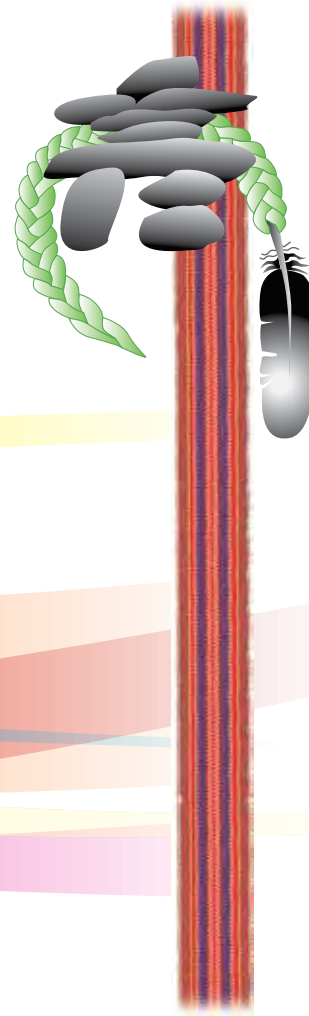




Legacy of Hope Foundation

Annual Report 08/09





The Legacy of Hope Foundation is a national, charitable organization whose purpose is to educate and create awareness and understanding about the legacy of residential schools, including the effects and intergenerational impacts on First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples, and to support the ongoing healing process of Residential School Survivors.

www.legacyofhope.ca



Image from "We were so far away...": *The Inuit Experience of Residential Schools* exhibit
Ikaluit school children, Frobisher Bay [Iqaluit], 1958
Photographer: Len Peterson. Hudson's Bay Company Archives, Archives of Manitoba. HBCA 1987/363-E-210/68



A Message from our President

This was a momentous year for Survivors of residential schools, their families and communities, and indeed for all Canadians.

June 1, 2008, marked the creation of the Indian Residential Schools Truth and Reconciliation Commission, an independent body whose goal is to guide and inspire Canada in a process of truth-telling, healing, reconciliation and building renewed relationships based on mutual respect and understanding. Ten days later, on June 11, 2008, the Prime Minister issued a formal apology from the Government of Canada to former students of Indian Residential Schools, and acknowledged the harms caused by the Residential School System.

This year was also very important for the Legacy of Hope Foundation. Not only did we see an increase in the demand for our existing resources as a result of these two events, but we also added to our existing educational programs. In 2008-2009, we were honoured to work with Survivors across Canada to develop and launch an exhibition on the Inuit experiences of residential schools, and to continue to preserve their stories through our oral history project. Our other resources continued to be sought out by individuals, organizations and communities across Canada and for use in high profile events such as the Government of Canada's apology.

Over the last nine years, the Foundation has become a leader by developing and delivering innovative, unique and effective educational programming on the history and legacy of residential schools. These resources have been accessed by hundreds of thousands of Canadians and range from traveling exhibitions and high school curriculum to an oral history collection of Survivor stories. With the upcoming work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, as well as our continued efforts to spread the word about our activities, we expect that thousands more will turn to the Legacy of Hope Foundation for information on this period of Canadian history.

The Foundation has become a trusted source of information for Canadians, of healing for Survivors and communities, and a significant contributor to the process of reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples. It is with this in mind that I thank you for your support this year and for years to come. With these successes to guide us, our efforts to further educate and create understanding and awareness about the legacy of residential schools, and to support Survivors in their healing journey, will continue to grow.

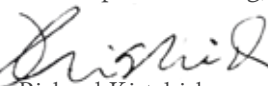
In the spirit of healing,

Richard Kistabish



Image from *Where are the Children? Healing the Legacy of the Residential Schools* exhibition
Aboriginal students and staff assembled outside the Kamloops Indian Residential School, Kamloops, British Columbia, 1934
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Our Story

History

The Aboriginal Healing Foundation was established in March 1998, for a ten-year period, to manage the distribution of a one-time \$350 million grant from the Government of Canada to support community-based healing projects that addressed the legacy of physical and sexual abuse at residential schools. This healing fund was a component of *Gathering Strength:*

Canada's Aboriginal Action Plan.

Recognizing that the ongoing healing from residential schools would be needed well after its ten-year mandate had expired, the Board of Directors of the Aboriginal Healing Foundation discussed ways to continue supporting holistic and community-based healing projects. It was decided that the creation of a national charity was the best way to achieve this goal.

The Aboriginal Healing Charitable Association was established in July 2000 by the Board of Directors of the Aboriginal Healing Foundation. It was given the mandate to raise funds for the purpose of providing financial assistance:

- for projects that addressed the healing needs of all Aboriginal peoples affected by the legacy of abuse of residential schools;

- to educate the public about the legacy of residential schools;
- for research that assisted in increasing understanding of the nature and effects of residential schools, and for the creation of a resource centre to house this research; and
- to foster spiritual and healing practices amongst Aboriginal peoples.

In 2001, the name of the organization was changed to the Legacy of Hope Foundation. Over the next few years, the Foundation developed a number of projects meant to not only assist Aboriginal people overcome the devastating effects of the Residential School System, but also to educate the public about this largely untold part of Canadian history. These projects included working with Aboriginal communities to collect and preserve the stories of Residential School Survivors, including Intergenerational Survivors, and documenting the history and legacy of residential schools through a touring archival photo exhibition.

Despite the success of these projects, it became clear early in its mandate that the original goal of continuing the work of the Aboriginal Healing Foundation was not realistic. Engaging Canadians on the issue of residential schools proved more difficult than expected as many were unaware of the

existence of residential schools, and of their relevance to today and to the lives of all Canadians. As a result, few saw the need to donate in the amount that would be necessary to enable the Foundation to achieve its goals.

