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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

I have always believed that the journey for social justice requires that we not divide the ‘haves’ from the ‘have nots,’ those infected from those who have escaped the virus, or locals from those living afar. We are far more effective when we acknowledge our differing talents and experiences while joining forces.

Volunteering at AIDS Vancouver Island offers me a chance to participate in the struggle against HIV and hepatitis C (HVC) – viruses that have killed or greatly harmed friends, colleagues and countless others. The strength of those who carry on against many odds and who do so with little recognition always puts my own small worries in perspective.

The challenges for AVI are many. The case for preventing the spread of disease is obvious. Yet, it is often difficult to reach people with serious messages about the dangers of invisible viruses. Furthermore, funders frequently want hard evidence that one program or another caused a reduction in the epidemic, something that is often difficult to provide. Equally problematic is making the case for programs to help those “living positively” when health models stress diagnosis and immediate treatment but scarcely acknowledge the need for long term support. Such support is particularly vital within the context of increasing poverty and homelessness amongst HIV and HCV positive people.

The viruses causing HIV and HCV are far from democratic. Mostly, they attack people whose positions are already less powerful and valued. In recent years, the viruses have spread rapidly amongst

those living on the streets, using intravenous substances or who are incarcerated. Some people are quick to judge and state that those who are infected have brought their calamities upon themselves. Changing these divisive attitudes and sustaining community support takes persistence and optimism.

In spite of these ongoing challenges, AVI has registered many gains this year. Let me outline a few examples. Our funding from VIHA, our major funder, for prevention and support for people with HIV will continue at the same levels for the coming year, and we have been able to sustain other government and private funds for our work. Further, VIHA has convened an ongoing forum for agencies providing services to people with HIV/AIDS and HCV with an opportunity to undertake island-wide planning and build more positive relationships amongst providers.

Another positive gain, is that the ACCESS Health Centre project is moving forward with financial backing from government. We are counting on community support to make it a reality, and hope to begin renovations at 713 Johnson Street by summer’s end. The building will offer space for AVI’s services (absent the needle exchange), complete with a kitchen and meeting rooms. ACCESS will bring coordinated health services to those most in need



*“AVI has the knowledge of their client population and the capacity to meet people where they are at. They have a history of building collaborative partnerships with clients to improve the services that clients are offered.”*

FUNDER

in Victoria and at the same time reduce some of our operating costs.

AVI's Street Outreach Services faced rough waters this past year. We worked with an evaluator hired by VIHA to examine the fixed site needle exchange service and find ways to improve its operations. Needle exchange staff members have gone the second mile to work on changes and VIHA has provided us with the necessary additional funds to implement new practices.

Near the end of March 2008, we began preparations for the imminent closure of our needle exchange in Victoria. This was one of our greatest disappointments of the year. On one hand, this news provided us with the opportunity to develop plans for different approaches to needle exchange services in Greater Victoria in partnership with VIHA, the city of Victoria, police, and other related agencies. These plans put a fixed site at the centre with mobiles, drop boxes, secondary exchange sites and street outreach as part of an organized plan, taking pressure off the fixed site and responding to population changes within the region.

But on the other hand, the loss of the fixed site is a serious step backwards. However, we are optimistic that the site for a fixed exchange can be found within the next 6 months so that the central part of this plan can be realized. Our hope is to nest the fixed site within related health services so that addiction and counseling services are readily available and to build a service that takes into consideration the concerns of the community as well as of clients.

No agency is an island. This has been demonstrated time and time again during the year. We have called upon our colleagues in the community to help us tackle issues like funding and service cuts and they have responded quickly and effectively. The list of friends is long. We recognize VIHA, the City of Victoria, the Downtown Service Providers Association, the Victoria Police, our MLA's and MP's throughout Vancouver Island, the University of Victoria and the many friends who contribute funds and time. We are particularly grateful to the 62 restaurants across the Island who participated in Dining Out For Life, and the significant funds generated from this spirited community event.

We experienced a major change this year – a new executive director, Katrina Jensen. While a long time employee with AVI, Katrina has jumped into her first year as our ED during challenging times. She has brought her years of experience and her ever calm presence to our efforts and we recognize the strength of her leadership.

Our staff and volunteers are simply outstanding. They carry on with the most important business of our agency, service to clients, in spite of uncertainties and disappointments. We pay tribute to Bert Hick, our past chair who left the Board of Directors this year after lengthy and valued service. The Board of Directors remains a feisty group from all walks of life, whose commitment to our work is unfailing; clearly the reason why chairing this board is a great personal pleasure.



