



Annual Report

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Friends of Fish Creek Annual Report

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Grade 5 students learning about Wetlands in Fish Creek.

TD Learning Naturally Program

The TD Learning Naturally Program was an Emerald Award finalist this year, recognized for environmental excellence! The Alberta Emerald Foundation was impressed with the amount of students the Learning Naturally Program reaches. In the 2012/13 school year 3,678 economically disadvantaged students were brought to Fish Creek Provincial Park to participate in curriculum-related fieldtrips by the program. Alongside the students were 500 parent volunteers, many new Canadians, exploring outdoors with their children.

When asked whether there was a measureable change in the understanding of the curriculum by students as a result of their fieldtrip, one teacher commented: ***"Yes, the children were enlightened. Many had never been in nature before and realized how important it is to have a safe sanctuary for plants and animals."***

TD Friends of the Environment Foundation generously sponsored the Learning Naturally Program in 2012/13. Supplementary funding for the program was down by 25% from the previous school year, however, which brought student

numbers down by 1,038 in 2012/13. Hopefully, with recognition received as an Emerald Award finalist, new corporate sponsors will be introduced to the merits of the Learning Naturally Program. Individuals may also contribute to the program through donations and the purchase of gift cards!

"Thank you, again, for bringing nature one step closer to us." Learning Naturally Student

Connie Embreus, TD Learning Naturally Program Coordinator, Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park Society

The TD Learning Naturally program is in jeopardy and needs your support to continue. You can now donate online at <http://friendsoffishcreek.org/td-learning-naturally-program/> and receive a valuable tax receipt!

Park Watch

28 Park Watch Stewards volunteered 320 hours between April and October. Park Watch Stewards walk or cycle park trails answering visitor questions, providing First Aid, and recording issues like safety hazards and vandalism, and report these issues to the appropriate park staff. Park Watch is one of the Friends' flagship programs.

Park Watch
Stewards at
Glennfield.



Volunteers
rerouting a creek side
trail near Bridge 7 on
Sep. 26 following the
June floods.

Trail Care

Trail Care helps to minimize the development of unauthorized trails in the park by providing sustainable and enjoyable trails for all park users. Special thanks to the Calgary Mountain Bike Alliance and Alberta Parks for their support. In 2013, 12 volunteers contributed 156 hours to this program. Also, in 2013 the CMBA began construction of a skills park near Bankside.

Watershed Stewardship

Vegetation Monitoring

Between April and October, 13 volunteers contributed approximately 160 hours to recording and photo-documenting 120 plant species in the Lafarge Meadows area. A summary report was produced as well as an online plant image library the public can use to brush up on plant ID skills. Special thanks to Land Stewardship Centre, Glenbow Ranch Park Foundation, Cows & Fish, St. Mary's University College and Tannas Conservation Services for supporting this pilot project.



Plant ID workshop at SMUC, May 7.

Weed Whackers

15 volunteers contributed over 62 hours to the removal of invasive plant species in the park, including yellow clematis, burdock, Canada thistle, leafy spurge, oxeye daisy, leafy spurge and perennial sowthistle. This long-running program focuses on "winnable battles" and Weed Whackers volunteers collectively removed over 600kg of invasive plant material from the park in 2013.

Speaker Series

Approximately 570 people attended Speaker Series, and below is a list of the talks and voluntary presenters.

- Dec. 4, 2012** The Attack of the Killer Rhododendrons - Dr. Glen Chilton
- Jan. 31, 2013** Engineered Wetlands in Fish Creek - Wayne Meikle, Retired Fish Creek Provincial Park Planner and founding member of the Friends of Fish Creek
- Feb. 28** Creatures of the Night: The Constellations Visible from Calgary - John McFaul
- Mar. 28** Through the Eyes of Artists - Mitzie & Larry Wasyliw, Ranche at Fish Creek Restoration Society
- Apr. 24** Calgary's Parks and Their Past - Harry Sanders, Calgary Heritage Authority 2012 Historian Laureate and Member of the Historical Society of Alberta
- May 23** Bats: The Secret World of our Nocturnal Flying Mammals - Cory Olson
- June 20** For the Health of Fish Creek and The Bow River - Carolyn Campbell, Alberta Wilderness Association
- Sep. 26** Flooding in Fish Creek - Jennell Rempel, Visitor Services Coordinator; Fish Creek Provincial Park, Katie Pearson, Project and Programs Director; Friends of Fish Creek, and Wayne Meikle
- Oct. 23** Owls: Owlers and Owling in Alberta - Dr. Gordon Court, Provincial Wildlife Status Biologist



Flood education minibus tour (left) Flooded trail near Bow Valley Ranch (above).

