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# Annual Report 08/09

## The "Perfect Storm"

It is a challenging time for young people and their families across Canada. The global financial crisis has resulted in significant threats to the security and well-being of millions of people.

We know that these difficult times have an even greater effect on those who are living in vulnerable circumstances of poverty, violence, exclusion and disadvantage.

Further these risks are placing an increasing burden on the capacity of child and family serving organizations to respond. Many organizations have reported growing demands and caseloads; and are anticipating growing demand for services and supports in 2010 as the social effects of the economic crisis continue.

In a real sense this is the "perfect storm" as need continues to grow and the capacity of social organizations is limited by financial reductions.

Although attention has been paid to the economic stimulus measures, there has been scant attention paid to ensuring that the important social measures and supports required to sustain a healthy social environment. A major omission is the lack of a child and youth development plan for Canada. Although Canadians care passionately about our children and their future, our efforts are greatly limited by the lack of focus and planning. A specific area of continuing concern is the plight of Aboriginal young people.

The volunteer board of NACY has been working hard to ensure that our shared concern and ambitions on behalf of Canada's young people are well represented at a national level. With limited resources we have pursued opportunities to meet with political leaders and public officials to advance our agenda and create visibility.

In 2010 we are planning an expansion of our efforts to examine the impact of the recession on our children, youth and families and organizations that serve them. Further we will continue to raise the awareness of all Canadians about the importance of investing in the future of our young people, particularly our most vulnerable.

The work of nation building requires a growing movement of concerned citizens and organizations. Strong countries require vibrant national institutions. Your participation and contribution as a member of NACY is much valued and appreciated.

If we did not exist, then surely we would need to be created!!

The board of NACY appreciates your ideas on how to advance our common agenda to improve the lives of Canadian young people, and invites your active participation in 2010.

I want to express my appreciation and thanks to my fellow board members, our capable staff member, Amanda Mayer, and our NACY members.

Peter Dudding,  
NACY Board co-Chair



**Peter Dudding**  
Board co-Chair



**Dave W. Farthing**  
Board co-Chair &  
Treasurer

*“Many thanks to  
our members  
whose support  
has allowed us to  
keep our doors  
open and to look  
forward with  
excitement to  
the coming  
year’s work.”*

## The Year at a Glance

It has been a busy year for NACY and thanks to the support of our members we have been able to balance our budget while pushing ahead with our work to enhance the lives of children and youth in Canada. As a result of our limited resources, we have found creative solutions to maintain our presence and we continue to seek out funding opportunities that will allow us to do our work. We have been fortunate to continue to receive the support and confidence of so many colleagues through membership fees and the voluntary efforts of our Board of Directors.

Although there’s not space to record all of NACY’s undertakings of the past year, I would like to share some highlights:

NACY continued the popular monthly e-Digest full of important events, initiatives and policy work being done by the many great organizations in our sector. These bulletins have received great feedback and continue to help feed our network of members with timely information and ideas. Special thanks to Amanda and our “youth” board members Ben and Ilana for their leadership on this.

NACY worked hard over the past year to share input on the UN report and we continue to do what we can to ensure that our members are up-to-date on the reporting Canada will do to the UN on Child Rights. Many thanks to the co-Chair Peter Dudding for his leadership representing NACY with the Canadian Coalition on the Rights of the Child (CCRC) and their work on the Monitoring Report for Canada to the United Nations (UN) on Children’s Rights in Canada.

NACY submitted its pre-budget brief to the House of Commons Standing Committee in December. On behalf of our members, we spoke to the concerns of the sector and we advanced the idea that investing in children, youth and families is key to addressing immediate economic challenges. NACY also participated in the budget lock up and respond first hand when the Federal Budget was tabled.

NACY continued to participate on national advisory committees, and at national forums, and collaborated with other organizations on initiatives such as the Child & Youth Mental Health Survey; allowing NACY to help shape the future of Canada’s child and youth mental health system.

Lastly, NACY responded to the private members bill presented to the House of Commons by Mr. Justin Trudeau. We were able to meet with Mr. Trudeau to discuss his plans for a National Youth Service Policy in Canada. Although the motion was defeated, NACY will continue to work with Mr. Trudeau and members of parliament who became interested in what a youth service policy in Canada should look like.

I’d like to take this opportunity to thank my hard working fellow board members, our coordinator Amanda Mayer and our dedicated members, without all of whom this year would not have been the successful year it was.

