



Prairieaction
FOUNDATION

Supporting Solutions
To Violence and Abuse

ANNUAL
REPORT

SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 - AUGUST 31, 2010

Prairieaction Foundation celebrated its eleventh anniversary at our Annual General Meeting which was held in Regina this year. Without the incredible support of donors and volunteers who share our vision of creating solutions to stop the cycle of violence and abuse through research and education, we would not be where we are today. Thank you to all of our supporters.

Our primary mandate is to fundraise in order to support the research done by the tri-provincial RESOLVE network as well as fund our Community, Action, Research and Education Grant Program (CARE grants). This year, we granted a total of \$307,000.

The RESOLVE network (Research Centre on Family Violence and Violence Against Women) participates in research that offers practical, solution-based strategies to prevent and alleviate violence. The Foundation's funding of RESOLVE enables it to continue to have an impact on policy and programming in Canada.

The CARE grant program furthers our objectives of providing funds to registered charities for research in projects where they have identified a need and is consistent with our goal of ultimately eliminating the issues and outcomes of family violence and abuse. Each year, our CARE grant committee spends a lot of time screening the applications and making recommendations to the Board. Thank you to the Board members and community volunteers for all your work on this committee.

Our Board made the decision this year to focus on re-engaging donors and friends of Prairieaction as well as focus on internal improvements. Receptions were held in each province, honouring our tri-provincial commitment. The Calgary event incorporated our artist-in-residence, Teri Posyniak's display at the Master's Gallery; the Winnipeg event was hosted by local board member Cynthia Brick and was held at her store – Brick's Fine Furniture; and the Regina event was held at Government House and hosted by His Honour the Honourable Dr. Gordon L. Barnhart, Governor of Saskatchewan, and organized by our local board member, Heather Salloum. Each reception was unique and all achieved our goal of thanking our past donors and welcoming new friends to our organization. Thank you to all Board Members and volunteers who came forward to help.

Our Communications Committee and Investment Committee were kept very busy as well. Literature was created for each of the three provinces highlighting many of the results of Prairieaction funded research and much work was put into re-designing our web-site. As well, our Investment Committee focused on improving our investment management process to ensure that our Endowment funds were being optimally managed.

At our Annual General Meeting in November, we welcomed four new Board Members: Linda Thauberger-Smith and Merrilee Rasmussen from Saskatchewan and Cynthia Brick and Gustine Wilton from Manitoba. Heather Salloum from Regina joined our Board later in the year. We look forward to harnessing their energy, enthusiasm and skill sets to further the work of Prairieaction!

A special thank you to Martin Strauss and his association management team in Winnipeg for handling the Executive Director role for Prairieaction. Being a tri-provincial Board has its challenges and Martin and his team work hard to minimize those challenges and keep us on track. As well, thanks to Dave Simpson and his team at RBC Dominion Securities for his stewardship of our Endowment Fund and to Marty Barry at Buchanan Barry for his guidance over the years in his role as Auditor.

I would also like to thank everyone on the Board for their personal support as well as their commitment to our mission of ending the cycle of violence and abuse through research and education. While there is still much work to be done, it feels great to be part of the solution.



Mary Rose McGuire
Chair

Our goal is to sustain a Prairie network that seeks Research and Education for Solutions to Violence and Abuse...

Prairieaction Foundation supported the RESOLVE Network by granting \$210,000 in 2009-10. 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.

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

RESOLVE's projects have local, regional, national and international reach. These projects are facilitated by three prairie offices (Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta), and coordinated by the RESOLVE Network office in Winnipeg. A primary component of RESOLVE's work is community partnership. We have continued to build and strengthen partnerships across a wide range of agencies and organizations in all three provinces, from the YWCA to women's shelters to First Nations to Justice departments.

Projects have been completed on issues as diverse as: best practices for housing women who become homeless upon leaving a violent relationship; the effects of violent trauma on the brain; and the experience of mothering in the context of domestic violence. These projects all have immediate implications for improving support to victims of violence. Interviews for a large longitudinal study of women who have been abused by intimate partners, *The Healing Journey*, were completed this summer, with many years of data analysis to follow. These findings will inform programs and policies aimed at fostering resilience among women who have experienced the crisis of violence at the hands of their partners and spouses. Dr. Mary Hampton in Regina has applied for another large CURA grant to explore the availability of services in rural and northern communities, using GPS technology to map and compare service demand and service availability in remote communities.

Drs. Jane Ursel and Leslie Tutty continued their ongoing studies of the specialized Family/Domestic Violence Courts in Winnipeg and Calgary. These courts were established to provide supportive environments for victims of family violence to provide testimony. They are models for similar courts in other parts of the world. RESOLVE has been tracking all cases processed through these courts and collecting a broad range of information about them.

