Aunt Leah’s Independent Lifeskills Society

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Aunt Leah’s Society helps prevent children in foster care from becoming homeless, and mothers in need from losing custody of their children. To support them on their journey of self-sufficiency, we provide supported housing, job training and coaching on essential life skills.

**Core Values**

- Celebration is essential to a successful life.
- An individual’s artistic/soulful centre must be expressed and appreciated.
- Success is fragile and must be tended to and supported with care.
- All behaviour has meaning and is the human tool for communication.
- Entrepreneurial spirit builds individuals and organizations.
- Community building ensures that we all have a place to go when we need support.

**Areas of Service**

Aunt Leah’s offers four areas of support services in Metro Vancouver for youth and young moms to help them transition to independent living.

**HOUSING:**
The housing we provide consists of semi-independent living suites plus communal living for young single moms and their babies.

**JOB TRAINING:**
Job Training opportunities are available for work in restaurants, retail stores and landscaping. Training includes work experience, help with resumes, interviewing and finding jobs for youth.

**LIFE SKILLS TRAINING:**
Life skills are the basic life management skills necessary for independent living, including banking, budgeting, health and well being, laundry, cleaning, shopping and cooking.

**QUALITY OF LIFE OPPORTUNITIES:**
In addition to the necessities, we provide Quality of Life Opportunities - participation in activities that add meaning to life – personal celebrations, recreation and group outings.
Message From The Board Chair
James McCullum

On behalf of the board of Aunt Leah’s I write this report to all members and those attending the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

The board has worked well together this year. We have faced the usual tensions related to financial anxieties. We have heard exciting reports of our programs: Aunt Leah’s House, Support Link, and the three training programs: Retail, Landscape and the Cooking Club. We have supported and attended fundraisers: Kindness for Kids, Lonely Hearts Club Band, and Christmas Tree sales.

This year we endorsed the New Beginnings Campaign to raise sufficient funds to meet the federal government’s grant towards the purchase of Aunt Leah’s house for moms and babies. We have rented it for twenty years and with the grant from the Homelessness fund we will be able to own it and save the monthly rent. Gale and her staff have worked very hard on providing data for the funders and have maintained a cheerful countenance through it all. To date we have raised approximately $50,000 in this campaign. We express deep gratitude to our donors who have walked with us and supported the campaign.

We have met nine times as a board. We were grateful to Marty Frost for his expert counsel on financial planning and goal setting. Megan Halprin has kept our minutes up to date and given her expertise in board procedures very effectively.

I am grateful to the members of the Board for the way they have assumed responsibilities this year. We had new members – Mark Hainsworth, Jeremy Gruman, Kirstin Jamieson, Sara Getz, joining continuing members: Molly Caron, Marty Frost, Megan Halprin, Tammy Munro, Bina Bawa and myself. Unfortunately Mark and Jeremy have been unable to continue as board members for the coming year.

My final words are for Gale Stewart, our founder and Executive Director, whose creative energy and efficient management have enabled Aunt Leah’s to keep on a clear path of service to our community. We can never thank Gale enough for her many gifts. We also thank the staff, particularly the Management Team of Brook Calvert, Theresa Olson and Sarah Stewart for the efficient and gracious way they carry the society to reflect the goals we have adopted.

Respectfully submitted

James McCullum
Chair, Aunt Leah’s Board of Directors
As we begin this new fiscal, we have much to celebrate. In contrast to last year’s report, this year has not only been an exceptionally good year but an historic one. We began the year with a new government contract and a return to our founding program to provide residential services to aboriginal teen mothers and their infants. The work around meeting new licensing standards and setting up the staff model have been gigantic but now the program is up and running and moms and babies once more fill the bedrooms at the Aunt Leah’s House.

An exciting “add on” to this new programming was our successful acquisition of a grant from the “Homelessness Partnering Strategy” of the federal government for funds to purchase the Aunt Leah’s House. This is very exciting and a significant milestone for the organization. Our first ownership, and the stability of knowing that we have a resource available that will always be used to provide housing for vulnerable and homeless mothers.

