



Linking Generations

2015 Annual Report to the Community



Bridging the Gap Between the Generations since 2004

Message From The Board

Our Mission

Linking Generations' mission is to create a link between seniors and youth that will help bridge the gap between the two generations. This link will foster caring and sharing relationships between the senior and student volunteers involved with the Linking Generations Program.

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Message from the Board

The resurrection of Linking Generations in 2014 was truly about "New Beginnings" as we reintroduced our program in two Sherwood Park Junior High schools with seniors from two seniors' lodges. In 2015 we were able to expand and offer the program to two local Senior High Schools and two seniors' lodges.

Linking Generations team of Program Coordinators and our Executive Director recruited, trained and mentored 118 teens and 58 seniors in four programs. Linking Generations recorded 3750 volunteer hours from September 2014 to May 30th, 2015.



Our Executive Director worked with passion in the community increasing awareness of our program and secured additional funding allowing Linking Generations to maintain and enhance programming this year. In 2015-2016 our program is being offered to three Junior High Schools and two Senior High Schools. All of these schools are partnered with a Senior Care Facility/Residence.

The Board of Directors will establish a strategic plan for the Society to meet growing demands of our current program and design opportunities for expansion. This will also be an opportunity to establish a benchmark for areas of improvement and understand our strengths and successes. We are grateful to have dedicated staff and volunteers who create the generational learnings. We are extremely thankful for our community partners and generous charitable, corporate, government and individual donors who all help make it all happen.

Message From The Executive Director

Celebrating Success!

Linking Generations is inspired by youth and seniors who share stories, fun times and new perspectives. Through everyone's willingness to reach out, teach and learn from one another, we are making connections that leap the generation gap and make our community friendlier, stronger and more interconnected.

When we can see a senior sharing their history and their perspectives with today's youth, they are reclaiming their roles as mentors and helping shape our future citizens and leaders.



Debbie Sinclair

When students can share their energy, compassion and today's technology skills, they are learning the joys and responsibilities of volunteering with people in their community.

Linking Generations is very grateful to our community partners and our generous charitable, corporate, government and individual donors who help make all of our programs happen. We believe that together we have built friendships to help break down barriers, and bring people in community together for the benefit of us all.

WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

The trend over the past few decades has been for less extended family living close by and thus our elderly and youth have less day to day contact. This disconnect can create a breeding ground for mistrust and misunderstanding by each age group toward the other. Linking Generations is so proud to help in bridging the generation gap by providing meaningful programs and services that involve the sharing of skills, knowledge and experiences between the young and those not so young. We are being recognized in the community as the organization where kind souls connect. The resulting impact of this unique connection has positive benefits for the family members of seniors and students as well as the staff at the care centers. Linking Generations believes that successful connections and great volunteer opportunities depend on careful planning based on best practices and put into motion by knowledgeable people. We have 15+ years experience in delivering effective intergenerational programs; we are respected as a knowledge-leader in our field. It was with extreme pride to be recognized this year as a nominated organization for the 2015 Ministers Service Award.

Helen Keller is noted for saying, "The best things and most beautiful things in life cannot be seen or even touched. They must but felt with the heart.". Linking Generations is that beautiful thing for me. For many of us.

Debbie Sinclair
Executive Director
Linking Generations Society of Alberta

Message From The Treasurer

2015 Financial Results

Linking Generations is especially thankful for the continued support from our donors, supporters and community partnerships. Together, we are making it possible to provide our programs to seniors and students.

We are pleased to recognize all of our supporters in this report.



Erin Stephen, CA

2014/15 Donors

Strathcona County Family and Community Services
Rotary Club of Sherwood Park
Suncor
EICS and EIPS School Boards
United Victims Assistance Foundation
County of Strathcona Councillor Priority Funds
Meyers Insurance
Imperial Oil
County Clothes Line Foundation
Servus Credit Union

2014/15 Budget Highlights

Participant selection and training for the junior high program began in September 2014 with bi-monthly visits from October through April. The senior high program began in January 2015, with weekly visits from February through April. Celebration luncheons were held in early May.

In fiscal 2015, the organization was committed to sustainable fundraising by involving individuals, business, community, and government in supporting our program goals and initiatives.



Linking Generations Society of Alberta
Statement of Financial Position
As at June 30

	June 2015	June 2014
	<i>Unaudited</i>	<i>Audited</i>
Assets		
Cash	\$43,575	\$11,845
Accounts receivable	-	-
Prepaid insurance	1,235	-
Total assets	44,810	11,845
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	1,090	-
Deferred government grants	10,000	-
Total liabilities	11,090	-
Net assets		
Restricted net assets - prior years	-	-
Unrestricted net assets - prior years	11,845	1,307
Restricted net assets - current year	-	-
Unrestricted net assets - current year	21,875	10,538
Total net assets	\$33,720	\$11,845

Audited and approved on behalf of the Board of Directors:

"original signed" 09/30/2015

 Wendy Hoffmann, Chair

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 Barb Berndt, Director

Prepared on behalf of the Board of Directors:

"original signed" 08/26/2015

 Erin Stephen, Treasurer



**Linking Generations Society of Alberta
Statement of Operations
For the year ended June 30**

	Budget	Actuals	
	June 2015 Unaudited	June 2015 Unaudited	June 2014 Audited
Revenues			
Government grant revenues	\$3,000	\$ 12,000	\$9,000
Community grant revenues	16,440	26,440	2,000
Donation revenues	500	1,292	1,233
Partner contributions	1,200	1,900	400
Total revenues	21,140	41,632	12,633
Expenses			
Program delivery - junior high	14,535	11,294	(47)
Program delivery - senior high	9,874	3,000	-
Public relations	1,900	3,754	842
Fundraising	2,632	1,709	1,300
Total expenses	28,941	19,757	2,095
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$ (7,801)	\$21,875	\$10,538