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Supporting Solutions to Violence and Abuse

Annual Report

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It is with bittersweet feelings that I write my last letter as President of Prairieaction Foundation. In the seven years since I became a member of the Board of Directors much has happened. Huge strides were made in raising the Momentum Campaign's target of \$2.5 million to fully capitalize the Legacy Fund at \$7.5 million. After the last five years of fundraising we were able to access an anonymous donor's challenge and received a gift of \$243,352. Thank you to our generous anonymous donor and also to all of our other kind donors through the years who have made this gift possible. We could not have achieved this without each of you.

Following many months of research, discussion and evaluation, the Board of Directors of Prairieaction Foundation made a decision to hire an association management firm to handle all of our administrative requirements. Effective March 1, 2009 Strauss event & association management joined our team. Martin Strauss is our new Executive Director and Kirsten Parker is our Executive Co-ordinator. We are confident this is a good fit for Prairieaction Foundation.

I have had the pleasure of working with some very special people through the years. Many of whom are still actively involved with Prairieaction Foundation in one way or another. The relationships which are forged through working together as volunteers towards a common goal, "supporting solutions to violence and abuse" in our case, are an added bonus. Prairieaction Foundation has a rich legacy of strong Board Members and it's always sad when one moves on. This year we are bidding Dr. Raymond Currie farewell as a Board Member. Raymond joined the Board of Prairieaction Foundation in 1999 and I had the pleasure of meeting Raymond for the first time in Regina in 2002. Raymond is a vault of information and energy and he will be missed very much. Unless he leaves the country we still know how to contact him. Raymond, I personally cannot thank you enough for sharing your wisdom and enthusiasm!

Anne Parker is also retiring from the Board. Anne joined the Board in 2004 and brought with her a common sense approach which I appreciated very much. I certainly relied on her a lot through my term as President. Anne was Chair of the Nomination Committee since 2006. Pam Kendel-Goodale joined the Board in 2006 and with Cathy Auld was Co-Chair of the CARE Grants Advisory Committee for the last two years. This year with their strong leadership the Committee was able to grant a total of \$77,293. to nine community-based organizations. Pam and Anne, thank you for your commitment and dedication to Prairieaction Foundation. You will both be missed.

The CARE Grants Advisory Committee is made up of hardworking people who give a considerable amount of their time to screen applications and I congratulate and thank them for the work they have done.

My final act as President of Prairieaction Foundation will be to Chair our 12th Annual General Meeting in Regina on November 19, 2009, during which time I will be pleased to welcome incoming Board Members – Cynthia Brick, owner of Brick Furniture Store in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Gustine Wilton, a retired teacher and business woman from Carman, Manitoba, Merrilee Rasmussen, a Barrister and Solicitor from Regina, Saskatchewan and Linda Thauberger-Smith from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. I am confident leaving the Board of Directors in the capable hands of Mary Rose McGuire, the incoming President of Prairieaction Foundation, and I know she will find the experience incredibly fulfilling and worthwhile.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge and thank Dave Simpson of RBC Dominion Securities for his care and attention to our investments. Also, Marty Barry of Buchanan Barry LLP for his counsel and advice over the years. We also said goodbye to Carol Stevens, our accountant, in September of this year and on behalf of Prairieaction Foundation I would like to thank Carol for her diligence in keeping our books.

In 2008 Prairieaction Foundation formed a partnership with Teresa Posyniak as our artist-in-residence. Teri's art career has spanned over 25 years, exploring issues related to vulnerability and resiliency in contemporary society. She has previously donated artwork to Prairieaction Foundation, designed our bookmark and her art has appeared on the covers of several RESOLVE books. We are grateful for Teri's continued support and look forward to a lengthy relationship with her.

The people at RESOLVE – Dr. Jane Ursel, Dr. Leslie Tutty and Dr. Mary Hampton and their support teams – are each incredibly committed to the cause of finding solutions to violence and abuse and it has been a real pleasure to work with them. They provide the real meaning behind what we do.

