

Catholic Family Services of the Battlefords Inc.
President's Annual Report
June 17, 2013

On behalf of the Board of Directors for Catholic Family Services of the Battlefords, I am blessed to be able to report another successful year of operation for our organization. We have had a very busy and productive year filled with new challenges and many accomplishments. I am pleased to report that since our 2012 AGM we have no changes to our Board of Directors.

We have had another busy year with fund raising and we continue to depend upon the revenue raised through a variety of events. Our most prominent and successful event in this past year was our 21th Annual Charity Dinner and Auction. Special thanks for the continued generous support of our many donors and the faithful supporters who make this event such a tremendous success. I would like to extend a very sincere thank you to the untiring work and creativity of Carmel Coward, our Resource Development Coordinator, who was so instrumental in the success of this event.

CFS continues to have contracts with the Light of Christ RCSSD#16, Ministry of Social Services and the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General. These services and programs provided by CFS strive to continue to meet the changing needs and demands of our community and surrounding area. In January of 2013 we were able to add another School Plus Counsellor, supporting students in the Light of Christ Catholic School Division. This position is being funded through the generous donations of the Catholic community in North Battleford and with the support of the Prince Albert Dioceses.

The Annual Bishops Luncheon was held on June 06 with a large group of staff and board members present. This event is a wonderful opportunity to recognize staff who have provided long service to our organization.. We were pleased to recognise Karen Richard for 20 years of outstanding service to our organization. His Excellency Bishop Albert Thevenot thanked the many people who make CFS such a vital support in our community. We are most grateful for the continued financial support provided through the Annual Bishop's Appeal.

I would like to sincerely thank the Catholic community of the Battlefords for the continued spiritual and financial support provided to our organization. We look forward to working even more closely with Parish Councils and Deanery representatives in assisting them in providing pastoral care within their parish communities. Special thanks to the many parishioners who support us through donations to the Annual Snow Flake Drive and Special Sunday Collection and many other events.

During this past year we continued to work on our new strategic planning process. We have now confirmed a new mission and vision for the organization, as well as a new set of core beliefs, which will guide us into the future. We also conducted a very successful Executive Director and Board Appraisal process, which will help us in ensuring the effective operation of CFS into the future.

We are truly blessed at CFS to continue to receive overwhelming support from many organizations and individuals within our community. It is through their generous giving that we can continue to provide the much needed services to meet the needs of the many people we serve in our community. I would like to especially recognize and thank the business community of the Battlefords for their ongoing generosity. Thanks also to the Ministry of Social Services and the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General for putting their trust in our organization to provide additional programing and services within the Battlefords.

As I conclude my second year as President, I would like to recognize and thank the staff at CFS for their dedication and service to the many people that they serve. There is no question that they are the heart and soul of our organization and I truly appreciate all that they do. Special thanks to each of the Board Members I have worked with in this last year. It has indeed been a pleasure to work with you as we continue to refine our strategic planning process, in working together to adapt the role of the board into the future to provide the leadership and support needed for our ever changing and growing organization. Thank you also to Gisele L'Heureux our Office Manager and CFO for her outstanding work in this past year in keeping the finances in order for both CFS and the Building Corporation. I would also like to extend a very special thank you to Karen Richard our Executive Director. Under Karen's leadership CFS continues to be a well-respected agency growing and adapting to meet the needs of the people of the Battlefords.

In closing may God continue to richly bless the work and all those associated with CFS. It is an honour and privilege to be part of providing this valuable service to the families and individuals of the Battlefords.

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