A faded background image of a child swinging on a swing set. The child is wearing a light-colored shirt and dark pants. The swing set is made of metal and has a chain. The background is a bright, slightly overexposed outdoor setting.

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Executive Director's Report

We had an exciting year of development and growth at the Society. SCY's child rights work has resulted in the strengthening of networks and initiatives focused on children, youth, families, and communities. The development of the Aboriginal Child Friendly Communities Toolkit and the ongoing promotion of the Society's existing Child and Youth Friendly Communities resources has influenced and inspired people to take a child friendly lens to community development and practice, and has provided a foundation for people to initiate child friendly assessments and projects in their community.

The Society's efforts in public education and community engagement has generated an increased interest in child rights and has influenced the adoption/integration of the rights-based framework as a tool for young people, families, and service providers.

The interest and momentum around child rights in the province has been increasing and SCY is focused on several key initiatives: The BC Child Rights Public Awareness Campaign, Realizing Rights—Responding to Needs: Youth with Disabilities in Conflict with the Law, Youth in Care Roundtable: Rights to Family and Connection to Culture, Child and Youth Friendly Communities, and A People's Project: Youth Rights Monitoring.

Operationally, the Society has expanded our team to meet the demands of all the exciting initiatives. We are thrilled to have Christina Thiele, Clara Rutter, and Amelia Mathieson join the SCY team!

For over 36 years the Society has been dedicated to the well-being of children and youth. SCY could not have come this far without the commitment and support of the Board of Directors, members, volunteers, partner organizations, funders, donors, and staff past and present.

Tina Tam
Acting Executive Director

President's Report

The past year has been one of challenges and achievement for SCY. The board has engaged in a number of organizational development processes with the assistance of consultants and staff.

A key part of securing our future sustainability is Tina Tam's return to SCY as Acting Executive Director. Tina has assembled an effective team that immeasurably increases our capacity. We are pleased to welcome Amelia Mathieson as Administrative Assistant, Christina Thiele as Communications and Child Rights Projects Coordinator, and Clara Rutter in the role of Child and Youth Engagement Projects Coordinator. We are very fortunate to have staff resources at this level.

I have been impressed with the commitment of the Board of Directors throughout the past year. When we were faced with unexpected staff turnover, board members mobilized and participated in a number of extraordinary meetings and planning workshops. At every opportunity, the Board erred on the side of doing what is necessary to maintain SCY and its presence in the community. I would like to thank my colleagues on the SCY Board of Directors for continuing to demonstrate their commitment to a strong and functional organization.

During our organizational development work, we have focused on the following strategic goals: to educate, advocate, engage communities, and increase our organizational capacity. In determining these goals, we have reiterated our commitment to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child as a key vehicle for the promotion of the well-being of all children and youth.

I would particularly like to thank Tina Tam who has been so important to our organization for the past three years. We very much appreciate her commitment, vision, and leadership.

The coming year will bring more opportunities and changes. We have made an important start in shaping the future for SCY. We hope to build on that momentum in the years to come.

Joe Rosen
President, Board of Directors

Projects, Networks, Funders

SCY's Current Initiatives

- BC Child Rights Public Awareness Campaign
- Child and Youth Friendly Communities Development
- Realizing Rights—Responding to Needs:
Youth with Disabilities in Conflict with the Law
- A People's Project: Youth Rights Monitoring
- Youth in Care Roundtable: Rights to Family and
Connection to Culture
- Aboriginal Child Friendly Communities Toolkit
- Rosemary Brown Award for Women
- Youth Taking Action Films

Project and Organizational Contributors

Erlene Wollard, Alison Johnston, Rona Sterling-Collins,
Ramona Baxter, Zena Merali, Sarah Chandler, WeiHsi Hu,
Tasha Nijjar, Anne O'Neil, and Ginny Gonneau.

Project Partners

Representative for Children and Youth, BC Centre for Safe
Schools and Communities, Lower Nicola Band School, PeerNet
BC, 411 Seniors Centre, and the Rosemary Brown Award for
Women: United Nations Association of Canada, BC Association
of Social Workers, BC Federation of Labour, BC Human Rights
Coalition, and National Congress of Black Women Foundation.

