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President's Message



Another year has passed, and I continue to be impressed by the generosity and support shown for the Yellowknife Community Foundation by the people of Yellowknife, and the people who in one way or another, have been touched by the spirit of Yellowknife.

Last year's Annual Report included an article about Donald Hurd, who passed away in 2003. Don was a supporter of the Yellowknife Community Foundation, almost from its inception. He first came to Yellowknife in 1945, and although he did not reside here for long, he loved the North.

This past year, the directors of the Foundation, past and present, were very humbled to learn that Don had left a significant bequest to the Yellowknife Community Foundation in his will. Selfless by nature, Don epitomized the spirit of giving to the community. He supported the work of the Foundation through regular donations, but never sought or wanted personal recognition. He shunned the spotlight, politely declining any offer to feature or recognize his dedicated support. He is a model for all, and his generosity will continue to benefit Yellowknifers for many, many years to come.

It is an unfortunate irony that the growth of the Yellowknife Community Foundation sometimes results from the passing away of members of the community. It is even more difficult when those individuals are personal friends, and friends of so many in the community. 2004/2005 saw the establishment of two funds in memory of such individuals.

In December of 2004, the Gary Robinson Memorial Fund was established in memory of a young man who lived life to its fullest, and who had a deep appreciation for all that Yellowknife and the North has to offer. Gary was always willing to lend a hand to those in need, and the fund that has been established in his memory will continue that spirit of helping. The Fund will be used to support search and rescue/recovery activities and emergency response training.

In the Spring of 2005, the David Sutherland Memorial Fund was established. David's passion was cross-country skiing and he devoted countless hours teaching youth to ski, training and coaching competitive cross-country skiers, officiating at competitions, and doing a myriad of other activities to promote cross-country skiing in the North. Although David had retired and left Yellowknife at the time of his death, he left a legacy that will live on for many years in the youth that he taught. The Fund that has been established in his memory will be used to support the activities and development of young cross-country skiers in the North.

With the generous support shown to these funds, (but exclusive of the bequest from the estate of Donald Hurd, which is still being finalized), the capital funds of the

Yellowknife Community Foundation increased to almost \$500,000 by the summer of 2005. Over 1,000 individuals and organizations have contributed to the Foundation, and many of these continue to contribute on a regular basis. In addition, there are several corporate supporters of the Foundation, many of whom sponsor or support annual activities of the Foundation. Through the ongoing generosity of all these supporters, the Yellowknife Community Foundation was able to make eight grants and scholarships totaling \$5,500 in 2004. Since making its first grant in 1996, the Foundation has awarded grants and scholarships to over 40 individuals and organizations in Yellowknife.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Yellowknife Community Foundation, I would like to thank all those who have supported and continue to support the work of the Foundation. A special thank you to Linda Ireland, who unfortunately moved from Yellowknife to Vancouver Island in 2004. Linda was one of the Foundation's most dedicated volunteers, filling roles such as interim director, Executive Director, administrator, media contact, event organizer and many others. She was the driving force behind the Foundation's very successful campaign in support of food programs in the City of Yellowknife in early 2005. Linda was a tireless worker, dedicating hundreds of hours to the Foundation and contributing greatly to its success.

Another special thank you to Theresa Slator, Gerry Avery, and everyone at Avery Cooper & Co. for their unflagging assistance. In addition to taking care of the many administrative tasks of the Foundation, Theresa single-handedly took on the mammoth task of implementing the Foundation's new donor database software, and performing all of the associated data conversion and verification. The Foundation would simply not be where it is today without the support of Theresa, Gerry and the staff at Avery Cooper & Co.

Tom Hall
President,
Yellowknife Community Foundation

Highlights from the year ...

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The Foundation Supports Your Community Through Grants

The Yellowknife Community Foundation was incorporated in 1993 as a not-for-profit corporation under the *Canada Corporations Act*. It was incorporated by Yellowknifers for the citizens of Yellowknife, and is administered by a volunteer board of directors. Individuals and organizations can apply to the Foundation for grants for projects of benefit to the citizens of Yellowknife. The Foundation awards grants in support of projects which:

- advance the welfare of the needy and alleviate human suffering and poverty;
- assist and promote arts and cultural activities;
- promote education;
- assist sport, recreation and community development;
- assist and advance the provision of medical services; and
- assist and advance other community activities or facilities of a charitable nature.

The Foundation provides these grants from interest earned on donations made to the Foundation by community-minded individuals and organizations. As a registered charity, the foundation issues charitable donation receipts for these donations. The original donation is carefully invested and is never spent. In this way, a donation to the Foundation keeps giving back to the community year after year.

