



CANADIAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

A COMMITTEE OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS) IN CANADA

Annual Appeal and Report 2012

Dear Friends,

Once a year, I ask for your support. **Thank you to all who responded last year** – in a difficult economic time we still almost reached our goal, and made a difference in the lives of people and communities in Canada and around the world. I hope that you will be able to donate generously this year and, especially if you have never donated, that you will give it thoughtful consideration.

360 years ago, in 1652, George Fox climbed Pendle Hill and had a vision of a “great people to be gathered” – so began the rise of Quakerism. As Margaret Fell implied in 1660, Quakerism is a call to action:

“We are a people that follow after those things that make for peace, love, and unity; it is our desire that others’ feet may walk in the same, and do deny and bear our testimony against all strife and wars and contentions ...”



CFSC's election monitors, like Athena Maden (left), found the experience intense and rewarding.

CFSC partners around the world are these kinds of people who put faith into action. Here are just some of the things your donation has helped manifest:

- **Election Monitoring:** CFSC coordinated a five-member election monitoring team to work with peacebuilding partner, Project Muinda, as they support the democratic development of the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- **Maternal and child health:** Over four years, 186 physicians and 14 nurses have been training in the Advanced Labour and Risk Management program – and 31 physicians are now trainers in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. The groundwork is laid for a second phase: graduates will develop a program for nurses and midwives. Important changes in practice, like active resuscitation of newborns, and care of complications after miscarriage, will save the lives of many women and babies.

- **Peace Camps:** The Africa Great Lakes Initiative runs workcamps and internships to support peacebuilding work by local Quakers. Canadian Friends, like Sheila Harvard and Mary Edgar, have participated in workcamps through CFSC Individual Grants (*Contact CFSC to learn more about grant opportunities*).

Here in Canada we also passionately live these values. CFSC-funded grassroots projects engage local communities in providing education and seeding positive change. A few examples:

- **Refugees:** Toronto Meeting's refugee committee assists hundreds of refugees to access settlement services and the immigration system.
- **Restorative justice:** "Instruments for Change" engages musicians to teach music to incarcerated women as a way to express their experience in the Fraser Valley (BC).
- **Indigenous peoples:** The Beausoleil Pow-Wow on Christian Island (ON) enables Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples to meet and celebrate Indigenous culture.
- **Prison justice:** Spring House hosts families and friends visiting persons who are incarcerated in the Springhill Institution (NS).



Monica Walters-Field, who provides logistical support to CFSC work during the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, meets National Chief Shawn Atleo of the Assembly of First Nations, a CFSC partner.

Without you, there is no Service Committee.

The world today needs "a great people to be gathered", to act in unity to turn the tide by seeding a more loving, peaceful, and sustainable world. **Your support helps** people to learn about and get involved in issues through workshops and educational sessions. **Your support enables** engagement with policymakers at all levels:

- **Indigenous rights:** Staff and volunteers work tirelessly to advance the standards of Indigenous rights world-wide: offering learning opportunities, commenting on policy directions and current practices, and networking with partners and government representatives giving us the opportunity to influence decisions taken by member states and the UN.



Students receiving training on safe labour techniques in Iraqi Kurdistan.

- **Justice legislation:** Friends' deep concerns about a more punitive justice system were advanced through critique of the Safe Streets and Communities Act (Bill C-10).
- **Coalitions:** Recognizing that we are stronger and more effective when we work together, we are active in coalitions such as Kairos, Project Ploughshares, the Church Council on Justice and Corrections, etc.

Your support is more critical than ever.

With four proposals to the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) turned down in recent years, we have less support. CIDA has cut its support to many of its long-term partners and shifted to a competitive bidding system that makes it very difficult for smaller agencies like CFSC to get funding.

These are challenging times in every area of our work – peace education, restorative justice, Indigenous rights, overseas development.

Together, let's financially support our collective work that seeks to live out the principles of love, peace and unity. Turn over this page to find how.

I thank you for being a part of this work and believing in its potential.

In Friendship,



Lesley Robertson
Clerk, Canadian Friends Service Committee

p.s. CFSC's work changes the lives of others, and it changes us.