Given these realities, the Board of Directors and staff of the Legacy of Hope Foundation held a strategic planning session in 2005 in order to re-assess its operations and to clearly outline the direction of the organization for the next five years. After deliberating on how to best address the legacy of residential schools, the mandate of the Foundation was updated to better address its operating environment and to reflect its organizational capacity

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and expertise. Our focus is now on the development and implementation of programming that educates Canadians about the legacy of residential schools and that also supports the ongoing healing process of Survivors.

Mandate

The Legacy of Hope Foundation is a national charitable organization whose purpose is to educate and create awareness and understanding about the legacy of residential schools, including the effects and intergenerational impacts on First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples, and to continue to support the ongoing healing process of Residential School Survivors. Fulfilling this mandate helps promote reconciliation between generations of Aboriginal peoples, and among Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Canadians.

This mandate is achieved by:

- designing, developing, delivering and distributing educational programming;
- working in partnership with First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples, communities and organizations; and
- partnering and creating alliances with the public and private sector, and with other stakeholders.

Educational Programs

With the mandate of the organization clearly defined, the Legacy of Hope Foundation set out to develop an extensive range of educational programs, resources and materials on residential schools. These include:

- *Where are the Children? Healing the Legacy of the Residential Schools* exhibition;
- *Our Stories... Our Strength* oral history project;
- “*We were so far away...*”: *The Inuit Experience of Residential Schools* exhibition;
- *Where are the Children? Classroom*, online resources for the public, students, and educators; and
- *Bridging Our Communities*, a research project on promising practices in healing.


Please read “The Year in Review” section of this report for detailed information on each of these projects. 



Image from the *Where are the Children? Healing the Legacy of the Residential Schools* exhibition
Aboriginal boys saying their nightly prayers in the dormitory, date unknown.
Yukon Archives, T-127



Board of Directors

As of March 31, 2009, there were ten members of the Board of Directors of the Legacy of Hope Foundation. We are extremely grateful to these individuals who generously volunteer their time and offer their expertise to the Foundation.

Richard Kistabish (Chairman): Mr. Kistabish is an Algonquin from the Abitibiwinni First Nation in Quebec who speaks English, French and Algonquin fluently. He is the former President of Social Services Minokin and has been involved in the field of health and social services at the regional and provincial levels for many years. He served as administrator and manager of the health committee, Kitcisakik, as Chief of the Abitibiwinni First Nation, and as Grand Chief of the Algonquin Council of Quebec for two terms. His publications include *Mental Health and Aboriginal People of Quebec*, the *Green Book Position Paper of the Algonquin Nation on Environmental Issues*, and the *National Inquiry into First Nation Child Care*.

Mr. Kistabish has served on the Board of Directors of the Legacy of Hope Foundation since 2002.

Elizebeth Hourie Palfrey (Secretary/Treasurer): Ms. Palfrey is a Métis based in Winnipeg and Rankin Inlet and has an extensive health

and business background. She is currently working on special projects for the Evaz Group as a Board Member and shareholder. The Evaz Group, a company with operations throughout Nunavut, has been active in business development for 30 years and is committed to developing a healthy and diverse private sector economy to allow greater opportunity for its residents.

Ms. Palfrey, a grandmother, has served on the Board of Directors of the Legacy of Hope Foundation since 2002. She has also been active on community boards and issues for many years and continues to be committed to Aboriginal youth, assisting wherever possible to instill cultural pride, self esteem, and hope for the future.

Dr. Marlyn Cook: Dr. Cook was born at Norway House, MB. A graduate of the University of Manitoba (M.D.), she currently practices Family Medicine at the Weeneebayko General Hospital in Moose Factory, ON.

Among her previous positions are Co-Chair, First Nations Task Force on Child and Family Services (Winnipeg, MB), Consultant to the Medical Services Branch (Winnipeg), Province of Manitoba Medical Examiner, University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine's Traditional Teachings



Richard Kistabish



Elizebeth Palfry



Dr. Marlyn Cook

Program – Debriefing Tutorials, and Assistant Director, Clinical Operations, at the Medical Services Branch of Health Canada (Winnipeg).

Dr. Cook has sat on numerous committees and boards, including the Swampy Cree AIDS Steering Committee, the Manitoba Chapter of the College of Family Physicians of Canada Board, the Mino-Ayaawin Advisory Committee of the Native Women’s Transition Centre, the Thompson General Hospital Perinatal Mortality Committee, and the Balancing Choices and Opportunities in Sciences and Technology for Aboriginal People National Steering Committee. She was also the Chair of the Facility Planning Committee and a Board Member at the Sioux Lookout Mino-Ya-Win Health Centre.

Dr. Cook is currently a member of the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch Drug Utilization Evaluation Committee, and Pharmacy and

Therapeutics Committee, in addition to serving on the Aboriginal Healing Foundation and the Legacy of Hope Foundation’s Board of Directors since 2005. She also sits on the Advisory Council for the Nuclear Waste Management Organization.

Mike DeGagné: Mr. Mike DeGagné is the founding Executive Director of the Aboriginal Healing Foundation, a national Aboriginal organization dedicated to addressing the legacy of Canada’s Indian Residential School System. He has worked in the field of addiction and mental health for the past 25 years, first as a community worker on-reserve in northern Ontario and later with the Addiction Research Foundation, the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse, and the National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program. With the federal government, he has been an Executive Manager in Aboriginal health, and a land claims negotiator. Mr. DeGagné lectures and teaches nationally and internationally on issues of Aboriginal health, Residential Schools, reconciliation, and governance. He is currently the Vice-President of the Child Welfare League of Canada, the past Chairman of the Queensway Carleton Hospital, and a member of the Legacy of Hope Foundation Board of Directors since 2006.

He holds degrees in health and administration, and has a PhD focusing on Aboriginal post-secondary education.

Martha Flaherty: Ms. Flaherty is a past President of Pauktuutit, the Inuit Women’s Association and also a previous Executive member of the Inuit Tapirisat of Kanatami.

Ms. Flaherty was born in Inukjuaq, Nunavik (formerly Port Harrison, QC). At the age of five, along with her family, she was relocated to Grise Fiord, NU, the most northerly community in Canada.

