



ELLIOT LAKE WOMEN'S GROUP INC.

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Agenda

Introduction

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Vision

We live in a society where violence and abuse are no longer accepted or tolerated.

Mission

Committed to providing services in the community that promote safety and inclusion for all.



About Elliot Lake Women's Group Inc.

- Not for profit community organization. The Women's Crisis Centre was formed as a shelter for abused women in July 1982
- ELWG operates Maplegate House for Women (shelter), Larry's Place Men's Shelter, Outreach and transitional services
- **Maplegate** expanded from a two-bedroom apartment to now a 10 beds 24hr shelter to meet the needs of the East Algoma region in Northern Ontario
- **Larry's Place:** Opened in June 2018, a 6-bed men's emergency home to support men in distress.
- **Transitional Housing:** Opened a 3-bed Transitional House for women in October 2018.
- **Catchment;** East Algoma Region.



Program Mandate

- **Advocacy and Support:** Advocate for and support women and children believing in their rights to live free from abuse, violence, and oppression.
- **Empowerment:** Empower individuals to make informed choices and define their own lives.
- **Comprehensive Services:** Provide shelter, outreach, and transitional services for families in need.
- **Inclusivity:** Adopt harm reduction and trauma-informed care approaches to ensure a safe and inclusive environment.
- **Community Education:** Educate the community on Intimate Partner Violence, Homelessness and its prevention.
- **Violence and Homeless Prevention:** Work towards preventing violence and promoting safety and well-being.
- **Community Engagement:** Engage with the community to foster support and drive positive change.