Minibus Tours of Fish Creek

This summer and fall, the Friends began offering tours of Fish Creek in the new electric minibus, which provided accessible learning opportunities for groups to see large areas of this amazing park. Thank you to our dedicated group of volunteer minibus drivers! Please contact katie@friendsoffishcreek.org to become a driver.

Flood Education - The Friends organized 9 tours of flood-damaged areas along the Bow River, and 55 people took part in these tours, including members of the Venturers Society of Calgary and the Alberta Real Estate Foundation.

Photography Course - Mark Garbutt hosted Photography outings on the minibus and 13 people participated in August and September

Geology Outings - 13 participants learned about the unique geology of Fish Creek through these tours hosted by Mount Royal University Geology Professor Katherine Boggs.



Parks Canada's Award-Winning Theatre Troupe,
Mountain World Heritage Interpretive Theatre at Creekfest.

Creekfest

On Sunday July 21 the Friends of Fish Creek hosted the 3rd Annual Creekfest at the Bow Valley Ranch and approximately 2200 people attended this one-day celebration of water. Creekfest is an important component to the Friends' Watershed Public Awareness Campaign, designed to inform and inspire community members to take actions to protect and conserve our water. 21 volunteers contributed over 80 hours to helping this event run smoothly.

Scout Naturalist Badge
presentation at Shannon
Terrace, Sep. 9.



Naturalist Badge Programs

A sense of wonder and appreciation
for the natural world was nurtured in
130 members of local Guide and
Scout groups through the
Naturalist Badge program.
Special thanks to First
Calgary Financial
and the Cohen
Foundation.

Birding Course

Over 360 individual students learned about birds through the Autumn, Winter and Spring courses and many returned each season. Lifelong naturalist and dedicated lead volunteer Gus Yaki contributed approx. 1540 hours, including leading the outings and helping organize the course. Special thanks to Wayne Walker who volunteered over 660 hours in that time.

Gus did an amazing job of recruiting other dedicated Birding Course instructors, who volunteered approximately 1800 hours in total. Special thanks to Daniel Arndt, Kingsley Blades, Bernie Diebolt, Kris Fernet, Dick and Lenora Flynn, Janet Gill, Carole Hachey, Bob Lefebvre, Aileen Pelzer, David Pugh, Stephen and Dorothy Spring, John St. Laurent, John Stegeman, Marian Swatschina, Dave Taylor, Tommy Thorsteinsson, Paul Turbitt, Dave Vernon, Joan Walker, and Rob Worona.

photo courtesy of Daniel Arndt



Wellness Programs

In 2013, the Friends launched new wellness programs in the areas of Yoga, Meditation and Running to help people rejuvenate body, mind and spirit in Fish Creek.

Volunteer instructors Naomi Parker of Elemental Wellness and Gwen Draud of Birds of a Feather hosted 14 sessions. 25 individuals participated and many returned each week. Naomi received Volunteer of the Year in the category of Wellness for her hard work and dedication.

Experienced Meditation instructor Hetty Laidlaw of Healing the Heart (pictured below) led 4 guided meditations. 11 people took part and some attended more than one session. In August we hosted a Running Clinic in partnership with Running Room. We would like to thank Rob Christie and Dixie Le Vesconte for arranging this clinic.



Tree Wrapping

Tree wrapping helps protect trees from being damaged by the park's beaver population and trees are wrapped near Fish Creek and the Bow River. In 2013, 10 volunteers from Price Waterhouse Cooper wrapped approximately 55 trees (pictured at left).



Report from the Park

This has been a year of considerable challenges and change in Fish Creek Provincial Park, the following is a brief summary of key events.

