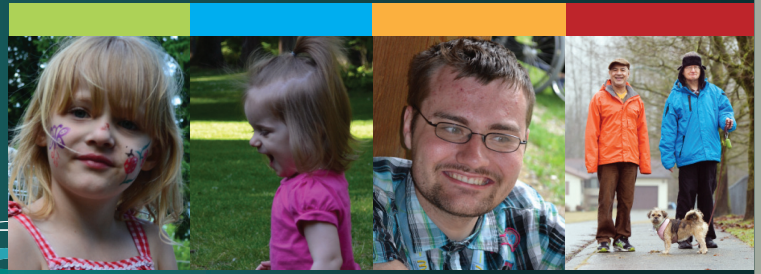




THE
SIMON FRASER SOCIETY
FOR COMMUNITY LIVING

2013 ANNUAL REPORT



We're a Part of Your Community



MESSAGE FROM BOARD PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We were talking about key messages for the annual report and how difficult it is to highlight just one or two things. We have the pleasure and honour of spending our days alongside wonderful people and their families, as they learn, work and play. The Simon Fraser Society for Community Living has a fabulous team of staff and volunteers and we believe that everyone we are involved with deserves to be recognized.

Our work is not always easy. But what we all so consistently will tell you is that the people we work with inspire us and bring us joy and hope for the future. We struggle some days with systems and various challenges, but we believe firmly in what we do, that it has value, that it is appreciated and that through our work we are able in both small and sometimes larger ways to contribute to someone's life and to community life as a whole.

In keeping with this, rather than talk about a formal program, service or new type of funding, we are pleased to profile a few things that people have told us are important.

The Include Me! Initiative, about Quality of Life was profiled at our Annual General Meeting (AGM) last year and at this year's AGM we are focusing on our Youth Leadership Council. Through these two initiatives people tell us more about what is important to them, what they want and need and what they hope for. We believe that's worth highlighting, and worth working toward in the year to come.



Ron Jones
President



Christine Scott
Executive Director

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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

This year, a total of 62 people in the community contributed 2,266 volunteer hours to SFSCCL. These hours included efforts in direct support programs such as childcare, inclusion programs, Board and committee participation and administrative support.



Participants in our Adult Services Volunteering program also contributed a record number of hours to various local organizations. They donated their efforts to food and clothing banks, seniors' centres and SFSCCL buildings and offices.

We are grateful to all volunteers in our programs and community for providing an invaluable service to SFSCCL. Volunteers make an incredible difference to our organization, our people, and our communities as a whole. Thank you!



Through our **Family and Children's Services** department, we offer home and community visits, direct staffing, consultation and groups to support families, their children and their care providers. Our goal is to strengthen and support families to enhance children's development and to work with them and the community to ensure their full participation and inclusion.

		What People Say...
» Infant Development	288 families Tri Cities: 220 New Westminster: 68	"Participating in IDP has made us feel we are doing the right thing for our child and we think it has made a tremendous impact on her development."
» Supported Child Development	520 families Tri Cities SCD: 388 New Westminster SCD: 132	"[Our SCD worker] has gone above and beyond to provide support to my child and me. I have always felt comfortable, respected, and supported when working with her."
» Aboriginal Supported Child Development	38 families Tri Cities ASCD: 26 New Westminster ASCD: 12	
» New Westminster Children's Centre Early Intervention (EI) and School Age Therapy (SAT)	297 families Occupational (OT), Physical (PT) and Speech and Language (SLP) services are provided by SHARE Family & Community Services Total EI families served (birth to 6): 184 (OT/PT/SLP) Total SA families served(school-age): 113 (OT/PT)	"Staff help you to explore the community and find resources. There is a lot of information about workshops that relate to your family's needs. Staff really make you feel supported."
» Key Worker and Parent to Parent Support	83 families Tri Cities: 54 New Westminster: 29	"The Key Workers are friendly, knowledgeable, and very helpful! "They have been very supportive providing ideas and help to work with the school."
» Family and Individual Support	67 families Tri Cities & New Westminster	"Love the feeling of community and belonging. Great variety of opportunities to learn, grow and connect with others."
» Transition	18 families Tri Cities & New Westminster	"I have enjoyed connecting with families who are on a similar journey as I am."



Through our **Adult Services** department we offer a range of employment, recreation, volunteer and housing supports. We work with and within community to support adults and their families to live, work and play in their community of choice.

		What People Say...
» Daily living skills	18 people	"I like that I get to learn new things." "I like that I get to learn to cook."
» Employment supports	32 people	"I'm proud of the work I do. I get along with the people I work with because I work hard."
» Community Inclusion	96 people	"I made some new friends." "I really enjoy preparing the meals for the Thursday dinner."
» Volunteering	2,596 volunteer hours	"In March 2013, the food bank volunteers celebrated 10 years of service. Great job!"
» Social and Recreational Activities	174 participants	"I love that I get to socialize with my friends." "I like going to Science World."
» Housing and Shared Living	54 people	"This is the most stable home my sister has had since the age of 10." "My family member is proud of her independence." "We do things together but we also have our own space and our own routines. That independence is important."

INCLUDE ME! INITIATIVE

This past year The Simon Fraser Society for Community Living (SFSCCL) participated along with a number of different organizations in Include Me!, a Community Living BC's (CLBC) initiative designed to better understand and improve the quality of life of individuals with developmental disabilities. Some of you may recall hearing about this initiative at our last AGM.