Organizations seeking grants are requested to obtain a copy of the Foundation's "Grant Guidelines". Please write, call or refer to the "Grant Seekers" page on our web site at www.yellowknifecommunityfoundation.ca. Individuals applying for an award from one of our governed memorial funds should demonstrate the compatibility of their pursuit to the goal of the Fund.

Requests should be made in writing and addressed to us at:

**The Yellowknife Community Foundation
P.O. Box 1620
4918 - 50th Street
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2P2**

All applications are reviewed and considered by the Board of Directors. We request that grant seekers make their application well in advance of their need for funding.

Working for the Community

The Yellowknife Community Foundation has funded the following individuals, groups and worthwhile community projects, helping to enhance the quality of life of the citizens of Yellowknife:

Yellowknife Community

Fund Recipients

Side Door Youth Drop-in Centre
NWT Special Olympics
Ed Baker Seniors Recreation Centre
Yellowknife Ski Club
Yellowknife Polar Bear Swim Club
Youth Volunteer Corps
The Yellowknife Seniors Society
Yellowknife Badminton Club
Yellowknife Concerned Parents
Yellowknife Women's Centre
Canadian Mental Health Association
(NWT Help Line)
Canadian National Institute
for the Blind
Canadian Youth Against Impaired
Driving (SADD)
St. Pat's High School –
Bridges Program
Yellowknife Foster Family
Association
United Way North (Yellowknife)
Stanton Regional Hospital –
Tapestry Program (2001 and 2002)
NWT Council of Persons
with Disabilities
Rotary Club of Yellowknife
(Upkeep of Back Bay Cemetery)
Sandra Lockhart (Helen Kelly Gibson
Award 2003)
Yellowknife Association of
Concerned Citizens for Seniors

Fine and Performing Arts

Fund Recipients

Doug Richard (2000)
Rene Bonnett (2000)
Sacha Engelhardt (2001)
Sarah Joy Kallos (2002)
Amanda Dei (2002)
April Parchoma (2002)
Renee Pitre (2003)
Kirsten Carthew (2004)

Jenny Gamble-Fournier Memorial

Scholarship Recipients

Alexander Legaree (2000)
Rebecca Alty (2001)
Bryan Lacey (2002)
Heather Hall (2003)
Aidan Cartwright (2004)
Miranda Booth (2005)

Mary Beth Miller Memorial

Fund Recipients

Lindsey Bolivar (2001 and 2002)
Thomsen D'Hont (2004)
Michael Gilday (2005)

Lilly Borges-Oldham Second

Language Scholarship Recipients

Allyce Rattray (2003)
Rachel MacNeill (2004)
Kirstin Mahler (2005)

Northern Aviation Scholarship

Fund Recipient

Derrick Kocik (2004 and 2005)

Chris Argue Memorial

Fund Recipient

Chris Carthew (2004)

Generosity at Work



Ed Baker

Ed Baker's name is quite familiar to many Yellowknife residents. He donated \$100,000 to launch the fundraising drive to build the Senior's Recreation Centre that now bears his name.

Ed Baker was also one of the first donors to the Yellowknife Community Foundation. His precious gift of \$10,000 will be protected and grow over the years, and the income generated will be providing for the community forever.

Not only will Ed Baker be remembered because an important building bears his name, he will be remembered for contributing to many local needs through the Yellowknife Community Foundation.



Barb Bromley

Barb Bromley has donated time, energy and compassion to numerous causes in Yellowknife since arriving as a young bride in 1948.

Although her many contributions to Yellowknife and its residents are too numerous to list, they include organizing the city's first baby clinics and immunization programs, assisting in the formation of the first Scout and Cub troop, pioneering the first annual Midnight Madness Festival and the first bedding plant sale.

Still an active volunteer for a number of charities in the city, Barb also makes an annual donation to the Foundation by paying premiums on a life insurance policy which names the Foundation as the beneficiary.



Avery, Cooper & Co.

Avery, Cooper & Co. has supported the Foundation, since its inception in 1993, with the donation of vital services and support. The firm and its staff have donated countless hours of administrative support, financial statement preparation, treasury guidance and office space and equipment. These donations have enabled the Foundation to grow and maximize its grant-making ability by minimizing its administrative costs.

Gerry Avery was the Founding President of the Foundation and remained on the Board of Directors until March of 2004, carefully steering it through its asset development, volunteer board governance and grant making.

While Avery, Cooper & Co. has provided for the Foundation over the years, Gerry credits all former and present board directors for contributing to the success of the Foundation. “We have always worked to protect the funds we have raised. We don’t even provide free lunches for the board members.”