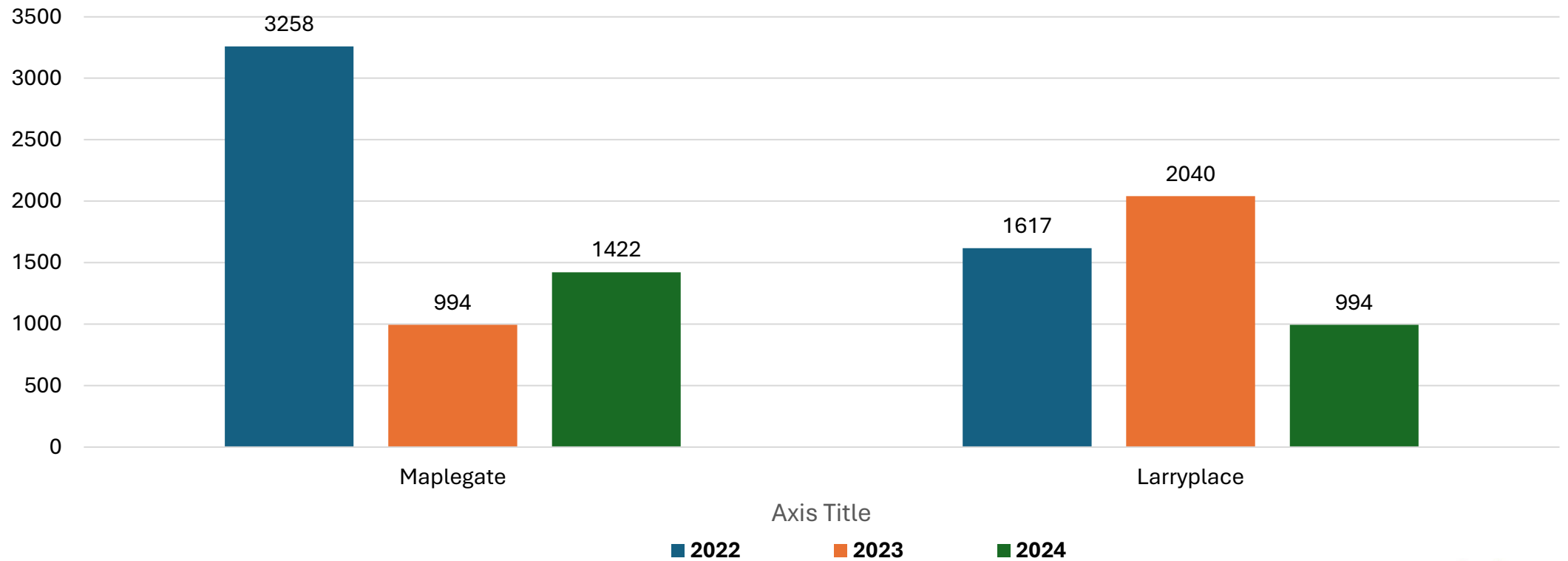


Our Services

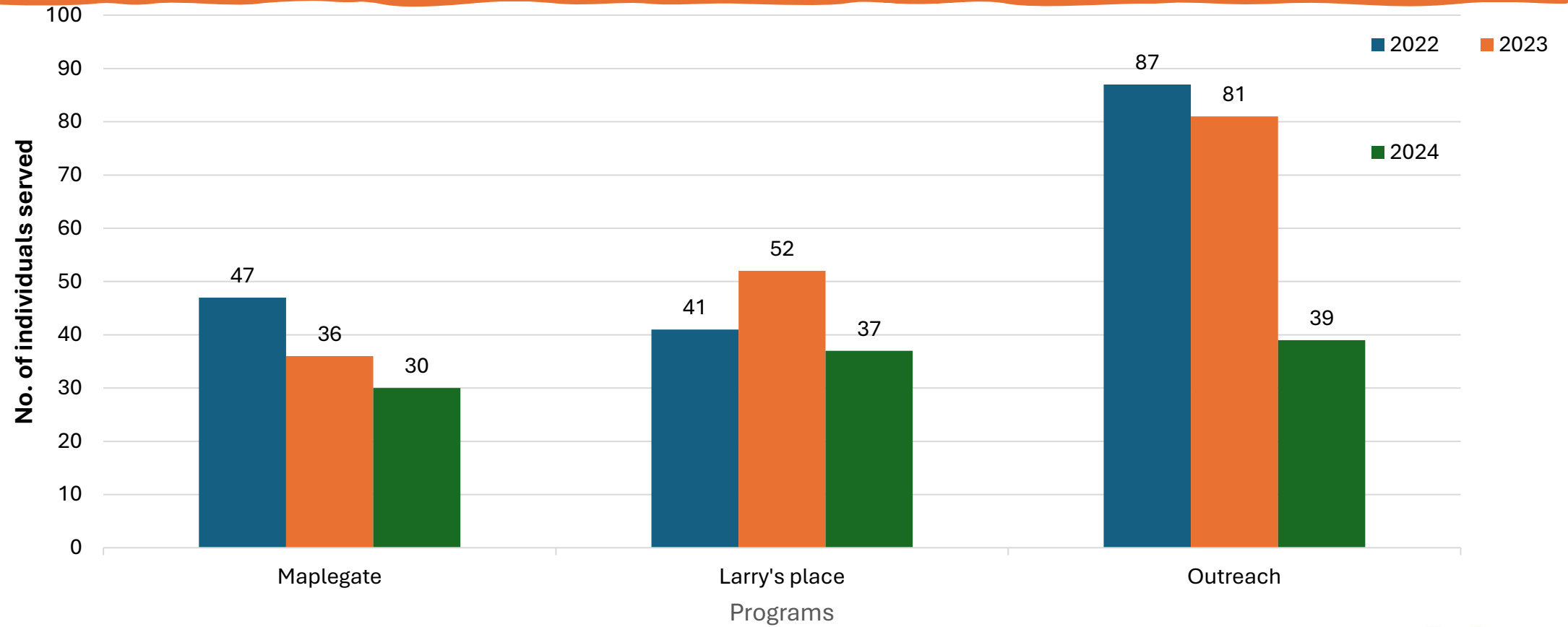
- **24-Hour Crisis Line and Frontline Support**
- **Emergency Shelter Provision**
- **Life Skill Programming:** Cooking, Budgeting, Taxes, Cleaning, Healthy Communication
- Developmental Support Services
- Addressing Food Insecurities
- Social System Navigation
- Referrals to Counselling and Mental Health Support
- **Emotional, Spiritual, Social and Physical Support**
- **Outreach Services:** Housing Advocacy, Court Support, Public Education
- **Appointment and Transportation Assistance**
- **Referrals to Counselling and Mental Health Support**
- **Victim Services Advocacy**
- Connection with AA Support Groups
- Resume Building and Employment Support



Bed Night Occupancy



Individuals Served



Community Impact

- **Community Safety and Well-Being:** We reduce the immediate threat of harm, creating a safer environment for all residents by providing refuge for families escaping violence.
- **Economic Impact on the City:** Addressing homelessness and domestic violence reduces strain on local healthcare, law enforcement, and social services, ultimately saving taxpayer dollars.
- **Empowerment and Self-Sufficiency:** Offering skills training and financial education helps individuals transition to independent living, reducing long-term dependence on social assistance and contributing to a more economically stable community.
- **Community Solidarity and Reputation:** A well-supported emergency shelter demonstrates the city's commitment to compassion, inclusivity, and social responsibility, enhancing its reputation as a caring and proactive community.

Community Impact

- **Crime Reduction:** Providing shelter and support for victims of IPV contributes to lower crime rates, benefiting the entire community.
- **Preventative Measures:** Our outreach and education programs aim to prevent IPV and homelessness, promoting healthier relationships and stronger family units, fostering a stable and thriving community.
- **Support for Vulnerable Populations:** Our shelter plays a crucial role in supporting vulnerable populations, including seniors and individuals with disabilities, ensuring they receive necessary care and assistance.
- **Community Engagement:** Involving local volunteers and fostering partnerships with businesses and organizations strengthens community engagement and collaboration, enhancing the social fabric of East Algoma.
- **Positive Outcomes and Success Stories:** Numerous individuals have transformed their lives with our help, moving from crisis to stability and contributing positively to the community, highlighting the profound impact of our work.



Ongoing Needs

Operational Funding: Funds to cover the daily operational costs such as **Groceries, utilities, maintenance, and staffing.**

Food and Supplies: Continuous provision of food, clothing, toiletries, and other essential items for residents.

Resident Transport: Providing transportation for residents to access services, attend appointments, and transition to permanent housing.

Outreach Transport: Funding for outreach workers to travel to remote areas to provide support and resources.

Collaboration Support: Encouraging and facilitating partnerships with local organizations, businesses, and government agencies to enhance service delivery and resource sharing.

How you can Help!

- **Operational Funding for Shelters:** Support us with funding to enable us to continue providing comprehensive support services in our shelters: Groceries, Utilities, Security, Staffing, Life skill coaching/training.
- Partner with us in raising awareness and driving community engagement
- Donations
- Sponsor a bed
- **Support for Outreach and Transitional Programs** – Community education, client linkage and referral to community resources
- ELWG to be part of the advisory committee in the Community Safety and Well Being Plan

Thank you

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