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Award recipient says thanks from Inuit village

Following is a letter send to the Foundation's Grants and Awards committee. It shows our impact reaches into remote parts of Canada.

I was extremely pleased to receive your correspondence of October 3, 2006 informing me that my application for funding from the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation was successful. I apologize for the delay in acknowledging receipt and sending my sincere thanks to the Awards Committee. Your correspondence found me in a small, isolated Inuit community on the north coast of Labrador where I spent 4 months implementing an attention training program with young children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders. I am very grateful for the support from the Foundation in conducting this work.

While I am just now in the process of analyzing data and finalizing my results from this phase of my work, I am very optimistic that the program was of benefit to these children. Preliminary results are positive for a group of children who received training in the first phase of this project in St. John's.

Please offer my heartfelt appreciation to the Awards Committee.

Sincerely,

Roxana Vemescu,
PhD Candidate, Psychology
Memorial University



Windsor Learning Centre celebrates first graduate

The Windsor Learning Centre celebrated its first graduate this year. Natalie, holding her certificate and Learning Centre bear, came into the program in 2005 as a 14-year-old who read at a grade 2 level. She is now reading at a grade 8 level and her comprehension skills are at a grade 11 level. Natalie received a standing ovation from 180 masons, wives, parents, tutors and fellow students. Standing with Natalie are (clockwise), Natalie's mother Marie Rose; J. Carl Fairthorne, a Deputy for Ontario; C. Robert Townsend, Sovereign Grand Commander; Natalie's father Blake; Paul Barber, Centre Director.

2007 Walkthons raise \$18,914 for Learning Centre fund

Since 2004, when William (Andy) Anderson of London Valley started promoting walkathons to raise funds for the Learning Centres National Expansion Fund, the walks have raised a total of \$68,640. The 12 participating Valleys this year raised \$18,914.

"The amount of money is not to be sneezed at," says Andy, who would like to see more Valleys participate in the walks, held on the last Saturday in May. For more information about the walkathons contact Andy at williamjanderson@sympatico.ca or call 519-685-2305.

Following are the amounts raised by the participating Valleys in 2007:

Campbell River	\$200.00
Kingston	\$165.00
Edmonton	\$865.00
Toronto	\$5,920.25
Regina	\$522.00
Moncton	\$255.00
Chatham	\$1,742.01
Barrie	\$935.00
London	\$4,105.35
Windsor	\$1,390.00
Calgary	\$2,270.00
Lethbridge	\$165.00
Summerside	\$380.00

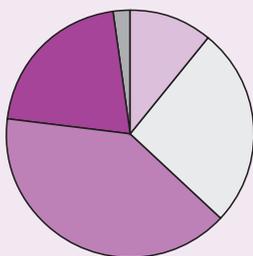
2006/07 a solid year for Foundation finances

The Foundation enjoyed a financially successful year in 2006/07, says Treasurer Doug Nichols.

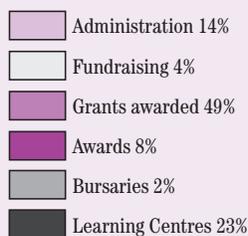
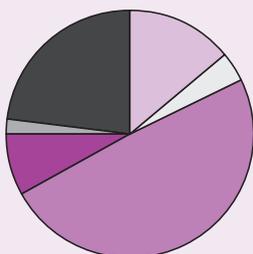
Net assets increased by slightly over \$500,000 to nearly \$14,000,000. Revenue decreased to \$1,429,164, a decline of about \$93,000 from the previous year. Donation revenue was down approximately \$11,000 while bequests increased by roughly \$27,000.

The investment portfolio grew to \$13.4 million, an increase of about \$500,000 over last year. At May 31, 2007 the market value of the portfolio was about \$15.3 million versus \$13.9 million last year.

Sources of Funds



Use of Funds



2006-2007 Financial Highlights

Financial Highlights – Financial Position

Year ended May 31, 2007

	2007	2006 (Restated)
Assets:		
Cash	\$ 223,121	\$ 276,282
Accrued interest	336,098	244,253
Advances to Learning Centres	61,280	61,280
Investments, at cost	13,350,382	12,846,122
Other	6,851	9,533
Capital assets	45,680	65,960
	\$14,023,412	\$13,503,430
Liabilities:		
Payables and accruals	\$ 17,560	\$ 34,517
Deferred contributions	86,000	50,000
	103,560	84,517
Net assets:		
Net assets invested in capital assets	45,680	65,960
Unrestricted net assets	805,067	954,697
Internally restricted net assets – capital	13,069,105	12,398,256
	\$14,023,412	\$13,503,430

Financial Highlights – Operations

Year ended May 31, 2007

	2007	2006 (Restated)
Revenue:		
Amortization of grants	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Bequests	156,757	129,726
Donations	380,417	391,041
Gain on sale of investments	295,749	523,718
Investment income	571,241	452,455
	1,429,164	1,521,940
Expenses:		
Administration and fund raising	163,696	121,340
Awards and bursaries	98,000	95,827
Grants	453,398	383,398
Learning centres	213,131	117,930
	928,225	718,495
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$ 500,939	\$ 803,445

Exceptional support honoured at Foundation luncheon

At the annual Foundation AGM luncheon in September, President John Lawer presented three awards to Valleys for their contribution. This is the third year for the awards, which were created to acknowledge extraordinary support for the Foundation.