A member of the Legacy of Hope Foundation Board of Directors since 2005, Ms. Flaherty is a steadfast advocate for Inuit women, children and youth, and has addressed a wide variety of Canadian and international audiences. Ms. Flaherty was also a member of the Canadian Panel on Violence Against Women. As a result of her tireless efforts, she has become one of the most respected Inuit leaders in Canada and is listed in the 1996 edition of *Who’s Who of Canadian Women*.

Murray Ironchild: Mr. Ironchild is a former Councillor and Chief of the Piapot First Nation in Saskatchewan. Currently working as a Cultural/Traditional Advisor with the All Nations’ Healing Centre of the

File Hills Qu’Appelle Tribal Council, Mr. Ironchild brings to the Legacy of Hope Foundation his interest and experience in traditional medicine and Aboriginal health. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Legacy of Hope Foundation since 2007.

Dan George: Mr. Dan George is the President of Four Directions Management Services Ltd. (FDMS), a wholly owned Aboriginal economic and social development organization dedicated to responding to the expressed needs of Aboriginal individuals, organizations and communities. FDMS has a diverse network of consultants providing expertise in negotiation, facilitation, strategic management, and communications.

Mr. George’s extensive experience in Aboriginal community development includes: Chief Negotiator, Office of the Wet’Suwet’en; Executive Director, Prince George Native



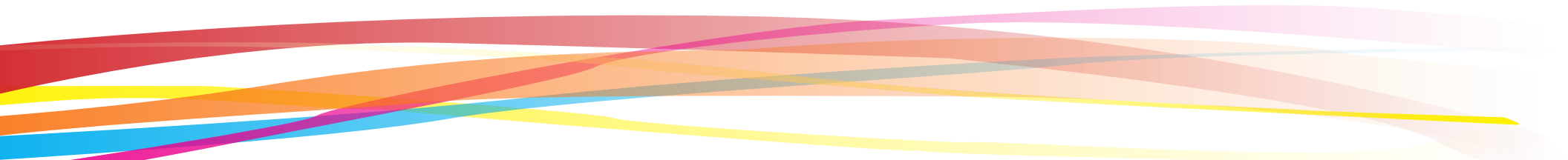
Mike DeGagné



Martha Flaherty



Dan George



Friendship Centre; and Chief Executive Officer of the First Nations Mountain Pine Beetle Initiative. He is a vigorous and passionate advocate for the building of bridges of better understanding between Aboriginal Peoples, industry, private sector, local communities, and governments.

Mr. George is a proud and committed Board member of the Fraser Basin Council, the Aboriginal Healing Foundation, Partnerships BC, the Cedar Project, and has served with the Legacy of Hope Foundation since 2008.

Mr. George is a lifelong resident of Prince George, BC, and is a proud member of the Gilseyhu Clan (Big Frog) of the Wet'suwet'en people from Hagwilget, BC. He has been married for 23 years to his wife Teresa, and together they have two daughters, Amanda and Brittany, and one granddaughter, Kiana. Currently, he is completing his Masters of Administration in Conflict Analysis and Management at the Royal Roads University.

Graham Sanders: Mr. Sanders is the President and sole shareholder of Wolfcrest Capital Advisors Inc., and investment advisor to the Aboriginal Healing Foundation. An Englishman by birth, he came to Canada in 1967 and became a naturalised Canadian five years later.

With more than 30 years of experience in Canadian fixed income markets at the time, Mr. Sanders was asked to help with the creation of the Aboriginal Healing Foundation's investment program at its inception in 1998. He was subsequently asked to stay on in an advisory role, which continues today.

Mr. Sanders has served on the Board of Directors of the Legacy of Hope Foundation since 2003.

Cindy Swanson: Ms. Swanson is a Métis elementary school teacher who has been with the Edmonton Public School Board since 2000 and joined the Board of Directors of the Legacy of Hope Foundation in 2005. She lives in Edmonton where she teaches in an Aboriginal school. She was appointed as a provincial member of the Métis National Youth Advisory Council (from October 1995 to September 1998) and has participated with Métis and First Nations youth initiatives and organizations.

Dr. Dennis Wardman: Dr. Wardman is a member of the Key Band in Saskatchewan. He has completed medical school, a fellowship in Public Health, Addiction Medicine training, and a Masters Degree in Community Medicine (Universities of Alberta and Calgary). He is the first Aboriginal person in Canada to complete specialty training in public health.



Murray Ironchild



Graham Sanders



Cindy Swanson



Dr. Denis Wardman

Dr. Wardman is employed with First Nations and Inuit Health Program, BC Region as a Community Medicine Specialist with a special interest in Addiction Medicine and is presently the Director of the Health Promotion and Prevention Directorate.

In addition, Dr. Wardman practices clinical medicine. He has a methadone maintenance clinic in downtown Vancouver.

He has served on several committees, including the Assembly of First Nations' Public Health Advisory Committee and the Advisory Committee for the National Collaborative Centre on Aboriginal Health. He has represented Aboriginal people on expert addiction committees, including

Canada's National Alcohol Strategy Working Group and the Expert Group for Alcohol Policy within the Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Well-being, an international initiative.

Dr. Wardman is also committed to Aboriginal health research. He has been a team member of research-funded projects, has published numerous peer-reviewed research papers and serves on the scientific peer review committee for the Canadian Institutes of Health Research - Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health.


Dr. Wardman has served on the Board of Directors of the Legacy of Hope Foundation since 2007. 



Image from the *Where are the Children? Healing the Legacy of the Residential Schools* exhibition
Aboriginal children in class at the Roman Catholic-run Fort George Catholic Indian Residential School, Fort George, Quebec 1939.
Archives Deschâlets

The Year in Review

Where are the Children? Healing the Legacy of the Residential Schools Travelling Photo Exhibition

Background

Developed with funding from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) and in partnership with the Aboriginal Healing Foundation and the Library and Archives Canada, this archival photo exhibition portrays the history and legacy of Canada's Residential School System. Mr. Jeff Thomas, an Iroquois artist, was the curator for *Where are the Children? Healing the Legacy of the Residential Schools* (WATC). This exhibition consists of 118 framed archival photographs, text panels, maps, original classroom texts and historical government papers that span over 125 years and that were selected from nine public and church archives.