In peace,

Dave W. Farthing  
NACY Board co-Chair &  
Treasurer

## Members 2008-2009

Active Healthy Kids Canada  
Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada  
Canadian AIDS Society  
Canadian Association for Community Living  
Canadian Association of Family Resource Programs  
Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists  
Canadian Association of Social Workers  
Canadian Council on Social Development  
Canadian 4-H Council  
Canadian Nurses Association  
Canadian Paediatric Society  
Canadian Parents for French  
Canadian Psychological Association  
Canadian Public Health Association  
Canadian Teachers' Federation  
Canadian Unitarian Council  
Canadian Women's Foundation  
Child Welfare League of Canada  
Equitas – International Centre for Human Rights Education  
Girl Guides of Canada – Guides du Canada  
Invest in Kids  
Kids Help Phone  
Laidlaw Foundation  
Landon Pearson Centre for the Study of Childhood and Youth  
Muttart Foundation (The)  
National Association of Friendship Centres  
PREVNet  
Public Health Agency of Canada – Division of Childhood and Adolescence  
Resource Assistant for Youth  
Scouts Canada  
Society for Educational Visits and Exchanges in Canada  
United Way of Canada - Centraide Canada  
Vanier Institute of the Family  
YOUCAN  
YMCA Canada



*“During a period of economic downturn where we have witnessed the downsizing and even elimination of many of our members we have been fortunate to continue to receive the support and confidence of so many colleagues.”*

## Balance Sheet 2008-2009

### ASSETS

#### Cash

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| TD Chequing           | 9,911.55        |
| Savings               | 0.00            |
| Short Term Investment | 0.00            |
| Petty Cash            | 0.00            |
| <b>Total Cash</b>     | <b>9,911.55</b> |

#### Other Assets

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Accounts Receivable       | 0.00        |
| GST Receivable            | 0.00        |
| Prepaid Expenses          | 0.00        |
| <b>Other Assets Total</b> | <b>0.00</b> |

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> | <b>9,911.55</b> |
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### LIABILITIES

|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Accounts Payable         | 0.00        |
| Deferred Revenue         | 0.00        |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b> | <b>0.00</b> |

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|--------------------------|-------------|
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b> | <b>0.00</b> |
|--------------------------|-------------|

### EQUITY

|                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Current Earnings    | 4,468.34        |
| Retained Earnings   | 5,443.21        |
| <b>Total Equity</b> | <b>9,911.55</b> |

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| <b>TOTAL EQUITY</b> | <b>9,911.55</b> |
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| <b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b> | <b>9,911.55</b> |
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# Income Statement 2008-2009

*“In order to further our objectives, NACY continues to seek funding from a variety of sources including governments, foundations, corporations, and individuals.”*

**REVENUE**

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Revenue                  |           |
| Membership               | 16,244.67 |
| Project Funding          | 0.00      |
| Core Funding             | 0.00      |
| Interest Revenue         | 0.00      |
| Donations & Sponsorships | 0.00      |

**TOTAL REVENUE** 16,244.67

**EXPENSE**

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Expenses                 |          |
| Accounting               | 0.00     |
| Bank Charges             | 25.18    |
| Contracted Services      | 8,953.13 |
| Depreciation             | 0.00     |
| Human Resources          | 0.00     |
| Information Technology   | 84.00    |
| Insurance                | 399.60   |
| Meetings & Travel        | 840.38   |
| Postage & Courier        | 0.00     |
| Printing & Communication | 0.00     |
| Professional Memberships | 100.00   |
| Rent                     | 0.00     |
| Supplies & Equipment     | 14.06    |
| Telecommunications       | 1,329.98 |
| Translation              | 0.00     |
| Misc. Expenses           | 30.00    |

**TOTAL EXPENSE** 11,776.33

**NET INCOME** 4,468.34

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The National Alliance for Children and Youth (NACY) brings diverse not-for-profit organizations together in a collaborative network dedicated to enhancing the well-being and health of children and youth in Canada.

NACY provides leadership and knowledge dedicated to mobilizing and linking practice and research to policy development to support the changing and diverse needs of families on a pan-Canadian basis.



## Board of Directors 2008-2009

**Nancy Birnbaum**

Invest in Kids  
Toronto (ON)

**Jennifer Dickson** (Secretary)

Canadian Unitarian Council  
Toronto (ON)

**Peter Dudding** (Co-Chair)

Child Welfare League of Canada  
Ottawa (ON)

**Dave W. Farthing**

(Co-Chair & Treasurer)  
YOUCAN Ottawa (ON)

**Ilana Lockwood**

University of Ottawa (Student)  
Ottawa (ON)

**Janice MacAulay**

FRP Canada  
Ottawa (ON)

**Ben O'Bright**

Carleton University (Student)  
Ottawa (ON)

**Darcy Santor**

Provincial Centre of Excellence in  
Child & Youth Mental Health  
Ottawa (ON)

**Tara Stang**

Muttart Foundation  
Edmonton (AB)