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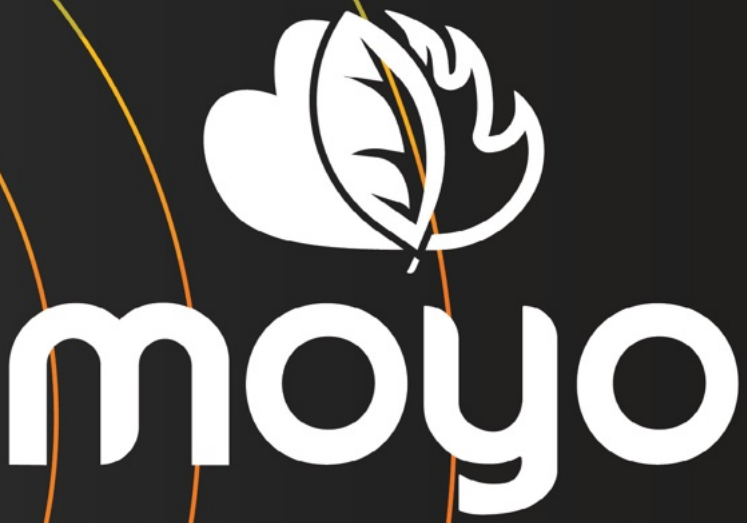


# Annual Report

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# Land Acknowledgement

**Moyo Health & Community Services is located on the territories of the Anishnabek, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee, Ojibway and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.**

**We also recognize the past and present contributions of the Métis, Inuit, and First Nations peoples that continue to have a role in shaping and strengthening these communities in our province and country as a whole.**

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Health & Community Services

**Moyo is a Swahili word that means heart, life, and spirit.**

**These three pillars guide our philosophy.**
**We remain committed to the principles of social justice, equity, inclusion and anti-racism, and to ensuring that communities affected and effected by HIV attain optimal health and well-being.**

## Our Vision

Optimal health, equity, and wellbeing for all.

## Our Mission

Working together to prevent new HIV infection and provide compassionate, responsive, and accessible services to improve the health of people living with, affected by and at risk of HIV/AIDS and equity deserving/ denied communities in Peel region.

# Our Values

## Community Engagement

We are committed to Greater Involvement of People Living with HIV and/or AIDS (GIPA) and Meaningful Engagement of People Living with HIV and/or AIDS (MEPA) as reflected in the Ontario Accord. We aim to centre the voices of all priority populations that are living with, affected by and at heightened risk of contracting HIV/AIDS, including women, Indigenous, African Caribbean and Black communities, all racialized people, 2SLGBTQ+ and people who use drugs.

## Service Excellence

We are guided by data, evidence, and leading practices. Our work is rooted in harm reduction philosophy and practice.

## Access, Equity, De-Colonialism

Working from the framework of social determinants of health, we strive to eliminate systemic and internal barriers to service and bring about fair and just outcomes for communities that are experiencing discrimination and disparities due to anti-Black racism, racism, hate, homophobia, transphobia and other forms of oppression. We are committed to working towards reconciliation with Indigenous Communities.

## Privacy and Confidentiality

Applying a critical lens, we acknowledge the impact that stigma plays on our clients' access to services and quality of life. We work from the perspective of empowering our clients to have agency and autonomy regarding decisions related to their health and health status. We respect and protect private health information with highest regard.

## Collaboration and Teamwork

We value the contributions and insights of our colleagues. As a unified team, we engage in open communication to ensure cohesive care. Our collaboration extends beyond our walls, undertaken with intentionality so that, in partnership, we can devise innovative solutions for multifaceted needs of the communities we serve.

# A Message from our ED and Board Co-Chairs

This year, amid a challenging climate and growing community need, we at Moyo were reminded of what is possible when we come together with compassion, determination, and a shared commitment to supporting our community.

Our work would not be possible without the support of our dedicated volunteers including our Board of Directors, and community members who participate in our advisory committees, pack and distribute food, support event planning and help guide our work to ensure we are responsive to the real-time needs in our community.

Our thanks as well to the incredible staff team at Moyo whose thoughtfulness and tenacity are unmatched. We are grateful for the opportunity to have expanded our team this year with new positions at the HART hub, on the Regional encampment response team, on our new Seniors' Program, and on the Trans Women and Gender Diverse People HIV/STBBI and Health Research Initiative.

We've had some exciting developments at Moyo over this past year, including opportunities to expand our organizational reach, partner with organizations across the region and surrounding regions, and contribute to research which impacts the communities we serve.