Since being launched in 2002, WATC has been temporarily installed in venues across Canada and has achieved great success in raising awareness of the legacy of residential schools. The exhibition has also assisted in healing for many Residential School Survivors and their families and communities.

As a complement to the exhibition, the Legacy of Hope Foundation and its partners developed a book and DVD. Composed of some of the photographs from the exhibition, and containing historical information and interviews

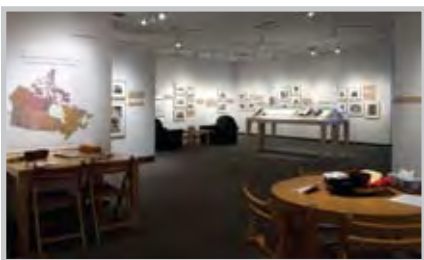
from the partners and curator, as well as from several Survivors, the WATC book and DVD have been distributed at each venue. These materials have not only become an essential part of WATC, but have also become stand-alone educational resources.

2008-2009

WATC was successfully installed in three venues during the 2008-2009 fiscal year. On June 11, 2008, the exhibition was installed in the West Block of Parliament Hill for the Government of Canada's apology to former students of Indian Residential Schools. The exhibition was seen by Survivors and their families, Members of Parliament and of the Senate, as well as other Canadians who came to Parliament Hill to witness the apology. A Survivor identified herself in one of the photographs and used that opportunity and the exhibition to explain her experiences to her family.

For the period surrounding National Aboriginal Day (June 21, 2008), the exhibition was installed at the Canadian Broadcast Corporation (CBC) headquarters in Toronto, ON. Several days of programming were held for WATC, including: CBC Newsworld host, Ms. Carla Robinson and CBC cinematographer, Mr. Alan Lawrence sharing powerful and moving stories of their families' experience of residential schools; an opening reception for

Where are the Children? exhibition
installation at the Tom Thomson Art
Gallery (Owen Sound, ON)
January - March 2009



the exhibition attended by senior media officials; and entertainment by a number of Aboriginal performers.

From January to March 2009, the exhibition was installed at the Tom Thomson Art Gallery in

Owen Sound, ON. The opening reception took place on January 28th and was attended by Survivors and their families, the Mayor of Owen Sound, and many non-Aboriginal residents from neighbouring communities. The exhibition was very well received and over 1,000 visitors attended during the course of its installation in this venue.

Several of the exhibition panels were remade this year in order to update the information contained in the curator's message, which also allowed for the Legacy of Hope Foundation to update the graphic design of the panels.

The Legacy of Hope Foundation was also involved in planning for future installations of the exhibition in fiscal year 2009-2010 and beyond. We have been in communication with the Four Host First Nations Secretariat and the Vancouver Organizing Committee regarding the inclusion of the WATC exhibition within the Aboriginal Trade Pavilion of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Vancouver, BC.

Officials from the Legacy of Hope Foundation met with and delivered presentations to a number of organizations and communities interested in exploring possible installations of the WATC exhibition. Some of these organizations include:

- the Steering Committee of the Indian Residential School Museum of Canada;
- the Kitigan Zibi Cultural Education Centre;
- the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian;

"The exhibition presented a face and personal side to the Residential Schools. Wonderful work and pictures that tell a story which has not been discussed until now." WATC visitor

- the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience; and
- members of the Canadian Museums Association.

The demand from communities to host the travelling exhibition remains high. As a result, in 2009-10 we will be developing an abbreviated version of WATC that is easy to transport and install, allowing smaller or temporary venue locations to host the exhibition. In the coming fiscal year, the Legacy of Hope Foundation will also be generating strategies for the future showings of the exhibition, confirming future venues, and installing the exhibition in locations with national and international audiences.

"We were so far away...": The Inuit Experience of Residential Schools Travelling Photo Exhibition

Background

During the successful showing of WATC, the Legacy of Hope Foundation began contemplating the need for an exhibition portraying the unique Inuit experience of residential schools. In 2007, the Foundation once again partnered with Library and Archives Canada and the Aboriginal Healing Foundation, its partners from the WATC exhibition, to develop *"We were so far away...": The Inuit Experience of Residential Schools*. Funded by INAC, the exhibition was curated by Ms. Heather Igloliorte, a Labradorimiut curator and Inuit art historian.

2008-2009

Significant effort was dedicated in 2008-2009 to the development of *"We were so far away..."*. Considerable attention was paid to having an exhibition format and design that reflected the uniqueness of the Inuit experience and placed Survivors and their stories at its centre. As a result, 8 Survivors, two from each of the Inuit geographic regions – Nunavik, Nunavut, Nunatsiavut and the Inuvialuit Settlement Region – courageously and generously shared their stories with the Legacy of Hope Foundation

"We were so far away..." exhibition installation at
Library and Archives Canada (Ottawa, ON)
January - September 2009



in May 2008. The curator then developed an exhibition that presented the individual recollections of these Survivors in their own words, illustrated with their personal photographs and objects, and contextualized by historical images gathered from archives across Canada.

Given the remoteness and size of some of the Northern venues to which it would travel, the exhibition uses lightweight and easily transportable pop-up and display banners rather than traditional photograph frames and panels. "*We were so far away...*" is comprised of title and introductory pop-up banners, a map banner indicating the locations of residential schools attended by Inuit children, and eight fabric banners, one for each Survivor interviewed. Each of these fabric banners contains an extra-large photo portrait of the Survivor, images of objects considered important or sacred to that Survivor, photographs the Survivors felt were significant to his or his experience in residential school, and key abstracts from their interview. A theme emphasized by the Survivor during their interview is also presented on each banner. Visitors can view the entire series of archival photos on a slide projector. The exhibition ends with a healing banner designed to provide visitors with a sense of hope and reconciliation for the future.

