



Literacy as a Foundation



**THE ADULT LITERACY COUNCIL
OF GREATER FORT ERIE**

2008

ANNUAL REPORT

Celebrating 30 Years

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MISSION

The Adult Literacy Council actively fosters literate adults and a literate Greater Fort Erie for the life-long enrichment of the lives of individuals and of the community, through individual literacy programmes and community events.

In the pursuit of its mission, the ALC is committed to the principles that:

1. Tutoring services are:
 - Learner-centred, with current, age-appropriate literacy materials
Confidential, one-on-one, and in-home as requested
 - Flexible, based on individual learner goals and availability
 - Free to the learner

2. Tutors are:

- Dedicated volunteers
- Screened for suitability
- Trained in an initial 15 hour workshop in the world-renowned, Laubach Literacy Method
- Provided with on-going, in house professional development

3. Community Events are:

- Inclusive of a variety of strategic partners
- Focused on informing the community of its literacy issues

VALUES

Community

Respect

Independence

Service

Effectiveness

VISION

We will live in a community that defines itself as literate, and that embraces the concept that literacy is the foundation of an enriched life.

With literacy as the foundation, its members are able to participate in and take full advantage of the varied and wonderful opportunities within the community, and the environment in which they live and work.

The ALC will have an integral role in developing a literate community. It will be highly visible, accessible, diverse in programming, and respected as a key partner in community development.

Its partnerships will extend over all sectors of the community from social service to educational organizations, from local business to municipal government, in order to ensure the integrated development of literacy, a most valuable community resource. The ALC will be, together with its partners, a model of community engagement.

It will be secure on a solid foundation of diverse funding, and volunteers.

The organization will be accountable at all times and based on a learning culture.

The community and its members will never stop developing because they are committed to literacy and life-long-learning.

CHAIR OF THE BOARD'S REPORT

Literacy is more than just the ability to read, write and comprehend. It is the ability to socialize within your community, improve your work opportunities, teach your children and build confidence. The Government of Canada recognizes that low literacy skills are associated with low income, poor health and social exclusion and are committed to raising literacy levels to have strong thriving communities. The Town of Fort Erie has taken on this challenge and supports the efforts of The Adult Literacy Council. Higher literacy levels are the basis of a higher standard of living for all residents.

The Adult Literacy Council of Greater Fort Erie has been striving for over 30 years to help adults improve their literacy skills, and thus improve their lives, and the life of the community. The Annual Report for 2008 chronicles the work of the organization over the past year through the reports from the Executive Director, the Program Co-ordinator, the Treasurer, and the Tutor Training Co-ordinator. The Annual Report also clearly illustrates that the effectiveness of the organization in achieving its mission, depends on numerous partners across the entire spectrum of the community. We are proud to have developed a sound community base for the organization. Most important, however, we are proud of the accomplishments of our many learners over the past 30 years. As we celebrate our success, we congratulate each adult who has used the services of The ALC.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank our volunteers, and members, our dedicated staff, contributing businesses, other social service organizations, and the Town of Fort Erie for their on-going support of adult literacy and The Adult Literacy Council. We are fortunate to have such loyal supporters. Let us continue to work together to foster literate individuals, and a literate community.

Jenny Marinaccio

Board Members 1996 – 2008

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Madonna Filipowicz		

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

During The Adult Literacy Council's (ALC) 30th year of service to the Fort Erie Community, we not only celebrated the organization's past accomplishments, but also invested a great deal of effort in preparing for an exciting future. Over the last year the ALC systematically reviewed all facets of the organization with an eye to firming up our foundation, in order to support the growth that is planned as we continue to anticipate and respond to the community's needs.

We successfully negotiated grant proposals with existing and new funders including the Ontario Trillium Foundation. With this infusion of fresh funding, we have been able to improve our internal accountability systems to support the highest levels of financial accountability. Our increased understanding of and ability to report on the social return on investment that The ALC provides in our community will provide long standing benefits for learners and funders well into the future.

The ALC has also made significant improvements in the area of information management, with a comprehensive overhaul of our technology and data management tools and systems. Our new website will be more user friendly and interactive, with an increased emphasis on volunteers and learners.

With a renewed commitment to increased volunteer engagement, a dynamic volunteer management plan has been developed. New volunteer recruitment, recognition and retention strategies are ready for implementation this spring.

For our learners, volunteers, staff, board members and funders, lifelong learning remains our highest priority. In response to the ever-changing needs of our learning community, The ALC has been preparing to offer expanded program content across several modalities.

