



Strathcona Youth Justice Committee Update 2024

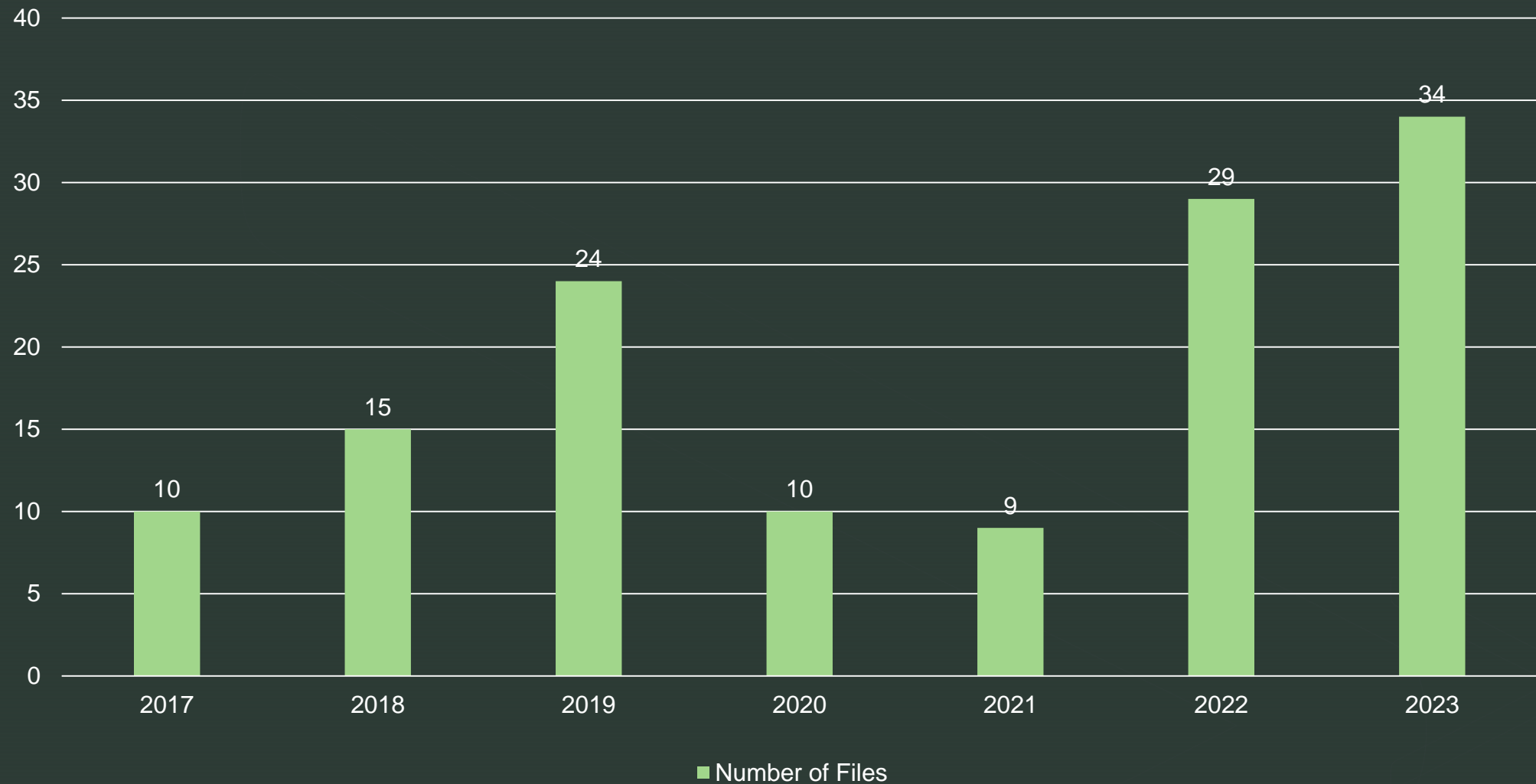
Who Are We?

- The Strathcona Youth Justice Committee (SYJC) is a volunteer organization comprised of community members that offers an alternative route through the justice system for youth, ages 12-17, facing criminal charges.
- By using a restorative justice approach, the SYJC aims to ensure accountability and growth for our youth through meaningful extrajudicial sanctions. Upon successful completion of our program, our youth may avoid the lasting effects of a criminal record.



