

Financials

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016
(unaudited)

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash	\$ 56,278
Accounts Receivable & Prepaids	1,025
	<u>57,303</u>

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 57,303

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Employee Costs Payable	\$ 645
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DEFERRED INCOME \$ 40,800
\$ 41,445

NET ASSETS \$ 15,858
\$ 57,303

**Full financial statements available upon request*

Board of Directors

Stephen Sjoberg, President
Woosang Lee, Treasure/Secretary
Jamal Dumas, Director
Stephanie Hays, Director
Sally Kann, Director
Janet Thompson, Director
Natasha Tucker, Director

Staff

Dave Baspaly, Executive Director
Frieda Robertson, Office Administrator
Veronica Grossi, Program Manager
Sarah Fantin, Acting Program Manager



Thank You

We would like to thank all of our funders, partners, donors and supporters who helped make 2016 such a great success.

Our Funders

Province of BC - Community Gaming Branch
Human Resources & Skills Development Canada

Our Partners

Mr. Paul Florio and the Florio Bursary Program
Volunteer Burnaby
Kids Up Front
CanadaHelps

Our Donors & Supporters

Anton's Pasta Bar
Bon Bon Bakery
Capilano Suspension Bridge Park
Chatters Salon
Choices Markets
Costco Wholesale (Willingdon)
DavidsTEA (Brentwood & Metrotown)
Everything Wine
Fresh Direct Produce Ltd.
Gizmo the Clown & Joseph the Magician
KC's Kids Ticket Donation Program (PNE)
Kernels Popcorn (Metrotown)
London Drugs (Brentwood)
Lotus Café
M&M Food Market
Marketplace Events
Marketplace IGA
Metropolis at Metrotown
Pacific National Exhibition
Panago Pizza (Brentwood)
Safeway (Burnaby Heights)
Save-on-Foods (Highgate Village & Madison Centre)
Science World British Columbia
Shoppers Drug Mart (Burnaby Heights)
Soft Peaks Ice Cream
Starbucks (Holdom)
Sweet Factory (Metrotown)
The Flash - Season 3 (TV Show)
The Information Refinery
The Old Spaghetti Factory
TJX Canada
Vancouver Aquarium
Waves Coffee House (Burnaby Heights)

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Annual Report 2016

A message from the Chair

2016 was another great year for Volunteer Grandparents, full of progress and success stories.

We're proud to be working with a wide range of dedicated caring individuals and organizations. Across the region, there's a genuine groundswell and focus on the value of intergenerational programming. We feel proud to be part of this process.

We have been growing and learning as we continue to foster successful matches within the community and local school districts. The annual intergenerational picnic was also a huge success drawing program participants and supporters from across the Metro Vancouver area of British Columbia.

Our success is the community's success. With the ongoing support of our donors, partners, Board and volunteers, Volunteer Grandparents is ready for the challenges and achievements ahead in 2017.

Together we are bridging and enriching the generations!

Sincerely,

Stephen Sjoberg, President

2016 Program Highlights

Our organization continues to actively engage wonderful volunteers in our Family Match and School Grandparent Programs. We also had tremendous support with program promotions in the community and at special events from our volunteers in our Ambassador Program. One of the biggest legacy projects completed in 2016 was the creation and launch of our new website. Our previous website was designed in 2010 by students at Simon Fraser University using FrontPage. Though this website had served our organization well for the past eight years, it was time to migrate the contents to the newer platform WordPress. The goal of this initiative was to update the overall look and navigation of the site. While our summer student Tam Pham led the design and programming, we also had several of our volunteer grandparents generously agree to donate their time to test the new website. With help from our long-time website volunteer, Dennis Wong, the new website was made live at the end of August. Ultimately, the finished product was well received with many positive comments, such as how it is now much more open, fresh, and easier to navigate on desktops, tablets and mobile phones.



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New website

Old website



Bridging and Enriching Generations

Volunteer Grandparents is a non-profit organization aiming to create and strengthen intergenerational relationships and enriching the lives of seniors, children, and families. For over 40 years, Volunteer Grandparents has been dedicated to being a leader and advocate of intergenerational bonds among youth and seniors and serves communities within the Metro Vancouver area of British Columbia. Our programs are instrumental in linking low-income, underprivileged children without the immediate presence of grandparents with local senior volunteers. Our volunteers provide families and the community with support and encouragement by sharing their skills, knowledge and experience. [Click here to learn more about us.](#)

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NEWS & EVENTS

- Healthy Kids Preschool Fair 2017
- 10th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic
- Edmonds City Fair and Car Show 2016
- Canada Day 2016
- Hats Off Day 2016

Annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic

Step right up for the greatest picnic extravaganza!

Each year, we invite our grandparents, grandchildren, and families to step right up for an enjoyable picnic extravaganza! Our 10th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic held on July 23, 2016 had a carnival theme, and it gave us the opportunity to bring everyone together to celebrate the valuable contributions of our volunteers and program participants. We received over \$3,500 of community support from our wonderful donors, which made our event a huge success. Our senior volunteers, families, staff, and board members mingled, played games, and had lots of fun. They were entertained by Joseph the Magician and thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful food and drinks that was donated to us from Bon Bon Bakery, DAVIDsTea, Fresh Direct Produce, Panago Pizza, Safeway, Costco, Save-on-Foods, and Starbucks. We would like to thank all of our supporters who helped make our picnic so memorable.



Mary Florio Bursary

Created and generously donated by the late Mary Florio and her husband Paul Florio, this unique bursary program enhances the Family Match Program. Once a year, matched Volunteer Grandparents in the Family Match Program are given the opportunity to apply for the Florio Bursary on behalf of their grandchild or grandchildren. Bursary funds allow their grandchildren to participate in exciting classes and activities, such as piano lessons, ski lessons, horseback riding lessons, and special camps. To be eligible, we require participating Volunteer Grandparents to recommend a grandchild and provide reasons in writing as to why it is necessary for them to receive financial assistance to help fund an activity. No academic achievements are required, just a genuine interest and a need.

We would like to thank Paul Florio for continuing to generously contribute to the bursary fund in memory of Mary. Additionally, we would like to invite community members to contribute. If you are interested in contributing to the Florio Bursary, please visit our website.

In Loving Memory

Shirley Izzard (October 2, 1923 – January 29, 2017)

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Shirley Izzard, one of our long-time volunteers. Shirley joined the Family Match Program in 1994 and over the past 23 years she was a Volunteer Grandparent to three different families. Several of her grandchildren now have children of their own whom Shirley considered to be her great grandchildren.



“Shirley really is amazing in how she saw things so clearly and was able to sort out things and put her finger right on what needed to be dealt with. She has helped us out so many times with her terrific advice and viewpoints. It’s been 16 years this year that we have been together as a family. So in turn, I am truly very grateful to Shirley and Volunteer Grandparents for letting us find each other in the first place! Warm regards and tons of gratitude...”

Cora Wischnewski and family
Matched to Volunteer Grandparent Shirley Izzard in 2001

Kids Up Front

Volunteer Grandparents has been a proud member agency of Kids Up Front since 2009. Over the years we have been able to send children from our Family Match Program to see sporting events, ballet performances, music concerts, live theatre and many other events. In 2016, our organization received 211 tickets at a total value of \$5,733.31. Kids Up Front is a Vancouver based non-profit organization that redistributes donated event tickets.