The ALC leadership is excited about the increased organizational capacity we are developing across all areas of the organization. We are confident that our ability to learn, change and grow is a direct result of the inspiration provided by our dedicated learners and volunteers. With your ongoing widespread support, The ALC envisions another 30 years of successful program delivery and leadership in the Fort Erie community.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Wick

PROGRAM CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Celebrating 30 years! The Adult Literacy Council of Greater Fort Erie (ALC) has been championing the power of literacy to improve the lives of adults, their families, and their community for 30 years! The ALC envisions a community where everyone can read, write, and use a computer and keep up with technology to lead healthier, productive and fulfilling lives. Our organization offers programs and workshops in order to do just that, and hopes to continue to deliver community based literacy programs and workshops for another 30 years. Through volunteer mobilization, capacity building and leadership, we are supporting our community towards greater self-confidence and independence in order to access other educational, personal or employment related goals.

2008 saw many challenges and opportunities; funding challenges, which are constant, as well as locating suitable space. At the same time, new opportunities arise, new program ideas begin to formulate, and a renewed energy develops. We are optimistic about some new programming initiatives we hope to introduce this year. Our General Educational Development (GED) program is expected to start in May and we are confident this program (indicated by the number of inquiries and registrations) will provide our community a long awaited, free, one-to-one, local, convenient, GED tutoring preparation program for a high school equivalency diploma. We continue to offer computer literacy, a family math program, one-to-one basic literacy, math tutoring, ESL one-to-one tutoring in addition to other special projects such as the Family Literacy Day Community Spelling Bee in partnership with the Fort Erie Public Library, our Book-in-Every-Basket campaign, and tutor and student professional development workshops. If someone you know can benefit from any of our services, please call today. The call is confidential, and the programs geared to individual needs. We are always looking for tutor volunteers who can commit to a few hours a week to help someone else. For more information on how you can help, please call the office.

Literacy is an issue that affects us all. Help us celebrate our success by supporting literacy in the Fort Erie community. Stay informed, volunteer, get involved with The ALC, or make a donation. We need your support and so do our learners.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Salvati

Celebrating 30 Years of Literacy in the Fort Erie Community

TUTOR TRAINING CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Two basic tutor training workshops were held in April and October of 2008, with a total of 10 volunteers completing the certification requirements. These small numbers are disappointing but the caliber of tutors has been impressive.

Our new training format continues to be well received and the trainers have been able to adapt the workshop segments to meet the needs of both trainees and learners.

We continue to wrestle with the problem of attracting more volunteers, but this appears to be a community-wide issue. More and more organizations are vying for a diminishing pool of individuals able to commit the time to volunteering. We hope that our recruitment efforts in the coming year prove to be more successful.

Submitted by,
Lynda Goodridge

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW TUTORS FOR 2008

Maureen Bellazzi
Linda Locher
Adrienne Wilsonne
Jackie Pigott
Marlo Toppazzini

Sharon Wood
Rebecca Jantzi-Boles
Carmel VanBrussel
Jay Burdon
Keri-Lynn Lee

SPECIAL THANKS

The ALC gratefully acknowledges and is proud
of the continuing commitment of its tutor trainers:

Lynda Goodridge, Sandy Williams, Jennifer Hoyle and Maria Salvati

FUNDING SOURCES

1. Fort Erie Bingo
2. The United Way
3. The Trillium Foundation
4. Jordan Engineering
5. HRSDC
6. UPS
7. CAMA
8. The Fort Erie Italo-Canadian Club, Pasta Dinner
9. The Speaker Mabee Foundation
10. Law Foundation of Ontario
11. Vermeer's Greenhouse, Flower Sales

COMMUNITY DONATED TUTORING SITES

1. Gilmore Lodge
2. Maple Park Lodge
3. JHS/Job Gym
4. Fort Erie Multicultural Centre
5. St. Paul's Anglican Church
6. Fort Erie Public Library (all branches)
7. YMCA
8. Community Living
9. Trinity Lutheran Church
10. Lakeview Apartments, Community Room
11. First Baptist Church
12. Fort Erie Driving School
13. Albany Manor, Community Room

IN-KIND DONATIONS

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| 1. WARM | Children's Books |
| 2. Richard Kugelman | ESL Software |
| 3. John Van Oirschot | Computer and Desk |
| 4. Pauline Coghlan & Andy Horton | Printer |
| 5. Fort Erie Public Library | Food & Beverage for Spelling Bee |
| 6. Chanelle Wallace | First Aid Workbooks |

**The ALC has been a proud & grateful member of
The United Way since 1998.**

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

ABC Canada
 Ontario Literacy Coalition
 Literacy Works
 Community Literacy of Ontario
 Frontier College

Niagara Regional Literacy Council
 Literacy Link Niagara
 Laubach Literacy Ontario
 CAMA (Canadian Association of
 Municipal Administrators)