In the fall of 2025, we received funding from Gilead through the Zeroing-In: Ending the HIV Epidemic program. These funds are supporting our outreach to newcomers in the Region to share information about HIV and STBBI testing and treatment. We are also providing education to local service providers who support newcomers so they have a better understanding of the ways that HIV stigma can impact on newcomers' access to prevention and treatment services.

In December 2025 we partnered with Peel Public Health to initiate a sexual health partnership clinic located at Moyo every Friday afternoon. The clinic provides walk-in services including HIV and STBBI testing with no OHIP required. The community-based clinic model provides an opportunity for folks who need HIV and STBBI testing to access testing in a non-clinical, judgement-free environment. This partnership builds on our pre-existing clinic partnership with the Ontario PrEP clinic where clients can get started on PrEP and followed for care, as well as get HIV treatment on Mondays and Wednesdays each week. We're thrilled to be able to support expansion of clinical HIV treatment and prevention in our region by supporting these clinics and we are grateful to our partners at the Ontario PrEP clinic and Peel Public Health.

In December 2025 thanks to funding from the Region of Peel Food Security Fund we were able to expand delivery of food to our clients living with and at-risk of HIV. This project has included mobilization of incredible volunteers and participation from across Moyo's staff team to conduct monthly deliveries of fresh food including veggies, fruits, dairy, and meat. Clients are reporting a reduction in food insecurity as a result of this program. We also were able to introduce cooking classes for clients living with HIV and have partnered with WellFort Community Services to have support from their staff team, including their dietitian, as well as make use of their kitchen space. Participants learn how to cook a different meal each class, and enjoy eating the meal, all while engaging with staff and receiving education about healthy nutrition.

In Spring of 2026 we were thrilled to partner with CAYR Community Connections in York Region on a project funded through the OHTN HIV Endgame competition entitled: Economic empowerment of women living with HIV in Peel and York Region: A community-led collaborative needs assessment. This project is being led by the WHAI Coordinators at each of our respective organizations and includes a participant advisory committee made up of older African Caribbean and Black women living with HIV who are advising on all stages of the needs assessment. We're excited to learn from the women participating in this project and to build on the project learnings by better understanding how Moyo can respond to the needs of this community.

We also partnered with the Region of Peel Encampment Response Team to provide harm reduction supports to folks living in encampments across the Region. This support includes building trust-based relationships with folks at local encampments, and sharing harm reduction supplies, education, and referrals to needed services. We're thrilled that we were able to expand our harm reduction team to do this work, and we're already seeing huge benefits to Moyo's ability to find and support people who use drugs across the region through this partnership.

In the Spring of 2026 we also collaborated with the Trans Women and Gender Diverse People HIV/STBBI and Health Research Initiative at Women's College Hospital. We had the opportunity to bring on a staff position to connect with Trans members of our community to participate in the project and receive education and referrals for HIV/STBBI prevention and treatment services, as well as mental health and other essential social services.

This summer we received the exciting news from the Ministry of Health that our proposed Senior's Support Program received one year of funding. This funding includes building a participant advisory group to support project planning, involving peers in the implementation of the program, and conducting educational sessions and social outings with seniors living with HIV to enhance capacity and social connectedness.

In addition to new programming at Moyo we also continued to provide our comprehensive array of services to communities at-risk of HIV and individuals living with HIV. We increased our community engagement through numerous events including World AIDS Day, Black History Month, Love Positive Women, International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia, Peel Pride, Ebony Pride, and International Overdose Awareness Day. We engaged community members in educational programming including Totally Outright, Queer Minds, the Young Black Women's Program, the Theatre for Positive Mental Health, our Lunch N Learn series and more. Our harm reduction program continues to operate five satellite sites and the harm reduction van and we participate and lead multiple regional committees and tables to advocate for harm reduction services in our region.

Despite the challenges facing our community, including systemic racism and xenophobia, elimination of supervised consumption services across the province amid a drug toxicity crisis, increasing costs of daily living and lack of affordable housing, and rising rates of sexually transmitted infections, Moyo continues to address the challenges our community members face head-on. We are committed to doing our part to help Canada achieve the 95-95-95 targets through providing services and supports across all levels of the HIV care continuum.

Sincerely,

**Jillian Watkins**
Executive Director

**Michelle Bilek**
Board Co-Chair

**Theodore Walker Robinson**
Board Co-Chair

# Health Promotion

**ACB HIV/AIDS Awareness Day:** To kick off Black History Month, Moyo in partnership with the Black Health and Social Services Hub (BHSS), organized an online campaign to commemorate ACB HIV/AIDS Awareness Day on February 7, 2026. This campaign was a virtual video which featured Moyo's ACCHO Strategy Worker and one of BHSS's Primary Care Doctors, Dr. Nicole. They spent time breaking down myths around HIV, the importance of testing, especially for African, Caribbean and Black Communities, the importance of culturally competent care and where/how to access health services in the Peel region. This was well received on social media and beyond.