Don Hurd

Don made his first donation to the Foundation in 1995 and continued to do so faithfully every year thereafter until his death in 2003.

Don first came to Yellowknife in 1945 to join the Dominion Geological Service crew. He returned to become the geologist at the “Con” mine, but was forced to resign due to his mother’s deteriorating health and subsequent death.

In 1972 Don became a consulting geologist. In that capacity, his work took him to Egypt, England, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, the United States and across Canada, including the NWT. He never lost his love of the north.

Don returned to Yellowknife for the 50th Anniversary celebration in the company of his wife, Alice, so that she would also have the opportunity to “see and feel” the north. Alice promptly “fell in love with the city and its friendly people.” They continued to return to Yellowknife for conventions, and Don took these opportunities to see again and show Alice the places where he had lived and worked. They paddled the lakes near Yellowknife and overnighted in remote areas where Don had camped during his exploration trips. They visited Bathurst Inlet, Kugluktuk and Holman: areas where Don did geological mapping. They attended CIM conventions and the Circumpolar Conference, and toured the Ekati mine site in 2002.

Don, who is survived by his loving wife Alice, passed away in June 2003.

2005 Food Program

In 2003, a Canadian court asked 15 community foundations across Canada to distribute more than \$300,000 to local food charities as part of a class action lawsuit involving several manufacturers of monosodium glutamate (MSG) and nucleotides. The Yellowknife Community Foundation received \$1,200 from the settlement. The Foundation sought out organizations with food programs and asked them to submit proposals. A total of six were received and the need expressed in these submissions was substantial and significantly more than the funds provided through the MSG settlement. The Foundation partnered with community organizations and individuals to provide \$5,500 to the six organizations.

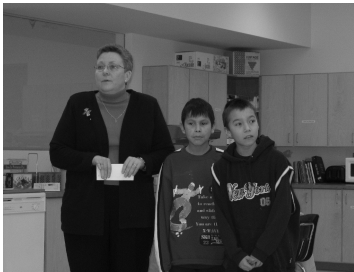
The beneficiaries of the funding were:

- “Protecting Tomorrow Today”, an after-school boys’ club in N’dilo
- Mildred Hall School breakfast and lunch programs
- Weledeh School - Life Skills and Lunch Groups
- Rotary Club “Kids Ahead” Program
- Salvation Army Emergency Food Program
- Yellowknife Food Bank

Donors

BHP Billiton
Paul and Linda Ireland

Sue Heron-Herbert
North Slave Housing Corporation



Jane Arychuk and Students

“Protecting Tomorrow Today” after-school boys’ club in N’dilo received funding from the 2005 Food Program.

Foundation Funds

The Yellowknife Community Foundation administers several funds, profiled on the pages that follow:

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Administration Endowment Fund

The Yellowknife Community Foundation is administered by a volunteer board of directors and volunteers who assist with the day-to-day operations of the Foundation. At present, the Foundation does not have any paid staff. It operates out of donated office space and also relies upon many donated services. As such, the Foundation is able to minimize its administrative expenses and maximize its grant-making ability. However, there are still a number of general operational expenses which the Foundation cannot avoid incurring, such as paper, postage, copying, printing and other office expenses.

As the Foundation cannot spend the capital of any donations it receives, it must pay for these expenses from the interest earned on donations to its Administration Endowment Fund. Donations to this fund will ensure that the Foundation has the necessary resources to effectively carry out its mandate of improving the lives of the citizens of Yellowknife. An enhanced Fund would allow the Foundation to engage in other beneficial activities such as paid advertising, staff/volunteer training and the production of promotional material which the Foundation cannot afford to pursue at this point.

Yellowknife Community Fund

A gift to the Yellowknife Community Fund enables the Foundation to fulfill its mission to enhance the quality of life of the citizens of Yellowknife. Founded in 1993, the Yellowknife Community Fund awards grants in the areas of social services, health, arts, education and the environment.

The Fund pools individual contributions so that collectively they can make a significant social impact. Some of the projects and agencies that have benefitted from the Fund include NWT Special Olympics, The Yellowknife Seniors Society, Canadian Mental Health Association (NWT Help Line), and United Way North (Yellowknife).

Donors may make contributions to the Fund in their own name, in the name of a loved one they wish to be remembered, in the name of another person to mark a special occasion or as a gift. Donors may direct the Foundation to issue the tax receipt to themselves or to the person in whose honour they are making the contribution.

The Foundation solicits and accepts grant applications from organizations which meet certain guidelines. A Grants Committee evaluates applications and makes its recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Board awards grants annually within the parameters of the funds available and the mission of the Foundation.



