Financials

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 (unaudited)

ASSETS CURRENT ASSETS

Cash Accounts Receivable & Prepaids	\$ 57,125 <u>1,300</u> 58,426
CAPITAL ASSETS	357
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 58,783
LIABILITIES CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	\$ 125
Deferred Revenue	39,800
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 39,925
NET ASSETS	\$ 18,858
	\$ 58,783

*Full financial statements available upon request



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Thank You

We would like to thank our partners and supporters in 2014:

Province of BC: Community Gaming Branch Helping Hands of WorkSafeBC Panago Pizza Kids Up Front City of Burnaby Mary and Paul Florio Tim Hortons **Community Savings Credit Union GVC Credit Union** Metrotown Purdy's Chocolates Unwrapped: A Charitable Night (Coquitlam Centre) Anton's Pasta **IGA Marketplace** Save On Foods Walmart Superstore Costco HollyNorth Production Supplies Sweet Factory **Capilano Suspension Bridge** Cactus Club Greater Vancouver Zoo H.R. Macmillan Space Centre M&M Meat Shops Playland Shiamak Dance School **Thrifty Foods - Port Moody** Your Independent Grocer Lyn and Paul Mercado





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President's Message

As Board Chair of Volunteer Grandparents, I found myself thinking about stability and commitment as the two main themes for this year's annual report. Early in the year, we conducted a strategic planning process with our Board, managers, and staff. From this, we came away steadfastly committed to our mission, "to bridge and enrich the generations by fostering intergenerational understanding, communication and cooperation between the generations".

Through the skilled program leadership of Veronica Grossi, we have delivered yet another year of excellent programming and events. In step with this program activity, we have experienced a noticeable increase in volunteer support and a general increase in fundraising activities. This has in turn led to more value for our participants and an increase in community awareness and support.

As I look back on our success this year, I also want to recognize the immeasurable contributions from our volunteers, staff members and Board of Directors. The program participants who connect with our society every day inspire and humble us. I honor them for their enduring commitment to establishing intergenerational bonds and for building a stronger community.

Stephen Sjoberg, President

2014 Program Highlights

Our organization actively engaged some wonderful volunteers in both the Family Match and School Grandparent Programs. We supported 31 Family Matches and 9 School Grandparent Volunteers in 2014. We also had tremendous volunteer support with program promotions in the community and at special events.

In late 2014 we received capacity building grants from the Canada Post Community Foundation and Metropolis at Metrotown. This funding will enhance our program delivery and is instrumental in making a positive difference in more children's lives.

In order to keep up with the demand for our programs, on-going recruitment and screening of new volunteers is always a priority. We have determined that many people hear about our program by word- of- mouth. If you know someone who may be interested in participating, please invite them to contact our office for additional information. We currently have a large number of families waiting for a loving volunteer for their children and schools that could benefit from additional support from our volunteers.



Kehar and Veronica participate in an interview conducted my Kamilla Singh, Asian Pulse TV

Here is some feedback from some of our key volunteers contributing their time and skills in the School Grandparent Program:

"I really enjoy being part of the Grandview Elementary Reading Program. I read with the grades 1 and 2 classes. The children are really great and it is nice to see how their reading improves throughout the year." Joan, School Grandparent in Vancouver

"I want you to know that every morning spent in my neighbourhood school has been gratifying. There is tremendous value to the children in having one-on-one attention as they learn and apply literacy skills - and we volunteers are making that possible. I am very happy with my decision to become a Volunteer Grandparent." Bernadette, School Grandparent

"Although I was late starting the school year because of my health, I have already seen an improvement in the children's reading. They respond to positive encouragement and of course, I always derive much pleasure from not only being with the children, but seeing how well they learn. I attend once a week, so I can compare week-to-week how they are progressing." Pat Dent, School Grandparent in Vancouver

Mary Florio Bursary Recipients

In 2014, thanks to the nominations from their grandparents, Casey, Yi-An and Yi-Van were all lucky Mary Florio Bursary Recipients.

Kids Up Front

Kids Up Front, a Vancouver based non-profit organization that redistributes donated event tickets has been a great partner for Volunteer Grandparents. Our organization received 95 tickets in 2014, valued at \$2, 513. Children were able to see special ballet performances, concerts, and sporting events.

Thank you cards from children who have attended hockey games and ballet performances





In Loving Memory

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Marjorie Anderson, the founder of our organization-Volunteer Grandparents. Many of us had the privilege to meet Marjorie a few years ago at the 2013 Volunteer Grandparents AGM. Because it was our 40th anniversary of program delivery, Marjorie was invited to be the key presenter and honouree. We thanked her for her valuable contributions and acknowledged how tirelessly she worked on ensuring our programs would continue to grow and make a difference in the community for seniors, parents and children.



Around the World Travel Experience!

Last year's annual volunteer appreciation event took place at Confederation Park on July 26. We received over \$1800 in community support through wonderful partnerships including Tim Horton's and Panago Pizza. The event was an opportunity for attendees to get to know other families and volunteers involved with our programs. The highlight of the event was a wonderful Bollywood dance performance from the Shiamak Victory Arts Foundation. We were so lucky to receive such generous support from community partners. We thank everyone who shared the special day with us.



Marjorie E. Anderson (April 18, 1935 - February 10, 2015)