MARILYN CALLAHAN

# MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Over the last year I have seen a strong desire among people in our Vancouver Island community for improvement in the health and wellbeing of all our citizens. Often, we are at odds with each other and disagree about how and when change should happen. However, I believe that we are united in saying that urgent action is needed across the island to deal with the issues of homelessness, addiction and mental illness.

I have seen many people who are working for change, albeit each in their own way. Our clients who make the effort to access a clean needle, community members who advocate for safe neighborhoods, the police who try to balance health needs with safety issues, municipalities and funders who struggle with competing and increasing community needs, and the staff and volunteers in the many agencies who continue to work tirelessly to provide services that might make a difference.

But this is change that can not come soon enough. For as hard as we are working, our clients are still dying. They are dying from AIDS and they are dying from the many health complications that arise from addiction and homelessness. One client we lost to AIDS this past year was Jim Wilton, who was also a former staff member. Jim was known across Vancouver Island for his compelling and humorous presentations about HIV. He had no hesitation in using his story to educate others. Jim was also the person who employed me at AIDS Vancouver Island nearly ten years ago. I remember many things about Jim, but what stands out for me is his unfailing willingness to show kindness to the most disenfranchised.

This points the way forward for all of us. Compassion and kindness for people experiencing the indignity of addiction and homelessness, and also for those who experience the fallout in the areas they live and work.

I continue to believe that we can and do make a difference to the world around us through our work at AIDS Vancouver Island. I am so proud of AVI staff and the creativity and integrity that they bring to their work. We are also very fortunate that so many members of our community offer their services as volunteers. Our board is made up of one such group of volunteers and under the cheerful guidance of our Board Chair, Marilyn Callahan, they have shown expertise and leadership.

Our many partners in the community – the City, the police, our funders, elected representatives and other social service providers – have continued to show their willingness to support and value

our work. Our clients, who persevere against ever-mounting odds, to make healthier choices in whatever way they can, show us daily that with support and encouragement, change is possible.



*Katrina Jensen*  
KATRINA JENSEN





PHOTO: AVI HEALTH PROMOTION TEAM

## PREVENTION & HEALTH PROMOTION

The prevention of HIV and hepatitis C (HCV) transmission is a fundamental goal at AIDS Vancouver Island. For us, prevention and health promotion go hand in hand. We continue to provide prevention and awareness programming through training, outreach and client support.

Statistics still show an ongoing need for a strong focus on prevention among men who have sex with men. AVI's Men's Wellness Program works in communities across the island providing men's health promotion through events, a 1-800 support line, and a quarterly publication entitled *Men's Briefs*. AVI's Outspeak queer youth team provides prevention education to youth and youth service providers, responding to a high demand for workshops in schools and community organizations.

Working in collaboration with other related organizations, our health promotion team helps empower vulnerable communities and the

general public to take control of their health and prevent HIV transmission. Building connections with Aboriginal groups remains a priority. This year, we participated in health fairs at Kwakiutl District Council and at Gold River's Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation, and maintained relationships with Native Friendship Centres in Victoria, Duncan, Nanaimo, Courtenay, Campbell River, Alert Bay and Port Hardy.

Knowledge is crucial to combating the stigma and discrimination that people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS often experience. Though new infections continue to increase within traditional and newly-emerging communities, it is becoming more challenging to gain public and government support, making prevention activities increasingly important. Staff across the island provided countless workshops in schools, community and health organizations, at community forums and one-on-

one with HIV+ clients. AVI also provides a comprehensive volunteer training program in Victoria, offering a diverse and practical curriculum to hundreds of participants each year.

This year, AVI invited clients and volunteers to create education and awareness activities from the ground up. Clients and community members were involved in several projects at AVI, especially around World AIDS Day events and in the development of new prevention programming in Street Outreach Services.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Day-long workshops such as “Queer Eye for the Straight Provider” were held at over 35 locations in 2007, spanning the diverse communities and populations of Vancouver Island.
- The Outspeak queer youth team participated in over 120 educational events reaching over 1500 youth island-wide.
- During AIDS Awareness Week in Campbell River, all grade 9 students at Aspen Park Middle school got a fun-filled day of sexual health information, including workshops on healthy relationships, Barrier

Bootcamp, AIDS 101, and Options for Sexual Health.

Faith organizations across the south island requested speakers for their World AIDS Day services. These presentations received overwhelmingly positive feedback and AVI benefited from some gracious donations collected by the parishioners and church administration.