National Impact

RESOLVE is a member of the Canadian Observatory on the Justice System Response to Intimate Partner Violence. This is an international, interdisciplinary network of researchers, policy-makers and practitioners who are examining how the justice system functions across Canada and abroad. They monitor the justice system's processing of family violence cases to determine the impact of policy changes, and to make comparisons across jurisdictions. This information allows the network to inform and advise justice system officials about the effectiveness of strategies, facilitating a more effective response to family violence.

Provincial Impact

- The Manitoba government introduced a Domestic Violence Death Review Committee (DVDRC) in response to Dr. Jane Ursel's recommendation that the province establish such a committee. This recommendation resulted from Dr. Ursel's research on the Domestic Violence Court.
- Individuals at risk in Alberta continue to benefit from the amendments to the Domestic Violence Emergency Protection Act introduced after Dr. Leslie Tutty (RESOLVE Alberta) reviewed the legislation and issued recommendations.
- The Manitoba Seniors and Healthy Living Secretariat recently announced that the Senior Abuse Line will now provide counselling and referral services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – a change that was recommended in a report submitted by RESOLVE to the Seniors Secretariat in the summer of 2010.

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

Prairieaction Foundation supported eight organizations and projects that focus on community-based research by granting \$85,001 in 2009-10.

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:

Family Service Saskatoon Saskatoon, SK • \$13,684

Project title: *Saskatoon Community Partners for Violence Free Families – Whole Family Programming Project*

Summary: This research will explore what, if any, whole family programming is currently offered in North America to individuals affected by intimate partner violence. This information will be used to determine which programs are most appropriate as well as what evaluation tools can be used to move to implement programming in Saskatchewan.

Ikwe-Widdjiitiwin Winnipeg, MB • \$6,992

Project title: *Women Helping One Another: Evaluation of Ikwe-Widdjiitiwin Inc*

Summary: The goal of this project is to evaluate the services of Ikwe-Widdjiitiwin currently being provided to women and their children and how these programs can be developed or improved.

Avenue Community Centre for Gender & Sexual Diversity Inc. Saskatoon, SK • \$14,800

Project title: *Woman to Woman Abuse Project*

Summary: The goal of this research is to develop a model of service delivery to individuals experiencing intimate partner violence to individuals in same sex/queer relationships. The objective is to create an appropriate program and pilot it in the fall of 2010.

Changing Together – A Centre for Immigrant Women Edmonton, AB • \$15,000

Project title: *Baseline Study of Human Trafficking in Alberta*

Summary: The research project will provide a baseline study for human trafficking in the province of Alberta. Using The Alberta Coalition for Human Trafficking's extensive network of province-wide chapters, information will be gathered among agencies and individuals to identify trends and patterns in human trafficking throughout the province.

Nova House Selkirk, MB • \$7,525

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

Summary: This grant will allow for the third wave of data analysis to take place with the extensive research gathered through The Healing Journey Longitudinal Study in Manitoba.

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

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

Summary: This grant will allow for the third wave of data analysis to take place with the extensive research gathered through The Healing Journey Longitudinal Study in Alberta.

Regina Transitions Women's Society Services of Saskatchewan Regina, SK • \$7,500

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

Summary: This grant will allow for the third wave of data analysis to take place with the extensive research gathered through The Healing Journey Longitudinal Study in Saskatchewan.

YWCA Calgary Calgary, AB • \$12,000

Project title: *Service Needs of Women Mandated to Domestic Violence Counselling by Child and Family Services*

Summary: This research project will examine the perspectives and issues of women mandated to domestic violence counselling services by Child and Family Services and what their unique needs are. Data will be used to inform the service delivery model of the YWCA/Sheriff King Home Adult Women's program.

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 of our donors, Dave and his team have continued to achieve better than benchmark performance in very challenging financial markets.

Momentum Campaign

As of the 2010 fiscal year end, the Momentum Campaign has successfully raised \$1,565,534.

The Foundation remains committed to raising the remaining \$934,466 in order to reach its goal of \$2.5 million which will bring to completion the capitalization of the Legacy Fund's goal of \$7.5 million.