I would like to thank the John Hardie-Mitchell Family Foundation, the Timothy C. Kerr Family Foundation and the Yunnan Foundation for their financial support so that we could meet the initial grant requirements. Also to the many individual donors who responded to our “New Beginnings” Campaign. Collectively (Foundations & Individual Donors) Aunt Leah’s received contributions of over $200,000.00. This provided evidence to the federal government that Aunt Leah’s could remove its deficit and have the resources to provide new programming through the purchase of the Aunt Leah’s House.

In March I said goodbye to Bruce Ambrose, a long-time friend and loyal supporter of Aunt Leah’s. His death marked an end to our many chats. I will always affectionately remember his diligence and patience in helping me become a better fundraiser. During the last weeks of his life he still called to refer names of people he thought might support the “New Beginnings Campaign” and the Aunt Leah’s Teen Moms.

As always, I would like to thank the Aunt Leah’s staff for their dedication and skill in caring for some of the most vulnerable children in our province. I would also like to thank Jim McCullum, board chair and Marty Frost, board treasurer. They have been and continue to be a great support to the “New Beginnings Campaign” and the provision of wisdom through the process of winning the federal grant. To the other board members: Bina, Jeremy, Kristin, Mark, Megan, Molly and Tammy – It is always an enjoyable to experience to gather with you to discuss and plan what is best for the future of Aunt Leah’s.

This year, we expanded the wording of the organization’s mandate. It now reads:

“Aunt Leah’s Society helps prevent children in foster care from becoming homeless, and mothers in need from losing custody of their children. To support them on their journey of self-sufficiency, we provide supported housing, job training and coaching on the essential skills.”

It’s important for me to read and re-read the mandate to remind myself and then to convey a similar reminder to you the reader that it is a sacred act to help any child, how much more the importance of the work for homeless and unprotected children. Thank you for your continued support.

In the spirit of Leah

Gale Stewart
Executive Director
Board of Directors

Aunt Leah’s Board Members volunteered over 500 hours from April 2009 to March 2010. In addition to their work in governance, they also assisted with several fundraising events throughout the year. Thank you for your hard work and dedication!

James McCullum
Board Chair
Retired Anglican Priest

Megan Halprin
Board Secretary
Chief Financial Officer
Snowflake Trading Corp. Ltd.

Jeremy Gruman
Board Member
Owner/Operator
Jeremedia Digital Solutions

Molly Caron
Board Member
Contractor
Common Sense Consulting

Kristin Jamieson
Board Member
Associate Partner
Compton Fundraising Consultants

Sara Getz
Board Member
Senior Development Officer
Advancement Office
St. George’s School

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Board Member
Engineer and Project Team Leader
PMC-Sierra, Inc.

Bina Bawa
Board Member
Account Manager, Business Banking
HSBC Bank Canada

Marty Frost
Treasurer
Human Ventures
Cooperative and Non-Profit Development and Training

Tammy Munro
Board Member
Aboriginal Infant Development Consultant
Vancouver/Coastal AIDP Regional Advisor

Back row: Mark Hainsworth, Marty Frost, Jim McCullum, Jeremy Gruman.
Middle row: Sara Getz, Megan Halprin, Gale Stewart.
Front Row: Molly Caron (with Scarlett), Kristin Jamieson, Bina Bawa. Inset: Tammy Munro.

Staff Members

Management Team
Brook Calvert
Director of Operations
Theresa Olson
Director of Communications and Donor Relations
Gale Stewart
Executive Director
Sarah Stewart
Program Director

Administration & Development
Karin King
Fundraising Assistant
Jan Lovick
Volunteer Coordinator
Erika Morgan
Admin and Fundraising Assistant
Tracy Phare
Admin Assistant
Kim Gale-Gotowiec
Admin and Fundraising Assistant
Paul Stewart
Christmas Tree Lots General Manager

Aunt Leah’s Thrift Store
Angelina Oates
Thrift Store Manager
Jean Paul Bouchard
Thrift Store Staff/Trainer
Lauren McGuire-Wood
Thrift Store Assistant
Fran Rajanayagun
Thrift Store Assistant
Brandon McLean
Thrift Store Donation Pick-ups
Scott Finlay
Thrift Store Donation Pick-ups
Anne Banner
Thrift Store Assistant

Support Link Program
Pam Costello
Residential Programs Coordinator
Joanne Orbeck
Support Worker
Sarah Thomas
Support Worker
Connie Babiak
Support Worker
Peter Poole
Support Worker
Bridget Orford
Purchasing Manager
Paul Stewart
Maintenance Manager