COMMUNITY PARTNERS & CONTACTS

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|---|---|
| 1. ABC Canada | 36. Niagara Catholic District School Board of Niagara |
| 2. Alpha Plus | 37. Niagara College of Applied Arts & Technology |
| 3. Aero-Safe Technology | 38. Niagara Regional Literacy Council |
| 4. Bowen Road Women's Auxiliary | 39. Niagara Training & Adjustment Board (NTAB) |
| 5. Bridgeburg Book Store | 40. Niagara Centre for Community Leadership |
| 6. Business Development Centre | 41. Ogilvie Chiropractic Clinic |
| 7. Community Gaming Development Corporation | 42. Papa's Pizza |
| 8. Town of Fort Erie | 43. Buffalo & Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority |
| 9. Canadian Niagara Power | 44. Peace Bridge Duty Free |
| 10. Canadian Tire Fort Erie | 45. Peace Bridge Newcomers Association |
| 11. Canada Post | 46. Port Cares |
| 12. Community Living of Fort Erie | 47. Ridgeway Crystal Beach High School |
| 13. Crystal Beach Public School | 48. Salvation Army |
| 14. Crystal Chandelier | 49. Sobeys Market |
| 15. District School Board of Niagara | 50. St. George Catholic School |
| 16. Fort Erie Friendship Festival | 51. St. Paul's Anglican Church |
| 17. Fort Erie Friendship Native Centre | 52. Town of Fort Erie Leisureplex |
| 18. Fort Erie Kinsmen Gift of Love | 53. Trinity Lutheran Church |
| 19. Fort Erie Multicultural Centre | 54. United Way of Niagara Falls & Greater Fort Erie |
| 20. Fort Erie Public Library | 55. United Parcel Service (UPS) |
| 21. Fort Erie Secondary School | 56. W.A.R.M |
| 22. Frontier Distribution | 57. Wilson Floor Design |
| 23. From Cover to Cover Bookstore | 58. YMCA |
| 24. Gilmore Lodge | 59. Zonta Club |
| 25. Gord's Driving School | |
| 26. Heritage Specialty Cheese | |
| 27. Information Niagara | |
| 28. JHS/Job Gym | |
| 29. Joe's Valumart | |
| 30. Lakeshore Catholic High School | |
| 31. Learning2Do | |
| 32. Maple Park Lodge | |
| 33. Meister Sweets | |
| 34. Meridian Credit Union | |
| 35. Mrs. O's Pharmacy | |

THE BLACK, WHITE AND READ GALA FUNDRAISER

SPONSERS

1. Meridian Credit Union
2. Crawford Smith & Swallow
3. Durwood Jones & Barkwell
4. Erie Personnel Corporation
5. The Buffalo & Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority
6. Aero Safe Technologies
7. Canadian Niagara Power Inc., A Fortis Ontario Company
8. The Cares Foundation of Fallsview Casino Resort & Casino Niagara
9. Fort Erie Economic Development & Tourism Corporation
10. Investors Group, Niagara Falls
11. Niagara College Academic Upgrading Program
12. Pharmetics Inc.

DONORS FOR THE LIVE AUCTION

1. Anna Olson, Olson Foods, Port Dalhousie
2. Buffalo Chop House
3. Cherry Hill Club
4. McCooney's
5. Mansion Hotel, Buffalo
6. Miller's Auto Recycling
7. Rogers TV Listings Channel & Electric Dreams Video

IN-KIND & OTHER DONATIONS

1. Amora Protrait Studios
2. Bertie Printers
3. Crescent Gardens
4. Feastivities
5. The Fort Erie Arts Council
6. The Holiday Inn
7. JCY Associates
8. Sobey's
9. Speed Pro Imaging
10. Town of Fort Erie