PRAIRIEACTION FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Prairieaction Foundation's Board of Directors volunteer 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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In November 2010, we welcomed the following new and returning Board of Directors:

- **Mary Rose McGuire**, *Chair*
- **John Duhault**, *Vice Chair*
- **Cynthia Brick**, *Secretary*
- **Kathy Ogryzlo**, *Treasurer, Finance and Investment Committee (Chair), CARE Grants Advisory Committee (Co-Chair)*
- **Mavis Clark**, *Communications Committee (Chair)*
- **Kevin Klein**
- **Linda Thauberger-Smith**
- **Gustine Wilton**
- **Heather Salloum**

OUTGOING BOARD DIRECTORS

The following members have retired from the Board of Directors

- November 2008 • **Sheila Denysuik**
- November 2009 • **Raymond F. Currie**
- November 2009 • **Dianna Waffle**
- November 2009 • **Anne Parker**
- November 2009 • **Pamela Kendel-Goodale**

PRAIRIEACTION FOUNDATION HONOURARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Prairieaction Foundation greatly appreciates the support it receives from the following distinguished members of its Honourary Board of Directors:

CHAIR EMERITA

- **Margaret Newall, L.L.D., C.M.**, *Chair Emerita, Honourary Board of Directors*

HONORARY BOARD MEMBERS

- **His Honour, The Honourable Philip S. Lee, C.M., O.M.**, *Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba*
- **His Honour, The Honourable Dr. Gordon L. Barnhart**, *Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan*
- **His Honour, The Honourable Donald S. Ethell O.C., O.M.M., O.A.E., M.S.C., C.D.**, *Lieutenant Governor of Alberta*
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COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Mavis Clark, *Chair* • **John Duhault**

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Kathy Ogryzlo, *Chair* • **John Duhault** • **Mary Rose McGuire** (*who absents herself from investment decisions*)

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ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE • **Teresa Posyniak**

AUDITOR • **Buchanan Barry**, Calgary, AB

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BANKER • **TD Canada Trust**

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RESOLVE STAFF

Dr. Jane Ursel, *Director* • **Dr. Mary Hampton**, *Academic Research Coordinator, Saskatchewan* • **Ann Bishop**, *Project Coordinator, Saskatchewan* • **Dr. Leslie Tutty**, *Academic Research Coordinator, Alberta* • **Carole Cillis**, *Office Manager, Alberta*

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION • AUGUST 31, 2010



Prairieaction
FOUNDATION

ASSETS

	2010			2009	
	OPERATING FUND	RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FUND	ENDOWMENT FUND	TOTAL	TOTAL
CURRENT					
Cash	\$ 8,169	\$ -	\$ 122,516	\$ 130,685	\$ 148,239
Goods and services tax recoverable	-	-	-	-	1,403
Prepaid expenses	3,757	-	-	3,757	-
	6,704	-	-	6,704	958
	<u>18,630</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>122,516</u>	<u>141,146</u>	<u>150,600</u>
CAPITAL ASSETS	1,540	-	-	1,540	2,076
INVESTMENTS	-	694,741	5,905,444	6,600,185	6,491,169
	<u>\$ 20,170</u>	<u>\$ 694,741</u>	<u>\$ 6,027,960</u>	<u>\$ 6,742,871</u>	<u>\$ 6,643,845</u>

LIABILITIES

CURRENT					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 10,460	\$ 7,401	\$ -	\$ 17,861	\$ 9,000