During his remarks, John also announced that the national donor participation rate to the Foundation had reached a record high of 8.3%. The Foundation's minimum target is 10%.

Highest participation rate

The winning Valley was Medicine Hat with a wonderful participation rate of 24.1%. This award is the number of members who give to the Foundation as a percentage of total membership.

Others in the top five are:

St. John's	23.3%
Central Alberta	17.8%
Windsor	15.6%
Chatham	15.3%

Highest average donation

This award went to Windsor for their average donation of \$144.22. This award is calculated by dividing the total donation by the total membership.

Others in the top five are:

Halifax	\$106.01
Fraser Valley	\$67.55
Moncton	\$53.60
London	\$38.00

Largest dollar increase

The third award went to the Valley of Toronto for its year-over-year increase in donation of \$20,724.

Others in the top five are:

London,	with an increase of \$15,776.
Moncton,	with \$14,345.
Fraser Valley,	with \$12,422.
Calgary,	with \$ 9,052.



DeMolay donation

Donald R. Thornton accepted on behalf of The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation a generous \$1,000 donation this year from the membership of DeMolay Ontario. Ian McGugan, Provincial Master Councillor (right) and Catherine Pegelo, Provincial Sweetheart, made the presentation at their Annual Sweetheart's Ball in Hamilton. Don is a Deputy for Ontario and a Director of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation.

The gift was raised from several DeMolay activities throughout the year to support the Learning Centres in Canada. The DeMolay Ontario Sweetheart organizes a number of fundraisers each year in support of a variety of charities.

Bursary program ends. Funds now distributed by Provincial Deputies

**By Donald R. Thornton,
Chair Grants and Awards Committee**

The annual College Bursary Program, funded by the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation has been cancelled and funds have been transferred to each Provincial Deputy. The bursary program was cancelled for many reasons, including increased student aid from

corporate donors and overworked College awards officers who could no longer vouch for the legitimacy of student requests.

The new Provincial Charitable Donation provides \$2,000 to each Provincial Deputy who may choose, in consultation with others in his jurisdiction, to direct the funds to a

special Provincial or Valley project in support of the education or training of young people and students at his or a Valley's discretion. The funds are intended for specific, identifiable undertakings and shall not be directed to a capital fund or to "bricks and mortar."



St. John's Valley supports Autism Society

The St. John's Valley made a \$2,000 donation this year to the Autism Society of Newfoundland & Labrador at the Elaine Dobbin Centre for Autism in St. John's.

Participating in the ceremony were: (l. to r.), John Johnston; James Finch, SRCF representative for the Valley of St. John's; Charlie Cook; Joyce Churchill, Autism Society President; Max Haynes; Kayla & Katie, program participants; Barbara Hopkins, Autism Society Past President; and Trish Williams, Autism Society Executive Director.

Newly minted PhD makes mark with arts in dementia care

Following is a letter from a new PhD whose studies were supported by the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation.

As the recipient of an award from the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada, it is my pleasure to inform you that I have completed my studies and received my doctoral degree. Your organization was instrumental in helping me achieve this goal. Over the last two years I have been developing The Society for the Arts in Dementia Care, together with a dedicated Board of Directors. The Society started as a non-profit organization in British Columbia and is now spreading to other parts of Canada and the world. The Society is hosting conferences and workshops to bring together representatives from the academic and practical worlds. To learn more about the Society please log on to: www.cccd-society.org

Dalia Gottlieb-Tanaka, PhD

Don't worry. Everyone forgets a name or two

At the September 14, 2007 Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation luncheon, speaker Brian Thwaites enthralled the audience with his entertaining presentation on the human brain.

Just in case you've lost the car keys recently, keep these facts from Brian in mind:

- 83%** of us forget names
- 60%** of us forget where we put things
- 57%** of us forget telephone numbers we just checked
- 53%** of us forget words "on the tip of the tongue"
- 49%** of us forget that we already told someone something
- 42%** of us forget faces of people we've met
- 41%** of us forget directions we've been given
- 41%** of us forget what we started to do
- 41%** of us forget what we were just saying
- 38%** of us forget whether we locked the door, turned off the oven, fed the cat, etc.

The reasons we forget any or all of the above is:

- No interest
- No attention
- No effort

The ways to strengthen your brain muscle are:

- Don't stop working. Ever.
- Stay physically healthy.
- Become an expert — in anything.
- Take a course in something.
- Learn to roll with the punches.
- Do crossword puzzles.
- Do jigsaw puzzles.
- Skip bingo. Play bridge instead.
- Learn a new language in three years — not three weeks.
- Turn off the TV.
- Stock your life with rich experiences of all kinds.
- Go out with friends or find new playmates.
- Play with toys. Lots of them. Different ones.

For more information about Brian go to www.brainspeaker.com