**The Black, White and Read
Gala-vanting for Literacy**

Saturday, April 12, 2008

THE BLACK, WHITE AND READ GALA FUNDRAISER**SILENT AUCTION & DRAW DONORS**

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| 1. A-1 Appliance Centre | 38. Lucky's Gifts & Lottery Centre |
| 2. Aleksandra Jewellery | 39. McGregor Miller Limited |
| 3. Ann Raby | 40. MaryAnn Lavin Rodgers |
| 4. Antonio's Pizzeria | 41. Meridian Credit Union |
| 5. Ballroom Etc. | 42. Minor Bros. Farm & Country |
| 6. Canadian Tire, McLeod Rd. NF | 43. Moggridge Studio, NOTL |
| 7. CandyGram Surprise | 44. Murray Monkley |
| 8. Chakra Spa | 45. My Salon |
| 9. Compu-Meds | 46. Nettle Creek Nursery |
| 10. Contours MD | 47. New Hope Natural Health Centre |
| 11. Crawford Smith & Swallow | 48. Niagara Parks Commission, Legends on the Niagara |
| 12. Crescent Home Hardware | 49. Nino D'Ambra |
| 13. Crew's Quarters, PC | 50. Oh Canada Eh? |
| 14. The Cutting Edge | 51. Old Bank Bistro |
| 15. Dave Lyons Chevrolet | 52. Orange Hot Tubs & Leisure |
| 16. Douglas Eade | 53. Patricia Teal, MD Cosmetic Laser & Aesthetics |
| 17. Dr. Ray Ordinario | 54. Peace Bridge Duty Free |
| 18. Fingers & Toes, Etc. | 55. Pilates Niagara |
| 19. From Cover to Cover Bookstore | 56. Ridgeway Furniture |
| 20. Fort Erie Golf Club | 57. Robert Marjerrison |
| 21. Fort Erie Tim-Br Mart | 58. Roberts Jewellers, NF |
| 22. Gay Douglas-Broerse | 59. Rodger Brideau |
| 23. Glam Gal, PC | 60. Rosehill Auction House |
| 24. Grapes on the Ridge | 61. The Rubenesque Woman, SC |
| 25. Green Acres Family Restaurant | 62. Scotia Bank, FE |
| 26. Hillebrand & Peller Estates Winery | 63. Shaw Festival |
| 27. The Honourable Rob Nicholson, MP | 64. Sneaker's Sports Bar & Grill |
| 28. IDA Pharmacy, Ridgeway | 65. Spacifix Esthetics Studio |
| 29. Jack Shaw's Green Acres | 66. Stevensville Garden Gallery |
| 30. Johnny Rocco's Italian Grill, NF | 67. Susan Van Wylick |
| 31. Kim Craiton, MPP Niagara | 68. Ten Thousand Villages, PC |
| 32. LL Fashions, NF | 69. Tim Hudak, MP |
| 33. Lasting Impressions Gift Shoppe | 70. Tirecraft |
| 34. Learning2Do | 71. Turkstra Lumber Company |
| 35. Lewis Textiles | 72. UMBRA |
| 36. Lino's Pizza | 73. The UPS Store 0861, Buffalo |
| 37. Lisa Sawyer at Hairport | 74. Uptown Frame |
| | 75. White on White |

VOLUNTEERS

Lida Acosta	Terrie Hall	Conrad Pierroz
Georgena Atreo	Marilyn Hardie	Jackie Pigott
Franca Balto	Diana Harris	Bernadette Pinonneault
Abby Barnhart	Patti Harris	Becky Porter
Maureen Bellazzi	Barbara Hennessy	Ann Raby
Corinne Bird	Marie Higgins	Hazel Reinhart
David Botha	Andy Horton	Jordyn Renshaw
Grace Bowen	Jennifer Hoyle	Tom Reynolds
Jay Burdon	Anne Marie Hudak	Kristen Richardson
Rosemarie Burke	Pat Hudak	Ed Roberts
Johnny Campigotto	Dixie Hughes	Amy Roebuck
Colleen Chilvers	Carmela Ianniello	Maria Salvati
Susan Clark-Tanzer	Tina Ianniello	Terry Sampson
Pauline Coghlan	Rebecca Jantzi-Boles	Ada Sherk
Maureen Cook	Enoch Kabera	Margaret Sibandi
Emma Cosby	Brenda Keiwan	Susan Stead
Cheryl Cox	Glennis Kendrick	Heather Stewart
Wayne Daudelin	Carolyn Kent	Alma Sullivan
Deanna DiMartile	Richard Kugelman	Teresa Summers
David Dixon	Donna Laflamme	John Thompson
Laura Dixon	Tara Lamorie	Marlo Toppazzini
Shane Doeppin	Linda Locher	Carmel VanBrussel
Dorothy Dorge	Ann Magner	John VanOirschot
Gay Douglas-Broerse	Jenny Marinaccio	Anne Vella
Judy Embree	Lorraine Masurat	Robert Voisard
Linda Epp	Jerry McCutcheon	Betsy Walls
Mary Farkas	Nina McCutcheon	Alison Wherry
Stephen Farkas	Joan McNeil	Sharon Whissell
Madonna Filipowicz	Andrea Menig	Andrea Wick
Kelly Filipowicz	Gordon Miller	Sandra Williams
Ryan Filipowicz	Catherine Mindorff	Adrienne Wilsonne
Sandra Flake	Tony Moosie	Sharon Wood
Joseph Fletcher	Carolyn Nagel	John Young
Gulshan Gasimova	Ngalula Ntumba	Ning Yu
Jennifer Gooderham	Carlos Osorio Jr.	Ping Yu
Lynda Goodridge	Carlos Osorio Sr.	Richard Zanchin
Kay Green	Kathleen Overmeyer	Tracy Zurby

