

# CANTERBURY ARTS CENTRE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2011

### CHAIR'S REPORT

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First I would like to thank Jessica Collins who stepped down from the board this past year for her energy and enthusiasm in supporting Canterbury. A grad herself, in addition to working on the board of CACDA, Jess was one of the people whose hard work made the Homecoming such a success. She will also be missed for her awesome handmade chocolate truffles!

The last year at CACDA has been a quieter one, as the board adjusted to a leaner version of itself. Developing ways to reach out to the school to let students, parents and staff know about our mandate, and hopefully to attract new board members, was definitely on the agenda! We developed mission and vision statements to make this communication clear and to help focus our own efforts. We streamlined donation methods by registering with Canada Helps, so that giving is simple for the donor and hassle free for the various board members who used to have to process credit cards and charitable receipts manually. Further efficiencies to lighten the volunteer load have been set in place by moving more fully to a digital data-base.

We have continued to explore fundraisers and while not organizing one in this past year, have set the stage for at least one in the coming year. In addition we have been the grateful recipients of Cheryl Taylor's business classes, who have chosen to donate monies earned to CACDA. We recognized their efforts last spring at the school OSKARs. We also continue to receive money from the Canterbury Stars Return Endowment Fund, held at the Community Foundation of Ottawa. This year we received \$4,311, based on a capital value of \$108,716 as of December 31, 2010. A further source of income is through donors who direct their United Way contributions to CACDA. This money arrives anonymously, so we can only say a big Thank You to whoever you are!

In terms of disbursements we received a request from the school to cover the costs of repair and replacement of some of the curtains on the Barrie Alexander auditorium, and agreed to do so. Given the difficulty of getting three quotes from a tiny industry, as well as some structural challenges currently facing their installation, this has yet to happen – but will! We anticipate hearing soon about other requests.

As we play with ideas for fundraisers for the coming year, one is now gelling – a “best of” assembly to be held at school towards the middle of June. We will be sure to let you know the details as soon as they are available!

**Mission Statement:** We support and promote Arts Canterbury by raising funds to maintain and enhance the program, and by advocating for the value of the program within the general community.

**Vision:** Our vision is to enrich the experience of students in the Arts Canterbury program, which fosters a tolerant and encouraging school environment, developing well-rounded, creative and independent thinkers. Our vision includes a larger community supportive of arts education and the pursuit of excellence in the arts.