I would like to once again thank our many donors and volunteers. Without your support there would not be a Prairieaction Foundation.




*Dianne Waffle
President*

Our goal is to sustain a prairie network that seeks Research and Education for Solutions to Violence and Abuse (RESOLVE)...

Prairieaction Foundation supported the RESOLVE Network by granting \$200,000 in 2008-09. This annual grant is allocated to the administration and operational costs of the research network. With the guarantee of sustainable funding, the RESOLVE network has been able to retain its senior researchers and staff who provide valuable history, consistency and knowledge. For every dollar that is donated to the RESOLVE network by the Foundation, RESOLVE reports that six dollars are generated from other grants.

Prairieaction Foundation also provided RESOLVE funding for the purchase of RESOLVE publications that were distributed to participants in the 2008 RESOLVE Research Day.

RESOLVE (Research and Education for Solutions to Violence and Abuse) is a tri-provincial Prairie research network that seeks solutions to violence and abuse and is affiliated with seven universities in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta.

RESOLVE Highlights

Our tri-provincial network has been busy with a number of projects that are local, regional, national and international in scope. Our most recent international project is led by our colleague Dr. Dominique Damant at the University of Montreal and involves our three offices. The title is *Mothering in the Context of Domestic Violence in Canada and the United Kingdom: A Focus on the Experiences of First Nation and Migrant women*. It is always wonderful and challenging working with our colleagues in Quebec. Our three offices continue to be engaged in the other major international project the Canadian Justice Observatory, with partners in the United States, Australia and the United Kingdom.

While our involvement in international studies grows we continue to be committed to local and regional research. We have two primary mechanisms for sustaining our local research agenda. First, our provincial Steering Committees, which meet regularly in each province, bring together academics, service providers and policy makers to discuss our local research needs. Secondly, the Prairieaction Foundation CARE Grant Program has evolved over the years as a very effective means of supporting joint research initiatives of community agencies and RESOLVE. This year CARE grants are supporting research in Edmonton, Calgary and Peace River, Alberta; Regina and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and Koostatak, Winnipeg and Selkirk, Manitoba. CARE grants have annually provided approximately \$70,000 for local research in our Prairie Provinces.

This year the Manitoba Steering Committee has focussed on the issue of the recession and its impact on non-profit community organizations. In May, Sharon Taylor a community member attended a conference in Toronto on this topic and wrote about her experiences for our newsletter.

Our September Steering Committee meeting held a panel discussion on this topic with Sharon Taylor, Wolseley Family Place, Suhad Bisharat, the Laurel Centre and Rick Lussier of the Winnipeg Foundation discussing strategies for sustaining services in times of scarce resources. We had a very lively discussion and extremely good attendance. Our follow up meeting in the New Year will focus on identifying academic and community funders for joint research initiatives.

Saskatchewan has been very busy planning for RESOLVE's Research Day to be held November 20 at the Regina Inn and Conference Centre. In addition, Dr. Mary Hampton of RESOLVE Saskatchewan is taking the lead on a CURA proposal for the coming year. A third successful CURA will sustain our tradition of a major tri-provincial research project begun in 2000 with Leslie Tutty's 'Justice' CURA and followed by Jane Ursel's 'Healing Journey' CURA in 2004.

Alberta RESOLVE has been busy with three major studies in addition to numerous local projects. Dr. Leslie Tutty has just completed the national study, "Identifying best practices to safely house abused and homeless women" and she continues to collect data from the Calgary specialized Domestic Violence Court. Finally, Dr. Tutty and Dr. Radtke are completing the Alberta component of the tri-provincial Healing Journey Study.

Our goal is to support community and academic partnerships that focus on community-based research...

Prairieaction Foundation supported nine grassroots organizations and projects that focus on community-based research by granting \$77,293 in 2008-09.