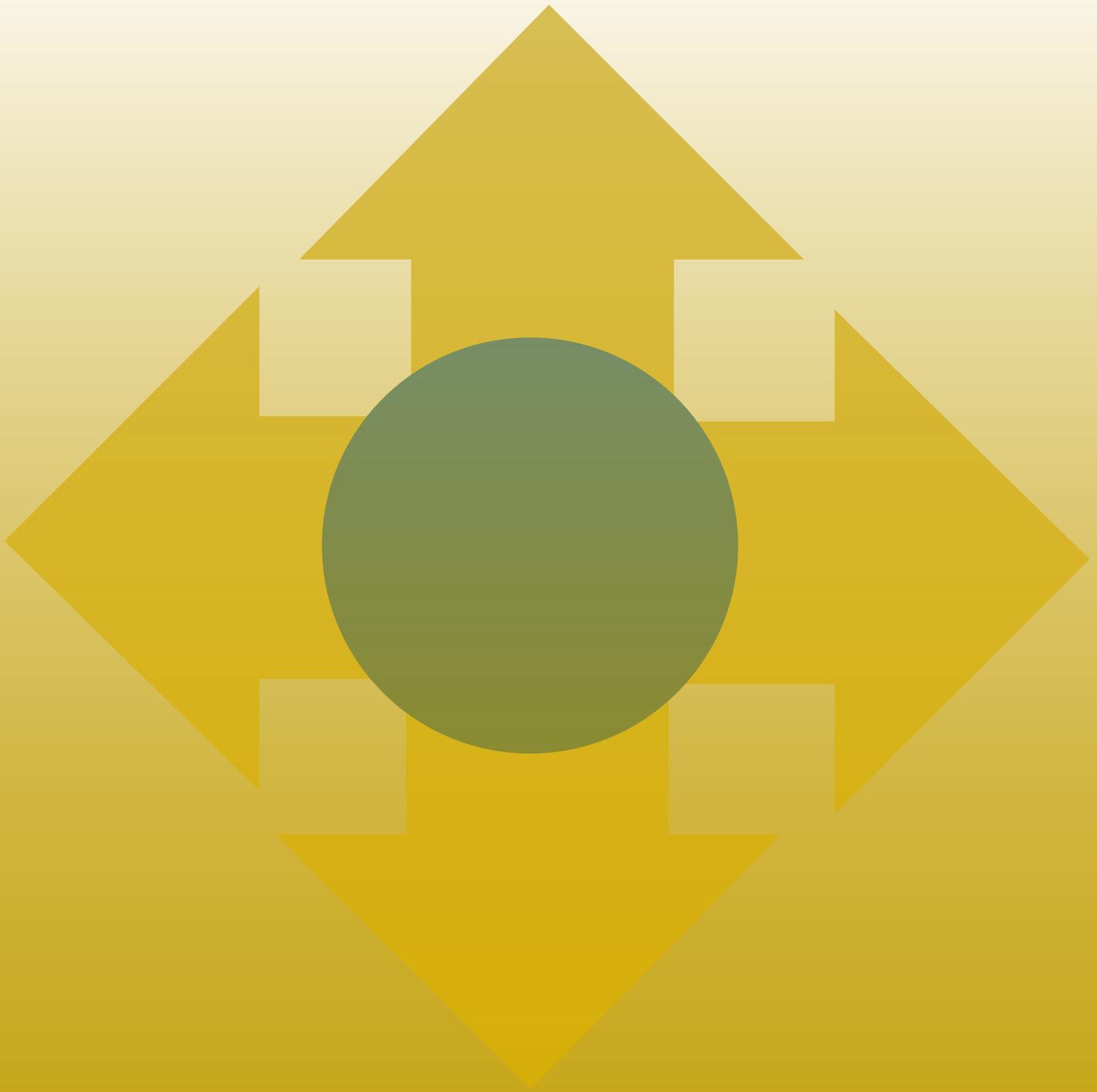
FUND BALANCES

UNRESTRICTED FUND	\$ 8,170	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,170	\$ 2,925
RESTRICTED FUND					
Cumulative excess of revenues over expenses	-	369,266	6,027,960	6,397,226	7,604,688
Cumulative net unrealized gains and losses on available for sale restricted funds	-	318,074	-	318,074	(974,844)
CAPITAL FUND	1,540	-	-	1,540	2,076
	<u>9,710</u>	<u>687,340</u>	<u>6,027,960</u>	<u>6,725,010</u>	<u>6,634,845</u>
	<u>\$ 20,170</u>	<u>\$ 694,741</u>	<u>\$ 6,027,960</u>	<u>\$ 6,742,871</u>	<u>\$ 6,643,845</u>

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS • YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2010

REVENUES					
Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Tax received donations by a third party	-	-	54,458	54,458	89,238
Tax received donations	-	-	26,326	26,326	306,940
Event revenue	-	-	25,000	25,000	25,000
Investment income	-	235,690	-	235,690	213,980
Realized gain	-	(111,326)	-	(111,326)	52,639
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 124,364</u>	<u>\$ 105,784</u>	<u>\$ 230,148</u>	<u>\$ 687,797</u>
EXPENSES					
Amortization	537	-	-	537	736
Bank charges	491	-	-	491	859
Communications	8,039	-	-	8,039	1,344
Donor recognition	789	-	-	789	-
Dues and subscriptions	90	-	-	90	81
Grants	-	306,655	-	306,655	285,748
Insurance	1,200	-	-	1,200	3,194
Investment management fees	-	25,379	-	25,379	-
Legal and accounting	24,403	-	-	24,403	15,475
Management fee	75,091	-	-	75,091	35,381
Office supplies	1,432	-	-	1,432	3,815
Postage	1,480	-	-	1,480	442
Printing and reproduction	842	-	-	842	104
Salaries	-	-	-	-	24,339
Telephone	2,017	-	-	2,017	678
Travel	9,612	-	-	9,612	8,457
	<u>\$ 126,023</u>	<u>\$ 332,034</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 458,057</u>	<u>\$ 380,653</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$ (126,023)</u>	<u>\$ (207,670)</u>	<u>\$ 105,784</u>	<u>\$ (227,909)</u>	<u>\$ 307,144</u>

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