Self advocates were employed to interview individuals receiving CLBC funded services about their quality of life. The interviewers asked each participant 50 questions using the My Life: Personal Outcomes Index™. The Index includes questions in eight quality of life domains that contribute to the independence, social participation, and well-being of individuals with developmental disabilities plus one question about transportation and one about employment. The Simon Fraser Society for Community Living had a 94% response rate, with a total of 143 survey participants. We were very pleased with the level of response - to all of you who participated - thank you for helping us to learn more about how we can better support you.

The results are a source of important information for both SFSCCL and CLBC about the quality of life of individuals with developmental disabilities who receive service from SFSCCL. They give us all an indication of the areas in which adults receiving services are having positive experiences in their lives as well as those areas in which we might be able to enhance their experience and contribute to a better quality of life.

Consistent with other organizations, individuals rated Well-Being (physical, emotional and material) highly, with Self Determination (independence) and Social Inclusion (social participation) identified as an area for improvement. Our plans for the coming year include talking with the individuals we serve, with self advocates and family members, with CLBC staff and other service providers, and with neighbours and others in the community to identify and implement strategies to enhance our work in supporting increased self-determination and increased social inclusion.



SFSCCL ADDS A NEW SELF-ADVOCACY INITIATIVE: YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL



Since September 2012, over thirty youth aged 15 to 24 have become members of The Simon Fraser Society for Community Living (SFSCCL) Youth Leadership Council. These members meet twice a month, creating presentations and planning community events, and more importantly, imagining

new and different opportunities in their lives.

The Youth Leadership Council was created as an extension of the SFSCCL Summer Inclusion Program's self-advocacy days. The original idea was to provide youth with an opportunity to share their stories, develop leadership and self-advocacy skills, and build connections with other self-advocacy groups. The Council is now looking to expand its focus to include educating employers on hiring youth, expanding its reach beyond the Tri Cities area, and creating more presentations for the broader community, including Douglas

College and local high schools.

The Council has made remarkable strides in only eight months. In partnership with Community Living BC, the Youth Leadership Council planned and hosted two Friendship Zone events for youth, tweens (aged 11 to 14) and their families. The Council also held two guest lectures – Karla Verschoor, Inclusion BC's Inclusion Advocate, and Barb Goode, long-time self-advocacy leader and the first Canadian with a disability to speak at the United Nations General Assembly. Last month, the Youth Leadership Council received the Tri City Youth R.E.A.C.H. Award, an award recognizing youth and people who support youth in the community.

SFSCCL is proud to announce that the Youth Leadership Council will be the highlight presentation at the 2012/2013 Annual General meeting on June 18. Council members will speak on the Youth Leadership Council's beginnings, activities and accomplishments over the last year, and will share their hopes and dreams for the future. We hope to see you there!

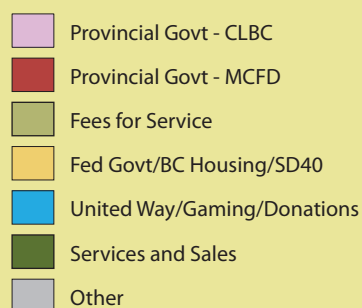
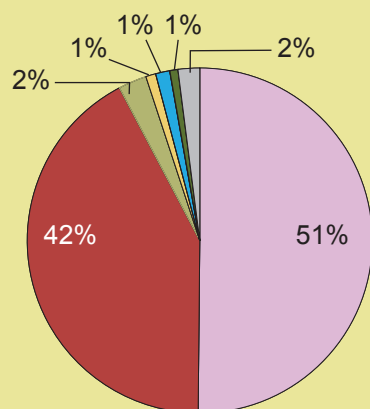
To learn more and get involved with the Youth Leadership Council, contact Brittany Sully at bsully@sfsccl.org, or call 604-528-3950 ext. 315.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Revenues:

\$12,009,920 (audited)

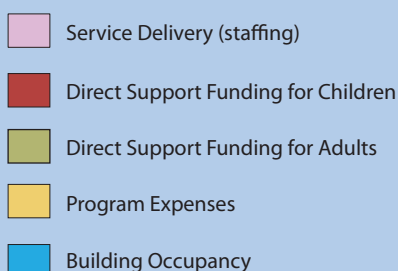
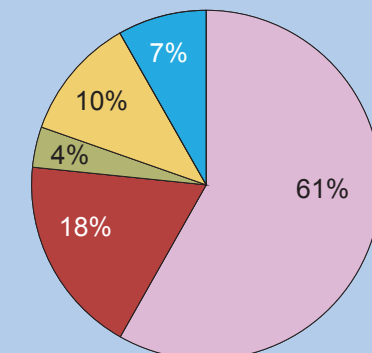
Where our funds come from:



Expenditures:

\$12,033,847 (audited)

Where we spend funds:



Board of Directors

PRESIDENT:	Ron Jones
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SECRETARY:	Marcy Baldwin
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Our Funders

- » Community Living BC
- » Ministry of Children & Family Development
- » United Way of the Lower Mainland
- » BC Housing
- » Human Resources and Skills Development Canada
- » Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (Gaming)
- » School District 40 (New Westminster)
- » Fraser Health

Services through Collaboration

- » Burnaby Association for Community Inclusion
- » Cities of Anmore, Belcarra, Coquitlam, New Westminster, Port Coquitlam and Port Moody
- » Community Living Society
- » Community Ventures Society
- » Family Support Institute
- » Fraserside Community Services Society
- » Ministry for Children and Family Development
- » New Westminster Family Place
- » PosAbilities
- » School Districts 40 & 43
- » SHARE Family & Community Services
- » Spirit of the Children Society

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Our Vision

We are moved by the dream of an inclusive community that enables, empowers, and encourages all people.