LEARNER ACHIEVEMENTS

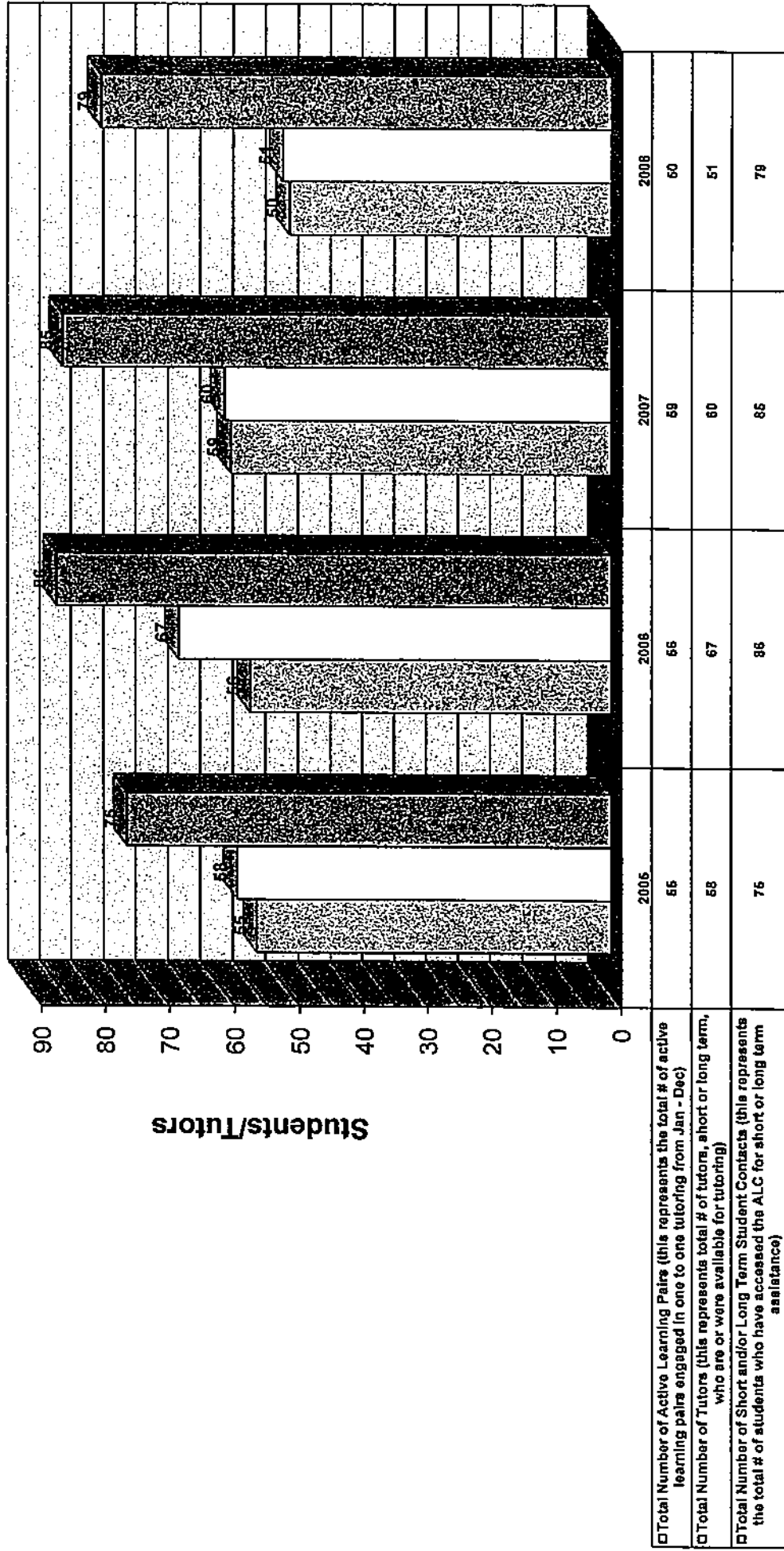
1. Two learners completed the Social Service Worker Diploma program at Niagara College (2 yr. program).
2. Several ESL learners have improved their conversation skills and are volunteering in our community.
3. One student has enrolled in a grade 12 English credit course to complete the General Educational Developmental (GED) requirements.
4. Three students entered our annual Short Story/Poetry contest because of increased confidence in writing.
5. Eight of our ESL students have entered Niagara College in the full time ESL academic program.
6. Several learners received job promotions.
7. Four learners enrolled in some type of academic upgrading program.
8. Five learners found either part, full time or temporary employment.
9. Three learners have successfully completed our in-house basic computer workshop training.
10. One learner is writing a small column for the ALC newsletter.
11. One learner who has completed the computer workshop is interested in teaching what she learned to other learners.
12. Twelve families and twenty children participated in the family math program.

The volunteers and learners of the literacy programs
and events make this all possible!

Thank you to all of our volunteers!

The Adult Literacy Council of Greater Fort Erie

2005 - 2008 Students/Tutors



The Adult Literacy Council of Greater Fort Erie

Financial Statements

for the year ended December 31, 2008

RONALD B. WATSON, CA

RONALD B. WATSON, Chartered Accountant

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REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Directors of
The Adult Literacy Council of Greater Fort Erie:

I have reviewed the balance sheet of The Adult Literacy Council of Greater Fort Erie as at December 31, 2008 and the statement of income and expenses for the year then ended. My review was made in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements and accordingly consisted primarily of enquiry, analytical procedures and discussion related to information supplied to me by the organization.

A review does not constitute an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Based on my review, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that these financial statements are not, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.



