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A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

DAVID JOHNSTON

As a patron of Canada World Youth (CWY), it gives me great pleasure to extend my greetings to its members, staff and volunteers.

Canadians are known for their compassion when working to improve the lives of others. We would never have acquired this reputation were it not for the tireless efforts of organizations like CWY that are dedicated to building a better world.

Volunteering is based on the notion that everyone has something to give and to gain from sharing with others. CWY’s educational programs are daily proof of this, by emphasizing the development of fair, harmonious and sustainable societies, all around the world, and providing their young participants with an extraordinary experience.

All of those who have helped to build CWY and make it the community it is today deserve to be recognized for their skills and remarkable generosity, sharing both their time and their spirit. Congratulations on your incredible work!

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ABOUT

Canada World Youth offers world-renowned international volunteer programs to youth from Canada and abroad who, through their participation in community-driven development projects, acquire the leadership skills that allow them to become agents of change.

Founded in 1971, Canada World Youth (CWY) is a world leader in developing international educational programs for youth. CWY is dedicated to enriching the lives of young people who have a desire to become informed and active global citizens.

CWY programs are designed to help youth experience the world for themselves, learn about other cultures and diverse Canadian communities, while developing leadership and communication skills.

OUR VISION

CWY envisions a world of active, engaged global citizens who share responsibility for the well-being of all people and the planet.

OUR MISSION

CWY’s mission is to increase the ability of people, and especially youth, to participate actively in the development of just, harmonious, and sustainable societies.

OUR VALUES

In all our relationships, partnerships and business dealings, through honest, transparent and equitable interactions.

In providing all our constituents with the space and the ability to be innovative and facilitate the implementation of new initiatives that will promote our mission and vision.

In ensuring equity for all peoples of diverse backgrounds, realities and cultures – in learning to understand and respect one another – and in understanding that all of humanity is interdependent and depends on the natural environment.

In ensuring responsible actions and behaviors, while being true to our values in all our relationships, policies and decisions.

INTEGRITY

EMPOWERMENT

RESPECT

ACCOUNTABILITY
A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
COLIN ROBERTSON

Canada World Youth touches hearts and minds around the globe. This reality is the common thread that defines every year of our existence. And over the past year, CWY reached out and demonstrated yet again that with strong values, commitment and enthusiasm, youth can have a major impact on communities in Canada, and internationally.

For this, I want to extend my thanks to the CWY team, including our exceptional youth volunteers and alumni, our host families across Canada and around the world, our partner organizations, the communities that embrace our presence and CWY’s passionate staff.

I also want to thank the board members that have dedicated time and energy to offer insight to support this outstanding organization in years of major transformation. With the new leadership in place, we are becoming a team where every member is equally dedicated to repositioning the organization for sustainable growth.

With new leadership and an exciting landscape for program development and institutional growth, Canada World Youth is poised for what is to become one of the most dynamic phases of its history. The organization is repositioning itself and is taking important new steps in the development of its programs and strategic partnerships in Canada, and internationally.

“The past year has been one of growth and development for the organization. We have defined stronger processes, initiated work on a much-needed organizational transformation, and taken critical steps to ensure that the organization remains strongly connected to the global realities we are facing.”

AN EXCITING LANDSCAPE FOR INSTITUTIONAL GROWTH
A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO
RITA S. KARAKAS

Every year for more than four decades, Canada World Youth has helped transform youth in Canada and globally, as well as host families and communities around the world. But in 2013-14, transformation took on a very different meaning for our organization.

As an organization that has traditionally opened a door to the world for youth, we widened our door in order to diversify our sources of income and ensure that our organization continues to offer youth life-changing experiences. A key component of our own transformation, this diversification included the creation of a strategic alliance with Youth Challenge International, with a strong focus on Aboriginal programming, including initiatives such as the “Aboriginal Youth and Confederation – Learning from the Past: Building for the Future” symposium to be held in Partnership with Mi’kmaq Confederacy of Prince Edward Island (MCPEI), in Charlottetown on June 26-28, 2014.

Over the past year, we also improved our fundraising capability with the creation of a new philanthropy department. Composed of three people, this department will lead the way towards a fundraising culture that will support our growth strategy for years to come.

The transformation of CWY into a more self-reliant organization also means that we need to improve our performance on all fronts and get back to the root of what we are, and of what we do best. A strategic retreat held in the fall with management, union, NFSA, and staff representatives who greatly contributed to identifying our true differentiator: CWY provides Canadian and international youth who are looking to discover themselves and the world with authentic and eye-opening experiential learning, unparalleled by any other organization.