**Black History Month Commemoration Event:** It was 100 years of commemorating Black History Month celebrations across the diaspora and 30 years in Canada. To commemorate the milestone, Moyo had an event to celebrate, with the theme "100 Years of Black History, Infinite Futures: From Legacy to Liberation." This event was held in collaboration with the Peel Art Museum, Gallery and Archives (PAMA) and the Black Health and Social Services Hub (BHSS) on February 26, 2026. It featured a notable activist in the HIV Sector, Maureen Owino, who led the audience through History, Present and Future from a decolonial lens, an intergenerational panel reflecting on the differences and similarities in generational outlook on sex and sexuality, harm reduction, community and care across the diaspora, an art competition celebrating the creativity and resilience of the ACB community in the region where the winners went home with cash prizes.

**Theatre for Positive Mental Health (TPMH) Program:** Moyo's Theatre for Positive Mental Health (TPMH) Program which uses theatre as a destigmatizing way to approach mental health had eight weeks of discussions on issues that affect ACB Populations from sex and sexuality to anti-black racism and selfcare, with different facilitators arming the participants with tools and healthy coping mechanisms for their mental health, held its final two cohorts in this past year. The program which uses theatre as a destigmatizing way to approach mental health had eight weeks of discussions on issues that affect ACB Populations from sex and sexuality to anti-black racism and selfcare, with different facilitators arming the participants with tools and healthy coping mechanisms for their mental health. Each cohort ended with a training where service providers and organizations were informed on best practices in providing culturally relevant and competent care to ACB community in the region. Topics discussed included the mental health of Newcomer ACB Communities. The Program was also presented at a Breakout Session at the ACTNow Conference, where Moyo demonstrated how mental health affects every part of the black life including sexual health. We also encouraged the replication of the TPMH program to serve the ACB Population. Unfortunately the Public Health Agency of Canada has ended the funding for the Mental Health for Black Canadians fund and thus we are seeking funds to continue this important program.

**Young Black Women's Project (YBW):** Since its inception, YBW has continued to be a vibrant and impactful third space for young ACB women and femme identifying gender diverse individuals aged 18-29, offering a safe environment for participants to have facilitated dialogues on topics including career planning, intersectionality, relationships and boundaries, sexual health etc., through workshops tailored for them. Moyo has had two cohorts in the past year, welcoming 12 participants.

**Community Engagement Wellness Fairs:** Through new and existing cross sector partnerships, Moyo participated in several wellness fairs geared to engage members of our priority populations about our programs and services. These included: Rise and Thrive Fair and Outreach, the BAC Wellness Fair as well as the Newcomer Pride, where we distributed condoms, self test kits, safer sex and harm reduction materials.

**Ebony Pride Peel:** Ebony Pride 2026 was a vibrant celebration of Black Joy, culture, community, and 2SLGBTQI+ pride, bringing together African, Caribbean, and Black communities across Peel Region. This

year we partnered with the Black Health and Social Services Hub and Viiv expand Ebony Pride from a small movie night, to a large-scale community event. This year's event themed, "Black, Queer and Joyful", featured live performances, music and dancing, a community resource fair, local vendors, cultural celebrations, and a Diaspora Runway that showcased the diversity and creativity of the Black diaspora. Through connection, visibility, and celebration, Ebony Pride created an affirming space for community members to build relationships, access resources, and celebrate their identities and experiences.

**Love Positive Women Campaign:** In February 2026, the WHAI program and the Support Program hosted a successful heart-centered community-led celebration under the theme: "Rest Reflection and Visibility Beyond Stigma." In honour of Women Living with HIV (WLHIV), the event featured a beautiful culmination of art and dialogue, rooted in joy, self love, and sisterhood.

**HIV/AIDS End Game: Women's Economic Empowerment Project:** Moyo, in partnership with CAYR Community Connections were successful in the OHTN's HIV Endgame community-based research grant competition this year. We are pursuing community participatory research on immigrant women's economic activities in the Peel and York regions. The project acknowledges economic autonomy as a key social determinant of health for women living with HIV in the African Caribbean and Black (ACB) community (ages 45+). Since April 2026, the project has managed to recruit its Project Advisory Committees for both Peel and York region and begun work on development of the needs assessment and recruitment strategies. We are excited to co-create with our community using GIPA/MIPA approaches and intersectional feminist frameworks as we advance our programming and advocacy strategy.

