

SOCIETY FOR
children
and **youth**
OF BC



Annual Report
2012 - 2013



Executive Director's Report

We hear it all the time, “*Children in BC have it pretty good, rights are for kids in developing countries.*” I would love to tell those individuals they are correct. I would love to tell them there is no need to speak up for the children and youth in our province, that childrens’ best interest are upheld in every level of government, in every business, and in every social and educational service and program. But I can’t.

The reality is that the well-being of children in BC is generally in decline. Childhood obesity is on the rise. Canadian boys are viewing more pornography and are being exposed to it younger than previous generations. On average Canadian boys will view internet pornography for the first time at 11.5 years of age. About 30% of children in BC start kindergarten vulnerable on one or more measures of the Early Development Index. Canada has the largest gap between the top 20% and the bottom 20% of income earners after income tax adjustments and BC has had the highest child poverty rate in Canada for 9 out of the last 10 years.

So what does this mean? Physicians are projecting that this generation of children will have shorter life expectancies than their parents, are less happy, and have lower levels of well-being. Early impacts of stress and poverty impact children for life; the study of epigenetics shows some impacts can be intergenerational. At the heart of it we know that children want to be happy and healthy, who doesn’t? But we need to set children up for success.

We need to overcome the myth that parents are the only ones responsible for their children’s health and well-being. Loving parents make a huge difference. But children, parents, AND their communities need to be set up to succeed. We know that child well-being is better in more equal societies, and prevention is more cost effective than intervention. It is time to invest in communities that nurture children’s needs, uphold their rights, and support their parents. Every child has the right to have their best interest made a reality.



Join us in our fight for children’s rights in BC.

With gratitude,
Andrea Lemire, Executive Director



President's Report

2013 has been a year of tremendous activity for the dedicated team at SCY. Increasing understanding in British Columbia about the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and our shared responsibility to children and youth continues to guide our work.

We are leading child rights information sharing and exchange through partnership with UNICEF in the development of resources on child rights for parents whose children attend UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools. SCY is also partnering with Equitas in the development of an interactive tool for children and parents to talk about child rights.

Our work would not be possible without the volunteers who dedicate their time to helping us with our operations. This year we especially benefitted from amazing researchers who have supported and informed our Child and Youth Friendly Toolkits.

SCY's Board continues to give their expertise and passion in effectively governing and leading SCY. This year, we bid a fond farewell to outgoing members Zena Merali, Gilles De Condappa and Desiree Wilson—they have generously shared their leadership, time, and talent with SCY and we will miss their valuable contributions.

We are saddened by the passing of Valerie Fronczek in May 2013. Val was SCY's long time Executive Director and her work continues to inspire staff and board in our daily operations. In particular, her work on every child's right to play and child and youth friendly communities continues to factor heavily in our activities. Val is sorely missed though we are fortunate to benefit from the legacy of passion for children's rights she left us and in particular from her mentorship over the last 2 years.

The work we do at SCY would not be possible without the dedication of the SCY team, Christina Thiele, Selina Lai, and Andrea Lemire. Their passion and commitment to children's rights is contagious and we thank them for their work.

Thank you to our members, funders, and community partners who are committed to the full realization of children's rights. I look forward to future discussions about the role and importance of SCY's work and our priorities going forward.

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 Communities Public Policy Initiative, supporting Children in their early years
- Child and Youth Friendly Communities, supporting parents and youth in their middle years
- Rosemary Brown Award for Women

Project and Organizational Contributors

Anna Nakahori, Catherine Kerridge, Cassandra Enns, Dina Taha, Elizabeth White, Erlene Woollard, Jean Feng, Jenn Flood, Kaela Napier, Lauren Petersen-Green, Linda Duarte, Michelle Spani, Nadia Gill, Pamela Toor, Randy Santos, Shalom States, Vanessa Ao, Yaa Nimako, Manusha Dutta, and Allen Zhu.