**Steve Smith and
Megan Zoe-Chocolate**

The Dozhii (Boys) Group and Ts'eko (Girls) Circle of N'dilo received over \$500 from the Yellowknife Community Fund to assist with their youth programs in N'dilo.

Fine and Performing Arts Fund

In 1999, “Kids Unlimited” established a permanent Fine and Performing Arts Fund with the Yellowknife Community Foundation. Earnings from the Fund are used to support the development of NWT residents in the fine and performing arts. “Kids Unlimited” was a Yellowknife non-profit society that offered drama, art and other recreation programs for children and youth during the 1980s and early 1990s. Scholarships are available each year for those pursuing artistic excellence in drama, dance, music and theatre arts, including technical production, studio arts, film or photography.

Donations from the Community Television Society and the Yellowknife City Band (disbanded) in 2000 added a significant contribution to the Fund.

Donations to the Fine and Performing Arts Fund are still accepted. Please contact the Yellowknife Community Foundation for information about making a donation or applying for a grant.



Linda Ireland
Past Volunteer Executive Director

Jenny Gamble-Fournier Memorial Scholarship Fund



Jenny Gamble-Fournier was a little girl when her family moved to Yellowknife in 1978. After graduating high school, she spent a year in Europe and then went on to complete Carleton University's journalism program, although her real passion was for art history. She worked in Yellowknife briefly before returning to Europe to be with her husband-to-be, Chris Fournier. Jenny and Chris were married less than two months before she succumbed to bone cancer in late 1999.

A talented painter and poet, and a passionate spirit, Jenny was very proud of her "northern" roots. In her memory, friends and family established a permanent scholarship fund for students pursuing a post secondary education, with an emphasis on the arts. The fund provides annual scholarships to students of Yellowknife's Sir John Franklin High School with high levels of academic achievement, well-rounded character and wide interests.

Donations to the Jenny Gamble-Fournier Memorial Scholarship Fund are still accepted. Please contact the Yellowknife Community Foundation for information about making a donation or applying for a grant.



Miranda Booth

Miranda received the Jenny Gamble-Fournier Memorial Scholarship, which she will use to pursue studies in audio visual and written communication.

Mary Beth Miller Memorial Fund



Mary Beth Miller was born August 24, 1976, in Kitchener, Ontario, and moved to Yellowknife with her family when she was six years old.

Always an athlete, Mary Beth was involved in many sports and activities throughout her youth. Her parents supported her pursuits wholeheartedly and provided whatever assistance they could to the sporting clubs sponsoring the activities in which Mary Beth was participating.

Mary Beth was an enthusiastic and spirited participant. She constantly challenged herself and her teammates to strive to achieve their best, although it was more important to Mary Beth that people took pleasure in the experience. As important as it may be to set and achieve a goal, Mary Beth believed the journey to the goal must itself be enjoyable.

Mary Beth died July 2, 2000, as a result of a bear attack while training at the Miriam Bedard Biathlon Centre in Val Cartier, Quebec. Mary Beth's family established the Mary Beth Miller Memorial Fund to support athletes who demonstrate the qualities that Mary Beth exhibited in her approach to life.

Donations to the Mary Beth Miller Memorial Fund are still accepted. Please contact the Yellowknife Community Foundation for information about making a donation or applying for a grant.



Michael Gilday

Michael received a grant from the Mary Beth Miller Memorial Fund, which he will use to pursue professional short-track speed skating training in Calgary.

Chris Argue Memorial Fund



Chris was born in Churchill, Manitoba, in 1976, and was a proud resident of Yellowknife from the age of four onward. Growing up in Yellowknife included wonderful times with friends, family and cabin life at Prelude Lake. Chris was active in student government at Sir John Franklin High School and was instrumental in starting Dry Grad.

At the time of his accidental death at the age of 25, he was studying engineering at the University of Alberta.

Chris had a passion for life and a deep love of the wilderness. He completed many trips mountaineering, canoeing, hiking, winter camping and back-country skiing in the north and in the Rockies. He was also an avid mountain biker. Fearless but thorough in tackling new challenges, he brought leadership, intelligence, ingenuity and concern for others to everything he did.

Chris's family has chosen to honour his memory by establishing a fund to promote the development of leadership skills and self-confidence in self-propelled wilderness travel in the Northwest Territories.

Donations to the Chris Argue Memorial Fund are still accepted. Please contact the Yellowknife Community Foundation for information about making a donation or applying for a grant.

Lilly Borges-Oldham Second Language Scholarship Fund



Born to German immigrant parents, Lilly knew first-hand the importance of a second, and third, language.

