



## *2004/2005 Annual Report*

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CHILDREN'S  
COTTAGE  
SOCIETY

*Safe Children in Healthy Families*

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## Message From the President

Your Board of Directors and the Staff of the Children's Cottage Society have worked diligently over the last year in the formulation of a Strategic Plan that includes three Strategic Priorities:

1. Development of effective, unique and efficient programs and collaborations that:

- prevent harm and neglect to children,
- address multicultural competence,
- are strategic in their growth of new and existing services,
- provide responsive and accessible crisis and respite services and,
- provide families with early intervention services.

2. Ensure total awareness and access to the Society's crisis, respite and family support programs, and

3. Fiscal Stewardship of Society to allow for the execution of priorities 1 and 2.

These Strategic Priorities keep us focused on one overall objective—to serve more Calgary Families and Children. We have a daunting challenge in front of us:

- we need to expand our awareness in the community,
- we need to expand our range of services,
- and we need to decrease the number of children we turn away.

To meet these challenges we must expand our facilities, but only within our financial capacity to operate them effectively and responsibly. Government support is never a given and while we have built solid relationships with our core funders, we need to ensure that the operational funding requirements of an expanded Cottage can be met. This means an appropriate balance between increased core funding and increased fundraising are required in support of a capital campaign to expand our facilities. This expansion will be based on a sound Business Plan addressing all risks and opportunities.

We will need all of our stakeholders to play a part in this expansion. Core funders, donors, volunteers and staff will all have a role in ensuring that the Calgary Children's Cottage continues to protect our children and families from the many perils that face them daily. We are a giving community and I am confident that working together, we will accomplish our Strategic Priorities.

Sincerely,



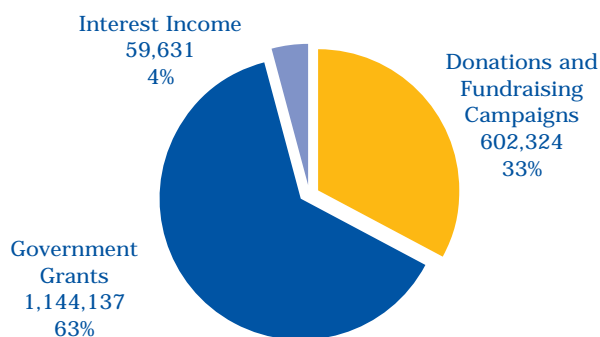
Ken Pattenden

## Financial Operations for the Year Ended March 31, 2005

In the past year, the Children's Cottage Society was able to provide crisis, respite and family support services to Calgary's children and their families. With program operating costs at **85%**, administrative costs at **11%** and fundraising costs at **4%**, our dollars are hard at work and benefiting the community, keeping children safe.

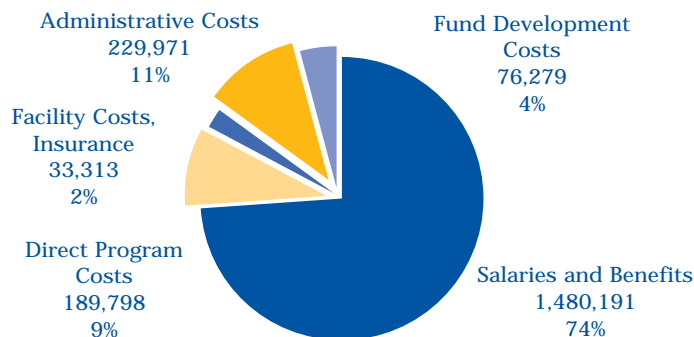
### PROGRAM OPERATING REVENUE

Total 1,806,092



### PROGRAM OPERATING EXPENSES

Total 2,009,552



Complete April 1, 2004 - March 31, 2005 Audited Financial Statements are available upon request.

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## Message From the Executive Director

Since 1986, the Children's Cottage has been a safe haven for 27,536 children. Over the years we have proven that the crisis and respite care of children is a vital part of a continuum of family services offered to isolated Calgarians. These services have the ability to reduce family stress, support family stability, prevent abuse and neglect, and minimize the need for out-of-home placements. We have learned that the services we offer give parents a window of relief that helps them to see hope in their future. Parents have told us that they have the opportunity to deal with the problems that brought them to the point of crisis. One parent said: "I was able to get counseling and phone people about housing, money, and clothes. I was able to calm down." Another said: "I used every second he was away from me to improve our life and future." Parents assure us daily that by having used the programs of the Children's Cottage they will be better parents for having had the strength to seek out help.

This past year showed a resurgence of Calgarians supporting the Children's Cottage. We are pleased that the value of respite is becoming increasingly recognized as a necessary and valuable method of sustaining and strengthening families. We were grateful to receive new funding for our volunteer program from The City of Calgary FCSS program. The United Way of Calgary agreed to fund the care of 125 vulnerable children at the Crisis Nursery each year for the next three years, and Calgary and Area Child and Family Service Authority engaged the Society to pilot a project of coordinating quality child care on a planned basis for some of Calgary's most fragile parents and their children.

The Society's Sixth Annual Radiothon hosted by the Breeze and supported by countless sponsors and volunteers raised a record \$250,000. Corporate donations, contributions from service clubs, and the kind donations of Calgarians from children to adults all contributed to enabling all of our doors to remain open to keeping children safe. We are grateful to those donors who have been loyal supporters and to those who have given for the first time. Together a tremendous difference continues to be made.

Thanks to Ivynet Inc., a much-needed website was established. We continue to build upon this opportunity and are pleased that donors, staff, volunteers, and the general community can now learn about our Society online.

The Board of Directors has once again worked tirelessly to ensure fiscal stability as well as to set a strategic direction. A new plan brings to light the need to assist all Calgarians to know how to access our services, the need to understand how to address the growing demand for our programs, and the need to build further upon the direction of a sustainable fiscal future. Their leadership is admired and I extend my sincere appreciation.

Volunteers and staff continue to work hand in hand to help thousands of children in one year. 7,450 volunteer hours were logged by 407 people. Passion to help children and the desire to provide a community service to those in need bring together the most special of Calgary's community. They are lead by a small and dedicated leadership team who work tirelessly to meet the goals of many. You are all appreciated.

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>2003 # of Children</b>	<b>2004 # of Children</b>	<b>2003 # of Families</b>	<b>2004 # of Families</b>
<i>Crisis and Respite Support:</i>				
Crisis Nursery	1,264	1,246	806	794
Community Respite Program	2,159	2,189	1,831	1,762
Respite Care Connection	59	76	50	65
Child Care Respite Project	0	50	0	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,482</b>	<b>3,561</b>	<b>2,687</b>	<b>2,661</b>
<i>Family Support Programs:</i>				
<b>Total Crisis Nursery—Family Liaison and In-Home Infant Respite—Family Liaison Healthy Families</b>			<b>279</b>	<b>312</b>

The Society's current growth and development discussions stem from the reality of having turned 1,211 children from 719 families away from the Crisis Nursery when parents made a call for help. The most important achievement of 2004 relates to service delivery. Once again, we have achieved an overall increase of providing service to children and their families.

Sincerely,



**Patty Kilgallon**

*Sincere thanks to all of the donors who contributed to the Children's Cottage Society during this fiscal year. It is only with your support that we can continue caring for vulnerable children. Although we cannot mention all the generous donations, each one is appreciated. Due to space limitations, only the names of those who donated over \$300 follow.*

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