

**Catholic Family Services of the Battlefords Inc.**  
**Presidents Annual Report – June 21, 2010**

On behalf of the Board of Directors for Catholic Family Services of the Battlefords, I am once again reporting another successful year. It has been a very busy year with many new challenges. We have had two board resignations and wish to thank Eugene Rice for his 7 years of dedicated service to the agency on the Policy Committee and pray for his speedy recovery. We also want to thank and recognize Barb Bauche for her 9 years of service with the agency assisting the Board with the CFS Strategic Plan and the personal committee. We again are looking for new Board members and are hopeful that we will be successful in filling the vacant positions. I would also like to thank all the present Board members for their continued professional dedicated service to the agency. It has been an honor to work with both the past and present board members.

We continue to depend upon fundraising for the necessary revenue to meet many of our financial commitments and have had a very busy year with a variety of events. Our most successful and popular fundraiser continues to be the Annual Charity Dinner and Auction which was sold out this year. Special thanks for the continued generosity of donors and faithful supporters who make it a success. Much of the thanks for the success of the fundraisers are due to the continued hard work and creativity of Carmel Coward, our Resource Development Coordinator.

Thanks you also to the Administrative Assistant Gisele L'Heureux for taking care of the financial business for both CFS the Building Corporation. This has been another busy year with a new computer program to implement.

We are saddened to have to report that we have had to reduce our contract with Light of Christ RCSSD#16 to one School Councilor due to a reduction in funds to the School District. We are hopeful that this is only a temporary situation and will be dealt with in the near future. We continue to have contract with the Ministry of Social Services and Saskatchewan Justice. The services and programs provided by CFS continue to strive to meet the ever changing and demanding needs of the community. Further information concerning these programs will be provided by the Executive Directors report.

We had the privilege to share the Bishops Luncheon with his Excellency Bishop Albert Thevenot in May and hear his encouraging words of support for the work being done by the agency in the Battlefords. We are grateful for his strong endorsement of the agency and the funding it receives from the Annual Bishops Appeal.

We wish to thank the Parishes for their continued support both spiritually and financially and look forward to work closely with the Parish council and the Deanery Representative in assisting them to do Christ's work in the parish communities. We also wish to thank the many agencies and parishioners who continue to support CFS through the Annual Snow Flake Drive, Special Sunday Collection and in so many other ways.

We plan on reviewing the Board Strategic Plan again this year and hope to complete the CFS Policies to bring them up to date. A date will be set to complete this early in the fall.

We at CFS continue to be very thankful to all the many organizations and individuals who support the agency, which allows it to do the necessary work in the community. We wish to recognize the continued generosity of the Diocese of Prince Albert, the K of C Charitable Foundation, K of C Councils in the Deanery, CWL Councils, Parish Councils, Religious Orders, and individual Catholic supporters. With your continued support we are able to provide the highest level of service to meet the needs of the Battlefords community.

And once again, I wish to express my deepest and sincerest thank you to the CFS board members who I have had the privilege to serve with this past year... In particular I wish to recognize Karen Richard, Executive Director of CFS for her strong compassionate leadership and assistance in the delivery of the many programs and services conducted by CFS in the Battlefords. Under her direction CFS continues to become a stronger organization and meets the needs of the community. Finally, very special thanks to all the CFS staff for their continued dedication in the delivery of the programs and services to the CFS clients under their care.

Finally, 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 of the Board for CFS of the Battlefords Inc.

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