In Nanaimo, AVI mentored Vancouver Island University nursing students, providing information on harm reduction philosophy, HIV/AIDS and the compassionate element of working with HIV+ and street-involved clients.

AVI carried out a “Safer Body Modification” program in the North Island for young adults, co-presented by staff from Nexus Tattoo and hosted by Sacred Wolf Friendship Centre.

“I love working at AVI because I get to be involved in my community in a practical and tangible way.”

AVI STAFF

FOOD SECURITY

Food security and nutrition are of crucial importance to persons living with HIV/AIDS. Other individuals accessing services at AIDS Vancouver Island also benefit from support approaches that include a nutritional component. To this end, we offer a number of services in an attempt to meet this very basic human need.

AVI’s Positive Wellness Programs (PWP) across the island provide nutritional support – from community kitchens to hot meals, snacks and Ensure – and nutrition counselling. While securing funding for food programming is challenging, we remain committed to continuing nutritional programming, as this is consistently the top need communicated to us by those we serve.

Food donations also enabled Street Outreach Services in Victoria to provide access to food during the evening hours. Food is sometimes the draw for these individuals, serving their nutritional needs while bringing them into a space where they can access harm reduction supplies, street nurse services, get a drink of water and wash their hands.

Growing food is a way to engage members in education about food and nutrition. Our new organic lot garden at our Victoria office has been a great way to involve members from all AVI programs. Additionally, our participation



LESLIE WORKING ON THE GARDEN PROJECT

in the Capital Region Food and Agriculture Initiatives Roundtable has been invaluable in providing staff with local resources related to food security.

Members living in rural areas have a much harder time accessing food programs that meet nutritional needs. 2007 saw the development of regularly scheduled community

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*“The lunch program helps me with stress as I know that I’m getting a meal and there aren’t huge lineups. It is the only place in town where I can get a huge glass of milk.”*

PWP CLIENT

*“I’d just like to say if it wasn’t for the Hot Meal Program, I wouldn’t be as compliant with my daily medications, ‘cause some days this is the only meal I have.”*

PWP CLIENT

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kitchens in the Port Hardy and Port MacNeil AVI locations. These kitchens provide space for individuals living with HCV and/or HIV/AIDS to come together, learn about nutrition, and prepare and consume a meal together. This program is the first of its kind in the North Island.

Volunteers play a key role in enabling AVI to offer nutrition services. A group of volunteers, which includes clients and others with mental health challenges, now assist with shopping and food preparation for volunteer training sessions, Street Outreach Services events, and board meetings. Through this process these volunteers are becoming more familiar with nutrition, reading food labels and food presentation and have received training in the relationships between nutrition, HIV/AIDS, HCV and harm reduction.

## HIGHLIGHTS



In 2007, PWP served 5,257 lunches to HIV positive people in Victoria. This program provides many of our clients with their only hot, nutritious meal of the day.



In Courtenay/Comox, AVI provided 640 lunches to HIV/HCV positive clients through PWP.



The last Monday of every month, volunteers from local faith groups prepared a full dinner for Street Outreach Services’ clients.



The first annual Step Up To The Plate fundraiser saw community members host dinners for their friends and raise over \$5000 for the Hot Meal Program.



The ACCESS Health Centre project, in partnership with the Victoria Cool Aid Society, is moving forward. Our new kitchen and drop-in space at ACCESS will mean that we can serve up to twice as many meals to HIV+ people in Victoria.



# SUPPORT

AIDS Vancouver Island offers support services for people living with HIV at all office locations. Short term counselling, issues-based advocacy and support group programming is offered by qualified social work staff. These advocates also provide assessment for persons wishing to apply for disability benefits and support is offered to those applying for regular social assistance. We are also able to assist members, including representation, at various appeals and tribunals related to income supports, healthcare and residential tenancy issues.

When a service request falls outside our mandate or skill, advocates are trained to provide thoughtful referral to other community services. In some locations, AVI has been able to offer members regular onsite access to support from physicians and nurses. Access to testing, wound care, vein maintenance, vitamins and mental health screening is crucial to protecting the health of the persons served by our agency. Through our toll free info-line, staff are able to offer some support to persons in prison and rural areas.

Street Outreach Service staff provide many supports to needle exchange clients. In some cases, this means active listening and assistance connecting with family and in others it means referrals to Detox or the street nurses, or encouragement to participate in the client BBQ or women’s health night.