Aunt Leah’s House
Pam Costello
Residential Programs Coordinator
Candice Lander
Aunt Leah’s House Supervisor
Autumn Moreno
Family Support Worker
Dawn Fletcher
Family Support Worker
Erin Mullen
Family Support Worker
Karla Lauten
Family Support Worker
Laura Balaski
Family Support Worker
Cathy Watson
Family Support Worker
Natasha DeMarchi
Family Support Worker
Lorraine Evans
Family Support Worker

Training Programs
Antonio Dominelli
Cooking Club Chef and Trainer
Tai Tang
Food Preparation Worker
Paul Stewart
Landscape Maintenance Program Coordinator
Angelina Oates
Retail Training Program Coordinator
This Year’s Highlights

There were many amazing opportunities for the youth and moms at Aunt Leah’s this past year. Programs that were previously closed due to unsustainable funding were either re-opened this year or received funds to re-open after April 2010. These include the Cooking Club, Thresholds and Link Programs. We also began a new program – Landscape Training where young people now have another option for learning entry level job skills. Manning Park was visited once again by the teen boys and girls in Support Link who received lessons in skiing and snowboarding. Teens, moms and babies also enjoyed summer trips to the Gulf Islands. These mini-vacations are always well attended and enjoyed as lasting memories are created through experiences they wouldn’t otherwise have without the help of our donors. In November 2009, Aunt Leah’s received the Service Provider Award of Excellence from the Representative for Children and Youth. In February, VANOC provided tickets for our youth to attend the Opening Ceremonies of the Olympics, Victory Celebrations, Men’s Hockey, Curling and Sledge Hockey - a once in a lifetime opportunity that won’t be forgotten.

Aunt Leah’s House

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“You have given me more gifts than I could ever put into words. Thank you so much for caring.”

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“From the first step into that house I knew that was where I needed to be. The staff supported me emotionally, physically, and mentally during this very difficult time of my life.”


Aunt Leah’s receives the Service Provider Award of Excellence. Staff: Theresa Olson, Brook Calvert, Sarah Stewart and Pam Costello. Award Presented by Mary Ellen Turpel Lafond and Joy Spencer-Barry.

Staff from Aunt Leah’s House at the Annual Youth and Moms Christmas Party—Candice, Dawn, Pam, Erin, Andree and Laura.
Support Link
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 Upon successful completion of the program, students are invited to attend a graduation ceremony and be provided with a certificate and reference from their trainer. The Cooking Club operates in partnership with St. Mark’s Community Meal. The Community Meal happens every Thursday at 12 noon. St. Mark’s welcomes the community to come and enjoy a free meal. The customers range from the elderly, working poor, homeless and the isolated. The Cooking Club Chef, staff and students are responsible for preparing the meal. Our Students work with our Chef to prepare a main course meal and a vegetarian option for 100 people. In addition there are add-on menu items specifically for the students to prepare based on their interest and available time in the program. The Cooking Club hours are Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 am – 12 noon. Lunch is also provided for the students. Certification workshops are provided in Food Safe and World Host. Students are teens from the community, from our residential programs and we also have had students who were referred by the Down Syndrome Foundation.

Cooking Club
Employment and life skills training through classroom and on-site learning in cooking and service skills, while providing nutritious meals for community members.

Aunt Leah’s Cooking Club Program operates out of St. Mark’s Anglican Church located at 1805 Larch Street (and W. 2nd Ave) in Vancouver. It is a 12 week program designed to provide students with some basic cooking skills as well as experience preparing food in a commercial kitchen. Our goal is to teach students how to prepare various meals (from scratch) including vegetarian dishes. The emphasis is on good tasting quality food, frugal food cost, and good nutrition. Students leave the program with experience in food preparation, kitchen safety and sanitation, food handling and a set of recipes to prepare at home.

Gale Stewart and Joanne Orbeck congratulate 2009 Jeremy Wright Award Winner Johnny Robotham
Angelina Oates serving cake to guests and students at the Spring 2010 Graduation for Aunt Leah’s Training Programs
Staff and Graduates from the Cooking Club Program.
Brayden receives his Graduation Certificate from Cooking Club Chef and Training Antonio Dominelli

“My daughter’s feelings of self-worth have sky-rocketed. She feels confident in dealing with people, carrying out tasks that are assigned and taking on new challenges.”

