

## STAFF/OPERATIONS REPORT

This has been year of growth and action for the Society; many challenges have been overcome and many improvements implemented.

The hard work and dedication of the Board of Directors and the Transition Team has led to many notable achievements including the start of an **Aboriginal Child and Youth Friendly Communities** initiative, hosting a **roundtable on Child Rights initiatives in BC** with our Child Rights Public Awareness Campaign partners (the Representative for Children and Youth and the Institute for Safe Schools of BC), completion of **focus groups across the province** on child rights awareness, drafting a **Child and Youth Friendly Communities toolkit** that is tailored for municipalities, and working with youth in care to develop **short films on rights awareness**.

Operational sustainability was a key theme throughout the past year. Two critical steps were taken by the Society to improve operations: increased staffing and office relocation. We are delighted to have Ginny Gonneau join the SCY team as a full-time staff member in the role of Project Manager/Administrator. At the same time of Ginny's arrival to SCY we relocated the office to the Fairview area of Vancouver to share a space with the Self Help Resource Association.

This is an extremely exciting time for SCY. A lot of momentum has been building across Canada to raise the importance of child and youth issues. There is an overwhelming need for individuals, families, communities, organizations, and governing bodies to take action collectively to ensure children and youth are being properly cared for and respected for their place in our world. All of SCY's initiatives are now focused on raising child rights awareness and aiding in community capacity building to support all children and youth.

SCY could not have come this far without the generous and long-term support of core funders, partners, members, volunteers, project contractors/contributors and most importantly the Board of Directors. Thank you!

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It has indeed been a busy and productive year for the Society for Children & Youth of B.C. Early in the year we turned a corner as we re-organized ourselves and began to increase activity on the numerous projects and issues SCY has been involved with. A Project Manager/Administrator role has been created and operational funding has been secured from the support of the United Way of the Lower Mainland and Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch.

SCY has an impressive list of projects that we are leading and participating in, including our two principal initiatives: the province-wide Child Rights Public Awareness Campaign and development of Child & Youth Friendly Communities Toolkits. In addition to these, the Board of Directors wants to move forward on some important operational activities including: Board development/restructuring, resource development and long-term staffing.

We have put in place an interim measure, namely the engagement of Tina Tam in the role of Acting Executive Director to help lead the organization through the process of assessing and auditing SCY and putting the organization on sound footing as it prepares to bring on its new Executive Director. Tina recently agreed to continue until the end of March 2009 when the intention of the Board is to have a new Executive Director in place.

At this AGM, I will have completed my term as President and would not want to leave without saying a big thank you to everyone who has been involved with SCY. I clearly see the level of care and passion people have for young people as well as their commitment to better SCY. Thank you to Tina, Ginny and Melissa who have so ably carried out the directions of the Board to bring SCY to where it is today. Thank you to all of SCY's partners including our funders and contractors who make our mission possible. Finally, I would like to thank members of the Board of Directors, particularly those on the Executive Committee who I have worked most closely with for the past couple of years. All of these people not only work hard trying to improve the lives of all young people in our province, they are inspiring. "Just don't give up trying to do what you really want to do. Where there is love and inspiration, I don't think you can go wrong." Ella Fitzgerald

Gary Manson  
President, SCY

## PROJECTS, NETWORKS, FUNDERS

### SCY'S CURRENT INITIATIVES

#### 1. Rights Awareness

- Child Rights Public Awareness Campaign
- Realizing Rights – Responding to Needs: Youth with Disabilities in Conflict with the Law
- A People's Project: The Rights Based Monitoring Initiative
- Youth Taking Action: Engaging Youth in Care

#### 2. Child and Youth Friendly Communities (CYFC)

- Mobilizing for Safer Communities: CYFC Municipal Toolkit
- Building Child Friendly Communities for Aboriginal Children and their Families: CYFC Early Years Toolkit
- Child Youth Friendly Communities Awards
- CYFC Network

#### 3. Publication, Education & Information

- Website [www.scyofbc.org](http://www.scyofbc.org)
- Publications
- Speaking/Workshop Engagements

### SCY APPRECIATES THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY:

United Way of the Lower Mainland, Vancouver Foundation, Vancity, Justice Canada, Law Foundation, Heritage Canada, National Crime Prevention Centre, Ministry of Solicitor General and Public Safety, London Drugs, Costco

SCY would also like to thank all of the individuals and organizations who have generously contributed to SCY.



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1.

- Become a member
- Renew my membership

As a member I will receive SCY member updates, 20% discount on all SCY publications, and information on issues, initiatives and events.

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE:

- \$10 Individual
- \$25 Organization

2. Make a tax deductible donation:

Here is my donation\*

- \$25
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The Society for Children and Youth of BC works with a variety of funders, networks and individuals, all of whom provide valuable support and services. We appreciate all of our volunteers and associated organizations for their hard work and commitment.

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