AVI continued its partnership with Heyu’lelum Friendship Centre in Duncan by participating in the monthly K’wam K’wum S’uli HIV/AIDS Support Group. We are always honoured to be able to share time, experiences, and a wonderful lunch made by local elders to bring us together in friendship and support. This year saw the regular membership grow,






including more family members and a lovely new site for meetings.



RICK AND PHYLLIS IN CAMPBELL RIVER

AVI also provides support groups for people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, two-spirit, queer or questioning in Campbell River, Nanaimo, and through the S.E.X.Y. queer youth support group in Victoria.

## HIGHLIGHTS

-  Positive Wellness advocates made 823 referrals to other community service providers. These referrals largely dealt with access to housing and medical support.
-  In Port Hardy, we secured office space; our once mobile service is now able to offer fixed site support services to people in the north island.
-  AVI played a key role in establishing CRPride, a GLBT group in Campbell River. This group now offers support groups, as well as organizing a yearly Walk Away from Homophobia.
-  AVI and the Victoria Native Friendship Centre developed targeted intervention strategies to address the issues around HIV and HCV transmission and support in the form of the Positive Health Project, funded by the M.A.C. AIDS Fund in 2007.
-  S.E.X.Y., support groups for youth who are queer or questioning, were held weekly in Victoria, and AVI staff provided mentorship for the creation of a similar group in Duncan.

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*“Cheers for the opportunities I’ve been given and that heart-warming humanity I soak up every time I walk through the doors.”*

CLIENT AND VOLUNTEER  
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# HARM REDUCTION

At AIDS Vancouver Island, harm reduction means more than handing out needles and condoms. It means engaging with people at risk in innovative ways in order to reduce the harms associated with drug use, sex, and other high risk activities. From our highly committed needle exchange staff, to our client support workers and peer educators, AVI is at the forefront of harm reduction work across the island.

2007–2008 saw the continuation of needle exchange services in the Port Hardy/Port McNeil area, Campbell River, Courtenay/Comox, and Victoria. Responsibility for mobile needle exchange services in the Cowichan Valley was passed on to the Nanaimo and Area Resource Services for Families. As always, the provision of needle exchange services by AVI is accompanied by syringe recovery, ensuring that harm reduction includes keeping the community clean and safe.

Following an increase in funding from VIHA for harm reduction services in Victoria, the Street Outreach Services team employed a health promotion educator. This change enabled increased health promotion and harm reduction education programming into the needle exchange. Educators from AVI also provided harm reduction and HIV/HCV prevention trainings at detention centres, detox facilities, schools, businesses, community groups and organizations across the island.

This year, AVI experienced a significant increase in the number of new volunteers who have approached the agency with a desire to assist with harm reduction efforts and a greater understanding of the concept of harm



ERIN AND HEATHER, OUTREACH WORKERS

reduction. Volunteers who are students at the University of Victoria initiated a harm reduction club, called Harm Less. Although not affiliated with AVI, this club has created a focus for education about harm reduction on campus and is likely responsible for some of the increase in volunteer interest in AVI.

We also piloted a peer-based harm reduction outreach program, funded by the Vancouver Foundation. The peer volunteers received training on a variety of issues, and during the 6-month pilot phase, G.E.A.R.'s group of three volunteers (paired with staff members) successfully completed nearly 300 hours of street outreach to their peers in Victoria's downtown core, distributing over 10,000 pieces of harm reduction equipment.

## HIGHLIGHTS



In Victoria, volunteer "Rig Diggers" spent over 130 hours each month walking the streets and picking up drug use paraphernalia, including needles.



AVI was invited back to the Vancouver Island Music Festival to offer a positive sex-health presence, distributing over 2500 condoms.



Staff in Port Hardy participated in outreach to sex workers with VIHA and the Aboriginal Liaison Nurse.



All AVI staff participated in occupational health and safety training in violence prevention planning and managing aggressive behaviour.



AVI partnered with Uvic researchers to administer a community survey

exploring quality of life issues for SOS clients in an effort to better understand what circumstances can enhance vulnerability for engaging in high-risk activities.

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*“Working at AVI has given me a great gift. It has turned what many see as ‘issues’ – such as homelessness, HIV and addiction – into faces and names. Now when I walk down the street, I don’t see an issue, I see someone with a life, a story.”*

AVI STAFF MEMBER

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# CLIENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Input is crucial to the success of our programming. Over the course of the last year, a number of focus groups were held with clients and volunteers in an effort to gauge the level of satisfaction with current programming. This past year also saw a number of new initiatives to create on-going engagement with clients, such as the Street Advocacy Group, the garden project, G.E.A.R. peer outreach team, and the Creative Education Network.