A YEAR OF TRANSFORMATION
A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO
RITA S. KARAKAS

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I am inspired by the path that CWY is taking, and I know that the organization will continue to be a force for positive growth and international cooperation, as young people in Canada and around the world tackle the challenge of building a more sustainable and equitable global community for us all.

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Board members met in Montreal on January 17th for a half-day strategic retreat focusing on the future of the organization. The short, medium and long term priorities were established, providing alignment within the organization.

This year, we also took a close look at how we needed to present ourselves to the world to enable future growth. This led to a modernized brand tonality and visual appearance to reposition CWY as a recognizable brand with a differentiated offering in the marketplace. This refreshed brand, which you are able to experience in this annual report, will help paint a compelling picture of how CWY has, and will continue to transform youth for years to come.

I am very grateful for all the work we have been able to accomplish in 2013-14, and I want to thank the board for their dedication and guidance, as well as the staff, who remained committed through this transformational year.
OUR PROGRAMS

CWY offers a variety of programs in over 20 countries around the world to fit the interest and the personal and professional development needs of youth who are looking to gain leadership experience through participation in community-driven development projects.

YOUTH LEADERS IN ACTION

The Youth Leaders in Action program is a unique 6-month program for youth between the ages of 17 to 25. This reciprocal program is divided into 2 phases of 2-3 months, one in Canada and one overseas, where youth from Canada and the partner country take part in both of those phases. During the program, the youth volunteers contribute to community-driven development projects which focus on health, the environment or gender equity, live in host families, and take part in youth-led projects which focus on health, the environment or gender equity.

QUÉBEC SANS FRONTIÈRES

Québec sans frontières is an initiation to international cooperation program for young Quebecers aged 18 to 25. The program gives youth the opportunity to have them here. I had never worked with a deaf person before and I realized that the only difference between us is the language in which we communicate.”

For the MAB youth, the experience in Kenya offered an opportunity for leadership development, empowerment, social responsibility, and self-confidence.

GLOBAL LEARNER

The Global Learner program aims to promote global citizenship through the direct participation of youth in community-driven development projects in one of our 9 partner countries. The program provides youth groups or individual participants, aged 15 and over, with a rich educational experience of 2 weeks to 3 months through volunteer work placements, host family living, educational activities, and critical reflection.

ABORIGINAL PROGRAMS

Aboriginal youth programs aim to strengthen and support the capacity of Aboriginal youth to be leaders and discover other cultures by participating in local, national and international volunteer programs. All CWY programs are open to First Nations, Métis and Inuit youth. We also offer programs developed specifically for Aboriginal youth, including some programs that include the possibility to live and work with Aboriginal communities in other countries with the support of our international partners.

10,477 INDIVIDUALS DIRECTLY BENEFITED FROM CWY’S VOLUNTEER PROJECTS AND 133,113 INDIRECTLY BENEFITED

YOUTH LEADERS IN ACTION

MÉLISSA’S TOUCHING TRANSFORMATION

“My trip to Kenya was an extraordinary six-week experience. This trip was not long enough, I did not want to come back to Canada. The reason why is that this experience opened my eyes on many things. And it opened my heart and my mind to life’s reality.

Before this trip, I did not know how it was over there. What we hear most of the time on TV is that it is poor. But through this experience I saw that it was the same as in Canada. There are poor people, rich people, and people that fall in the middle. In reality, they are rich in family love and they always take care of each other no matter what happens.

I learned to be more autonomous, to open my heart to those who are there for me, to be more attentive to others, to work as a team, to be more patient, to face things and find solutions, to talk about what earth has created, and to explain that there is more to life then what we see.

What I lived is absolutely magnificent and I don’t know how I could ever forget it. It is impossible to forget. I can’t find the right words to describe it because it is more than magnificent… it is only MAGNIFICENT! I don’t know what more to say.

Life has created some wonderful people that are sometimes hidden and deserve to be discovered. I truly recommend exploring the world, life, meeting people… and to do it to find who you really are.

I want to thank CWY for giving me the opportunity to be involved in this incredible adventure, I will never regret it.”

Mélissa Larache participated in the MAB-Mackay Rehabilitation Centre Kenya Program.

A LEARNING EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER

CWY’s experiential learning model proved itself yet again last summer when a group of nine deaf and hard-of-hearing youths from the MAB-Mackay Rehabilitation Centre travelled to Kenya for six weeks to take part in a community development project.

Tailored to meet the youths’ specific needs, the program gave the group a unique chance to discover a new world, and themselves.

“It was very positive because they were all together.” Says Martin Bergevin, Employment Service Coordinator at MAB. “If one hard-of-hearing youth or deaf youth was placed in a group of hearing youths, the impact would be less. With a group composed of deaf and hard-of-hearing, communication is automatically accessible. With so much in common, they have a lot to talk about.”