The CARE Grant Program furthers Prairieaction Foundation's objectives of providing funds to registered charities for educational research into solutions to family violence and abuse. The Program's goal is to provide research funding for grassroots, community-based, organizations and projects that are developing potential models and methods to ultimately eliminate the issues, impacts and outcomes of family violence and abuse.

The essence of this program is to provide financial support to front-line social service agencies and other non-profit organizations for research that will help demonstrate the outcomes and impact of a specific program or approach in identifying solutions to violence and/or abuse. Prairieaction Foundation is pleased to be able to support the following Community Action Research and Education Program (CARE) recipients:

Alberta Council of Women's Shelters
Edmonton, AB • \$10,000

Project title: *Trend Analysis in Alberta Shelters*

Summary: The project will analyze the impact of socio-economic trends and patterns on demands for shelter services.

This research will inform shelter practices in terms of providing services directly to women, and in terms of shelter collaboration with other stakeholders. Improvements in service delivery will ultimately lead to a safer world for women and children who are escaping abusive homes.

Alliance to End Violence Society of Calgary
Calgary, AB • \$7,050

Project title: *From Isolation to Equality: Engaging Ethno-cultural Communities in Ending Family Violence*

Summary: RESOLVE Alberta will conduct a literature review as well as an environmental scan of programs in North America to identify best practices in engaging ethno-cultural communities to address family violence. Like all women, immigrant women are at a high risk for domestic violence, but there are also unique vulnerabilities and they face additional barriers in leaving an abusive relationship.

These women are often trapped in the cycle of violence because of their lack of understanding and awareness of Canadian laws and available services and resources. Comprehensive, coordinated and culturally appropriate strategies are required to reach out to and engage ethno-cultural communities and immigrant and visible minority women who are experiencing abuse.

First Nation Healing Centre
Koostatak, MB • \$8,525

Project title: *An Evaluation of Client Satisfaction with Domestic Violence Group Programming*

Summary: Given that programs have limited funding to address domestic violence, direct service provision becomes the priority, rather than evaluation of the programs. For reserve communities, this creates a context in which the need to provide a wider range of services with less funding results in a greater need to undertake program evaluation. "Healing Our Spirits" is a seven week residential program provided to women at the First Nations Healing Centre in Fisher River, Manitoba.

The purpose of this research project is to evaluate women's satisfaction with the group programming provided by the staff of the centre. As part of this process, clients are requested to complete evaluation forms at the conclusion of their program.

Klinic Community Health Centre
Winnipeg, MB • \$9,370

Project title: *Consideration of Neuropsychological Impacts of Trauma in Family Violence Programming: Phase 1*

Summary: The project is intended to answer the following research questions: What are the psychoneurological effects of trauma and how can knowledge of these effects be incorporated into family violence programming within community agencies?

To answer these questions, the project will review the literature on the effect that trauma has on the brain and the subsequent psychological and behavioural impacts. From this review, an annotated bibliography and a summary paper will be developed.

The summary paper will consist of a review of the literature and recommendations for how this knowledge can be incorporated into family violence programming. Given the technical nature of this literature, the paper will be written using language that is more accessible to service providers from a wide variety of fields.

Nova House
Selkirk, MB • \$7,525

Project title: *Data Management and Analysis for the Healing Journey*

Summary: The project is intended to answer the following research questions: What are the psychoneurological effects of trauma and how can knowledge of these effects be incorporated into family violence programming within community agencies? an be incorporated into family violence programming. Given the technical nature of this literature, the paper will be written using language that is more accessible to service providers from a wide variety of fields.

Peace River Regional Women's Shelter Society
Peace River, AB • \$7,500

Project title: *Surviving Intimate Partner Violence with Limited Community Services: A Longitudinal Analysis*

Summary: The purpose of this project is to conduct a longitudinal analysis of the process of surviving intimate partner violence when community services are limited. Our research question is: "What are the consequences of intimate partner violence over time in relation to steps taken by the survivors, including accessing available community services?"

This project is a component of a large, longitudinal study of women who have experienced intimate partner violence, the Healing Journey study, which entails collaboration among community agencies serving women who have experienced intimate partner violence, academic researchers, and the three RESOLVE Centers.