Considerable time was also devoted to ensuring that the exhibition would be accessible to as many Inuit Survivors and communities as possible.

Therefore, in addition to being in English and French, “*We were so far away...*” contains the individual Survivor’s regional Inuit language (Inuktitut syllabics, Inuvialuktun, or Labrador Inuktitut).

A contribution from Library and Archives Canada allowed the Legacy of Hope Foundation to successfully install “*We were so far away...*” in its main exhibition space in Ottawa, ON, on January 29, 2009. The exhibition will be on display at this venue until September 7, 2009.

With a contribution from the Inuit Relations Secretariat of INAC, six of the eight featured Survivors were able to attend the official opening of the exhibition on March 4, 2009. The Legacy of Hope Foundation was honoured to host these Survivors who travelled from their communities in Labrador, northern Quebec, British Columbia, and the Northwest Territories. Approximately 200 people, including other Survivors and their families, Members of Parliament, Senators, and representatives from embassies, National Aboriginal Organizations, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and other federal government departments were also in attendance.

In addition to attending the official opening, the Survivors participated in a meeting to discuss their involvement with the exhibition’s development. They spoke about the importance of Survivor participation at exhibition



Designed to reflect the unique Inuit experience of Residential Schools, “*We were so far away...*” presents recollections of 8 Survivors in their own words

venues and of the exhibition message being heard in as many communities across Canada as possible.

“*We were so far away...*” is generating a significant amount of media attention. The

exhibition was mentioned during the January 16, 2009 radio broadcast of *The Current*, which is one of the national news programs of the CBC. Since its official opening, CBC Iqaluit, CBC Labrador and CBC St. John’s produced entire news stories on the exhibition. Also, the opening was covered by media organizations such as the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network and northern newspapers.



"We were so far away..."
exhibition installation at
Mikilaaq Centre (Arviat, NU)
March 2009



This media attention will continue in the coming year as the Legacy of Hope Foundation was provided with additional funding from INAC in 2008-2009 to undertake an advertising campaign. This involved the purchasing of advertising space in northern regional newspapers (*Nunatsiaq News* and *News/North*), and three magazine (*Up Here*, *Say*, and *Ottawa Life*) to appear between April and August 2009.

The Legacy of Hope Foundation produced a second version of the exhibition that will tour to Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities across Canada, with a particular focus on northern communities and communities in the south with a high proportion of Inuit residents. In March 2009, Arviat, NU became the first host community in the North. Over 200 people attended the exhibition over the course of its two-week installation at the Mikilaaq Centre.

With additional funding from INAC, the Legacy of Hope Foundation began the development of an educational toolkit targeted to school-aged children. This toolkit will be incorporated into the exhibition programming at Library and Archives Canada and will also be provided to communities hosting "We were so far away...".

As mentioned above, significant consideration was given to the design of an exhibition that would be easy to transport to remote communities.

"...we need to know the stories of our people to understand where we come from. Thank you for sharing and I am truly touched - mostly by your courage and strength." "We were so far away..." visitor

To ensure that the voices of Survivors had prominence, the exhibition banners could only contain a certain amount of information. As a result, other important texts, such as a historical overview and timeline, and select images, would have to be provided to visitors in another way. The curator of the exhibition proposed that a catalogue be developed that would contain all of the information that could not be accommodated within the space limitations of the exhibition banners. The catalogue will contain the introductory remarks from the exhibition partners, a history of the Inuit residential school experience, a condensed historical timeline, Survivor interview transcripts in three languages, and all of the archival images, as well as a map indicating the names and locations of schools attended by Inuit children.

The Legacy of Hope Foundation was able to begin development of this catalogue in 2008-2009 with a generous contribution from the RBC Foundation of the Royal Bank of Canada. This extensive catalogue will be made available free-of-charge to each visitor to the exhibition beginning in the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

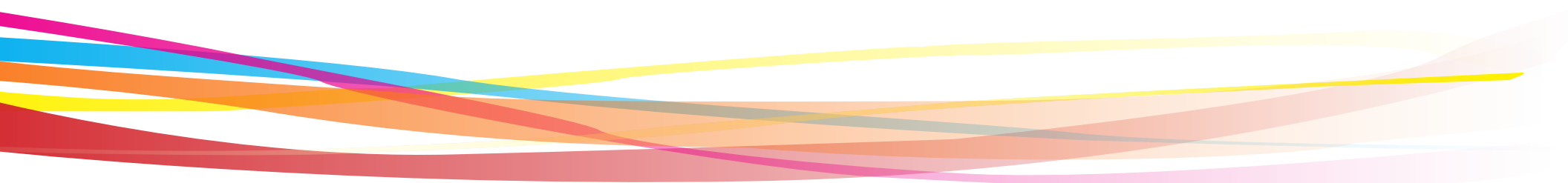
The Foundation has received a number of requests from communities interested in hosting the exhibition in 2009-2010, and will be devising strategies for promoting the exhibition, as well as securing future venues in locations across Canada.

Where are the Children? Healing the Legacy of the Residential Schools

Website (www.wherethechildren.ca)

Background

In March 2005, based on the success of the WATC archival photo exhibition and with funding from the Canadian Culture Online Program (CCOP) of Canadian Heritage, the Legacy of Hope Foundation and its partners developed an online educational resource, www.wherethechildren.ca. Phase 1 of this interactive website made the photographs from the WATC exhibition available online and allowed users to navigate their way through a virtual reconstruction of the Mohawk Institute in Brantford, ON.



Phase 2 of the website was launched in 2007. With additional funding from CCOP, the Legacy of Hope Foundation developed a new interactive component to the website that enabled visitors to sit at a desk equipped with a virtual textbook, dictionary, map and timeline. Given that the website was targeted to students aged 12 to 18, the objective of Phase 2 was to present education material on the legacy of Canada's Residential School System in an engaging, youth-oriented, interactive format involving the creation of original text and graphics. This online educational resource receives an average of 28,000 hits per month, attesting to the demand from Canadians, particularly youth, for information about residential schools.