Fort Erie, Ontario
March 20, 2009

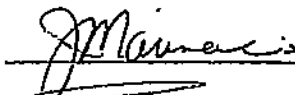
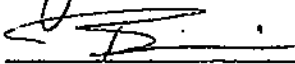
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT
LICENSED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

THE ADULT LITERACY COUNCIL OF GREATER FORT ERIE
BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2008
(unaudited)

ASSETS

	<u>General</u>	<u>Lottery</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$	\$	2008	2007
	\$	\$	\$	\$
CURRENT				
Cash - general fund	23,502	-	23,502	7,411
- bingo fund - note 3	-	14,347	14,347	1,755
Accounts receivable	2,268	7,043	9,311	7,560
Inter-fund loans - note 4	11,711	(11,711)	-	-
Prepaid expenses	-	<u>542</u>	<u>542</u>	<u>4,657</u>
	<u>37,481</u>	<u>10,221</u>	<u>47,702</u>	<u>21,383</u>
ENDOWMENT FUND - note 5				
Cash and equivalents	<u>28,444</u>	-	<u>28,444</u>	<u>27,733</u>
CAPITAL - note 2 (b)				
Equipment	8,371	13,842	22,213	22,213
Computers	<u>5,427</u>	<u>4,596</u>	<u>10,023</u>	<u>10,023</u>
	13,798	18,438	32,236	32,236
Less: Accumulated amortization	<u>10,812</u>	<u>14,453</u>	<u>25,265</u>	<u>23,222</u>
	2,986	3,985	6,971	9,014
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	68,911	14,206	83,117	58,130
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Signed on behalf of the Board:

 Director
 Director

THE ADULT LITERACY COUNCIL OF GREATER FORT ERIE
BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2008
(unaudited)

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

	<u>General</u>	<u>Lottery</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$	\$	2008	2007
	\$	\$	\$	\$
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable and accruals	1,812	2,692	4,504	2,682
Deferred revenue	<u>4,960</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,960</u>	<u>1,460</u>
	<u>6,772</u>	<u>2,692</u>	<u>9,464</u>	<u>4,142</u>
EQUITY				
General Equity				
Balance, beginning of year	15,293	10,962	26,255	34,768
Excess (deficiency) of income over expenses	<u>19,113</u>	<u>552</u>	<u>19,665</u>	<u>(17,427)</u>
	34,406	11,514	45,920	17,341
Transfers from (to) Endowment Fund	<u>(711)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(711)</u>	<u>8,914</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>33,695</u>	<u>11,514</u>	<u>45,209</u>	<u>26,255</u>
Endowment Fund - note 5				
Balance, beginning of year	27,733	-	27,733	36,647
Transfers from (to) General Fund	<u>711</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>711</u>	<u>(8,914)</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>28,444</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,444</u>	<u>27,733</u>
Total equity	<u>62,139</u>	<u>11,514</u>	<u>73,653</u>	<u>53,988</u>
	<u>68,911</u>	<u>14,206</u>	<u>83,117</u>	<u>58,130</u>

RONALD B. WATSON, CA

THE ADULT LITERACY COUNCIL OF GREATER FORT ERIE
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008
(unaudited)

	<u>General</u>	<u>Lottery</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
INCOME				
Lottery revenue - note 6	-	40,808	40,808	50,902
Donations	6,484	800	7,284	17,327
Grants - United Way	27,328	-	27,328	34,247
- Trillium Fund	8,920	-	8,920	-
- other	3,558	-	3,558	2,762
Fundraising events (net)	27,271	-	27,271	403
Membership and workshop fees	1,610	-	1,610	1,190
Interest income	711	-	711	1,086
	<u>75,882</u>	<u>41,608</u>	<u>117,490</u>	<u>107,917</u>
EXPENSES				
Accounting	-	912	912	912
Amortization	943	1,100	2,043	2,580
Bank charges	61	-	61	107
Bookkeeping	3,357	-	3,357	2,824
General Educational Development program	3,011	-	3,011	-
Insurance	3,257	-	3,257	3,296
Meeting expenses	1,080	-	1,080	1,538
Office information systems	2,398	1,750	4,148	2,304
Office expenses	6,545	2,983	9,528	8,237
Office rent	1,100	4,450	5,550	7,800
Professional development	100	40	140	140
Promotion and publicity	166	-	166	3,606
Scholarships	400	-	400	750
Student and tutor training	165	980	1,145	2,050
Telephone	1,049	1,257	2,306	2,624
The Law and You program	-	-	-	4,810
Training and tutoring materials	654	566	1,220	2,449
Wages and benefits	32,483	27,018	59,501	79,317
	<u>56,769</u>	<u>41,056</u>	<u>97,825</u>	<u>125,344</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF INCOME				
OVER EXPENSES	19,113	552	19,665	(17,427)

RONALD B. WATSON, CA

THE ADULT LITERACY COUNCIL OF GREATER FORT ERIE
 SCHEDULE COMPARING LOTTERY EXPENSES TO BUDGET
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008
 (unaudited)