Her passion for life, languages and learning were clearly evident in her world travels with her husband, Stuart, and in her exceptional contributions to education in the Northwest Territories.

Lilly inspired a generation of young people in Yellowknife over the past 20 years, infusing them with her thirst for lifelong learning and her passion for languages and cultures. A long-term employee of Yellowknife Education District No. 1, Lilly was dedicated to her students, colleagues and profession in both administrative and teaching posts. She was instrumental in the development of French immersion programs in Yellowknife and served as the territorial representative of the Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers for five years.

Lilly died two days before her 49th birthday, after a courageous battle with cancer. She will be remembered for the enthusiasm and energy she brought to her work, the courage and strength she showed in difficult times, and her straightforward “no nonsense” approach to life.

To help continue Lilly’s passion for bilingualism and multiculturalism, a memorial scholarship fund has been established to assist students entering post secondary studies in languages and/or cultures.

Donations to the Lilly Borges-Oldham Second Language Scholarship Fund are still accepted. Please contact the Yellowknife Community Foundation for information about making a donation or applying for a grant.



Rebecca & Kirstin Mahler

Kirstin received a grant from the Lilly Borges-Oldham Second Language Scholarship Fund, which she will use to attend the Faculté Saint-Jean at the University of Alberta.

Loraine Minish-Cooper Memorial Fund



Loraine Minish-Cooper came to Yellowknife in 1979 as an Articling Student-at-Law and stayed to marry, raise a family and practice law until breast cancer took her life in 2002 after a long and valiant struggle.

Loraine enjoyed a distinguished legal career with the Federal Crown Attorney's office in Yellowknife where she was ultimately promoted to Regional Director for the Northwest Territories in 1998. She also served as a Director of the NWT Law Society and was its President in 1992.

Loraine was an enthusiastic supporter of her three daughters' involvement in speedskating and was also a Director and President of the Yellowknife Speedskating Association. Loraine personally found great joy through her long involvement with the Yellowknife Choral Society, and was integral to her daughter's musical training when Megan's talent became apparent. The Yellowknife Community Foundation also enjoyed the benefits of her many talents when she was a Director and Treasurer, in 2001/2002.

It is Loraine's complete devotion to her family and her insatiable passion for gardening that will be especially remembered by all who knew and loved her. It was Loraine's wish that a Garden of Hope planted in her memory would be a place of peace and comfort, especially for those with breast cancer and their families. The Garden of Hope was planted in spring of 2003 at a site selected by Loraine and will be maintained in perpetuity.

Donations to the Loraine Minish-Cooper Memorial Fund are still accepted. Please contact the Yellowknife Community Foundation for information about making a donation.



The awards ceremony for the 2005 recipients of grants and scholarships (standing left to right) Derrick Kocik, Miranda Booth, Megan Zoe-Chocolate & Steve Smith, (kneeling) Michael Gilday took place in the Garden of Hope.

Northern Aviation Scholarship Fund

Originally established to commemorate the life of John Bidwell, and more recently the memory of Jim Smith, this fund is intended to provide scholarships to individuals who aspire to a career in aviation in the north.

Captain John Ernest Bidwell



Born into a farming family in Scotland, John came to the Northwest Territories for the first time in 1981 when he was flying a single Twin Otter for Lamb Air out of Baker Lake. Following Lamb Air's shut down, he worked for La Ronge Aviation in Saskatchewan, then in Yellowknife. He next flew medivacs and charters for Latham Island Airways in the King Air 200 and Twin Otter. For a short time, he operated Imperial Aviation and introduced the Shorts Skyvan to the NWT. Subsequently, he flew

as a contract pilot for North-Wright Airways, Arctic Sunwest and Adlair Aviation Ltd. In January 2000, he became the base manager and chief pilot for the Yellowknife operations of Summit Air. His life was taken in a tragic accident near Port Radium, NT, on October 8, 2000.

John is remembered by his friends as being passionate about aviation, encouraging to aspiring pilots, respectful of others and loyal to his friends. Cheerio, so long, good friend.



Captain James Smith

Jim grew up and lived in Winnipeg, Manitoba, until he moved to Rankin Inlet in the 1970s to work as a pilot for Keewatin Air. Jim remained in Rankin Inlet for seven years, until he took a position with Air Manitoba based out of Churchill. Jim flew King Airs and DC-4s, and became recognized for his ability to perfectly load airplanes and land them safely in remote communities under difficult conditions. In the late 1980s he worked for Kenn Borek Air, continuing to fly throughout the north. His accomplishments resulted in his being requested to lead a flight to Antarctica where he landed the first ever DC-4 on wheels. His final contract was with Buffalo Airways, where he took the position of Chief Pilot early and obtained Check Pilot authority.