2008-2009

The Legacy of Hope Foundation's application to the CCOP of Canadian Heritage for the development of the third phase of the website was approved in 2008-2009. Built on the model and success of Phases 1 and 2, the proposal for Phase 3 was to offer grade-specific learning and interactive tools on the history and legacy of residential schools.

A great deal of effort was placed on the development of Phase 3 in 2008-2009 and on improving the organization and accessibility of the website. Users entering the site will find themselves sitting at a desk with a suite of tools and resources around them that can easily be accessed to learn about residential schools, including:

- grade-specific textbooks, for grades 9 and 10, grades 11 and 12, and lifelong learners;
- an expanded dictionary;
- teacher's guide and lesson plans;
- an enhanced interactive map and timeline;
- a newly developed interactive study guide which tells the history of residential schools through multi-media assets such as videos, photographs, and audio narration;
- an overhead projector screen that users will 'pull down' to view the video recordings of Residential School Survivors collected under the *Our Stories...Our Strength* project;
- a 3D tour of a virtual reconstruction of the Mohawk Institute in Brantford, ON; and
- a virtual tour of the WATC exhibition.

It was anticipated that Phase 3 would be completed in the 2008-2009 fiscal year. However, due to the extensive work involved in the project, the Legacy of Hope Foundation sought and received an extension for the development of the website. The suite of tools will now be available to

students, educators and others interested in learning about the history and legacy of residential schools in the fall of 2009.

The Legacy of Hope Foundation was in contact with a number of organizations regarding the development and distribution of its online educational resource, including:

- the several administrators of the Asper Foundation's Holocaust and Human Rights Studies Program;
- the University of Toronto; and
- individual educators in jurisdictions across Canada.

In addition to launching Phase 3, the Foundation will focus its efforts in 2009-2010 on outreach, ensuring that students, ministries of education and learning, school boards, educators and academic institutions across Canada are made aware of the WATC website.

Our Stories...Our Strength **Oral History Project**

Background

One of the Legacy of Hope Foundation's biggest projects to date has been *Our Stories... Our Strength*, a national education project whose aim is to collect, preserve and share the stories of Residential School

"...excellent exhibit, really moving, my parents/grandparents etc. and myself were in residential school - everyone has a story to tell!" WATC visitor

Survivors. With funding from INAC and Health Canada, the Legacy of Hope Foundation has been working with Aboriginal communities and organizations from across Canada since 2006 to organize gatherings of Residential School Survivors. These gatherings have provided a forum for Survivors and their families to come together to share their experience with others, to learn about counselling services and healing programs available to them, to obtain information about issues related to residential schools, and most importantly, to have their residential school experiences recorded and preserved. These experiences were documented primarily in one-on-one interviews with the Legacy of Hope Foundation and are part of the growing collection of stories that will be a part of a publicly available archive on residential schools.

This project has resulted in a collection of Survivor stories in both video and audio format that represents First Nations, Métis, and Inuit experiences of

"It has taken extraordinary courage for the thousands of survivors that have come forward to speak publicly about the abuse they suffered. It is a testament to their resilience as individuals and to the strength of their cultures."

- Stephen Harper, The Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada, June 11, 2008

residential schools from coast to coast to coast. This collection is the largest of its kind in Canada to date.

2008-2009

The Legacy of Hope Foundation secured funding from the Inuit Relations Secretariat of INAC to collect and record the stories of Inuit Survivors from Hopedale, NFLD. Working in partnership with the Nunatsiavut Government Department of Health and Social Development, the Foundation organized a gathering which took place from September 30 to October 2, 2008.

This gathering of Residential School Survivors was the first in the community's history, and was attended by officials from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. In addition to the collection of individual stories, the Legacy of Hope Foundation was able to collect a number of stories shared during group discussions on the community impacts of residential school. The CBC covered this gathering and included it as part of the radio program it ran on *The Current* on

January 16, 2009 on the experience of Labrador Inuit with respect to the *Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement*.

The Legacy of Hope Foundation was invited to attend a community meeting in Sioux Lookout, ON organized by the Community Coalition for Healing and Reconciliation and the Sioux Lookout Anti-Racism Committee in February 2009. The purpose of the Foundation's participation was to record the stories of Survivors and others impacted by residential schools. In addition to recording the stories of nine individuals, the Legacy of Hope Foundation also recorded the proceedings of the community meeting which was attended by over 100 people. Prior to this meeting, the Legacy of Hope Foundation arranged for these stories to be included as part of the statement-taking efforts of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

As of March 31, 2009, the Legacy of Hope Foundation had collected and preserved 570 stories of Residential School Survivors.

Our Stories... Our Strength not only encompasses the collection of stories of Residential School Survivors from across Canada, but also includes the development of educational materials based on these stories. The Legacy of Hope Foundation received funding from INAC to begin the development of two specific resources in 2008-2009.

The first resource is an educational DVD which will intersperse the video stories of Residential School Survivors with dramatic re-enactments of their experiences. The DVD has been organized into twelve individual vignettes, each representing an experience common to those Survivors who recorded their story under *Our Stories... Our Strength*. Available to Canadians in 2009-2010, the content of the DVD will also be incorporated into Phase 3 of the *Where are the Children?* website in the coming fiscal year.

The second resource is an oral history archive of Residential School Survivor stories. This activity involved the digitization of the collection of stories and time-coding each interview according to a set of criteria. These processes will enable a Survivor and members of their family and community, historians, researchers, students, educators or anyone from the public to search through all of the stories for a particular word, theme, school, community, or experience. The resulting matching stories would then be immediately available for viewing. The Foundation is working with

the Aboriginal Healing Foundation on a proposal to house the collection of Survivor stories in the Gail Guthrie Valaskakis Memorial Library. Until such a time as the oral history archive is fully built and operational, these stories will be accessible through Phase 3 of the *Where are the Children?* website.