SCY appreciates the contributions made by:

United Way of the Lower Mainland, Vancouver Foundation,
Victoria Foundation, and the financial assistance of the Province
of British Columbia through the Gaming Grants.

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



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SCY Board

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 partner organizations for their hard work and commitment.

SCY Board of Directors

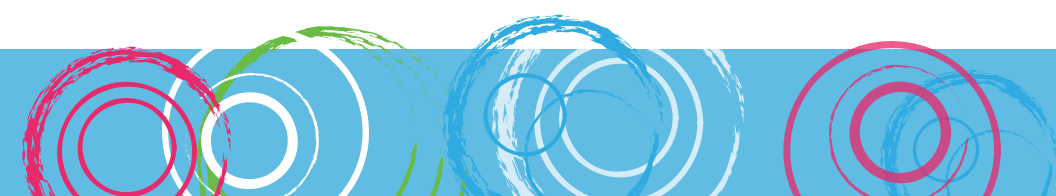
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Honourary Officers

Tom Berger, Basil Robinson, Flora MacLeod, Fran Grunberg



Your contributions make a difference in the lives of children and youth.

In 2009 – 2010, the Society actively engaged and supported over 100 organizations and approximately 1,500 individuals through projects, program work, meetings, conferences, workshops, communications, and community engagement events.

SCY now has a network of over 400 individuals and organizations that are involved in the work of the Society.

Join us in our efforts for children and youth by making a financial donation to our Society.

SCY is a registered charity and your contributions are essential to our ongoing work.

Donate by cheque or on-line at
www.scyofbc.org/donate-to-scy



SCY Financials

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

For the year ended December 31, 2009

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Revenue | | |
| United Way of Lower Mainland | 92,123 | 69,104 |
| Other donations, fundraising & grants | 4,589 | 1,480 |
| Gaming Grant | 59,633 | 50,367 |
| Publication & Workshops | 740 | 291 |
| Membership Fees | 611 | 449 |
| Interest | 2,758 | 3,942 |
| Project Administration | 2,613 | 9,083 |
| | <u>163,067</u> | <u>134,716</u> |
| Expenses | | |
| Depreciation | - | - |
| Communication | 2,860 | 2,272 |
| Insurance | 1,928 | 2,214 |
| Meetings and Events | 6,101 | 4,114 |
| Office and Misc. | 7,257 | 8,882 |
| Professional Fees | 7,468 | 5,674 |
| Project Administration | - | - |
| Printing and Publications | 352 | 420 |
| Contracted Services | 42,867 | 77,240 |
| Rent | 8,319 | 7,620 |
| Wages and Benefits | 78,502 | 37,461 |
| | <u>155,654</u> | <u>145,897</u> |
| (Deficiency) Excess of Revenue over expenses | 7,413 | (11,181) |
| Fund Balances, Beginning of Year | 75,101 | 76,678 |
| Interfund Transfers | 7,399 | 9,604 |
| Capital acquisitions paid from the Operating Fund | - | - |
| Unrealized gains (losses) | - | - |
| Fund Balances, End of Year | <u>89,913</u> | <u>75,101</u> |

Extracted from the complete financial statements, reviewed by Reid Hurst Nagy Inc. and are available on request.

SCY Financials

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2009

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Assets | | |
| CURRENT | | |
| Cash | 238,028 | 194,839 |
| Accounts Receivable | 3,207 | - |
| GST Receivable | 2,206 | 1,513 |
| Security Deposit | 805 | 641 |
| Prepaid Expenses | 151 | 929 |
| | <u>244,397</u> | <u>197,922</u> |
| Endowment Investment | 160,835 | 153,305 |
| Capital Assets | 1,790 | 2,258 |
| | <u>407,022</u> | <u>353,485</u> |
| Liabilities and Fund Balances | | |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Accounts Payable & Accruals | 9,839 | 12,486 |
| Unearned Revenue | 33,035 | 32,667 |
| | <u>42,874</u> | <u>45,153</u> |
| Fund Balances | | |
| Unrestricted | 89,913 | 75,101 |
| Restricted | 274,235 | 233,231 |
| | <u>364,148</u> | <u>308,332</u> |
| | <u>407,022</u> | <u>353,485</u> |

Approved on behalf of the Board:



Gilles De Condappa, Treasurer



Joseph Rosen, President