Jim will be remembered for his professional expertise and vast knowledge of the north, for always giving a little more than required and for sharing his knowledge. May his memory live on.

Donations to the Northern Aviation Scholarship Fund are still being accepted. Please contact the Yellowknife Community Foundation for information about making a donation or applying for a grant.



Derrick Kocik

Derrick and his mom, Penny Kocik. Derrick received the Northern Aviation Scholarship to help him pursue his studies at the University of North Dakota, John D. Odegard School of Aeronautical Science.

David Sutherland Memorial Fund



David Sutherland learned to cross-country ski in Inuvik in the 1960s after arriving from British Columbia to start a job with the Territorial Government. He and a group of others learned to ski from an oblate priest – Father Mouchet – with the understanding that they would teach the local children. From then on, David was hooked.

David was involved with TEST Program (the internationally-recognized Territorial Experimental Ski Training program) in Inuvik. After moving to

Yellowknife, he worked with the local and territorial ski programs coaching young skiers.

David thought that cross-country skiing was an excellent sport for young people. Along with the fitness aspects of physical training, he believed that skiing developed other skills – discipline, goal setting, and perseverance – that would help in all aspects of life. David enjoyed coaching and working with young skiers, and took great pleasure in cheering them on in their races and other achievements in life.

David Sutherland passed away on October 12, 2004 after a short battle with cancer. This fund was established in David's memory by the Sutherland family and the Yellowknife Ski Club, so that he could continue to help young northern skiers.

Donations to the David Sutherland Memorial Fund are still being accepted. Please contact the Yellowknife Community Foundation for information about making a donation or applying for a grant.

Gary Robinson Memorial Fund



Gary Robinson was born in Yellowknife in 1981. During his school years, he was eager to begin working for his family's transportation and construction business full time. Upon graduating from Sir John Franklin High School he focused his career, gaining a broad range of skills and earning the respect of those with and for whom he worked.

The passion Gary felt for his work was intertwined with his love of Yellowknife. There was no place else he would have rather lived

and grown up. He saw opportunities here for those who were willing to work hard and play hard.

Gary approached recreation with the same zeal as work. Each new season brought boundless opportunities for spending time out on the land. Gary enjoyed sharing moments with his family and friends while camping, hunting, fishing, snow-boarding - he loved it all. While out having fun, or working on the job, preparedness was always important to Gary. He strived to be self-sufficient with the right skills and equipment for any contingency. He was known to come to the aid of anyone in need - strangers or friends. He was quick to help others and quicker yet to make little of the deed. He felt that things had a way of evening themselves out in the long run.

In the winter of 2004, at the age of 23, Gary was accidently killed doing the work he loved, in the place he loved. His memorial fund provides financial support to those individuals or charitable organizations involved in search and rescue/recovery or emergency response activities. Through this fund, it is his family's hope that Gary will continue to protect and help the people of this place that he loved so much.

Donations to the Gary Robinson Memorial Fund are still being accepted. Please contact the Yellowknife Community Foundation for information about making a donation or applying for a grant.

people working
together
can make a
difference



YELLOWKNIFE
COMMUNITY
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Annual Financial
Report 2004

AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of the Board of The Yellowknife Community Foundation:

We have audited the Balance Sheet of The Yellowknife Community Foundation as at December 31, 2004 and the Statements of Fund Balances, and Revenue and Expenditure for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Board. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the Board, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Foundation as at December 31, 2004 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. As required by the Canada Corporations Act, we report that, in our opinion, these principles have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding period.


Mackay LLP
Chartered Accountants

Yellowknife, Northwest Territories
February 17, 2005

STATEMENT I

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 2004

ASSETS

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Current		
Bank	<u>\$ 28,278</u>	<u>\$ 55,368</u>
Securities (Note 3)	312,452	299,923
Capital Assets (Notes 2 and 4)	<u>428</u>	<u>535</u>
	<u>312,880</u>	<u>300,458</u>
	<u><u>\$ 341,158</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 355,826</u></u>

LIABILITIES

Current

Payables and Accruals	\$ 4,663	\$ 719
Funds Held in Trust (Note 8)	<u>700</u>	<u>52,800</u>
	<u>\$ 5,363</u>	<u>\$ 53,519</u>

FOUNDATION'S FUND BALANCES

CAPITAL FUNDS per Statement II	\$ 331,825	\$ 302,873
GENERAL FUND per Statement II	<u>3,970</u>	<u>(566)</u>
	<u>335,795</u>	<u>302,307</u>
	<u><u>\$ 341,158</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 355,826</u></u>

