

Financials

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015
(unaudited)

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash	\$ 14,894
Accounts Receivable & Prepaids	1,061
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CAPITAL ASSETS

273

TOTAL ASSETS **\$ 16,228**

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$ 181
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 181

NET ASSETS **\$ 16,047**

\$ 16,228

**Full financial statements available upon request*



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Thank You

We would like to thank our partners, donors and supporters who helped make 2015 a great success:

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Kids Up Front
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ANNUAL REPORT 2015

A message from the Chair

As Board Chair I am pleased to report that 2015 was another successful year. It was a year in which we delivered high-quality programming and supported 35 Family Matches and 12 School Grandparent Volunteers.

Financially, we came in slightly under budget and continue to diligently apply for grants in an environment where many agencies are competing for the same limited funds. I would like to acknowledge the much needed and valued support we received this year from BC Gaming Community Grants. I would also like to thank the individual donors, members and Mr. Florio for their generous support of our programs.

This was also a pivotal year operationally as our long time Program Manager Veronica Grossi announced she was expecting her first child early 2016. Knowing well in advance that a significant transition was coming, the organization was able to prepare accordingly. We were fortunate to have one of our Board members, Sarah Fantin, take a leave of absence from Board service to support the organization in Veronica's absence. We could not be happier with how smooth the transition has been and look forward to ensuring that Volunteer Grandparent programs continue to grow and prosper throughout 2016.

I am pleased to announce that on February 29th, 2016 Veronica gave birth to a healthy baby girl named Talia. On behalf of everyone at VG we sincerely wish her all the best. We also look forward to Veronica's return when she completes her maternity leave.

As a final note, I would like to give my personal thanks and acknowledge the contributions of our Volunteers, Committee Chairs, Board of Directors and staff.

Sincerely,

Stephen Sjoberg, President

2015 Program Highlights

Our organization actively engaged some wonderful volunteers in both the Family Match and School Grandparent Programs. We supported 35 Family Matches and 12 School Grandparent Volunteers in 2015. We also had tremendous volunteer support with program promotions in the community and at special events. Capacity building grants from the Canada Post Community Foundation and Metropolis at Metrotown helped us with program promotion in the community.

"We are still connected with our Volunteer Grandma Shirley Izzard, she is 92 now. We've been together for more than 20 years. I have 3 sons all grown up and now I have 2 grandchildren whom Shirley considers to be her great grandchildren. It's been a very nice relationship and Shirley has imparted so much wisdom during these years."

Linda King, Family Match Program, matched to grandparent May 1994



"I began volunteering at Grandview Elementary in October of last year, my first experience with this type of volunteer work. I LOVE it. Every week I look forward to reading with the kids in grades 1 - 3 who need this extra support. Their efforts coupled with Wendy's commitment to running a very organized learning program make my job easy. Watching their confidence build as their skill improves is very rewarding. I'm proud to have a small part to play in their success."

Elaine Ross, School Grandparent Program, Matched to school October 2015



"Veronica matched Natalia and I about 10 years ago when Natalia was only 7yr old! Time goes by so quickly. Natalia is now 17yr old, a wonderful young lady! This time has been full of great fun, lots of crafts, dress up times, cooking, movies at home, making little videos-Natalia is very good at doing this and sleepovers. We always having fun at Halloween making a pumpkin, then cleaning and baking the seeds and eating them while we watch a movie, and dressing up a second pumpkin in hats and scarves and anything else we can find to put on the dining room table, at Christmas time making The Traditional Gingerbread house, and at Easter making the Bunny cakes and decorating Easter Eggs. These are just some of the things we have shared. Natalia has added so much to my life over the years and it has been such a pleasure to see her grow up into such a great person. We continue to see each other as much as we can and I always so much enjoy our visits. Thank you for the wonderful times Volunteer Grandparents!!!"

Heather Laidlaw, Family Match Program, matched to family July 2006



Annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic

Our Volunteers Are Superheros!

Last year's annual volunteer appreciation had a fantastic Superhero theme. The event took place at Confederation Park on July 4, 2015. We received over \$2000 in community support through wonderful partnerships including Panago Pizza, Thrifty Foods and Save On Foods. Cupcakes at Oakridge Mall donated enough cupcakes for everyone to enjoy as well as fruit that was donated by Fresh Direct Produce! We were so lucky to receive such generous support from community partners.



Mary Florio Bursary Recipients

In 2015, five children were awarded Mary Florio Bursaries to enable them to participate in a number of different extra-curricular activities. A total of \$2513.80 of funding was generously provided by Mr. Florio to enable these children to participate in a number of different activities including; piano lessons, summer camp, guitar lessons, goalie soccer school and acting classes.



Allen Blushtein



Erin Horikiri



Radhika Patel



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Kids Up Front

Kids Up Front, a Vancouver based non-profit organization that redistributes donated event tickets has been a great partner for Volunteer Grandparents. In 2015, our organization received 133 tickets at a total value of \$4,719.42. Children were able to see special ballet performances, concerts, and sporting events.