Volunteers play an integral role at AIDS Vancouver Island, and create opportunities for people in the community, as well as those who use our services, to get involved in the agency. In many of our offices, reception volunteers are often the first smiling face that community members and clients see when they come through the door. People from all sectors of the community volunteer at AVI, helping out in many ways, from putting together safe sex kits, to helping to serve meals, to staffing tables at events, and more.

Providing services that take into consideration the concerns of the community is important to the

success of AVI’s work. To this end, we provide free workshops to community groups and make it a priority to respond quickly to any concerns or complaints from community members.

Our participation in local committees also keeps us engaged with businesses, services providers, and community members. In Victoria, for example, AVI sits on the Downtown Services Provider’s Committee and the Downtown Victoria Clean and Safe Committee and in Campbell River, AVI participates in the Sexual Exploitation Action Team, to name but a few.

During the past year, AVI has also worked to improve communications both internally within the organization and with the community-at-large. We received a flood of media inquiries this year, and through our relationships with local media outlets, we have garnered media attention for our events, fundraisers, and services. In particular, we had several media sponsors for Dining Out For Life, whose participation no doubt contributed to record numbers of diners participating in the March 27 event.

# HIGHLIGHTS

Focus groups with PWP clients were held in Victoria, resulting in the creation of the garden project and a PWP support group.

A survey of clients who participated in the Positive Health Project indicated that, after the program, 70% of clients felt more hopeful about their lives, and 100% indicated that they had more social support and a sense of community.

The Viral Monologues, a piece performed by AVI clients, was recorded for CFUV radio and played on the air for World AIDS Day 2007.

Victoria's Downtown Clean and Safe Committee committed to creating a Safe Needle Toolkit for downtown businesses and residents, to be launched in September 2008.

Dining Out For Life saw many community members dining out to fight AIDS. 62 restaurants opened their doors for the event and over \$50,000 was raised for AVI.

People who use Street Outreach Services elected 7 representatives to form the Street Advocacy Group, an advisory committee to consult with people who use SOS and advocate on their behalf, as well as to provide a link between themselves and the community.

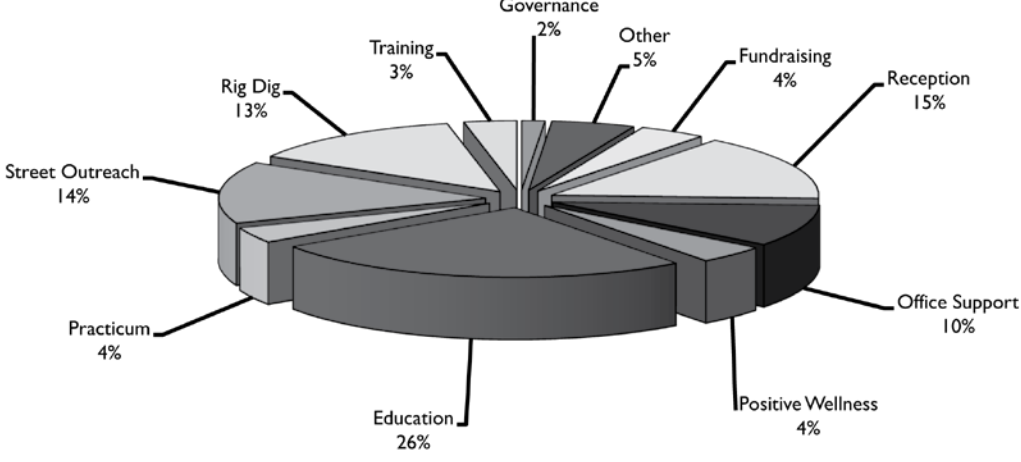


# FUND DEVELOPMENT

2007-2008 was a key year for fund development activities at AIDS Vancouver Island. The previous year saw our major funders shift their funding priorities, which meant we had to adjust our approach to meet their requirements, at

the same time as sourcing new funding opportunities. The good news is that core funding from the Vancouver Island Health Authority was confirmed for another year. In support of these efforts, AVI's communications and fund development

VOLUNTEER HOURS (2007/08)





team benefited from a grant from the United Way of Greater Victoria. This grant enabled us to focus on the long term, and on integrating communications with fund development in an effort to ensure program sustainability.