June flooding and heavy rains created an unprecedented amount of destruction along the Bow River corridor and throughout the park, effecting pathways, roads, bridges, and day use areas. The following is a brief summary of the work that needs to be done throughout the park:

Repairs will re-establish the main East-West paved pathway throughout the park, including rebuilding of the large wash-out between Bebo Grove and Shannon Terrace day use areas.

Work is required on all bridges throughout the park, generally shoreline protection around the bridge abutments

Major construction is required at Bridges 9, 14, and 15. Assessment of the scope of work and options for recovery has been completed, and all of these bridges will be repaired.

All day use areas throughout the park are open to public access.

Construction and repair work will occur throughout the year, and may result in temporary closures of some areas, which will be signed, rerouted, etc. as required.

Washrooms in the Glennfield day use area will be closed until further notice, due to repairs required on the main water line. Portable toilets are in place and parking lots are open.

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Report from the Park cont'd

Park Programs and events continued to be well-subscribed throughout the year:

4803 students participated in K-12 Environmental Education programs at the Fish Creek Environmental Learning Centre between April 1 – September 30, 2013. Expansion to the popular Environmental Education program into the late fall included in-park and in-school sessions exploring floods and flooding in Fish Creek.

813 participants joined park programs such as Star Night and Tuesday Tour walks.

974 people explored the Visitor Centre throughout August, where it was open during evenings and weekends for the first time in nearly a decade.

The Fish Creek Environmental Learning Centre hosted a number of events highlighting community partners (E.g. Alberta Council for Environmental Education) and ongoing initiatives (e.g. Art in the Park exhibit launches)

The Rancho Restaurant will be closed between December 21st, 2013 and January 31st, 2014 for commencement of its new restaurant operators, Great Events Group. Events and bookings are being accepted for 2014, with its doors re-opening February 1, 2014.

2014 will see some staffing changes in Fish Creek Provincial Park. *Jim Stomp*, Calgary Area Manager for nearly 20 years, will be retiring April 2014. He will be incredibly missed, and we wish him well. *Roland Kirzinger* will once again join the Friends' Board as Park Liaison, while I am on a year of maternity leave.

It is through the invaluable support of park partners, volunteers and staff that there is much to celebrate and look forward to as we begin 2014.

Jennell Rempel, Area Visitor Services Coordinator, Fish Creek Provincial Park



Chairman's Report

The Friends of Fish Creek Board of Directors and sub-committees had a productive year and moved forward on a variety of key initiatives identified within our Strategic Plan (see next page for Strategy map). The Society's bylaws have been reviewed and the Board of Directors have proposed changes to more adequately reflect our organization's current size and structure. New funding models are being explored so that funding for Friends programs, courses and events will be less reliant on grants. We are hoping to secure more funds through individual donors and social enterprise programs that benefit Fish Creek Provincial Park and park visitors.

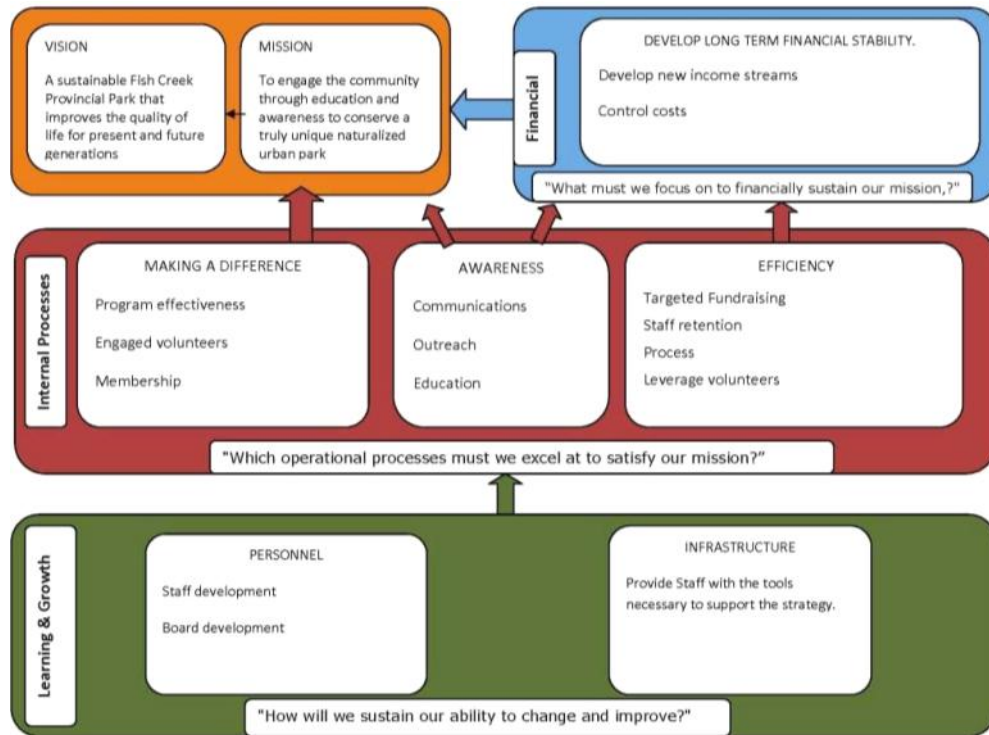
Nic DeGama-Blanchet has made considerable progress improving daily operations as Executive Director. His experience with technology and within the non-profit sector has helped to increase service levels and organizational efficiency while reducing operational expenses. Nic is well-supported with Katie Pearson as Project and Programs Director and Chris Lalonde as Communications Coordinator.