**Sex Workers' Advocacy/ Allyship Group:** The Sex Workers program has also been abuzz with reflections, consultations and strategizing. In an endeavour to strengthen its service delivery, the program in partnership with the Harm Reduction Team and other partner agencies seeks to lead a high-level consultative meeting between service providers from the Violence Against Women (VAW), Human Trafficking and Sex Work theme groups, Service Users (people with embodied experience) in October 2026. The preparations of the event are underway under the theme: "Serving Respect & Dignity to Sex Workers."

**Totally Outright Program:** The Totally Outright Program continues to provide education, connection, and support for 2SLGBTQIA+ adults in Peel Region. During 2025–2026, TORP reached 25 community members through 63 sessions, reflecting the program's shift toward a more flexible and individualized learning model. Participants explored topics including sexual health and STBBI prevention, identity and belonging, mental and emotional well-being, relationships, harm reduction, and the social and cultural experiences that shape 2SLGBTQIA+ lives. Through evidence-informed resources, videos, facilitated conversations, and peer and lived-experience perspectives, TORP creates space for participants to ask questions, build practical knowledge, challenge stigma, and develop greater confidence in navigating their health, identities, relationships, and communities.

**Removing the Barriers Training:** Our Removing the Barriers Training remains an important capacity-building initiative for service providers working with 2SLGBTQIA+ communities. In 2025–2026, we delivered 13 training sessions reaching 79 public health, healthcare, social service, and community professionals. The training equips service providers with practical knowledge and tools related to 2SLGBTQIA+ inclusion, sexual health and STBBI prevention, stigma, harm reduction, and culturally responsive service delivery. Evaluation results demonstrated strong outcomes: 100% of respondents reported increased knowledge of evidence-based HIV, hepatitis C, and related STBBI prevention measures, while 100% indicated an intention to improve their own practice and support organizational change toward more culturally safe and stigma-free services. Through discussion, case scenarios, and practical application, the program supports service providers in translating learning into more respectful, affirming, and responsive everyday practice.

# Health Promotion

**IDAHOBIT 2026:** International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT): In May 2026, Moyo hosted its annual IDAHOBIT Fundraiser Dinner & Show at the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA), centred around the theme "At the Heart of Democracy." The evening brought together 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, allies, organizations and service providers from across Peel Region for an evening of dialogue, connection and celebration. A community panel created space for conversations about the realities facing queer and trans communities, while musical performances, stand-up comedy, art, food and networking brought joy and creativity into the event. The gathering highlighted the importance of creating spaces where advocacy and education can exist alongside community celebration, while strengthening relationships across Peel's 2SLGBTQIA+ community and broader service network. Moyo's public event listing also featured speakers, art exhibits, comedy, musical performances, food and networking as core elements of the evening.

**Peel Pride 2026 – Peel Together, Pride Forever:** On July 11, 2026, Moyo joined the Peel 2SLGBTQ+ Collaborative in bringing Peel Pride to Community Common Park in Mississauga. The free, all-ages celebration brought community members, families, allies and local organizations together to celebrate the diversity, resilience and creativity of Peel's 2SLGBTQIA+ communities. Programming included drag performances, live music performances and DJ together with, food and refreshments, community resources and opportunities for connection throughout the afternoon. More than a celebration, Peel Pride provided a visible and welcoming community space where residents could connect with organizations serving the region, access resources and see 2SLGBTQIA+ identities represented and celebrated locally. The event formed part of ongoing collaborative efforts to strengthen queer and trans visibility, belonging and community connection across Peel Region.

**Men's Sexual Health:** Moyo partnered with GMSH to host a dialogue on Party and Play (PnP), also known as chem sex, which refers for the use of drugs to enhance sexual experience amongst gay men, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (GBMSM) communities. This dialogue focused mainly on Newcomers, Black African and Caribbean population, some of the topics covered were cultural stigma, lack of culturally responsive services and systemic barriers to access services, mental wellness and sexual health. At the end of the event participants gained increased awareness and understanding of PnP. Moyo also participated in GMSH campaign "If No One Ever Told You, We Will (With Love)." creating a safe space for open and stigma-free conversations about HIV, sexual health, prevention, testing, treatment and U=U.

**Chai n' Chat Sessions:** Chai n' chat offers you time and space to think out loud, bounce ideas and talk about what's happening for you right now. We want to hear about your day, your latest crush, who's got you stressed, and what's keeping you from a good night's sleep. Chai n chat sessions have been a meaningful part of my journey at MOYO. Through this program I have had the opportunity to connect with newcomers from different countries, cultural, community members from the 2SLGBTQ+ and different agencies while also creating a safe and private space where clients can feel heard and supported. The program has also helped me grow personally and professionally. It has built my confidence, taught me the importance of trust, healthy boundaries and respecting each person's pronouns and identity. Most importantly it has taught me to remain calm, patient and present when clients are experiencing difficult or trauma-triggering moments.