The Legacy of Hope Foundation sought the advice of the following experts on the concept, design and structure of an oral history archive that would meet the needs of Survivors, communities, historians, researchers, educators, and the Canadian public:

- the Shoah Foundation;
- the Pier 21 Research Centre;
- the Friends for the Canadian Museum for Human Rights;
- Concordia University's Centre for Oral History and Digital Storytelling;
- the Montreal Holocaust Museum; and
- the Indian Residential Schools Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The Legacy of Hope Foundation's proposal to present its efforts to record, preserve and share the stories of Survivors to a conference being organized by Concordia University's Centre for Oral History and Digital Storytelling was accepted in 2008-2009. The conference will bring together national and

international experts in November 2009 on the use of oral history in the remembrance of human rights abuses.

In the coming fiscal year, the Legacy of Hope Foundation will work with Correctional Services Canada to record and preserve the stories of Survivors who are presently incarcerated in federal institutions. It will also explore opportunities to record the stories of Survivors who are homeless with those agencies and government departments with responsibilities in this area. Fiscal year 2009-2010 will also see the Legacy of Hope Foundation focus its efforts on the development of concepts for a commemorative book for Survivors based on the stories it has collected to date.

Bridging our Communities **Promising Healing Practices**

The Legacy of Hope Foundation received funding in 2008-2009 from Public Safety Canada to undertake a study of communities engaged in addressing the legacy of residential schools. This project, entitled *Bridging our Communities*, will involve visiting various Aboriginal communities throughout Canada to observe and understand their promising healing practices and initiatives. By way of a final report and other communications materials, the information gathered will be shared with those organizations interested in advancing the healing

process such as Aboriginal communities, Aboriginal organizations, and policy makers. This project will begin in 2009-2010.

Other Activities

In partnership with the Aboriginal Healing Foundation, the Legacy of Hope Foundation organized a think tank of experts in February 2009 on the topic of how to engage the broader Canadian public in the issue of healing and reconciliation. Representatives from the following organizations attended:

- the Mental Health Commission of Canada;
- the Assembly of First Nations;
- the Native Women's Association of Canada;
- the Canadian Museum for Human Rights;
- the David Suzuki Foundation;
- Free the Children;
- Government of Ontario;
- Various federal government departments, including the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Secretariat, INAC, Health Canada, and Justice Canada;
- the CBC;

"I can't get over the generosity of all the Survivors: telling us their story - our story - in spite of the great pain they experience in doing so. It makes me want to make a difference. It moves me to action."

"We were so far away..." visitor

- the Universities of Toronto, Carleton, Algoma, and Queen's; and
- the United Church of Canada.

The final report from this event will be available in 2009-2010.

Discussions between the Legacy of Hope Foundation and the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, which began in 2008-2009 on the inclusion of residential schools in the educational programming of the Museum, will continue next fiscal year. The Legacy of Hope Foundation met with officials from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in 2008-2009 to offer its expertise on the collection and preservation of Residential School Survivor statements. These meetings will continue into the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

In 2008-2009, the Stamp Advisory Committee of Canada Post advised the Foundation that it had agreed to review its proposal for the development of a commemorative stamp to honour Residential School Survivors. Under

consideration for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, this launch would coincide with a number of milestone dates in the history of residential schools.

Administration

With the growth of its educational programming, the Legacy of Hope Foundation was pleased to expand the organization and increase its staff complement. The following staff and positions were in place as of March 31, 2009.

Executive Director – Isabella Tatar

Executive Assistant – Tania Budgell

Senior Advisor (part-time) – Andy Garrow

Finance Officer (part-time) – Liz Hu

Project Director – vacant

Project Coordinator – vacant





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Financial Statements of

LEGACY OF HOPE FOUNDATION

Year ended March 31, 2009

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS

We have audited the statement of financial position of Legacy of Hope Foundation as at March 31, 2009 and the statements of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Foundation's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as explained in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In common with many charitable organizations, the Foundation derives revenue from donations and fundraising, the completeness of which is not susceptible of satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Foundation and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to donations and fundraising revenue, excess of revenue over expenses and net assets.

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of donations and fundraising revenue referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Foundation as at March 31, 2009 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. As required by the Canada Corporations Act, we report that, in our opinion, these principles have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding period.

Chartered Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Ottawa, Canada
May 29, 2009

LEGACY OF HOPE FOUNDATION

Statement of Financial Position

March 31, 2009, with comparative figures for 2008

	2009	2008
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 17,225	\$ 274,271
Accounts receivable	199,702	321,375
Prepaid expenses	3,582	3,457
	<u>\$ 220,509</u>	<u>\$ 599,103</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable (note 4)	\$ 175,736	\$ 465,590
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	44,773	133,513
Contingencies (note 5)		
	<u>\$ 220,509</u>	<u>\$ 599,103</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

On behalf of the Board:

_____ Chairman

_____ Treasurer

LEGACY OF HOPE FOUNDATION

Statement of Operations

Year ended March 31, 2009, with comparative figures for 2008

	2009	2008
Revenue:		
Contributions and grants:		
Exhibition project	\$ 53,500	\$ 174,134
Book project	385,305	741,132
Website Phase III project	453,578	-
Inuit Story project	176,595	114,695
Public Safety	4,950	-
Fundraising	19,752	55,492
Donations	20,145	609
Interest	4,644	5,869
Miscellaneous	-	8,854
	<u>1,118,469</u>	<u>1,100,785</u>
Project expenses:		
Exhibition project	53,587	174,400
Book project	405,297	741,357
Inuit Story project	178,263	114,699
Website Phase III project	454,116	-
Public Safety	4,950	-
	<u>1,096,213</u>	<u>1,030,456</u>
Administration expenses:		
Office (note 6)	90,479	14,644
Governance	9,620	2,713
Annual report	1,966	1,444
Travel and accommodation	8,931	-
Fundraising	-	1,173
	<u>110,996</u>	<u>19,974</u>
Total expenses	<u>1,207,209</u>	<u>1,050,430</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	<u>\$ (88,740)</u>	<u>\$ 50,355</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