In November of 2013, the Friends staff and 2 volunteers took part in a comprehensive review of all of the Friends' programs to evaluate how well they relate to our mission. Following this review, old programs have been terminated and newer ones are set to be launched that will better support our mission. I am confident that the Friends' trio of experienced staff are poised to make 2014 another fantastic year.

Tom Jackman, Chairman, Board of Directors, Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park Society

Fish Creek
Provincial Park
Strategy Map
2012 - 2014

Developed as a
result of Strategic
Planning Meeting in
May 2012 with
Friends of Fish Creek
Board of Directors



Executive Director's Report

Looking back over 2013 my overall impression is one of pride in our team and gratitude to our amazing volunteers and donors. We worked hard this year on developing new programs to provide more opportunities to learn about, conserve and enjoy our wonderful park.



Winter Birding Course in January 2013.

Our volunteers stepped up to the new challenges and helped us make the new suite of programs a resounding success. Not only did our volunteers meet new challenges and take on new roles but our amazing birding course volunteers extended their suite of courses and worked hard toward involving more young people in the birding course. Our birding course is our main source of recruitment for members and every year introduces hundreds of people to the wonders of nature and elevates their awareness of environmental issues: we are truly humbled by your dedication and enthusiasm, thank you.

Our donors helped us meet the challenge by providing more individual donations than we have ever received, and for those of you who joined our Park Protector Monthly donor program we extend a special thank you for your ongoing support. Special thanks are also extended to our corporate and foundation partners who showed faith in our ability to build our new programs and deliver them.

Without everyone's generous contributions we would not have been able to end the year on such a positive note, thank you to everyone who has helped us this year and we look forward to working with you all in 2014.

Nic DeGama-Blanchet, Executive Director, Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park Society

2013 Outstanding Volunteers

Amphibian Monitoring	Fran & Shannon Kavanagh
Public Awareness	Wayne Meikle
A Taste of Spring	Catharine Kavanagh & Carole Steeves
Weed Whackers/Vegetation Monitoring	Bev Lane
Vegetation Photography	Phil Smith
Birding Courses	Gus Yaki
Park Watch	Ian Tuckey
Casino Fundraiser	Olivier Aubin & Harry Ripley
Centennial High School	Pat Fulton
Trail Care	Richard Link
Wellness Programs	Naomi Parker
Minibus Tours	Don Cowie

Thank You Fish Creek Provincial Park Staff

- Jim Stomp
- Connie Embreus
- Jennell Rempel
- Dave Humphrey
- Roland Kirzinger
- Rob Hummel
- Troy Christianson
- Arthur Hughes
- Irene Till
- Marie Plavetic
- Bryce Heyman
- Julia Millen
- Shalane DeGruyter
- John Mattix
- Melanie Pachkowski
- Jill Miller
- Jaci Blackwood

Thank You to the Venturers

- Mike Depper
 - Lindsay Watkinson
 - Ed Quiring
 - Michele Jean
- And all the hard-working individuals in this crew!