**Queer Minds:** is a closed supportive social space for 2SLGBTQ+ individuals aged 16+ offered in partnership between MOYO Health & Community Services and the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA). The group meets virtually every Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM on Microsoft Teams and provides an opportunity to build community, share experiences and access knowledge and support. Our sessions cover topics such as coming out, intersectionality, Homophobia, Pride, mental wellness, sexual health, family and culture, Internalized shame and Party & Play (PnP) conversations including harm reduction, consent, pleasure and safer practices. The program also supports GMSHA "If No One Ever Told You, We Will (With Love)" campaign

by creating a safe space for open and stigma-free conversations about HIV, sexual health, prevention, testing, treatment and U=U.

**World AIDS Day:** Our World AIDS Day event, themed "Build, Rethink, Rise," brought our community together to honour those we have lost to HIV, celebrate the incredible progress made in HIV treatment and care, and reflect on how we can strengthen support for people living with HIV and work together to prevent new infections. The event featured inspiring guest speakers Damaris K. Nyamweya and Asha Ulusow, who shared their perspectives and experiences. The program also included powerful musical performances by our Board Co-Chair, Theodore Walker Robinson, and Pam Levi, a Mi'kmaq singer-songwriter from Elsipogtog First Nation, now based in Brampton. Through reflection, storytelling, music, and community connection, the event created space to remember, celebrate progress, and look toward a future where everyone affected by HIV is supported, respected, and empowered.

**Newcomer Outreach:** Building on our efforts last year to address growing community needs, we successfully secured a Gilead Global Fund grant in July/Sept 2025 through their Zeroing In: Migrants and Mobile Populations grant program. With this funding, we expanded our HIV Care Access and Navigation Program to deepen outreach and promotion for newcomers and migrant populations in the region. This grant allows us to support newcomers who face complex challenges in accessing HIV care and services. We recognize the unique intersectional and systemic barriers newcomers and migrants face when moving to Canada, including past experiences in their countries of origin, cultures of silence, fear and shame, misinformation, and a lack of up-to-date knowledge regarding HIV prevention and treatment and the Canadian health and social service systems.

Through this project, Moyo has expanded strategic outreach activities targeting newcomers at community events and newcomer centers, such as the Peel Reception Centre. We are building new partnerships with local organizations serving newcomers to enhance their capacity to help racialized newcomer clients access HIV testing and linkages to care. This project plays a critical role in health promotion, stigma reduction, and HIV education and prevention for both newcomer communities and the service providers who support them, ensuring culturally responsive, trauma-informed, and stigma-free care. Through our work with the PrEP clinic, Bloom, and other physicians in the Peel community, we ensure that individuals who test positive are promptly linked to treatment and wrap-around care.

# Support Program

HIV client care and support programs serve as the foundation of our organization, known as the Central to our mission is the GIPA/MEPA framework, which stands for Greater Involvement of People Living with HIV/AIDS and Meaningful Engagement of People Living with HIV/AIDS. This framework guides our operations and reflects our commitment to recognizing the capabilities, desires, and needs of clients living with HIV, ensuring that their voices are heard and prioritized in our programming.

Over the past year, we have worked closely with clients who are particularly eager to increase their participation in the labor force. Many have taken the opportunities for furthering their education or re-entering the workforce after absences caused by health challenges. As folks living with HIV adhere to their medication regimens and grow physically and mentally stronger, clients are more motivated to expand their knowledge and skillsets. To support this goal, we have continued to implement a monthly Lunch & Learn Program, which features informative workshops on a variety of important topics, including Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), Ontario Works (OW), Human Rights, and HIV confidentiality and disclosure..

To continue to address the rising costs of living, we also prioritized addressing food insecurity among our clients. Over the past year, we continued partnering with the Food Bank Mississauga. Through our partnership we managed to provide essential food items to families who were struggling and did not have enough to eat.  Thanks to funding received from the Region of Peel we were able to scale up our food program from a quarterly offering to a monthly offering.

**The Key Achievements Are:**

We provided **181 households** with fresh, perishable food through purchased food from Samir's Supermarket and OddBunch. We provided items such as meat, milk, eggs and fruits and vegetables  We also established a community partnership with WellFort Community Health Services that provides space and a dietitian for the cooking classes. These classes offer clients the opportunity to learn and share ways to prepare meals with unfamiliar foods. We also secured a fridge and freezer at no cost to the agency, with only minimal expenses for additional electrical work. With access to refrigeration, we can now receive and safely store perishable foods for distribution to clients.