LEGACY OF HOPE FOUNDATION

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year ended March 31, 2009 with comparative figures for 2008

	Unrestricted	Total 2009	Total 2008
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 133,513	\$ 133,513	\$ 83,158
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	(88,740)	(88,740)	50,355
Amortization of capital assets	–	–	–
Balance, end of year	\$ 44,773	\$ 44,773	\$ 133,513

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

LEGACY OF HOPE FOUNDATION

Notes to Financial Statements

Year ended March 31, 2009

1. Description:

Legacy of Hope Foundation (the "Foundation") was incorporated without share capital on July 17, 2000 under Part II of the Canada Corporations Act and received its registered charity status on May 7, 2001. The Foundation is exempt from income tax.

The Foundation was established for the purpose of encouraging and supporting Aboriginal communities in building the capacity to sustain healing processes that address the broader Intergenerational Legacy of the Residential School System.

2. Significant accounting policies:

(a) Revenue recognition:

Revenue is recorded using the deferral method of accounting. Unrestricted contributions, grants and donations are recognized as revenue when received or receivable. Externally restricted contributions, grants and donations are deferred and recognized as revenue in the period in which the related expenses are incurred.

In-kind donations are recorded at their fair market value at the time of receipt.

(b) Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from these estimates. These estimates are reviewed annually and as adjustments become necessary, they are recorded in the financial statements in the period in which they become known.

3. Adoption of new accounting standards:

Capital Disclosures

Effective April 1, 2008, the Foundation adopted the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants ("CICA") Handbook Section 1535, *Capital Disclosures* which establishes standards for disclosing information about an entity's capital and how it is managed. Adoption of these recommendations had no effect on the financial statements for the year ending March 31, 2009, except for the additional note disclosure in note 9.

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Year ended March 31, 2009

4. Related party transitions:

The Foundation is related to the Aboriginal Healing Foundation which is a Canadian not-for-profit organization. The Aboriginal Healing Foundation appoints the majority of the Board of Directors of the Foundation.

The Aboriginal Healing Foundation was established for the purpose of funding projects that address the healing needs of Aboriginal People affected by the Legacy of Physical and Sexual Abuse in Residential Schools, including intergenerational impacts.

The Aboriginal Healing Foundation provides payroll services without charge and subleased office space in the year to the Foundation for \$15,251 (2008 - \$12,000). At March 31, 2009, the Foundation had accounts payable to the Aboriginal Healing Foundation of \$19,346 (\$4,226 and \$15,120 in transit as outstanding cheque; 2008 - \$8,760) related to salaries and benefits.

5. Contingencies:

The terms of contribution agreements allow the funding agencies to conduct audits to verify that project expenditures are in accordance with the terms and conditions of the funding agreement. Ineligible expenditures, if any, may result in the Foundation reimbursing a portion of the funding. Management believes that the Foundation has not incurred material ineligible expenditures, and therefore, has not recorded any liability for reimbursement. Adjustments to the financial statements as a result of these audits will be recorded in the period in which they become known.

6. Office expenses:

The Foundation claims salaries and benefits, rent, professional fees and office expenses as eligible expenses under certain contribution agreements. These expenses are included in Project expenses on the statement of operations. Total expenses are as follows:

	2009	2008
Salaries and benefits	\$ 194,795	\$ 164,585
Office	48,802	72,971
Rent	15,251	12,000
Professional fees	17,476	17,702
	<u>276,324</u>	<u>267,258</u>
Less amounts included in project expenses	185,845	252,614
	<u>\$ 90,479</u>	<u>\$ 14,644</u>

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Year ended March 31, 2009

7. Financial instruments:

The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable approximates their fair value due to their relative short periods to maturity.

8. Statement of cash flows:

A statement of cash flows has not been included as it would not provide additional meaningful information.

9. Capital disclosures:

The Foundation defines capital as its unrestricted net assets. The objective of the Foundation with respect to unrestricted net assets is to fund future operations and its capital asset base.

The Foundation is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements and its overall strategy with respect to capital remains unchanged from the year ended March 31, 2008.

10. Future accounting standards:

The CICA has issued the following new accounting standards that will come into effect for the Foundation's fiscal year beginning April 1, 2009:

Amendments to Accounting Standards that Apply Only to Not-for-Profit Organizations

In September 2008, the CICA issued amendments to the existing accounting standards applicable to not-for-profit organizations. The amendments affect the financial statement presentation and disclosure requirements for not-for-profit organizations.

Disclosure of Allocated Expenses by Not-for-Profit Organizations

In September 2008, the CICA issued Section 4470, *Disclosure of Allocated Expenses by Not-for-Profit Organizations*. This new section establishes disclosure requirements for not-for-profit organizations that report expenses by function and allocate expenses to a number of functions to which the expenses relate. These not-for-profit organizations will be required to disclose additional information regarding their accounting policies adopted for the allocation of expenses among functions, the nature of these expenses, the basis on which the allocations are being made, and the value of the allocations.

The Foundation is currently assessing the impact of these new accounting standards on its financial statements.

11. Comparative figures:

Certain 2008 comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with the financial statement presentation adopted for 2009.

Annual Charity Drive

On June 18th, 2008, the 9th Annual Aboriginal Healing Foundation charity golf tournament was held at the Canadian Golf and Country Club in Ashton, ON. Over 140 golfers from Aboriginal organizations, government departments, corporations and the general public took part in this event whose proceeds support the Legacy of Hope Foundation.

With the generous support of our presenting partners, Dollco Printing and Eagle Vision, over \$20,000 was raised. We extend our sincerest thanks to all of our corporate sponsors, hole sponsors, volunteers and supporters for helping make this event a great success year after year.

The 10th Annual Charity Golf Tournament will take place on June 17, 2009.

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