The fund development team owes particular thanks to our database volunteer, who donated the software we use and put in countless hours making entries and keeping the database up-to-date and accurate.

As part of ongoing efforts to raise money, we piloted a new event called Step Up To The Plate to coincide with World AIDS Day on December 1, 2007. For this event, AVI supporters invited friends to dinner, who then made a contribution to support AVI's Hot Meal Program. The event was a great success and we are planning to roll it out across the island for World AIDS Day 2008.

Our main fundraising event remains Dining Out For Life. The event grossed over \$50,000 for the first time and is on track to becoming a cornerstone event for AVI and for Vancouver Island. This success relies on the support of Labatts' Stella Artois as our prime sponsor, many media sponsors, as well as the efforts

of all the 62 restaurants involved and their staff.

Our events are supported by hundreds of hours of volunteer effort – and in particular the new events committee. This group of volunteers put in a huge effort and their success is evident in the increase in fund raising revenues from events.

The successes in 2007-2008 have laid a solid foundation for the future of fund development at AIDS Vancouver Island.

We have concrete plans to start an individual giving campaign, to build on the success of our events, and to fine tune our approaches to foundations and funders to ensure AVI can continue to offer innovative and critical programming for some our community's most vulnerable citizens. The coming year will also see us boosting our efforts to raise funds for the ACCESS Health Centre.



JAMES PRESENTS MICHAEL HAYWARD WITH THE "DINER PRIZE" FOR DINING OUT FOR LIFE 2008



ACCESS HEALTH CENTRE PROJECT

This partnership project, undertaken with the Victoria Cool Aid Society, was taken to the next level in the past year. The Mayor's Taskforce on Homelessness, Mental Health and Addictions named the Access Health Centre as one of the necessary elements of an improved model of service delivery for Victoria. This recommendation acknowledged ACCESS as an innovative and important project, which no doubt assisted in the securing of government funding for the project. To date, we have raised over \$3 million for this \$4.6 million project,

thanks to significant contributions and pledges from the Vancouver Island Health Authority, the Capital Regional District, BC Housing, and BC Gaming. In the coming year, we will be working hard to raise the remaining funds so that our next report to you will include details about an upcoming move to our new home!

Please visit the project's new website at [www.ACCESSHealthCentre.ca](http://www.ACCESSHealthCentre.ca) later this summer for news on our progress and details on how to make a donation.