**Food Program Impact Quotes:**

*"Without this food box, I wouldn't get fresh fruits and vegetables. I'm so used to eating poorly because at food banks, when fresh food or dairy is available, there's very little and it's often close to expiring."*

*"My kids love the food box. Because of this program, I'm able to make them lunches and healthy snacks."*

*"Your food boxes make such a huge difference in my life. Now I can use my income in a better way. I plan my meals around what's in the box and buy what I need to stretch it into full meals."*

*"I've gained weight that I really needed. People were telling me I looked sick before."*

*"Even my doctor noticed I look healthier and like I'm taking better care of myself. The only thing that's changed is that I'm getting–*

*–food from you."*

*"I know we don't always get the food box, but when we do, it really helps. I try to use everything smart so I can make it last."*

*"I don't know anywhere else that gives the kind of food you do. It's amazing. Thank you so much."*

*"I lived outside and in shelters for a long time, so food wasn't something I could rely on. I ate a lot of pizza or pasta from meal programs. I'm grateful for that, but these food boxes are so much better."*

*"Now that I have my own apartment, I can actually cook my own meals."*

*"When I get the food boxes, I'm able to plan better for the whole month."*

*"Most places only give enough food for a few days. Getting food from you means I can actually make it through the month."*

*"It's a lot easier to go to sleep with even a little food in your belly."*

The positive feedback we received from our clients has been overwhelmingly heartwarming. Furthermore, we coordinated the delivery of 5,820 nutritious hot meals, prepared by The Knights Table in Brampton, to six families on a weekly basis. This initiative was made possible thanks to our dedicated and selfless volunteers and staff, whose hard work and commitment have been vital in accomplishing this significant volume of support.

Additionally, we understand the vital importance of social interactions for the mental health and overall well-being of our clients living with HIV. Many of these individuals face isolation and loneliness, often living alone without a support network. To combat this, we organize regular social events that provide safe and welcoming spaces for our clients to connect, socialize, and foster friendships. These gatherings not only enhance their sense of community but also offer them crucial opportunities to share their experiences and feel understood and supported by others in similar situations.

**Programming provided to folks living with HIV or at risk for HIV to connect and share with each other:**

• For many individuals, the harvest season symbolizes a time of togetherness and celebration, reflecting on the fruits of their labor and the abundance of the earth. Our Annual Harvest Dinner serves as a meaningful occasion where participants can come together, share delicious meals, and exchange personal stories about what the harvest means to them. It creates a space for community members to connect over shared experiences, encouraging dialogue and reinforcing the bonds of friendship and support.

• When we launched our Winter Gathering, we recognized that numerous clients and service users felt isolated and lacked opportunities to engage with their community. Scheduled during a season when many people reconnect with friends and family, this event aims to counteract feelings of loneliness. We design our winter gathering not to replace the important relationships in our clients' lives but rather to provide additional avenues for social interaction and engagement in accessible activities. These gatherings offer a warm and welcoming environment where participants can feel safe and valued, free from the fears and judgments that often accompany stigma.

• In addition to our seasonal events, we have established Drop-In sessions designed specifically to foster connection among individuals living with HIV. During the height of the pandemic, we recognized the urgent need for a platform where people could safely connect and share their thoughts and experiences. The Drop-In group continues to thrive, providing a crucial space for clients to connect with one another, share their journeys, and learn from each other's experiences. This environment not only promotes social connectivity but also serves as a valuable resource for education and support, helping individuals navigate the complexities of living with HIV in a supportive community setting.

# Harm Reduction

This past year has been a busy one for Moyo's Harm Reduction Program. Since the closure of our supervised consumption site we have responded to the continuing crisis by finding new areas for expansion along with developing new partnerships and collaborations that support our work to reduce harms to people who use drugs.

We are one of the many partner agencies working in collaboration at the recently opened Brampton HART Hub where Moyo provides onsite peer support along with senior leadership participation in Hub working groups and decision-making tables. This has given us easier pathways for our clients who are seeking recovery-based substance use supports as well as housing and other needed supports. These services do not replace or address the continuing need for supervised consumption and other harm reduction services, but this service does enhance access to services and supports that were also lacking in the Region.

Moyo has been contracted by the Region of Peel to operate a Peer Harm Reduction Encampment program that works alongside CMHA's outreach team as part of the Region's Encampment Response Team. This has allowed us to ensure that people who live in encampments have access to harm reduction supports as part of a larger wrap around model of care. This work has also allowed further internal collaboration across the rest of the harm reduction program to open up new outreach areas and communities that we were not previously connected to.