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	\$	\$
LOTTERY FUND EXPENSES		
Accounting	912	-
Amortization	1,100	-
Office information systems	1,750	2,600
Office expense	2,983	2,500
Office rent	4,450	5,000
Professional development	40	-
Student and tutor training	980	1,900
Telephone	1,257	1,500
Training and tutoring materials	566	2,400
Wages and benefits	<u>27,018</u>	<u>37,100</u>
 TOTAL LOTTERY EXPENSES	 <u>41,056</u>	 <u>53,000</u>

THE ADULT LITERACY COUNCIL OF GREATER FORT ERIE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008
(unaudited)

1. ORGANIZATION

The Adult Literacy Council of Greater Fort Erie was incorporated on April 16, 1993 as a non-profit corporation without share capital. It succeeded the previous non-profit unincorporated organization known as Adult Literacy Council of Fort Erie.

The organization is registered as a charitable organization in Canada. Its primary objective is to teach adults needed literacy skills by training and co-ordinating tutors, while promoting an awareness of the problem of illiteracy in Greater Fort Erie.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Accounting

Revenue and expenses are recorded using the accrual basis of accounting.

(b) Capital Assets

Capital assets are stated at cost. Amortization has been recorded using the declining balance method at the following rates:

Equipment	20%
Computer	30%

3. RESTRICTED ASSETS

"Cash - bingo fund" and a portion of the other assets have been derived from bingo revenues, and their uses are restricted by provincial and municipal lottery regulations.

4. INTER-FUND LOANS

When necessary, expenditures are made from one fund on behalf of the other as an inter-fund loan. At the year-end, the Lottery Fund was indebted to the General Fund in the amount of \$11,711.

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5. ENDOWMENT FUND

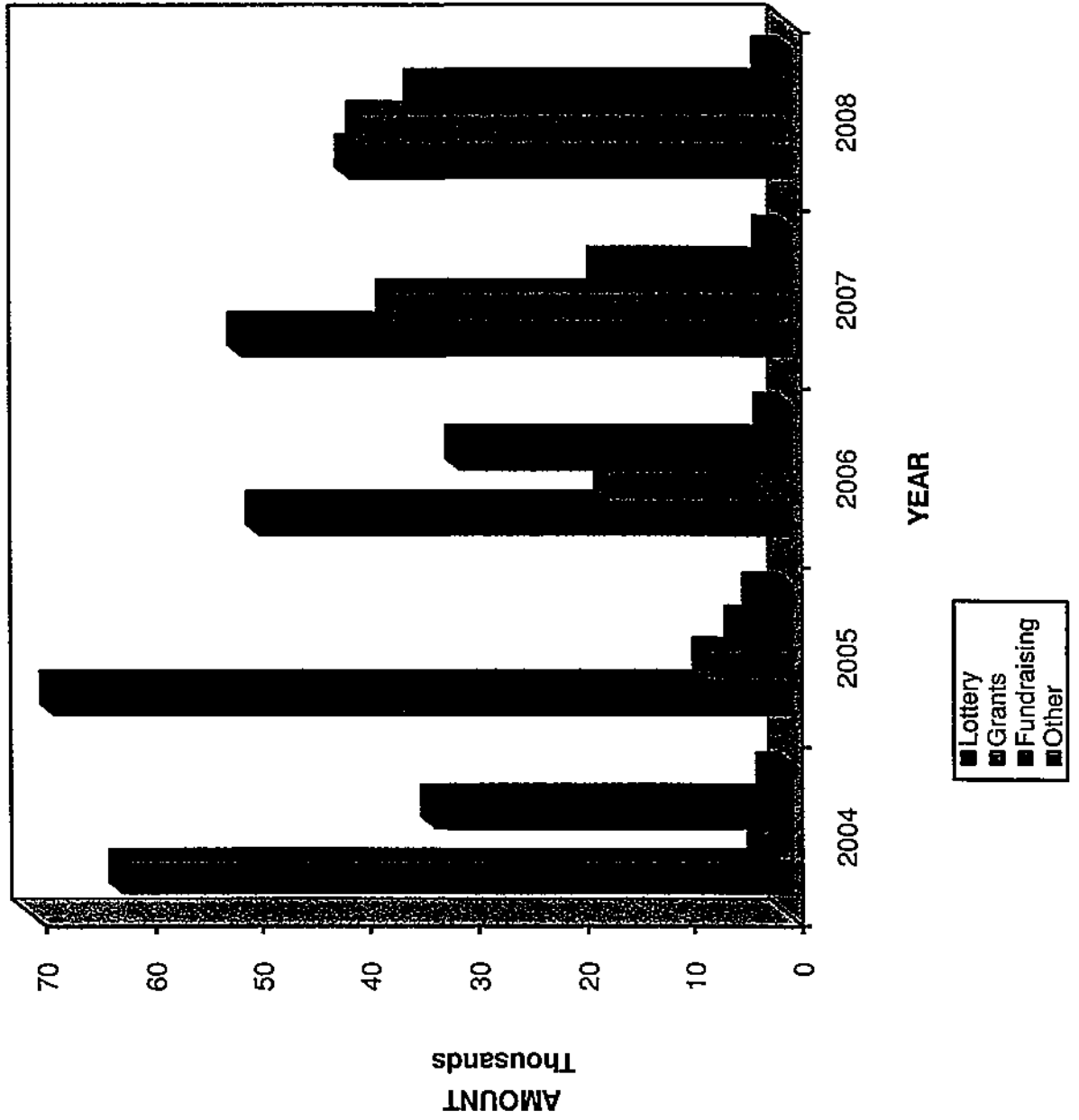
The organization has set aside funds to meet future requirements and contingencies. The funds are invested in a separate interest-earning bank account.

