

2011 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS BY VERONICA GROSSI

Our organization actively engaged volunteers, over the age of fifty, in the Family Match and School Grandparent Programs which helped to promote strong extended families and created a positive learning environment for countless children enrolled in elementary schools in the Lower Mainland.

In addition to the usual program evaluation process (initial, 3 month, 6 month and one year mark of matches), an extensive program evaluation occurred in 2011. This evaluation was a way for all of our program participants (volunteers and parents) to give us feedback on our programs, newsletter, website, the Volunteer Appreciation BBQ and our partnership with Kids Up Front.

Feedback from Participants:

"The program provides a wonderful opportunity to bridge the gap between generations." Volunteer

"The program has brought a special value to my life." Volunteer

"Thanks and many thanks, your program has made a difference for the entire family. It is a wonderful idea and I hope it grows!" Parent

"To connect children who do not have their real grandparents in this country with nice seniors, to build up the mutual respect and love is so important. This helps to reduce the (generation) gap and teach children to give back to the communities." Parent

We dispersed the Mary Florio Bursary to six different families amounting to a total of \$2,548 bursary dollars and 14 children being sponsored. The funds enabled parents to enrol their children in the following lessons: music education, ski lessons, Science World Camp, Dance Matrix lessons, painting and drawing classes, swimming lessons and skating lessons.

VG nominated Mr. Kehar Singh Aujla for a Seniors of Distinction Award through the Newsleader and Harmony Court. He was a successful candidate and proudly attended the award ceremony in October 2011. His story was covered in both the Burnaby Now and the Burnaby Newsleader.



Veronica with Seniors of Distinction Award winner Mr. Kehar Singh Aujla

Bridging and Enriching the Generations since 1973

Almost 100 volunteers, families and members attended our Volunteer Appreciation BBQ, August 28th, 2011 at Confederation Park in Burnaby. Activities included a three legged race, a bean bag toss and a piñata.

At this event I loved meeting other families and volunteers. Everyone was very friendly and we really enjoyed ourselves and our daughter had fun! Parent

Our partnership with the Kids Up Front (KUF) organization has remained very strong. In 2011, we received a total of 137 tickets from KUF at a total value of \$4,000.

We secured HRDC summer students Joyce Chiang and Lauren Riva. Their main tasks involved: updating the website and marketing materials, outreach and program promotion, distributing KUF tickets to participants and planning the volunteer appreciation BBQ.

We were able to actively participate in the following community events:

Burnaby Festival of Volunteers TD Earth Day Event
Seniors Wellness Fair Healthy Aging Fair
Active Aging Symposium



We would like to thank our partners and supporters in 2011:

Province of BC: Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch
Human Resources Development Canada
Kids Up Front
City of Burnaby
TD Friends of the Environment Foundation
Mary and Paul Florio
Chevron
Brentwood Mall
Subway
Tim Hortons
Vancouver Cathay New Century Lions Club
Choices
Community Savings Credit Union
DAVIDs Tea
GVC Credit Union
Heart Centre Yoga
Metrotown
Purdy's Chocolates
Sweet Factory
Unwrapped: A Charitable Night (Coquitlam Centre)



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

VIP Volunteers for Integenertional Programs

Statement of financial position

December 31, 2011

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash	\$32,779
Accounts Receivable & Prepaid	\$ 1,082
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	\$33,861

CAPITAL ASSETS

	\$ 741
TOTAL ASSETS	<hr/>
	\$34,602

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 155
Deferred Gaming Revenue	\$ 10,861
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 11,016

EQUITY

Society Equity	\$28,467
Current Earning	-\$ 4,884
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TOTAL EQUITY	\$23,583

LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<hr/>
	\$34,599

* Full financial statements available upon request

Mary Florio Bursary recipients Lucas and Angus