STATEMENT II

STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCES

For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
CAPITAL FUNDS (Note 5)		
Opening Balance	\$ 302,873	\$ 266,386
Donations - Unrestricted Fund	14,505	11,679
Donations - Donor Advised Funds	<u>14,447</u>	<u>24,808</u>
Closing Balance	<u>\$ 331,825</u>	<u>\$ 302,873</u>
GENERAL FUND		
Opening Balance	(566)	(1,409)
Revenue over Expenditure per Statement III	<u>4,536</u>	<u>843</u>
Closing Balance	<u>\$ 3,970</u>	<u>(\$ 566)</u>

STATEMENT III

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
REVENUE		
Interest and Investment	\$ 13,334	\$ 8,909
Donations - Operations	3,558	5,493
Donated Services	<u>14,161</u>	<u>13,331</u>
	<u>31,053</u>	<u>27,733</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Advertising	1,950	1,123
Amortization	107	134
Bank Charges	44	68
Donations	5,000	5,600
Life Insurance Premiums	1,608	1,608
Office	15,230	14,361
Professional Fees	2,303	1,904
Subscriptions and Memberships	<u>275</u>	<u>284</u>
	<u>26,517</u>	<u>5,082</u>
SUBTOTAL	4,536	2,651
LOSS ON SECURITIES - IMPAIRMENT ON VALUE	<u>0</u>	<u>(1,808)</u>
REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE (DEFICIT)	<u>\$ 4,536</u>	<u>\$ 843</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2004

NOTE 1 NATURE OF FOUNDATION

The Yellowknife Community Foundation is a non-profit organization incorporated on June 1, 1993 under Part II of the Canada Corporations Act. The Foundation is a pooling of charitable gifts in capital funds, the earnings from which are used to meet a wide range of local needs and interests - the arts and other cultural activities, scholarships, medical and scientific research, environmental concerns and social problems. In some circumstances, the earnings may be allocated to a charitable cause or organization as directed by the donor. The Foundation is a registered charity and is classified as a public foundation for purposes of the Income Tax Act (Canada).

NOTE 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- a) Bequests, Endowments and Donations are recorded as received. The Foundation follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions.
- b) The Foundation receives materials and services at no cost from various sources. Commencing 1997 donations of these items are recorded in the accounts, where the determination of value can be reasonably determined. If the fair market value is not easily determined, then the transactions are not recorded.
- c) Investments are recorded at cost, and are written down to reflect any declines in market value which are other than temporary.
- d) Capital Assets are recorded at cost and amortization is claimed on the diminishing balance method at the following rates:
 - Furniture and Fixtures 20%
 - One-half (1/2) of the normal rate of amortization is recorded in the year of acquisition.
- e) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the updated amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. By their nature, these estimates are subject to measurement uncertainty and the effect on the financial statements of changes in such estimates in future periods could be significant.

NOTE 3 SECURITIES

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
RBC Dominion Securities	<u>\$ 312,452</u>	<u>\$ 299,923</u>

Investments consisting of bonds are carried at the lower of cost and market value (market value, 2004 - \$318,128, 2003 - \$302,081) together with accrued interest earned. The investment portfolio consists of bonds with the following maturity dates.

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	Yield	Due
CPN Province of Quebec	3.53%	June 28, 2005
RES TD Bank	4.03%	July 26, 2006
CPN Province of Ontario	2.61%	May 3, 2006
CPN Government of Canada	4.03%	June 01, 2007
CPN Government of Canada	4.31%	June 01, 2008
CPN Province of Ontario	4.67%	June 02, 2009
RES Province of Quebec	4.62%	June 28, 2010

The investment objective of the Foundation is to safeguard the capital funds against market value fluctuations and inflation while providing a secure and assured income for grant-making purposes. Accordingly, the Foundation intends to hold interest bearing bonds until their maturity. The overall return on investments for the current year is 3.3%.

Losses were realized on the disposition of certain marketable securities of \$ 1,809 in fiscal 2003.

NOTE 4 CAPITAL ASSETS

	Accumulated		Net Book Value	
	Cost	Amortization	2004	2003
Furniture and Fixtures	<u>\$1,162</u>	<u>\$734</u>	<u>\$428</u>	<u>\$535</u>

NOTE 5 CAPITAL FUNDS

The Board of Directors of the Foundation have established the following capital funds and fund guidelines.

Restricted Fund - established for accumulating capital donations for which the donor has restricted the use of the income for specified purposes.