Within 2.5 years after leaving government care at 19, 85 percent of youths had been charged with a crime and 38 percent had been diagnosed with depression. Just 21 percent of youths in care graduate from high school, compared to 78 percent across the province. – University of Victoria’s ‘Promoting Positive Outcomes for Youth From Care’
Retail Training
This program operates out of Aunt Leah’s Thrift Store and is designed for youth to receive skills, training and experience in retail businesses.

Aunt Leah’s Retail Training Program is located in our Thrift Store on Marine Drive in Vancouver. It is a twelve-week program designed to provide students with an overview of the Retail industry and teach them the skills they will need to obtain a job in the field. Students leave the program with experience in customer service, cash handling, sales, advertising, promotion, inventory, pricing, display and stocking. They also complete eight hours of World Host and eight hours of Essential Skills training while in the program. Upon successful completion of the program, students are invited to attend a graduation ceremony and are provided with a job reference from their trainer. We celebrated three graduation ceremonies last year.

Landscape Training
Offers teens the opportunity to learn landscaping skills in order to be job ready for employment in landscape maintenance.

Aunt Leah’s Landscape Training Program is a 12 week program that operates in the Metro Vancouver area. It is designed to provide students with some basic landscaping skills as well as building up the student’s physical strengths and abilities in order to be job ready for employment in landscape maintenance. The Program is available for all current and past participants of Aunt Leah’s residential programs. Aunt Leah’s Landscape Training Supervisor, Paul Stewart, has a masters degree in Agriculture and experience operating a landscaping business. Students leave the program with knowledge and experience in lawn maintenance, operation and care of landscaping equipment, pruning, planting, garden design, green waste and chemical waste removal. The venues for Landscape Training are customers who are interested in supporting Aunt Leah’s Society and its work. Customers pay market price plus a fee for training costs. This has been a very popular new program among the youth at Aunt Leah’s.
As an example of the "scale" of the problem: We currently have 12 women on our Fir Square Unit at BC Women's Hospital and 10 of them are homeless! This would ultimately mean that most of these babies born to these women are at risk of being placed into foster care simply because of a lack of housing! This is both a social and economic cost that is unacceptable in a society such as ours.

Dr. Ron Abrahams, Medical Director, Perinatal Addictions, BC Women’s Hospital

**The Link Program**

An outreach program designed to promote a successful transition to adulthood for children ageing out of the foster care system.

The Link Program is designed to assist the foster children leaving Aunt Leah’s Residential Programs to transition on to independence successfully without having to experience being homeless. Aunt Leah’s has received a three year funding grant from the Vancouver Foundation to operate the Link Program over the next three years. The Link Program will provide youth leaving Aunt Leah’s Residential Programs with a Transition Worker to connect and assist them with challenges that may arise as they embark on the fragile beginnings of independence. In addition there will be three emergency short term suites for our young people to access should they encounter difficulty with their housing situation.

**Thresholds**

A supportive housing and life skills program for adult women who are working on establishing a positive community for themselves and their children.

The Thresholds program is a supportive housing program for mothers who need additional support in providing themselves with safe affordable housing and a positive supportive community. Two years ago Aunt Leah’s Society had to make the difficult decision to close the Thresholds Program due to unsustainable funding. This past year Aunt Leah’s gratefully received enough funds to re-open The Thresholds Program with one suite for a mom and baby. We have received two grants from the Vancity Foundation and the Face the World Foundation as well as support from individual donors. The Thresholds Program has a very positive impact on the women and families that it serves. Aunt Leah’s is very excited to be able to begin this positive work again and hopes to be able to obtain the funds to continue.

“I truly believe that if it wasn’t for the support of all the staff at Aunt Leah’s I wouldn’t have my daughter home with me.”

