

Catholic Family Services of the Battlefords Inc.
Presidents Annual Report March 17,2008

Once again Catholic Family Services of the Battlefords has had another successful year. The Board has been actively involved with the administration of the Agency. We have had two board resignations and wish to thank both Sandra Strongberg and Gil Belivance for their strong and dedicated service. Dennis Mercer also has resigned and we welcome Yvonne Loehndorf for accepting the position as Representative for the Deanery with the Agency. We are currently looking for new Board members and are hopeful that we will be successful in filling the vacant positions. I would like to thank all the present board members for their continued dedicated service that they have been giving to the Agency.

We continue to depend upon the revenue raised through fundraising to meet our financial commitments and have had another very busy year with a variety of events. The largest and most successful continues to be the Annual Charity Dinner and Auction. Once again we are busy preparing for this years event which should prove to be one of the best yet. We wish to thank all the many generous donors and faithful supporters who continue to make this event such a success. I also would like to thank our Resource Development Coordinator for her creativity and hard work in coming up with new and novel ways for fundraising.

We have had to increase the working time for our Administrator Assistant to allow her to complete her work for both the Agency and CFS Building Corporation. This arrangement continues to be working out very well. We are grateful to her for her expertise and for all her hard work in keeping our finances in order.

CFS continues to have contracts with Light of Christ RCSSD#16, Ministry of Social Services and Saskatchewan Justice. The services and programs provided by CFS continue to strive to meet the ever growing and demanding needs and changes that are evident in this community. Further information concerning these programs will be provided in the Executive Directors report.

We once again had an opportunity to meet with his Excellency Bishop Blaise Moran at our Annual Luncheon. Following his inspirational message to the Board and CFS staff, awards for Years of Service and retiring Board members were recognized. He also indicated that the Bishops Annual Appeal had gone well and that he hoped that more revenue could be directed toward the CFS Agencies of both Prince Albert and the Battlefords, so as to assist them in their vital work.

We wish to thank the Parishes for their support, both financially and spiritually. We look forward to working more closely with the Parish Councils and the Deanery Representative in assisting them with Christ's Work in the parish communities. We also, wish to thank the many Catholic parishioners who continue to support us through the Annual Snow Flake Drive, Collection Sunday and in so many other ways.

We continue to work on the Board Strategic Plan and anticipate that it will be completed this year. We are presently reviewing all CFS Policies to bring them in line with new government rules and regulations.

We at CFS are thankful to all the many organizations and individuals who continue to support the Agency which allows it to do the work necessary for the community. We wish to recognize the generosity of the Diocese of Prince Albert, the Charitable Foundation of the K of C, the K of C Councils in the Deanery, CWL Councils, Parish Councils, Religious Orders and individual Catholic supporters. Thank you for your continued support. We also wish to thank the many other organizations and individuals in the community that support the Agency in a very generous way. We continue to depend upon this support and generosity, which allows the Agency to provide the highest level of service to meet the needs of the Battlefords community.

At this time I wish to express my deepest and sincerest thanks to the CFS Board members who I have the honor of serving with, for their continued dedication and support to the Agency. For some of you, the service to the Agency has become a work of labor, and for this we all are very indebted. I would once again like to thank the Executive Director Karen Richard for her strong compassionate leadership and continued support in assisting with the delivery of CFS services to the community. Under her direction CFS has continued to grow and provide new and innovative services to the Battlefords. A very special thanks to all the CFS Staff for their continued dedication in delivering the services and programs to the CFS clients under their care.

May God bless all of you who work and provide assistance to CFS in doing His work for the families and individuals of the Battlefords.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Cockburn, President CFS of the Battlefords Inc.
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