

Catholic Family Services of the Battlefords Inc.
Presidents Annual Report – March 30, 2009

On behalf of the Board of Directors for Catholic Family Services of the Battlefords, I am respectfully reporting another successful year. It has been a very busy one, with new challenges, new programs and new providers for some of the programs offered by the agency. We would like to welcome back Ken Loehndorf to the board, who having served as president in the past, brings both experience and expertise to the areas he has agreed to work with. We are still looking for new Board members and are hopeful we will be successful in filling the vacant positions. I would like to thank all the present Board members for their continued professional dedicated service to the Agency.

We have had another very busy year fundraising, as we continue to depend upon the revenue raised from these events to meet our financial commitments. Again the largest and most successful, continues to be the Annual Charity Dinner and Auction. We are presently preparing for this years' event and are hopeful it to be a success once again. It continues to be popular and well attended. We wish to thank all the many generous donors and steady supporters who continue to make this event such a success. We would also like to thank the Town of Battleford for co sponsoring the Ugly Duckling Ballet held in January of this year, which was a huge success. I would like to thank the Fundraiser Coordinator, Carmel Coward for her creativity and hard work in continuing to come up with new and novel fundraising events.

The arrangement with the Administrator Assistant Gisele L'Heureux, in taking care of both the CFS Building Corporation and the Agency financial business is working out well. We wish to thank her for her dedicated work and expertise.

CFS continues to have contracts with Light of Christ RCSSD#16, Ministry of Social Services and Saskatchewan Justice. The services and programs provided by CFS, strive to continue to meet the ever growing and changing need and demands that are evident in this community. Further information in this area will be provided in the Executive Director's report.

Once again this year we had the privilege to meet with his Excellency Bishop Blaise Moran at our Annual Bishops Luncheon. He reaffirmed his support for the Agency and its important work in the Battlefords. He indicated that the Bishops Annual Appeal had gone well and expected it to continue being a source of revenue to support the CFS's of the Prince Albert Diocese. He then informed us of his retirement and spoke highly about the Most Reverend Albert Thevenot who has been appointed to replace him. We expressed our gratitude for the strong commitment toward CFS from His Excellency and wished him a long and healthy retirement. We look forward to this years' Bishop Luncheon and our formal meeting with the new Bishop for the Diocese of Prince Albert.

We wish to thank the continued support, both financial and spiritual, from the Parishes in the Agency's area and we look forward to working closely with the Parish Councils and the Deanery Representative in assisting them to do Christ's Work in the parish communities. We also wish to express our sincere thanks to the many parishioners who continue to support us through the Annual Snow Flake Drive, the Special Sunday Collection and in so many other ways.

We are continuing to review the Board Strategic Plan, and CFS Policies to bring them in line with the new government rules and regulations. We have done extensive work in the Personal Policy.

We continue to be very thankful to all the many organizations and individuals who support the Agency, which allows it to do the necessary work for the community. We wish to recognize and thank the generosity of the Diocese of Prince Albert, the Charitable Foundation of the K of C, the K of C Councils in the Deanery, CWL Councils, Parish Councils, Religious Orders and individual Catholic supporters. We also wish to thank BATC and The Brett Wilson Foundation, as well as the many other organizations and individuals who continue to support the Agency in a very generous way. We continue to depend upon this support and generosity which allows the Agency to provide the highest level of service to meet the needs of the Battlefords community.

And finally, I wish to express my deepest and sincerest thanks to the CFS Board members who I have the privilege and honor to serve with, and for their continued professionalism and dedicated support to the Agency. CFS is being well served by you. I also wish to express my gratitude to the Agency's Executive Director, Karen Richard for her continued strong leadership in assisting with the delivery of the many programs and services conducted by CFS in the community. Under her continued direction CFS has become a stronger organization and continues to grow to meet the needs of the Battlefords. I also wish to thank the wonderful CFS staff for their continued care giving in the delivery of the services and programs to all the CFS clients in the Battlefords.

In conclusion may God bless each and every one of you who work for, or provide assistance to CFS in doing His work for the families and individuals in the Battlefords

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Cockburn , President of the Board for CFS of the Battlefords Inc.