Provincial Association of Transition Houses and Services of Saskatchewan
Regina, SK • \$9,998

Project title: *Identifying Best Policies and Practices to Safely House Abused and Homeless Women in Saskatchewan*

Summary: The research question being answered is, "What are the best policies and practices to safely house women who have experienced abuse and homelessness?" We will interview 25 women in selected sites across Saskatchewan.

These interviews will compliment interviews already completed in Regina. We will ask questions pertaining to women's experiences with abuse and their experience in attempting to access safe and appropriate housing when they leave a violent relationship.

Tamara's House Services for Sexual Abuse Survivors Inc.
Saskatoon, SK • \$7,500

Project title: *The Healing Journey: A Longitudinal Study of Women Affected by Intimate Partner Violence*

Summary: The proposed CARE grant application is intended to support the cost of data analysis of survey results emerging from a Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada - Community University Research Alliance (SSHRC-CURA) study occurring throughout the Prairie Provinces (Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba).

This SSHRC-CURA study, entitled The Healing Journey: A Longitudinal Study of Women Affected by Intimate Partner Violence, surveys approximately 600 women, 200 of whom reside in Saskatchewan, over 3.5 years (Fall 2005 through Winter 2009), with the aim of exploring women's trajectories of experience and healing/change related to intimate partner violence.

WISH Inc. (Women in Second Stage Housing)
Winnipeg, MB • \$9,825

Project title: *Voices of the Women of WISH: Analysis of Client Feedback*

Summary: Through analysis of existing client feedback forms and interviews, this research project will address the question: What does client feedback tell us about the effects of the WISH Second Stage Program in helping women reduce or eliminate the violence and abuse in their lives?

As part of the Agency's existing service monitoring and evaluation, we have clients complete a feedback form at the midway point of their program (6 months), at the end of their residential stay (12 months), and at the end of the follow-up program (18 months). Currently information from this feedback is regularly used to improve direct services offered to these clients.

This research project would be the initial stage of research to identify a) potential effects of the program b) areas of improvement and development for program delivery and c) give direction for more planned long term evaluation.

EDUCATION AND AWARENESS PROGRAM

Our goal is to establish an educational and awareness program based on the results of our research work...

The Education and Awareness Program furthers Prairieaction Foundation's goals to support education and awareness programs to end violence and abuse and to support the dissemination of research results. In 2008-09 the Foundation funded the following education and awareness events:

Support for RESOLVE Research Day, November 2008

A grant was given to RESOLVE in support of the 2008 Research Day, to make-up for an unexpected decrease in funding and for the purchase of RESOLVE publications that were distributed to participants in the 2008 RESOLVE Research Day. This grant creates an opportunity to increase awareness of RESOLVE's research.

Sponsorship of a play at Manitoba Theatre for Young People, February 2009

Binti's Journey tells the remarkable story of a teenage girl in Malawi — one in a million—who loses her family and her home to AIDS. Using traditional dance and music, this compelling and uplifting production connects us with the global human family. There were 13 school performances played attended by 3,271 students and two public performances.

We continue to pride ourselves on consistently implementing effective and responsible fiscal management practices and policies...

The Legacy Fund is comprised of donations received by Prairieaction Foundation. The endowment is managed by RBC Dominion Securities under the direction of Prairieaction Foundation's Finance and Investment Committee.

Prairieaction Foundation is grateful to the RBC Dominion Securities fund manager, Dave Simpson. From the generous donations from our donors, Dave and his team have continued to achieve better than benchmark performance in very challenging financial markets.

After withdrawals to fund RESOLVE, other grants and the management fee (operating expenses), the total market value of our investments at August 31, 2009 was \$6,481,681 (compared with \$7,183,444 on August 31, 2008).

Interest earned, along with all dividends, is re-invested to ensure the long-term growth of the fund. We have better than benchmark returns on our investments while keeping the operating budget to a minimum. The fund's goal is to ensure sustainability and to support research and education solutions to violence and abuse both today and in the indefinite future.

