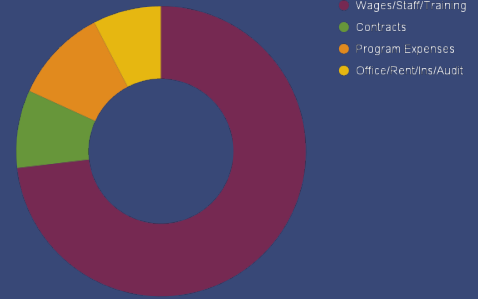
# FINANCIAL POSITION

	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2020-21</u>
Total Assets	348,970	373,440
Current Liabilities	157,623	161,501
Net Assets	191,347	211,939
Total Revenues	565,263	726,131
Total Expenditures	585,855	600,822
Excess (Deficiency)	(20,592)	125,309

Revenues \$565, 263



Expenditures \$585, 855



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