## **Financials**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013 (unaudited)

### ASSETS CURRENT ASSETS

Cash Accounts Receivable & Prepaids CAPITAL ASSETS	\$ 11,163 <u>7,258</u> 18,421 471
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 18,892
LIABILITIES CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	\$ 141
Deferred Revenue TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,000
	\$ 4,141
SOCIETY EQUITY Net Assets	\$ 14,751
TOTAL EQUITY	14,751
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 18,892

\*Full financial statements available upon request



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# **Thank You**

We would like to thank our partners and supporters in 2013:

Province of BC: Community Gaming Branch Human Resources Development Canada Pacific Blue Cross Helping Hands of WorkSafeBC Panago Pizza **Kids Up Front** City of Burnaby Mary and Paul Florio Tim Hortons **Community Savings Credit Union** GVC Credit Union Metrotown Purdy's Chocolates Unwrapped: A Charitable Night (Coquitlam Centre) Anton's Pasta **IGA Marketplace** Save On Foods Walmart Superstore Costco Fresh Direct Produce HollyNorth Production Supplies Sweet Factory **Capilano Suspension Bridge** Cactus Club Greater Vancouver Zoo H.R. Macmillan Space Centre M&M Meat Shops Playland

## **Board of Directors**

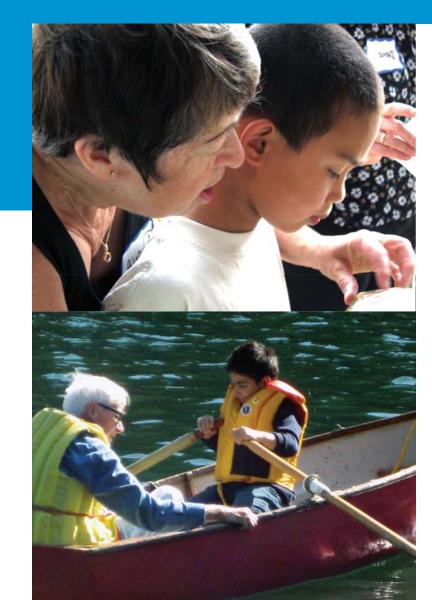
Stephen Sjoberg, President Woosang Lee, Treasurer Virginia Yip, Secretary Isabel Kolic, Director Edwin Au-Yeung, Director Sarah Fantin, Director Salim Hassan, Director

# Staff

Dave Baspaly, Executive Director Veronica Grossi, Program Coordinator



# ANNUAL REPORT 2013





# **President's Message**

Volunteer Grandparents (VG) is an organization that relies on volunteers for its successful operation. I would like to start by acknowledging the many volunteers that have contributed to the success of this year's programming.

VG has a volunteer board that supports the diverse activities of our society and I would like to thank them all for the many hours they have put into board activities this year. Supporting the board is our key staff member Veronica Grossi and without her significant contributions, we would be unable to offer services that our members have come to rely upon. Finally, I wish to acknowledge our volunteers who are critical to our operation. Our organization actively engages some wonderful volunteers in the Family Match and School Grandparent Programs. In 2013, we supported 29 Family Matches and 9 School Grandparent Volunteers.

2013 represented an important milestone of this wonderful organization. Volunteer Grandparents turned 40 years old!

As a final note, I would also like to acknowledge the recent passing of a number of key founders and members of our organization: Bea Ward, Nancy Kirk and Mary Florio. Without their contributions there would be no Volunteer Grandparents.

I would like to conclude my report by saying what a privilege it is to be your president.

Stephen Sjoberg, President

## **2013 Program Highlights**

Our organization actively engaged some wonderful volunteers in both the Family Match and School Grandparent Programs. We supported 29 Family Matches and 9 School Grandparent Volunteers in 2013. We also had tremendous volunteer support with program promotions in the community and at special events.

A grant from the Pacific Blue Cross has enabled us to support our matches even further by providing periodic Connection Meetings.

"Meeting and hearing the experiences of the other volunteers has Volunteers participating in our made a huge difference for me." Matched Volunteer Grandparent. Connection Meeting



## 40th Anniversary Celebratory Events

Volunteer Grandparents' AGM held on May 16, 2013 was a huge success. We celebrated forty years of program delivery by inviting our founder, Marjorie Anderson, to say a few words at our event. Her inspirational speech reminded us about how important forming close grandparent relationships can be, not only for the family and children involved but also for the senior. A sentimental slide show, a parent speaking from her heart about her family's match to a volunteer grandfather, and a number of awards for key volunteers made the night truly memorable.

Additionally, to enrich and learn more about the inception of the organization, in the summer of 2013, summer student Paige LaBar interviewed Nancy Kirk, co-founder of Volunteer Grandparents. It is with heavy hearts that we announce that Nancy passed away peacefully in her home after a short but valiant battle with cancer on February 28, 2014 at the age of 81. Her contributions and commitment to our programs will be cherished forever.



Sandra Robinson, Marjorie Anderson, Veronica Grossi, and Gary Robinson at the AGM

Long-time volunteer, Shirley Izzard accepting her award

Nancy Kirk, Founding Member

## 40th Anniversary Contest

We thank all the children and families for sharing their stories about special connections that they have fostered with their volunteer grandparents. One of our twelve year old matched grandchildren, Radhika, was the winner of the 40th Anniversary Facebook Page contest:

"My favorite activity I like doing with my volunteer grandparent, also known as my grammie, is sewing. We have made dresses, skirts, shorts, pajama bottoms, pillow cases, tote bag and outfits for my teddy bear, Shawny...

#### 40th Anniversary Media Coverage on Global News with Jill Krop

We thank our Executive Director, Dave Baspaly, and Family Match parent Mia Parhizgar, for being interviewed by Jill Krop and promoting our organization to our community.



Mary Florio Bursary Recipients

In 2013 there were six families awarded Florio Bursaries. Grandchild nominations were made by matched volunteer grandparents for different endeavours. Activities such as summer camps, badminton lessons and piano lessons were awarded funding.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Mary Florio on March 20, 2014. Her contributions to our organization are immense; her long standing program involvement and dedication goes back many years. Mary held a position on the Board of Directors as President, was matched to two different families in our family match program (three grandchildren) and also created the Florio Bursary program for children enrolled in our program. Mary's generosity and love for our program will always be remembered.



## **Appreciating our Volunteers**

On July 27th, 2013 we held our Annual Volunteer Grandparents Appreciation Picnic. A special presentation from Mad Science, as well as crafts, games, face-painting, and a fun photo booth were enjoyed by all. We would like to thank all of our supporters who helped make our picnic such a wonderful event.

volunteer Grandparent





Mary Florio (centre) attending a past Volunteer Appreciation