Project Partners

Representative for Children and Youth, UNICEF, BC Centre for Safe Schools and Communities, Reel Youth, 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 in 2012 by

United Way of the Lower Mainland, BC's Representative for Children and Youth, the financial assistance of the Province of British Columbia through the Community Gaming Grant, and the estate of Basil Robinson, Rocky Mountain Flatbread Company, Paul Doroshenko, Ernst & Young, Amelia Mathieson, Steven & Angie Osachoff, Shayne O'Reilly, Joe Rosen, Mari Pighini, Christina Thiele, Andrew Weeks, Nancy Bell, Gladys McPherson, Erlene & Bob Woollard and a special thank you to our anonymous donors ... you know who you are!



United Way
Lower Mainland
Change starts here.



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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 partner organizations for their hard work and commitment.

SCY Board of Directors

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| Shakeela Begum | PRESIDENT |
| Desiree Wilson | PAST-PRESIDENT |
| Pippa Rowcliffe | VICE-PRESIDENT |
| Angie Osachoff | VICE-PRESIDENT |
| Gilles De Condappa | SECRETARY-TREASURER |

Members-at-Large

| | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Sue Khazaie | Erlene Woollard |
| Chelsea Peddle | Pippa Rowcliffe |

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 2012 – 2013, the Society actively engaged and supported over 100 organizations and approximately 2,500 individuals through projects, program work, meetings, conferences, workshops, communications, and community engagement events.

SCY now has a network of over 2,000 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 and monthly donor. 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**



SCY Financials

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

For the year ended December 31, 2012

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Revenue | | |
| United Way of Lower Mainland | 99,643 | 95,126 |
| Other donations, fundraising & grants | 50,193 | 121,226 |
| Gaming Grant | 45,000 | 40,000 |
| Miscellaneous | 525 | 3,860 |
| Membership Fees | 375 | 280 |
| Interest | 7,727 | 7,720 |
| Project Administration | 68,603 | 39,556 |
| | <u>272,066</u> | <u>307,768</u> |
| Expenses | | |
| Depreciation | 460 | 357 |
| Communication | 1,058 | 620 |
| Insurance | 1,698 | 1,809 |
| Meetings and Events | 5,211 | 7,895 |
| Office and Misc. | 15,737 | 13,805 |
| Professional Fees | 8,862 | 6,517 |
| Project Administration | 68,603 | 39,556 |
| Printing and Publications | 774 | 17,393 |
| Contracted Services | 6,527 | 13,570 |
| Rent | 8,040 | 9,511 |
| Wages and Benefits | 156,001 | 154,267 |
| Advertising | 1,130 | - |
| | <u>274,101</u> | <u>265,300</u> |
| (Deficiency) Excess of Revenue over expenses | (2,035) | 42,468 |
| Capital Acquisitions | 936 | 750 |
| Fund Balances, Beginning of Year | <u>160,116</u> | <u>116,898</u> |
| Fund Balances, End of Year | <u>159,017</u> | <u>160,116</u> |

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

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

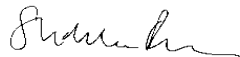
December 31, 2012

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Assets | | |
| CURRENT | | |
| Cash and Investments | 217,355 | 183,296 |
| Accounts Receivable | 3,624 | 1,640 |
| HST / GST Receivable | 1,137 | 3,821 |
| Prepaid Expenses | 352 | 152 |
| | <u>222,468</u> | <u>188,909</u> |
| Capital Assets | 2,323 | 1,847 |
| | <u>224,791</u> | <u>190,756</u> |
| Liabilities and Fund Balances | | |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Accounts Payable & Accruals | 6,667 | 7,605 |
| Unearned Revenue | 59,107 | 23,035 |
| | <u>65,774</u> | <u>30,640</u> |
| Fund Balances | | |
| Unrestricted | 70,284 | 61,322 |
| Restricted | 88,733 | 98,794 |
| | <u>159,017</u> | <u>160,116</u> |
| | <u>224,791</u> | <u>190,756</u> |

Approved on behalf of the Board:



Gilles De Condappa, Treasurer



Shakeela Begum, Board President