*At a dinner at Friends House Toronto, days before being deported, US War Resister Kim Rivera said, "Through people like you and so many others I have met, I discovered whole new worlds. I discovered myself. No matter what happens, nothing will ever take that away from me." All present could have said the same. **Let your lives speak and be changed by supporting this work.***

p.p.s. Reminder for Quaker

donors: A donation to Canadian Yearly Meeting's Annual Appeal does not fund CFSC's programs; CYM pays for board member travel to meetings, not program. Please donate directly to CFSC to support CFSC's work.



Conscientious objector Kim Rivera (3rd from left) with supporters at Friends House Toronto, days before her deportation.

How can you help?

Join our Monthly Donor Program. Why? Your monthly donation - even as easy as \$10 or \$20 a month (though more is always welcome!) - helps people in communities in Canada and around the world working for peace and sustainability. Tick the box on the donor card and we will send you the form - it is easy, safe and you receive one tax receipt at year-end. If you need to change arrangements or cancel, we are glad to take care of this for you without question.

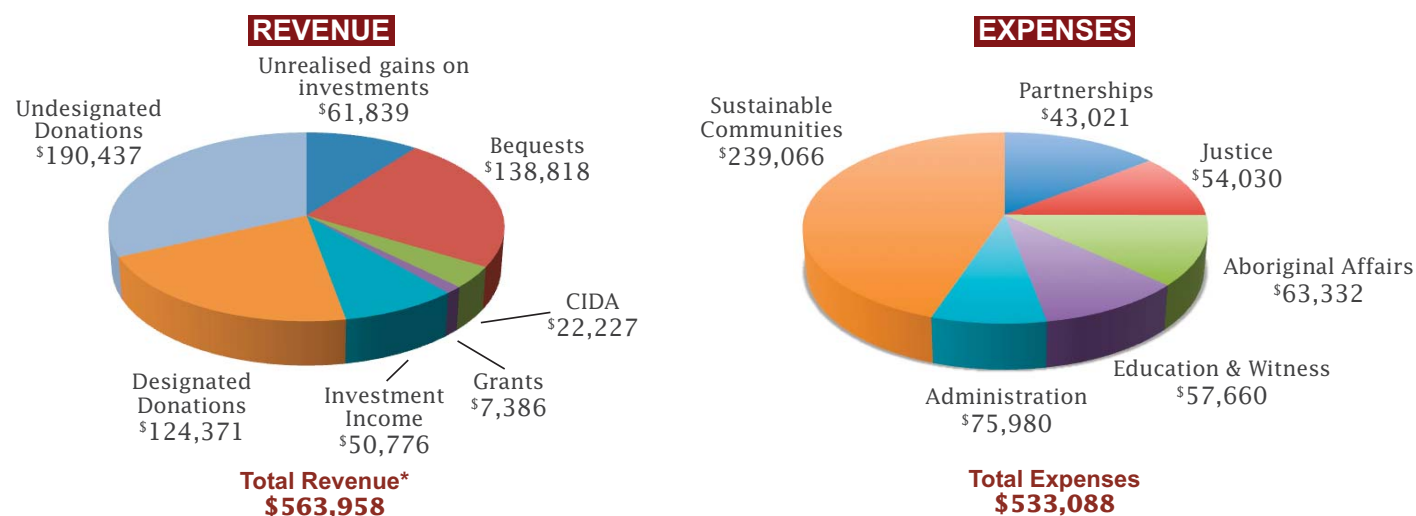
If you are already a monthly donor, thank you! Would you consider increasing your impact with an increase of \$5 or \$10/month. You might feel it a little, but our partners will feel it a lot!

If you are most comfortable with a one-time annual gift, would you consider increasing your contribution?

We thank you for your support.

Financial Report: 2011 – 2012

Undesignated donations grew by 2.76% - good news! Revenue from CIDA for the Care-to-Care project (Iraq) ended this year and we have no other CIDA projects. Expenses came in slightly less than what had been budgeted, attesting to CFSC's prudent planning and focused capacities. Bequest funds, and unrealized gains on investments, enabled CFSC to end the year with a \$30,870 surplus; without them, we would have had a \$169,787 deficit. As you can see, increased individual contributions are essential for the future of CFSC's programs.



*Includes realized losses on investments (\$31,896).



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