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Annual Report 2011 – 2012

Society for Children and Youth of BC

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Executive Director's Report

We love child rights.

This may be a strange way to start my report, but it is the foundation of our dedication to SCY. Research supports the benefits of teaching children about their rights: they are more confident, have more hope for their futures, are less likely to be victimized, more likely to stand up for rights others, have better peer relationships... It adds a sense of pride and urgency for our work as we continue to support the capacity of adults to uphold the rights of children.

We are highly motivated by our 'Child Rights Family': our partners, volunteers, board, funders, and community supporters, who devote a part of their brain, their heart, and often portion of their hard earned income to our work. We value these relationships and look forward to coming to work every day to learn from you and collaborate with you.

As a team we began digging and sorting through SCY's archives and are humbled to be the current legacy bearers. Our look back has shaped our look forward, guiding the continued development of our strategic plan.

With the finalizing of key projects we have cleared the way for new initiatives and plans to capitalize on past successes. The Child Rights Public Awareness Campaign (www.everychild.ca) continues to thrive, building recognition and supporting local community initiatives. We have also been thrilled with the response to our youth engagement projects. Many more youth applied than we could host and those who participated honoured us with their stories, using their words and voices to create poignant radio public service announcements. We are inspired by the continued interest in our Child and Youth Friendly Communities Initiatives and look forward to rolling out new material (stay tuned)!

It is fitting that we think of those associated with SCY as belonging to the child rights family. It will continue to take a strong and dedicated community to improve the well-being of children and youth of BC.

With gratitude,
Andrea Lemire, Executive Director



President's Report

2011 was a year of inspiration and learning for the SCY team who have developed a plan to support our mission, which is to promote the full realization of children's rights in British Columbia through education, advocacy, and community engagement.

Using the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child as a foundation for its work, SCY continued its focus and momentum on the Child Rights Public Awareness Campaign (www.everychild.ca) which encourages adults to investigate their role as duty bearers in upholding the rights of children and youth and how to incorporate this knowledge into their daily lives: both personally and professionally.

Despite economic strain for SCY and our funding agencies, SCY has had a great year. I would like to thank the SCY staff for their tireless work: Christina Thiele for her creative energy and passionate dedication to children's rights and Selina Lai for her dedication and commitment to youth engagement. Our new Executive Director, Andrea Lemire has provided exceptional leadership and has been busy advancing our work with partners and laying the foundation for success.

I would also like to recognize my colleagues on the SCY Board of Directors for their tremendous engagement and commitment. This is a tireless group of individuals who are generous with their time and talents. While we are sad to say goodbye to Erlene Woollard, we thank her for her valuable support over the last few years and we are delighted that she is continuing to work with us a volunteer.

We are saddened by the passing of Basil Robinson, one of SCY's founding fathers. He was a respected advocate for the rights of children and youth and a very good man. He will be missed.

Most importantly, I would like to acknowledge and thank the members, funders, individual advisors and many community partners who share our vision of a world where children's rights are recognized and fully realized. It is an honour to work with you and I look forward to hearing how we might strengthen SCY as an organization to improve the well-being of children and youth.

Shakeela Begum
President, Board of Directors

Projects, Networks, Funders

SCY's Current Initiatives

- BC Child Rights Public Awareness Campaign
- Child and Youth Friendly Communities Initiative
- Child and Youth Friendly Cities Public Policy Initiative
- Rosemary Brown Award for Women
- UBC Health Advocacy Partnership
- Youth Engagement, Richmond Children's Charter
- Coast Capital Savings Youth Media Radio PSA project
- citizenU

Project and Organizational Contributors

Erlene Woollard, Angie Osachoff, Shafik Dharamsi, Kiran Sandhu, Margaret Liu, Sophia MillerVedam, and the Child Rights Public Awareness Campaign Advisory Committee.

Project Partners

Representative for Children and Youth, BC Centre for Safe Schools and Communities, Reel Youth, UBC Family Medicine, PeerNet BC, Equitas, Richmond Children First, 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, the United Way Public Policy Institute, Representative for Children and Youth, Coast Capital Savings, Vancouver Foundation, Victoria Foundation, the financial assistance of the Province of British Columbia through the Community Gaming Grant, and the estate of Katherine J. Heller.

AGM support provided by Blackbond Books, Save-On-Foods (UBC), Save-On-Foods (Cambie), Hannah and Samuel Flower Shop, The Secret Garden Tea Company, Starbucks (16th and Macdonald), Marg's Garden, and Vancouver Fashion Week.



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

Shakeela Begum	PRESIDENT
Desire Sattler	PAST-PRESIDENT
Angie Osachoff	VICE-PRESIDENT
Pamela Tsatouhas	VICE-PRESIDENT
Gilles De Condappa	SECRETARY-TREASURER

Members-at-Large

Alison Bledsoe	Pippa Rowcliffe
Chelsea Peddle	Zena Merali
Joe Rosen	Erlene Woollard

Honourary Officers

Tom Berger, Basil Robinson, Flora MacLeod, Fran Grunberg

Support SCY

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

In 2011 – 2012, the Society actively engaged and supported over 125 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 1,000 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 or by becoming a member. Membership is one way we show community support for our work.

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

**Donate by cheque or on-line at
www.scyofbc.org**



Financials

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

For the year ended December 31, 2011

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Revenue		
United Way of Lower Mainland	95,126	91,138
Other donations, fundraising & grants	121,226	14,585
Gaming Grant	40,000	60,000
Miscellaneous	3,860	1097
Membership Fees	280	131
Interest	7,720	7,406
Project Administration	39,556	40,360
	<u>307,768</u>	<u>214,717</u>
Expenses		
Depreciation	357	336
Communication	620	1,411
Insurance	1,809	1,792
Meetings and Events	7,895	3,280
Office and Misc.	13,805	16,360
Professional Fees	6,517	5,945
Project Administration	39,556	40,360
Printing and Publications	17,393	8,103
Contracted Services	13,570	51,829
Rent	9,511	9,698
Wages and Benefits	154,267	162,018
	<u>265,300</u>	<u>301,132</u>
(Deficiency) Excess of Revenue over expenses	42,468	(86,415)
Unrealized Gains / (Losses)	(3,563)	3,746
Capital Acquisitions	750	
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	291,417	374,086
Fund Balances, End of Year	<u>331,072</u>	<u>291,417</u>

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

Financials

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2011

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Assets		
CURRENT		
Cash	183,296	150,079
Accounts Receivable	1,640	1,588
GST Receivable	3,821	1,812
Prepaid Expenses	152	1,616
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	188,909	155,095
Endowment Investment	170,956	174,519
Capital Assets	1,847	1,454
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	361,712	331,068
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Liabilities and Fund Balances		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable & Accruals	7,605	6,616
Unearned Revenue	23,035	33,035
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	30,640	39,651
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Fund Balances		
Unrestricted	61,322	79,827
Restricted	269,750	211,590
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	331,072	291,417
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	361,712	331,068
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Approved on behalf of the Board:



Gilles De Condappa, Treasurer



Shakeela Begum, Board President