2013 Friends of Fish Creek Board of Directors

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Vice-Chairman	Emmett Hogan
Treasurer	Phil Greer
Secretary	Bob Morrin
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Director at Large	Carole Steeves
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Thank You 2013 Donors

Beaver Level \$1000 - \$4,999

Bob & Louise Morrin, Janice & Stewart Scott, Fish Creek Naturopathic Medicine

Aspen Level - \$500 - \$749 Skyline Seniors Outdoor Club

Birch Level - \$100 - \$499

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Deer Level: \$5,000 - \$14,999



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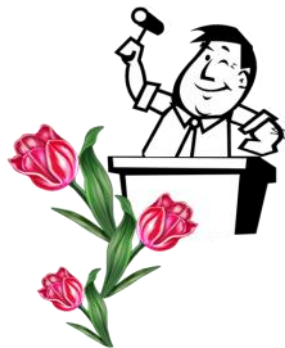
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The Friends of Fish Creek
presents
**A TASTE OF
SPRING!**

The Friends of Fish Creek 3rd annual **A Taste of Spring! Wine and Beer Tasting & Silent Auction** fundraiser took place on Friday, March 8.

Approximately 200 people attended and we raised over \$10,000 in support of the Friends' community outreach and education initiatives. Special thanks to the following companies, organizations, and individuals for supporting this fundraiser, and donating auction items and draw prizes for A Taste of Spring!

• Alberta Parks • Benjamin Moore, South Calgary • Best Western Whitefish • Bill Burwash • Body Things • Calgary Stampede • Canmore Nordic Centre • Canyon Plumbing • Capture the Flag • Caring Hearts & Hands • Chianti's Restaurant, Willow Park • Dr. Dave Cichon, Southport Dental Care • Linda Colclough, Artistry in Motion • Country Pleasures Fly Shop • Jamie Craigen • Creative Growth and Change • Crufts • Custom Framing • Cutco Closing Gifts • Paulo DaCosta • Heather Davis • Dog Gone Healthy • Esso, Fish Creek Village • Fish Creek Chiropractic • Fish Creek Naturopathic Medicine • Fit to the Core • Fort Calgary • Lana Geddes • Goodlife Fitness • Good Time Party Rentals • Green Gate Garden Centre • Heather Forsyth MLA • Halo Restaurant • Honda West • House RestoBar • Hummingbird Medi Spa • Impact Picture Framing • Peter Jakobowski • Brenda Johnson • Jeffrey Kahane, Kahane Law Office • Kensington Art Supply • Rick Kroeker • Little Rock Publishing • Mantra Corp • Maryanne's Eden Art & Garden Gallery • Maxwell Canyon Creek • Cordelia McFadden • MNP LLP • Bob Morrin • Divina and Dominic Muto • Nathalie Boisvert Photography • National Golf Academy • Nelson Homeopathic • Jerry Noga • Jessica Palik • Peaceful Mantra Corp. • Pelican Pier Restaurant • Pies Plus • Remington Developments • Robin Read • Dave Rodney MLA • Boyd and Gail Russell • Carel Scott • Scrapyrd • Soffrito in Canyon Meadows • Spring's Service and Heating • Springbank Cheese • Spruce Meadows • Sunsational Day Spa • SVP Photography • Theatre Calgary • Tom's House of Pizza • Venturer's Society of Calgary • Willow Park Salon and Spa • Winkin Owl • Woody's BBQ • Dorothy Wong • Yoga Dot Calm



2013 Community Partners

The Friends of Fish Creek would like to acknowledge the following organizations for their support over the past year. By sharing resources, we have been able to accomplish our mission more effectively. Special thanks to:

• AB Beverage and Recycling Corporation • AB Council for Environmental Education • AB Environment & Sustainable Resource Development • AB Riparian Habitat Management Society (Cows and Fish) • AB Invasive Species Council • AB Parks • AB Wilderness Association • AM 660 • AM 770 • Blue Rambler • Bow Habitat Station • Bow River Basin Council • Calgary's Child • The Calgary Foundation • The Calgary Herald • Calgary Mountain Bike Alliance • Calgary Public Library • Calgary Zoo • Canada Helps • Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society • Canadian Cooperative Wildlife Health Centre • CBC Calgary • CTV Calgary • Carnivals for Kids at Heart • Centennial High School • The City of Calgary • CJSW • Community Natural Foods • Country Pleasures Fly Fishing • Deer Run Community Association • Ducks Unlimited • Edworthy Park Heritage Society • Emerald Foundation • Evergreen Community Association • Evergreen Theatre • Family Leisure Centre Senior Outdoor Club • FFWD Weekly • Fish Creek Provincial Park Staff • Friends of Kananaskis Country • Global Television Calgary • Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park Foundation • Golden Muse Productions • Kerby Centre • Lake Bonavista Community Association • Little Rock Document Services • Mount Royal University / The Reflector / The Calgary Journal • National Safety Associates • Nature Calgary • Parks Canada Mountain WIT • Peter Puffin's Whale Tales • Propellus (formerly Volunteer Calgary) • Prospect Human Services • Pumphouse Theatre • The Ranche at Fish Creek Restoration Society • The Rotary Club of Calgary • Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, Calgary Centre • Shaw TV Calgary • South Fish Creek Recreation Centre • Southcentre Mall • Southland Leisure Centre • Spruce Meadows • St. Mary's University • Trout Unlimited Canada • Twisted Ink Design & Advertising • University of Calgary • The Venturers Society of Calgary • Volunteer Alberta • Willow Park Wines & Spirits • Woodcreek Seniors Group

Thank you to all local businesses, community centres and constituency offices for displaying our posters, and to all local media outlets and community newsletters for helping raise awareness within the community about our programs and events!

Financial Report

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013, the Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Society improved its financial position by reporting net income (excess of revenues over expenses) of \$56,235 compared to net income of \$2,373 in 2012.

Our revenues for financial reporting purposes were \$347,669 in 2013 compared to \$311,860 in 2012.

We incurred expenses for financial reporting purposes in 2013 of \$291,434, which is comparable to the \$309,487 in expenses incurred in 2012. The most significant individual cash expense is salaries. Our total cash position including term deposits was \$187,654 at September 30, 2013, compared to \$171,219 at September 30, 2012. This cash balance provides us with a strong opening cash balance to fund our operations in the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Because of our strong financial position the Board authorized the transfer of \$30,000 to the Society's restricted "rainy day reserve" to fund ongoing operations, which compares to \$5,000 transferred into the Fund last year. The Fund now totals \$67,500.

To fund our future operations, we will continue to apply for grants and donations but Casinos continue to be a significant source of our funding. In September 2013, we held a Casino which provided us with better than expected cash proceeds of \$62,000 which we received in November 2013. Use of these funds is restricted per our gaming license but a significant portion can be used for our staff's salaries and benefits. Our next casino is scheduled for early 2015.

The Board and Management are continually seeking funding opportunities, particularly sources of unrestricted funds. These initiatives include targeting large Calgary based corporations and known supporters of Fish Creek Park. We are also initiating a planned giving program to facilitate donations through wills and estates as well as recurring donations through automatic bank withdrawals.

The Board has approved a Budget for the 2013/2014 fiscal year that allows the Society to operate a full complement of programs and maintain its current staffing levels.

We have again engaged independent auditors to report on our 2013 financial statements and copies of our audited financial statements are available by contacting the Society's office.

Phil Greer, Treasurer, Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park Society

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Summarized Financial Information (unaudited)

Revenues and expenses	Year ended September 30,	
	2013	2012
Total revenues	\$ 347,669	\$ 311,860
Member and education program expenses	212,181	228,718
Administrative expenses	79,253	80,769
Total expenses	291,434	309,487
Excess of revenues over expenses	56,235	2,373
Financial Position		
<u>Assets</u>		
Unrestricted cash	\$ 29,938	\$ 4,257
Restricted cash	108,636	118,368
Restricted term deposits	49,080	48,594
Total other assets	28,037	35,386
	\$ 215,691	\$ 206,605
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Deferred contributions	\$ 87,682	\$ 146,662
Other liabilities	28,255	16,424
	115,937	163,086
<u>Net Assets</u>		
Internally restricted	70,034	40,300
Unrestricted	29,720	3,219
	99,754	43,519
	\$ 215,691	\$ 206,605