Our outreach and Peer Satellite program continue to provide vital harm reduction supports across peel, including women's specific harm reduction supports at the FLRC shelter. Our 5 Peer Satellite sites continue to support communities that have historically not been well serviced by harm reduction programs. Our evaluation has shown that around half of program participants identify as racialized, 36% identify as women and 33% stated they had not accessed other services prior.

In a survey Moyo conducted this past year with 40 of our harm reduction clients as part of community consultations for Peel's Substance Strategy, 68% said they were stigmatized in the last year because of their substance use. 60% said they were stigmatized in a hospital. We were approached by William Osler Brampton Civic Hospital to do some capacity building work with their ER staff around harm reduction. We conducted in person Harm Reduction trainings with their staff along with creating training materials for ongoing support as well as training videos for physicians.  All of these materials included the voices of our amazing peer team to provide a lived experience perspective to being stigmatized in hospital settings and how to better support PWUD.
We have also supported a local shelter with harm reduction policy and practice development to build their ability to support their clients safely from a harm reduction perspective based on best practices within the sector. This has included training and capacity building efforts.

We have formed an important relationship with Victim's Services to help provide vitally needed resources that have helped to support pregnant clients as well as victims of trafficking.

Moyo continues to co-chair the Peel Substance Strategy and Peel Drug Toxicity Urgent Response Plan with continued input and direction from our Peel Drug Users Advisory Panel. The Substance Strategy was able to conduct community consultations in which Moyo was able to survey 40 of our clients (with the help of our amazing peers) to better understand their experiences of stigma.  This process not only contributed to Substance Strategy Development but also helped inform some of the above-mentioned work.  The Peel Substance Strategy has developed working groups across the domains of Harm Reduction, Prevention, Treatment, and Policies and Regulations to coordinate regional responses across domains.

Moyo also continues to support the Coordination of the Drug Strategy Network of Ontario which continues to support information exchange and advocacy efforts across Drug Strategies in Ontario. We were able to help support a new funding partnership to continue this important work through the Peterson Foundation.

Our Peer Satellite Program hosted an amazing event titled “Stigma: Impacts and Interventions” where we brought together subject matter experts including people with lived/living experience to unpack how stigma is experienced by PWUD and the impacts that it has on service access and health outcomes as well as how stigma can be reduced. And again, this year we supported Mom’s Stop the Harm in organizing a memorial event in recognition of International Overdose Awareness Day. This event brought together families, loved ones, politicians, service providers and people who use drugs to remember those we have loved and lost and to fight for those that remain at risk.

**Program Stats: For October 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026**

| **Category:** | **Number:** |
|---|---|
| Unique Clients Served | 1132 |
| Client Interactions | 2487 |
| Harm Reduction Teachings | 1409 |
| Informal Counselling Sessions | 2205 |
| Practical Support | 2247 |
| Referrals | 1195 |
| Naloxone Kits Distributed | 1688 |
| Sharps Containers Distributed | 210 |
| Needles Distributed | 14255 |
| Foils Distributed | 101,142 |
| Stems Distributed | 54,336 |
| Bowls Distributed | 12,901 |
| Condoms Distributed | 8576 |

**On-Site Clinic Services**

Building on the successful expansion from last year (2024–2025) with Gilead funding, Moyo has further expanded its weekly on-site clinics from two to three days. Two days a week, the PrEP clinic continues to provide on-site services—including free HIV and STBBI testing, PrEP initiation, and vaccinations for Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, HPV, and PEP referrals—to priority populations in the Region of Peel. In addition, starting in December 2025, in collaboration with the Region of Peel Public Health team, on-site HIV/STBBI testing and vaccination services are offered one day a week. This third-day expansion provides drop-in, free, low-barrier, and prevention-focused care for equity-deserving, high-risk populations in the region. This partnership with the Region of Peel Public Health team and the PrEP clinic team underscores our commitment to increasing sustainable access to equitable, stigma-free HIV prevention and treatment services to meet the high demand in the region.

