

## **Annual Report 2007 Rose Rehab Charities**

1 May 2006 - 30 April 2007

### **Summary**

#### **Fund Raising**

All of the funds generated this year for Rose Charities Canada were from private donations or fund-raising activities. We raised \$82,357 of which \$58,107 was from personal donations and the rest through fund-raising. This is very close to the amount raised in 2006 (\$81,000). A CIDA grant of \$220,000 was awarded to Rose Charities Sri Lanka in March 2007 for a two year project entitled "Youth Programs for Peace. Rose Charities Canada played a major role in writing and supporting this proposal and has committed to supplying a percentage of the project funding. (approx \$1200/month). We have also undertaken to supply advise and support for Rose Charities Sri Lanka during the course of the project.

Several successful fund-raising activities were carried out this year. Rose Charities signed an agreement with Avanti Productions to support the production of a film "WordLoveWorldLove" which was filmed in Vancouver and Kalmunai Sri Lanka and was about the connection between two grade 6 classes from Sri Lanka and Canada. Photographer Hunter Barnes traveled to Sri Lanka to photograph the project. In June Amanda Yogendran launched UniversiTEA, a project to provide university scholarships for Sri Lankan students. 7 students were sponsored for the 2006 academic year and a further 15 for the 2007 academic year. In August 2006 a fashion auction "BeBare" was hosted by model Noot Seear which raised \$17,000. This was followed by a Sri Lankan dinner later that month which raised a further \$1000. In November a Sri Lankan Soiree was put on by the volunteers and the film WordLove World Love was shown and there was a silent auction. \$7000 were raised. Various presentations were made at venues such as the Probis Womens Group. In October a series of Christmas cards was produced and sold. Project proposals were submitted to several funding agencies, however, apart from the CIDA grant there were no other positive results.

### **Project Activities**

#### **Sri Lanka**

Rose Charities Canada continued to support the project activities of Rose Charities Sri Lanka (RCSL) in Kalmunai, sending \$2000 - \$4000 per month to the program. Due to the deteriorating security situation no Canadian volunteers were sent to Sri Lanka. The project there is now so well established that Canadian volunteer expertise is not deemed necessary. Anthony Richard, the President of Rose Charities Sri Lanka came to Vancouver twice for meetings and discussions. The project has continued to consolidate the Educational Support Program, providing 4 months daily free tuition to over 900 high school students sitting GCE O and A level exams, and University entrance exams. The program used 96 volunteer teachers and was held in 5 schools throughout the town. A pre-school for 44 children from at-risk families was started. ESL classes and tuition was started for children in lower grades. R.C.S.L. took on an extra burden this year as thousands of refugees flocked into Kalmunai escaping the escalating civil war. Rose Charities Canada responded by sending \$1500 extra funding to supply school supplies to 300 refugee children. RCSL was instrumental in the distribution of food and water to the refugees. In March 2007 a \$5000 micro-credit pilot project was launched from a donation from Lawrence Keenan. 30 families were awarded loans of between \$50-\$150. At the end of this financial year...there was a 100% repayment rate. In April RCSL received the first payment from CIDA for the project "Youth Programs for Peace." This grant will lead to a major expansion in the charities activities over the next 24 months. The sum of \$7600 was donated to complete the fencing and drainage of the community centre land. This land is being used temporarily for small farming plots by people living in the TRO camp. A basketball facility is being built through CIDA funding

## **Emergency Response**

There were no emergency response activities in this financial year.

## **Cambodia**

### **Rose Eye Clinic (Rose Charities Cambodia)**

Rose Charities Canada sent \$2317 to the Rose Eye Clinic in Cambodia. This clinic is supported mainly by Rose Charities funds from New Zealand and England. The clinic continues to be Cambodia's premier eye facility for the poor, treating between 1000-1500 patients per month and performing between 100-150 surgeries per month. Rose Charities Canada has made a commitment to increase funding to this clinic, as funding from England will diminish next year.

### **First-Rose Rehabilitative Surgery**

Rose Charities Canada did not send any funds to First-Rose this year, but we facilitated a second visit in October by the surgical team of Operation Rainbow led by Dr Kimit Rai. This team conducted nearly 100 reconstructive surgeries during two weeks and donated equipment and conducted teaching seminars.

## **Student Activities**

While not sending students directly under its name, Rose Charities Canada has facilitated visits by several medical students to the two Cambodian organizations. The locations, particularly Operation First – Rose Charities are proving very popular student elective destinations.

## **Volunteer Activities**

Rose Charities Canada continues to be run entirely by volunteers and the support base continues to grow with many wonderful people donating time, money and resources. At the AGM all the directors were reinstated and have continued to serve Rose Charities with diligence. Eric Vanderluit our treasurer has continued to donate many hours of book-keeping and accounting services through his company Vanderluit and Associates. The bulk of the administrative, promotional and fund-raising activities was carried out by William and Anne Grut and Josephine de Freitas with help from many others. Without the support of volunteers Rose Charities would not achieve all the wonderful things it has done. We look forward to 2008 and many new achievements to come