6. BINGO REVENUE

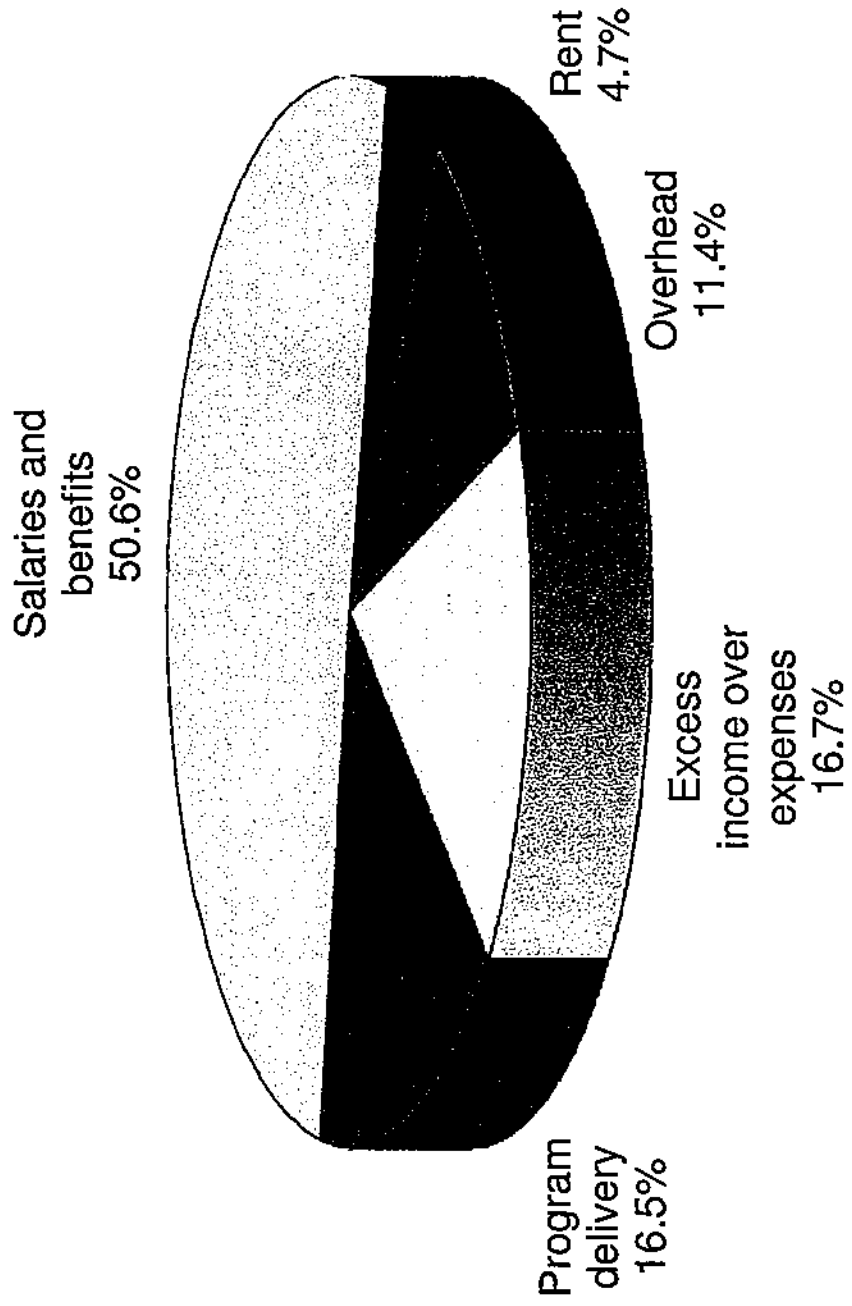
Bingo revenues are pooled for all organizations holding bingos at a bingo hall, and the amount after expenses (except shortages and member reimbursements, which are paid by each organization) is pooled and paid equally for each bingo event held during a month.

The gross revenue reported is the share of the pooled net revenue attributed to this organization.

INCOME ANALYSIS



EXPENDITURE ALLOCATION



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