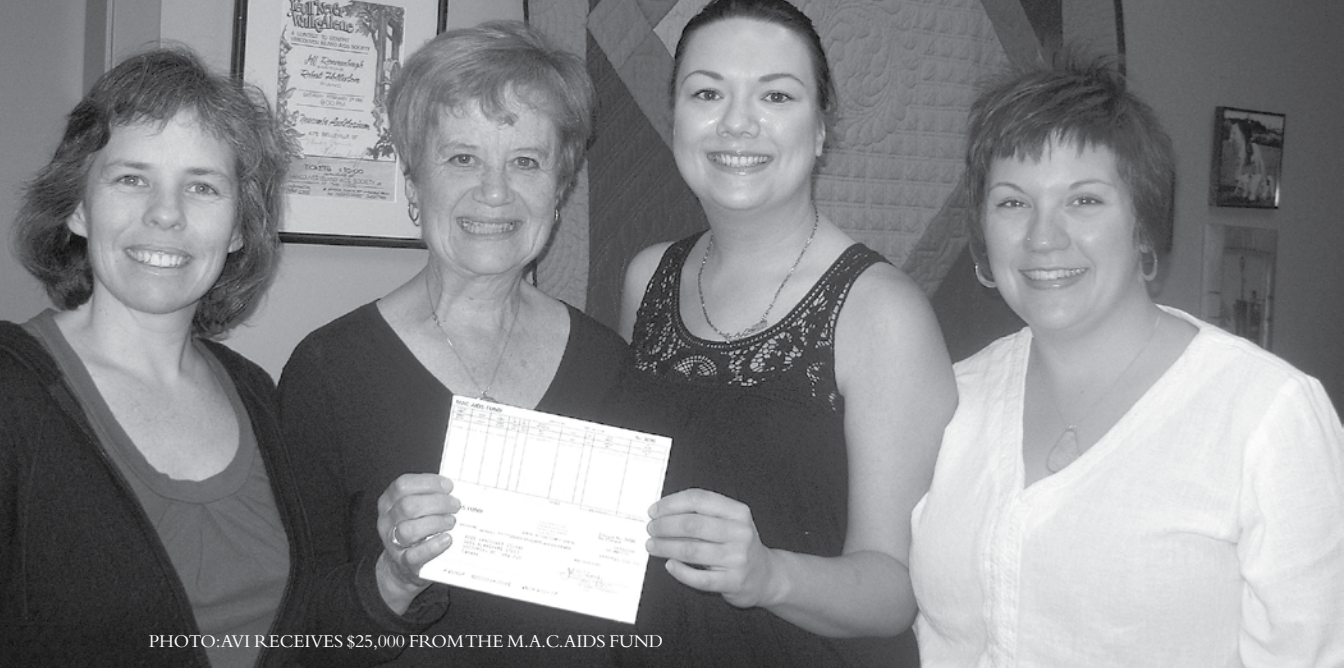


PHOTO: AVI RECEIVES \$25,000 FROM THE M.A.C. AIDS FUND

THANKS TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS

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Wendy Zink, Mike Hill and Terry Snow, City of Victoria

Jaime Peirce and John Ducker, Victoria Police

Eric Roth, University of Victoria

Bernie Pauly, University of Victoria

Benedikt Fisher, University of Victoria

Shannon Turner, Audrey Shaw, and Dr. Murray Fyfe, VIHA

All members of the Downtown Service Providers Committee

Kathy Stinson and Irene Haigh-Gidora, Victoria Cool Aid Society

Ken Kelly, Downtown Victoria Business Association

Reverend Alan Tysick, Our Place
- Maureen Duncan, United Way

Sharon, Cathy, Ed and others, C.A.R.T.S.