# Financial Summary

## STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

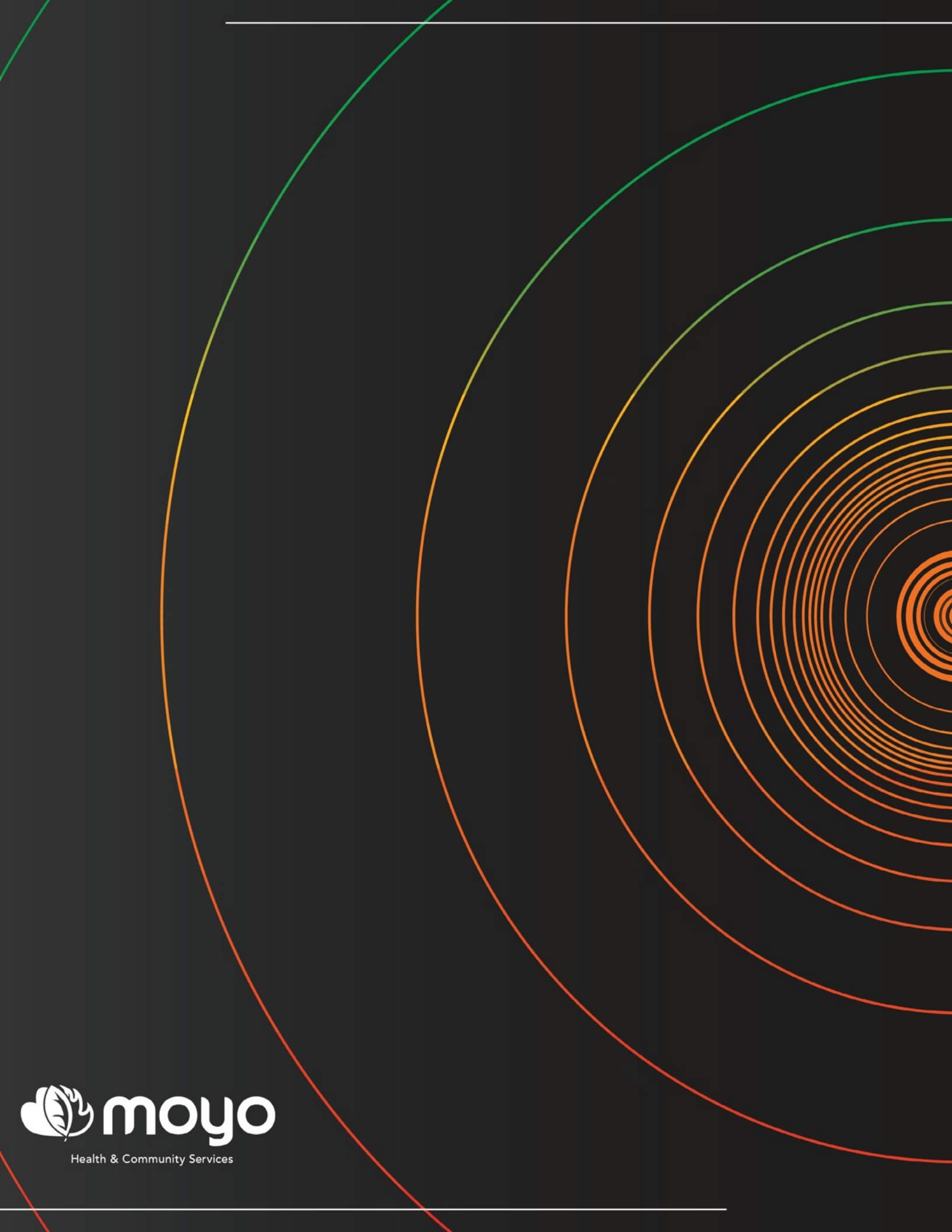
Year Ended March 31, 2026

| | 2026 | 2025 |
|---|---|---|
| **REVENUES** | $ | $ |
| Grants (Note 9) | **1,487,354** | 2,478,957 |
| CAF (Note 10) | **521,363** | 443,686 |
| Fundraising, donation and training | **156,530** | 74,799 |
| Interest and other | **12,987** | 4,490 |
| | **2,178,234** | **3,001,932** |
| **EXPENSES** | | |
| Salaries and wages | **1,475,570** | 1,941,028 |
| Program expenses | **428,343** | 758,551 |
| Rent | **110,821** | 97,311 |
| Professional fees | **73,396** | 85,359 |
| Amortization | **34,393** | 48,518 |
| Insurance | **22,279** | 22,525 |
| Office | **17,733** | 24,499 |
| Staff development and support | **7,813** | 9,970 |
| Volunteer services | **1,037** | 2,460 |
| | **2,171,385** | 2,990,221 |
| **EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS** | **6,849** | 11,711 |
| OTHER INCOME | | |
| Change in fair value of investments | **13,896** | 13,207 |
| **EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES** | **$ 20,745** | $ 24,918 |

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

Year Ended March 31, 2026

| | General Fund | Restricted Fund | 2026 | 2025 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR** | **$ 281,904** | $ 75,000 | **$ 356,904** | **$ 331,985** |
| EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES | 20,745 | - | **20,745** | 24,918 |
| **NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR** | **$ 302,649** | **$ 75,000** | **$ 377,649** | $ 356,903 |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