Unrestricted Fund - established for accumulating capital donations for which the income generated has not been restricted by the donor.

Donor Advised Fund - annual grants are made in consultation with the donor.

Administration Endowment Fund - established for accumulating capital donations for which the income has been designated to fund the operating costs of the Foundation.

Fine and Performing Arts Fund - established for accumulating capital donations for which the income has been designated to support the development of NWT residents in the fine and performing arts.

Jenny Gamble Fournier Memorial Scholarship Fund - established for accumulating capital donations for which the income has been designated to provide annual scholarships to students with high levels of academic achievement, well-rounded character and wide interests.

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Mary Beth Miller Memorial Fund - established for accumulating capital donations for which the income has been designated to provide grants to athletes and sporting organizations that promote the qualities that Mary Beth exhibited.

Rogan Fund - established for accumulating capital donations for which the income has been designated to provide scholarships and grants.

Chris Argue Memorial Fund - established for accumulating capital donations for which the income has been designated to provide funds to individuals or organizations to promote leadership, participation, skill development and self-confidence in self-propelled wilderness travel in the Northwest Territories. Self-propelled wilderness travel means non-motorized modes of travel such as hiking, snow-shoeing, skiing, canoeing and mountain-biking.

Loraine Minish-Cooper Memorial Fund - established for accumulating capital donations for which the interest income has been designated for the ongoing maintenance of Loraine's Garden of Hope.

Lily Borges-Oldham Second-Language Scholarship Fund - established for accumulating capital donations for which the interest income has been designated for annual scholarships to post-secondary students of a second language.

Northern Aviation Scholarship Fund - established for accumulating capital donations for which the interest income has been designated for annual scholarships to post-secondary applicants pursuing an education in the aviation industry.

Gary Robinson Memorial Fund - established to commemorate the life of Gary Robinson. The designation of this fund is to be determined.

	<u>Balance</u> <u>Beginning</u>	<u>Addition</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>Ending</u>
Unrestricted			
Yellowknife Community Fund	\$ 110,295	\$ 14,505	\$124,800
Donor Advised			
Administration Endowment	41,688	0	41,688
Fine and Performing Arts	43,073	75	43,148
Jenny Gamble Fournier	13,958	1,550	15,508
Mary Beth Miller	18,878	784	19,662
Rogan	5,000	0	5,000
Chris Argue	15,046	2,827	17,873
Loraine Minish-Cooper	22,119	1,216	23,335
Lily Borges-Oldham	15,005	600	15,605
Northern Aviation Scholarship Fund	17,811	5,495	23,306
Gary Robinson Memorial Fund	0	1,900	1,900
	<u>\$ 192,578</u>	<u>\$ 14,447</u>	<u>\$ 207,025</u>
	<u>\$ 302,873</u>	<u>\$ 28,952</u>	<u>\$ 331,825</u>

NOTE 6 LIFE INSURANCE

The foundation has been designated as the beneficiary of life insurance policies. Premiums paid by the insured are recorded as revenue, then recorded as expenditures. As at December 31, 2004 the amount of insurance in force for which the Foundation has been designated as beneficiary totals \$34,350.

NOTE 7 STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

A statement of cash flows has not been prepared as it would not provide additional meaningful information.

NOTE 8 FUNDS HELD IN TRUST

The Foundation is holding funds in trust pending direction on their disposition.

NOTE 9 BENEFICIARY OF BEQUEST

The Foundation is the beneficiary of a bequest which is presently being held in trust pending wind-up of the benefactor's estate. The amount of the bequest cannot be valued at this time, however, the Foundation does anticipate receipt of the funds within the coming fiscal year.

NOTE 10 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

All significant financial assets, financial liabilities and equity instruments of the organization are either recognized or disclosed in the financial statements together with available information for a reasonable assessment of future cash flows, interest rate risk and credit risk.

Nominating Committee

The Yellowknife Foundation Board of Directors is selected according to its bylaws by a Nominating Committee consisting of:

- the Mayor of the City of Yellowknife,
- the President of the Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce,
- the President of the Yellowknife Ministerial Association,
- the Commanding Officer of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "G" Division,
- in alternating years, the Regional President, Yellowknife Education District #1, Northwest Territories Teachers Association and the Regional President, Yellowknife Catholic Schools, Northwest Territories Teachers Association, and
- the director, Aurora College, Yellowknife Campus.

The 2004/2005 Board of Directors was selected by the Nominating Committee whose current members are:

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2004 - Present
873-6010

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873-8666

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920-8986

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669-6211

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920-2582

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920-7248

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920-4290

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2005 - Present
873-3349

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873-2004

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