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Kim, Amber and Tracy - former Thresholds Program Participants join us at a Christmas Celebration

Arafa, Atim and a friend join us for dinner at our 2009 Golf Tournament

Brandon and Shamus join us with their moms at our 2009 Golf Tournament

Kim introduces her son to Santa
Participants Served Through Aunt Leah’s Programs

Aunt Leah’s Programs
FINANCIALS April 1, 2009 - March 31, 2010

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Total participants receiving services and total attendance for the year 233 1129

Individual Participants refers to the number of individuals per program that year and the Total Attendance refers to the total times an individual accessed the program or service. For residential programs, an increase in Total Attendance occurs when a participant leaves and then re-enters the program.
The Jeremy Wright Award

“Follow Your Bliss”

Aunt Leah’s presents this award in memory of Jeremy Wright, a Support Worker who was very special to us. It is presented to a youth living in the Support Link Program who has strived to achieve their personal best and who most “follows their bliss”. The award is based on character and determination. Any member of the Support Link team can nominate a youth and the decision is made by the Support Link and Leadership Teams. This year the award will be presented at our Annual General Meeting.

2010 Recipient of the Jeremy Wright Award

Ben Arcand

Aunt Leah’s met Ben when he was 18 years old and moved into the Support Link Program. Ben took full advantage of all the program had to offer. Ben attended ILFFY workshops every week and fully participated. He attended a variety of recreational activities including the annual ski trip to Manning Park. Ben has also been attending the Elder Circle that is held each month for Aunt Leah’s program participants. Ben moved out of the Support Link Program in May transitioning to independence. Ben is a kind and thoughtful young man who is always willing to learn from others and try new things. Ben is a positive person who looks for the good in other people.

Ben has a clear idea of what he wants to do in his life and is pursuing his dream. Ben has a desire to become a mechanic and is striving to complete his goal. Ben is currently working on his 1969 Dodge Truck, one piece at a time. Ben has completed his first year of mechanics and is currently looking at places to do his apprenticeship. We’ve enjoyed having Ben in our programs and we wish him all the best for his future.

The Rona Award

This award is presented in honor of Rona Castagnier, long time co-worker and friend of Aunt Leah’s Society. Rona was a very strong, kind, compassionate and proud person. Rona wouldn’t hesitate to give someone her last dollar if they were in need, even if it meant that she would go without. In honour of Rona, Aunt Leah’s gives an annual award and bursary to a student from one of Aunt Leah’s Training Programs who has shown the characteristics that Rona appreciated the most: kindness, compassion, strength and pride.

2010 Recipient of the Rona Award

Andrew Avik

“Andy” was a participant in Aunt Leah’s Retail Training Program. He was an excellent student who sought opportunities for growth and involvement in community. Andy participated fully in the program and showed strengths in problem solving, working independently and as a team, following direction and was always efficient and professional. Andy was always willing to take part in activities where help was needed, even if it wasn’t part of the program curriculum. He participated in our Fall Graduation Fashion Show and helped with food service at our Youth Christmas Party. He completed 13 weeks of Training at Aunt Leah’s Thrift Store and will be returning for our Spring 2011 session to earn his World Host Certificate and graduate from the program. Outside of Aunt Leah’s, Andy has taken part in many programs and activities for other Youth and Community Groups. Andy is a volunteer for the Federation For BC Youth In Care Network and was featured in their newsletter, “The Power Pages”. He has participated in many programs at PLEA Community Service Society and completed the HAVE Cooking Program where he earned his FoodSafe Certification. Andy is currently working part time at a trendy restaurant on Main Street and he loves his job. Andy is so much fun to be around. He is always in a good mood and ready to work and help his fellow students. He takes pride in his work and he is also kind and compassionate to others which is what makes him a deserving recipient of the 2010 Rona Award.
In Memory
Of Bruce Ambrose
1948-2010

Bruce Ambrose was a long time friend of Aunt Leah’s and a generous supporter and valued advisor.

In Memory
Of Peni Leigh Williams
1980-2009

“Payge” was a participant in Aunt Leah’s Thresholds Program. She will be remembered for her contagious laughter and kindness.
The Kindness For Kids Initiative

Thank you to everyone who became a member of our Kindness For Kids Initiative. The Kindness For Kids Initiative is a new way of looking at our financial planning for the future. Pledges and monthly donations contribute to a regular flow of funds which helps us in planning our programs for youth and families. This provides us with a source of undesignated funds which can be used where they are needed most and promotes long-term sustainability for the organization. Thank you to the following people for their support of vulnerable youth and families into the future.

Kindness For Kids Pledges

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