- The SYJC has been serving the community of Strathcona County and surrounding area since 1994
- Committee is made up of 15 dedicated volunteers who have a keen interest in supporting the youth and families of Strathcona County
- Committee is empowered under the Youth Criminal Justice Act
- Youth files are referred to us from the Crown or directly from the RCMP

Amount of Youth Files Per Year



Files Dealt with by the Committee have Addressed the Following Offences

- Theft under \$5000
- Possession of a controlled substance
- Assault
- Assault with a weapon
- Trespassing
- Disturbing the peace
- Mischief
- Criminal harassment
- Uttering threats
- Shoplifting
- Pointing a firearm
- False Fire alarm
- Possession of stolen property
- Distribute intimate image
- Forgery
- Fraud
- Arson
- Possession of a dangerous weapon
- Break and Enter

Volunteer Hours by Committee



Sanctions Tailored to the Needs of Youth May Include:

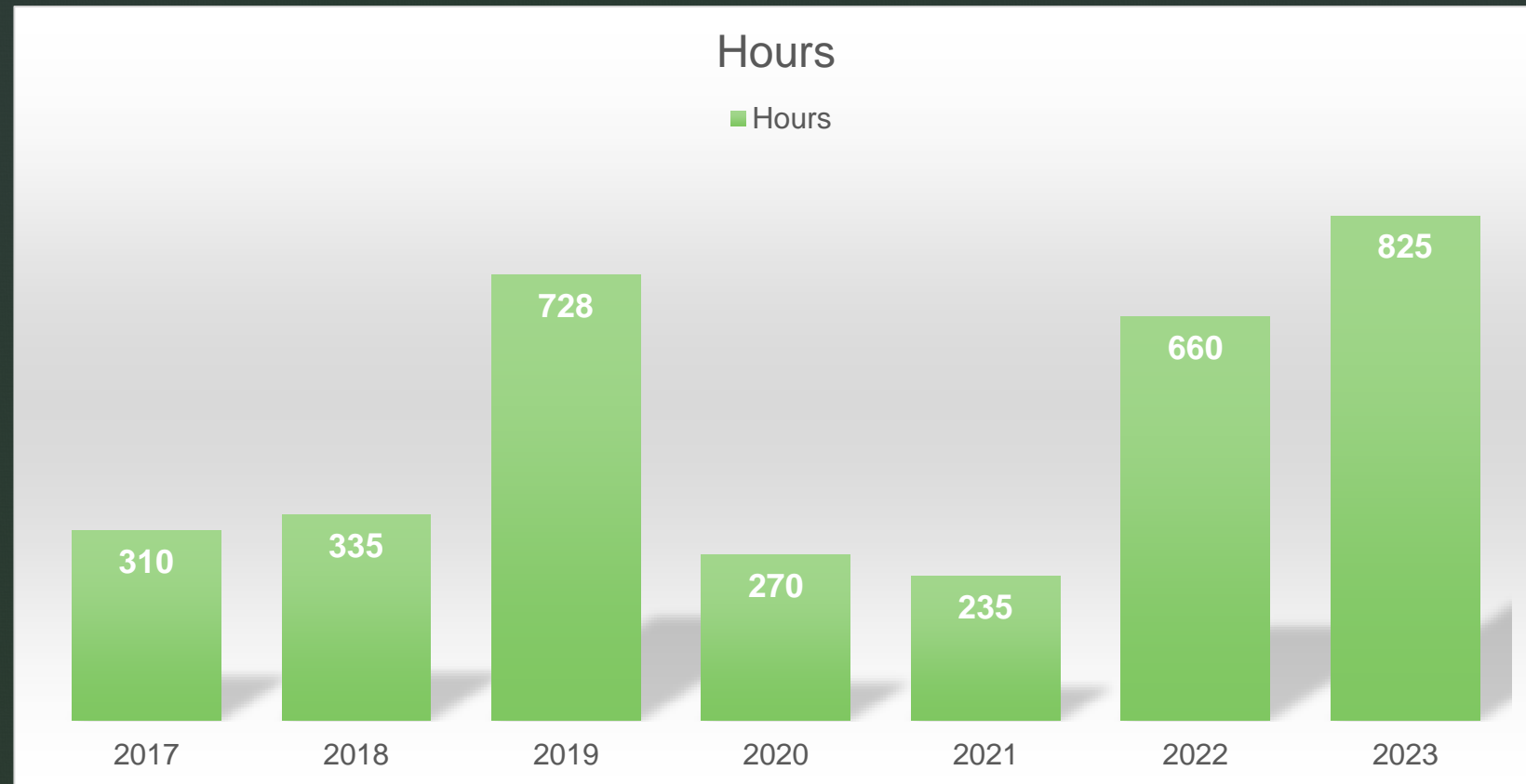
- Community Service Placement
 - Boys and Girls Club
 - Heartland Alliance Church
 - The Bookworm
 - HodgePodge Lodge
 - Salvation Army
 - County Clothesline
 - Silver Birch Lodge
- Personal service/Acts of Kindness



