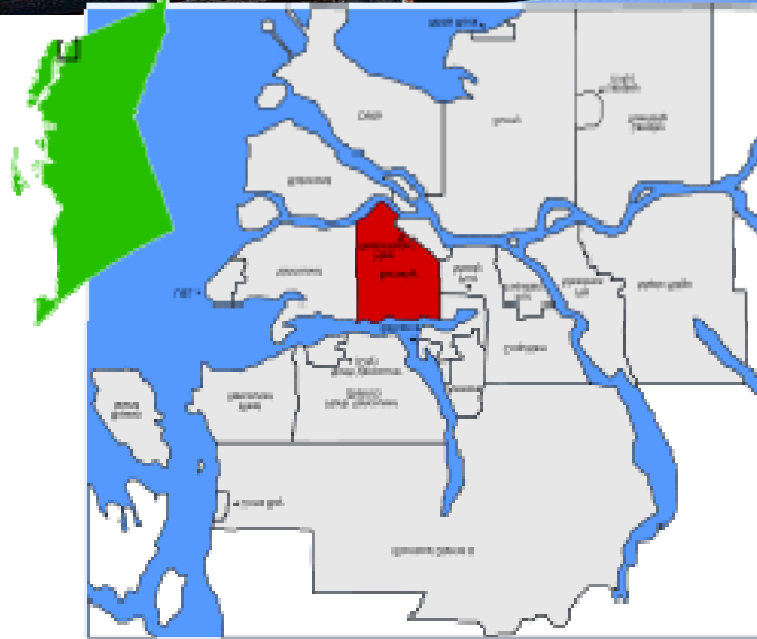




Presentation for
IFS Conference-
Antonia Beck



2015 population - 238,209

3rd largest city in BC

In 1996, Citizens of Burnaby decided a Neighbourhood House in the South part of the City was the answer to addressing social issues!

- ▶ Population of 180,000

Compared to the rest of Metro Vancouver:

Burnaby had:

- ▶ Higher percentage of new immigrants
- ▶ Higher rate of lone parent families
- ▶ Higher rate of low income families
- ▶ Higher rate of persons in rental housing

social issues and poverty were at the forefront.



A group of like minded individuals who shared a vision saw the need for a Neighbourhood House in South Burnaby



Growing a Neighbourhood House was not so easy 20 years ago:

- 1 City government politicians and staff didn't know what a Neighbourhood House was or could be. So they did not support the idea.
- 2 There wasn't any new funding available for a new organization
- 3 Some of the other service agencies felt threatened by the start of a new not for profit agency

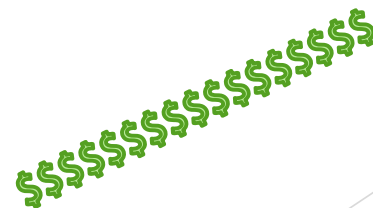


The Chicken and Egg Challenge

- ▶ No space because we had no money and no money because we didn't have a space!
- ▶ So we operated with volunteers for 3 years out of borrowed spaces....until...

1999

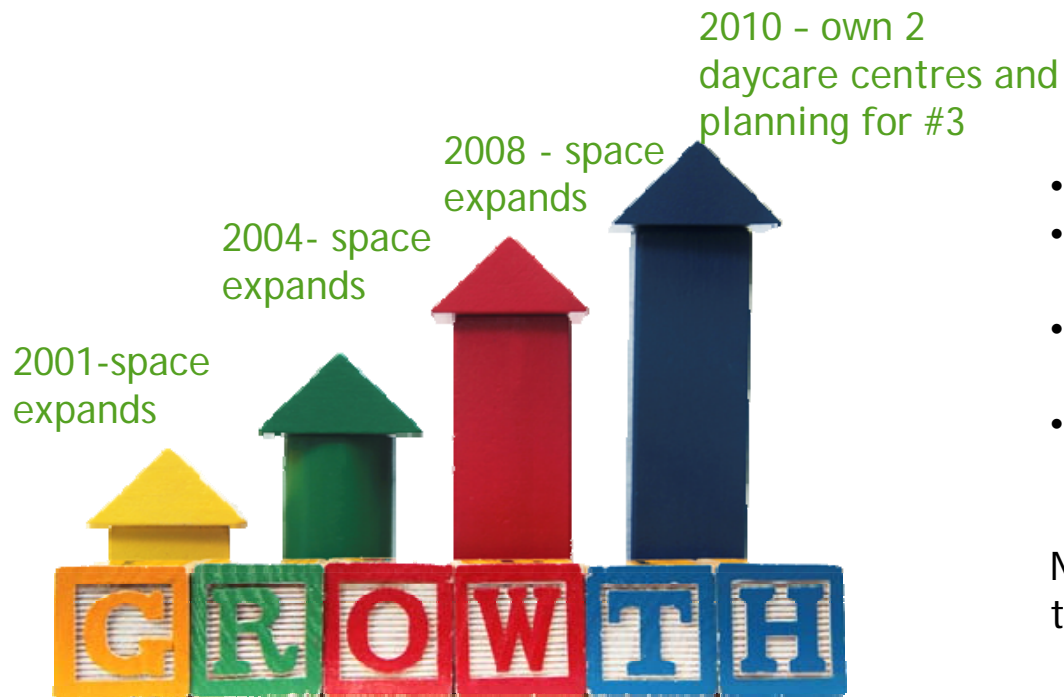
The year money
was received and
small space secured



We began to address key challenges

- ▶ Numerous presentations to city council and private meetings with politicians
- ▶ Created mutual partnerships with other service providers so they understood how we could work together.
- ▶ Looked to other funding sources initially. Developed fee based programs such as childcare
- ▶ Developed a strong volunteer program that also supported the integration of immigrants.
- ▶ We became the place where immigrants could volunteer even though they didn't have perfect English
- ▶ We became known as a place that was inclusive and welcomed all

Burnaby Neighbourhood House Development



- HOW?????
- Fundraising/donations/business connections
- Provincial and federal government projects
- Fee based programs - 9 daycare centres

NO CITY FUNDING during this growth

2010 -City of Burnaby finds us a home

- ▶ 2010 - Major densification in city is taking place and developers are purchasing land to build residential towers.



- ▶ City offers "density bonus". They make allowances for the developer to build more density (up higher) in exchange for building a social amenity. -
- ▶ 16000 gross sft valued at 6.7 million

2014 - The dream becomes reality

- ▶ After 14 years of lobbying and 4 years of planning South Burnaby Neighbourhood House has a permanent home in a City owned facility.
- ▶ BNH is a well utilized resource in the community supporting all residents and building healthy community connections.



On the North side of the City there is a need for a Neighbourhood House

- ▶ We set up a small store front in North Burnaby.



- ▶ Here we go again!