Karen Dennis and Barb Cavill, VARCS

Pat Maclean

Chris Patrick, JCP Management

Steve Bradley, Connection to Freedom Jail and Street Outreach Society

Jocelyn, Congregation Emmanuel

Richard Nixon

Tara Jordan, Multicultural and Youth for Diversity Organizer

Valery Puetz, executive director of the Ann Elmore Transition House

Tracy Cook, VIHA

Moses Quatell, KDC Health

Carol Marshal, Campbell River United Way

Discovery College

North Island College

Neil Taylor, VIHA

Sandra Waarne, VIHA

Georgia Cook and staff, 'Namgis Health Centre

VANDU
- Rev. Michael Hemmings, St. David By-The-Sea Church

Cadboro Bay United Church

Rev. Scott Pittendrigh, St. John's Anglican Church of Cobble Hill

Sue Jenkins, St. John the Divine

Susanne Porter-Bopp, CFUV Women's Radio Collective

UVIC School of Nursing Practicum Students

Joan McNeill, UVIC

Sargent Hayden, InSite

BC Nurses' Union

Victoria Native Friendship Centre

Pembroke School, Victoria Youth Detention Centre

Nicki Laverne

River Chandler, TheatreWorks Consulting

The VOICE Women's Collective

Jay Neill, Magistudios

Hiiye'yu Lelum House of Friendship, Duncan

Janice Parker, CFB Esquimalt

VIHA Street Nurses

Kwakiutl District Council Health

2007-2008 FUNDERS, SPONSORS AND EVENT PARTNERS

GOVERNMENT FUNDERS

Vancouver Island Health Authority

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

Health Canada AIDS Community Action Program

Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance

BC Gaming

FOUNDATIONS, BUSINESSES & ORGANIZATIONS

United Way of Greater Victoria

M.A.C. AIDS Fund

United Way of Comox Valley

United Way of Campbell River

Labatts

Partners in Organisational Development

City of Victoria Special Projects Grant

St David by the Sea Anglican Church

Shaw Communications

St John the Divine Anglican Church

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SPECIAL EVENTS PARTNERS

TITLE & MEDIA	LURE Seafood Restaurant & Bar	17 Mile Pub
Labatts/Stella Artois	Atlas Cafe	Fusilli Grill
Jack FM	Vista 18 at the Chateau Victoria	Swiftsure Restaurant
Monday Magazine	Brasserie "L'Ecole"	Genoa Bay Cafe
Times Colonist	The Empress Room	Restaurant Matisse
HarbourLiving.ca	The Black Olive	Caffe Fantastico
CHEK News	Smuggler's Cove Pub & Liquor Store	Martine's Bistro
RESTAURANTS	Vic's Steakhouse & Bar	TITA'S Mexican Restaurant
The Keg Steakhouse on the Harbour	Victoria Harbour House Restaurant	Tina's Diner
The Keg Steakhouse at the Winery	The Noodle Box on Douglas Street	The Great Escape
Swans Brewpub	The Noodle Box on Fisgard Street	Bistro 161
Irish Times Pub	Fire & Water Fish and Chop House	Bill Mattick's Restaurant at Cordova Bay Golf Course
Bon Rouge Bistro & Boulangerie	Heron Rock Bistro	Amuse Bistro
Pescatores Seafood & Grill	Sen Zushi Japanese Restaurant & Sushi Bar	Temple Restaurant & Lounge
Kingfisher Oceanside Resort & Spa	Sanuk	Seahorses Cafe
Nautical Nellies Steak & Seafood House/ Oyster Bar	Thyme On The Ocean	Blue Ginger Restaurant
Penny Farthing Pub	The Superior	Darcys Pub
Ferris' Grill	Lefty's Fresh Foods	Ferris' Oyster Bar
shelter restaurant	avenue bistro	Grapevine On The Bay
Cafe Brio	Camille's	Lefty's Too
The Tapa Bar	Mo:Le Restaurant	Paradiso Di Stelle
Christie's Pub	Royal Coachman Inn	Harbour Towers Hotel
Sticky Wicket Pub & Restaurant	Toscans Trattoria	Zambris
Union Street Grill & Grotto	Dockside Grill	
	The Reef Restaurant	

AND OVER 1,500 GENEROUS INDIVIDUAL DONORS LIKE YOU!

ACCESS HEALTH CENTRE FUNDERS

Vancouver Island Health Authority	Fairlane Foods	BC Housing	Nancy Tienhaara
Capital Regional District	BC Gaming	City of Victoria	Rick Roger
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		Karen Sawatzky	

# Vancouver Island AIDS Society

## Statement of Operations

Year Ended March 31

2008

2007

### Revenue

#### Grants

Vancouver Island Health Authority	\$ 1,254,349	\$ 1,204,141
Federal government	147,227	170,651
United Way	111,104	140,839
Corporate sponsorship	15,253	14,627
Donations	71,663	77,545
Gaming Commission	130,200	149,296
Honoraria	2,198	1,955
Interest and other income	53,554	67,293
Rental income – consolidated	35,750	37,093
Rent recovery	5,840	5,725

**1,827,138** **1,869,165**

### Expenses

Contract services and evaluation	46,964	50,462
Equipment, leaseholds and maintenance	34,645	30,792
Financial assistance	2,746	4,748
Licences, fees, and dues	7,611	5,340
Meetings, honoraria and travel	63,451	106,138
Insurance	2,977	-
Interest on long term debt	24,776	24,123
Office and stationery	55,802	79,105
Professional fees	21,706	32,198
Program materials	85,781	124,984
Promotion and advertising	6,191	28,362
Property tax	6,985	6,523
Rent	136,908	137,675
Salaries and benefits	1,262,122	1,281,946
Telephone and utilities	50,097	51,976
Volunteer training and recognition	2,977	1,289

**1,811,739** **1,965,661**

Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses  
before the following

**15,399** **(96,496)**

Capital assets included in equipment,  
leaseholds and maintenance above  
Amortization

**9,545** **9,175**  
**(17,281)** **(17,871)**

Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses

**\$ 7,663** **\$ (105,192)**

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## Statement of Financial Position

March 31	2008	2007
<b>Assets</b>		
Current		
Cash	\$ 699,183	\$ 586,807
Receivables	183,246	167,146
Due from AVI Enterprises Society	29,234	86,649
Prepays	<u>9,841</u>	<u>9,841</u>
	921,504	850,443
Capital assets	<u>617,182</u>	<u>624,917</u>
	<u>\$ 1,538,686</u>	<u>\$ 1,475,360</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current		
Payables and accruals	\$ 66,561	\$ 94,617
Accrued employee benefits	28,510	28,494
Deferred revenue	489,326	374,747
Due to Pacific AIDS Network	-	2,125
Current portion of long term debt	<u>353,402</u>	<u>373,402</u>
	937,799	873,385
Deferred contribution	<u>258,440</u>	<u>267,190</u>
	<u>1,196,239</u>	<u>1,140,575</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Invested in capital assets	108,658	87,644
Restricted for endowment purposes	6,828	6,828
General operating	<u>226,961</u>	<u>240,313</u>
	<u>342,447</u>	<u>334,785</u>
	<u>\$ 1,538,686</u>	<u>\$ 1,475,360</u>

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