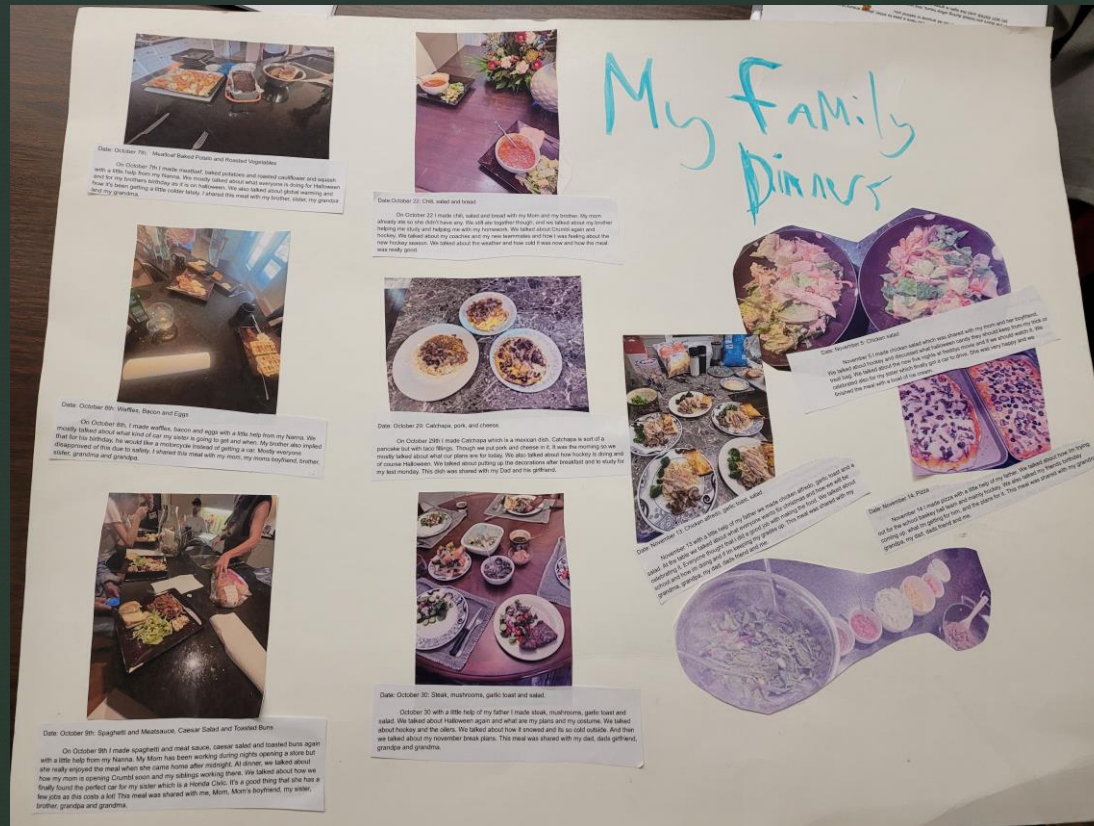
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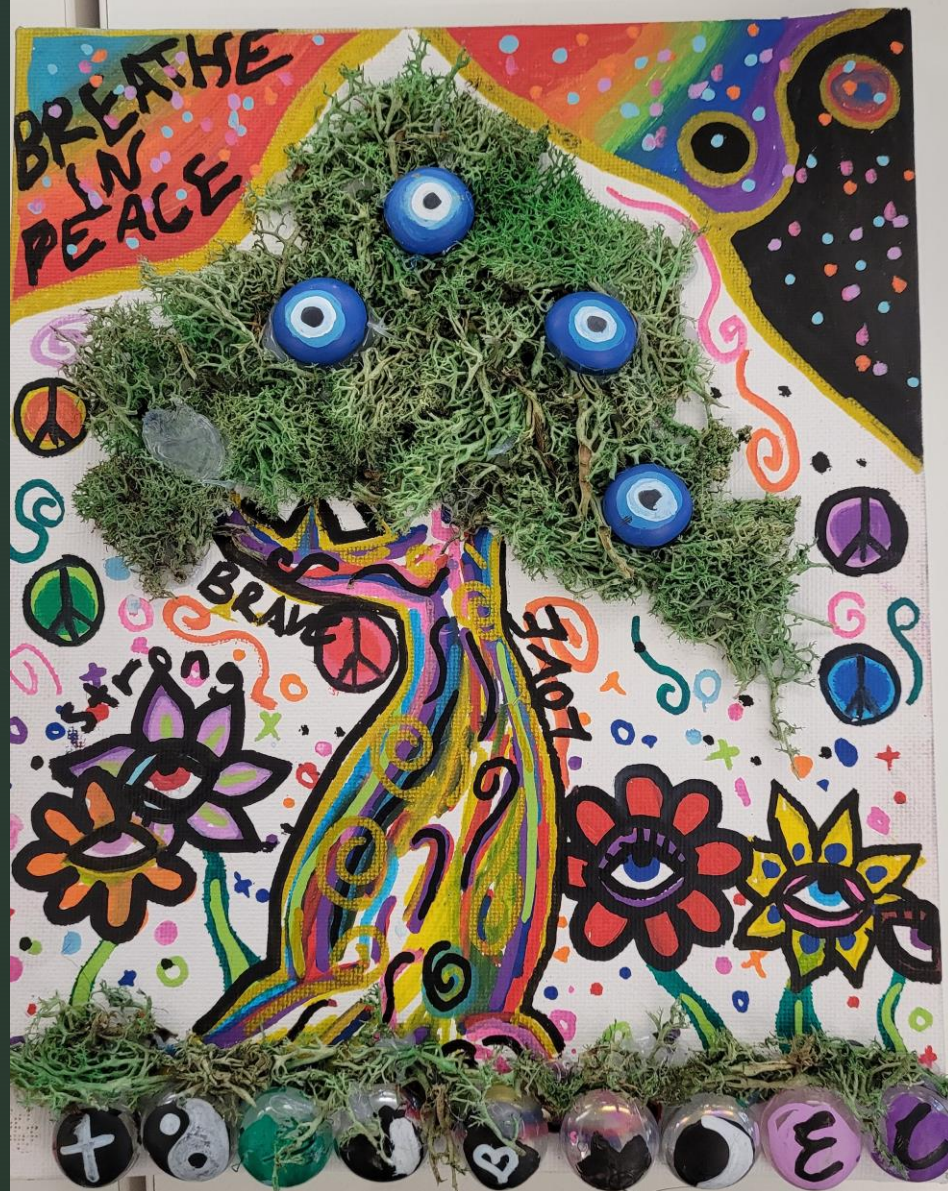
- Donations to community agencies
 - Boys and Girls Club
 - County Clothes line
 - Christmas Bureau
 - Women's Shelter
 - Food Bank
 - Animal Rescues
 - YESS
- Restitution
- Written work – apology letters, daily journals, oral histories with seniors/grandparents, reflection, peer-pressure essays
- Research projects - Addictions issues/Crime impacts/Career options/Shoplifting
- Online course, self-esteem workbook, counselling
- Painting, construction, meal making, photo essays, cartoons, special interest projects

Community Service Hours completed by our Youth



Sanction Examples









Impact on the Community: Quotes

- “It was very positive and felt really welcoming. It helped me to be cautious of my actions and taught me to appreciate the options I was given when I didn’t deserve it. To always respect people and their property and to not be as impulsive and to think more about my actions” – Youth
- “I think the program is great, it helped me a lot to understand who is effected by my actions and why not to steal. I didn’t know that employees get money they worked for taken from their pay if something is stolen.” - Youth

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- “We are very grateful for this program. It gave our son an opportunity to understand the mistakes he has made without permanent negative impacts on his life. I believe he felt supported by his community which will hopefully make him consider them with his future decisions. It is amazing to live in a community where adults care this much about its youth and families.” – Parent
 - “I feel this program has taught my child respect for businesses. My child made some great friends where they were sanctioned to volunteer at and this program gave her insight into how her actions negatively impact businesses.” – Parent
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Thank you



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