Momentum Campaign

As of August 31, 2009, we have raised \$1,459,758 in our Momentum Campaign. An anonymous donor made a gift of \$243,352 towards the Momentum Campaign.

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Prairieaction Foundation's Board of Directors volunteers their personal time, efforts and funds to ensure the Foundation's success and organizational sustainability. We are very grateful for the contributions of each member of our Board of Directors.

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In November 2009, we welcomed the following new and returning Board of Directors:

- **Mary Rose McGuire**, *President*
- **John Duhault**, *Vice-President and RESOLVE Liaison*
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION • AUGUST 31, 2009



ASSETS

	2009			2008	
	OPERATING FUND	RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FUND	ENDOWMENT FUND	TOTAL	TOTAL
CURRENT					
Cash	\$ 9,564	\$ -	\$ 138,675	\$ 148,239	\$ 82,452
Accounts receivable	958	-	-	958	453
Goods and services tax recoverable	1,403	-	-	1,403	1,159
	<u>11,925</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>138,675</u>	<u>150,600</u>	<u>84,064</u>
CAPITAL ASSETS	2,076	-	-	2,076	2,813
INVESTMENTS	-	707,668	5,783,501	6,491,169	7,221,961
	<u>\$ 14,001</u>	<u>\$ 707,668</u>	<u>\$ 5,922,176</u>	<u>\$ 6,643,845</u>	<u>\$ 7,308,838</u>
LIABILITIES					
CURRENT					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 9,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,000	\$ 6,293
FUND BALANCES					
UNRESTRICTED FUND	\$ 2,925	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,925	\$ 14,148
RESTRICTED FUND					
Cumulative excess of revenues over expenses	-	1,656,881	5,922,176	7,579,057	7,442,022
Cumulative net unrealized gains and losses on available for sale restricted funds	-	(949,213)	-	(949,213)	(156,438)
CAPITAL FUND	<u>2,076</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,076</u>	<u>2,813</u>
	<u>5,001</u>	<u>707,668</u>	<u>5,922,176</u>	<u>6,634,845</u>	<u>7,302,545</u>
	<u>\$ 14,001</u>	<u>\$ 707,668</u>	<u>\$ 5,922,176</u>	<u>\$ 6,643,845</u>	<u>\$ 7,308,838</u>

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS • YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2009

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
REVENUES					
Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Tax received donations by a third party	-	-	89,238	89,238	63,728
Tax received donations	-	-	331,940	331,940	61,198
Event revenue	-	-	-	-	37,420
Investment income	-	213,980	-	213,980	259,048
Realized gain	-	27,008	-	27,008	90,878
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 240,988</u>	<u>\$ 421,178</u>	<u>\$ 662,166</u>	<u>\$ 512,272</u>
EXPENSES					
Amortization	736	-	-	736	790
Bank charges	859	-	-	859	593
Communications	1,344	-	-	1,344	3,137
Consulting fees	-	-	-	-	625
Dues and subscriptions	81	-	-	81	200
Donor recognition	-	-	-	-	138
Evnets	-	-	-	-	31,680
Grants	-	285,748	-	285,748	290,925
Insurance	3,194	-	-	3,194	3,101
Legal and accounting	15,475	-	-	15,475	12,415
Management fee	35,381	-	-	35,381	-
Office supplies	3,815	-	-	3,815	3,080
Postage	442	-	-	442	656
Printing and reproduction	104	-	-	104	693
Salaries	24,339	-	-	24,339	90,454
Telephone	678	-	-	678	672
Travel	8,457	-	-	8,457	7,801
	<u>\$ 94,905</u>	<u>\$ 285,748</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 380,653</u>	<u>\$ 446,960</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$ (94,905)</u>	<u>\$ (44,760)</u>	<u>\$ 421,178</u>	<u>\$ 281,513</u>	<u>\$ 65,312</u>

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