From the selection of the Kenyan community of Kimende, which was assessed for safety, to the preparation of host families that were taught Kenyan Sign Language, every aspect of the program was planned to ensure the best possible experience for the youth. The program also integrated experiential visual activities that were more tailored to the group, who was accompanied by an interpreter throughout the project.

“I learned about diversity.” Says Kenyan volunteer Kelvin Mungai M’jiri. “It was awesome working with them and it was a great opportunity to have them here. I had never worked with a deaf person before and I realized that the only difference between us is the language in which we communicate.”

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YOUTH TESTIMONIAL

“I’ve lived with my parents pretty much my whole life, and to leave home for the first time and embark on an adventure like this was pretty extreme. I was no longer in my comfort zone. Not only was I surrounded by a group of complete strangers; I was also part of a volunteer effort that demanded active involvement. For the first time, it was my responsibility to establish goals and work in order to achieve them. I pushed myself to work as hard as I could during the exchange because I truly wanted to get as much out of this experience as I possibly could. And for better or for worse, I walked away from each experience with a lesson learned and a story to tell.

The program made me realize how much more I have to learn and how much I really want to learn. Before this program, I did not consider the number of options available to me in planning my future. But as a result of the CWY program my desire to expand my knowledge and take on more responsibilities has grown. As well, spending time with such a diverse group of different and insightful individuals made me realize how important it is to develop myself as a person. I’d like to thank all the group members, leaders, and host families of Halipok 2014 for making this an experience I will never forget.”

TYE DANDRIDGE-EVANCIO, CAMROSE-INDONESIA

CHALLENGING GENDER STEREOTYPES

Women’s exchanges differ from other exchanges in the sense that they are designed to create a space where women can talk about and work on issues that affect them, such as domestic violence, sexual health, and power and control in society. Andrea Sackvie, a participant in the Ghana-Moncton Women’s exchange, talks about her experience.

“When I first found out I was going on a women’s exchange, I was excited – I have always been interested in gender-based development issues and I was interested to further explore them with a group of like-minded young women. I was, however, also nervous; would it help or hurt the group dynamic? Was I capable of working alongside other women in a culturally different context? How would our host communities receive an all-female team? While our group certainly had its challenges, I can honestly say that being part of an all-female team only served to make the experience that much more worthwhile. Not only did we get to contribute to our communities through our volunteer work, connect with each other and learn how to communicate cross-culturally, we did so while challenging, and defying gender stereotypes. At the end of our program, a member of our exchange community expressed how we changed what they thought women could do.

I know I would have felt a sense of accomplishment regardless of what type of team I was on, but to know that we contributed to a profound change in long held attitudes towards women has given me an immense amount of pride in both myself as a woman, as well as the 17 other exceptional women I worked with. I know this experience has enhanced my understanding of women in development, and I am grateful to have had it.”

A WITNESS TO HISTORY

“Whenever we travel, we meet people whose personalities and values may be different from those of our own. The majority of the Ukrainian people I had the privilege to meet and get to know during this experience were so positive, full of life, kind, and generous. I have so much gratitude towards the Ukrainian people and I admire their strength, continuing on with such grace and dignity at such an enormously difficult time.”

Michaela Pye, a youth volunteer in the Sudbury-Ukraine program, was deeply touched by her experience. While the group lived hours away from Kiev, where protests marked most of the spring, being in Ukraine at that very historical moment was for many a unique opportunity.

“We were there during a very important period for Ukraine.” noted Canadian Project Supervisor, Sahar Golshan. “We felt we were witnessing history, even though we were so far away.”

I realized early on in my program that I was involved with a culture rich in absolute generosity, pride and unfading kindness,” adds Michaela. “Just as an example, around Christmas I had the opportunity to visit the home of my counterpart, Olia. Her family had a rug hung on the wall and I told her mom that I thought it was beautiful. A few days later, as I was leaving the home of Olia, her family presented me with the very same rug. They removed it from their own wall to give it to me, just to make me happy.”

Canada World Youth had four Ukraine exchanges in 2013-14.
"CWY changed my life. Plain and simple. I know this has been said before but I truly believe that what I experienced on the two programs I was a part of helped me see the world differently."

As an Aboriginal youth, Carmon Peter had just started to learn more about her own culture, and as she got to know about my First Nations identity she asked herself: Why can’t I learn about other cultures out there, all over the world?

"Being in a Youth Leaders in Action program has taught me more than a couple of valuable lessons. One important one to me was that it is okay to embrace my Shuswap culture. By doing this, I was able to teach other people out there about my culture, as well as learn from them. I have tried to take in as much as possible while I was on these programs, so that I could take what I had learnt and bring it back to my community, and use the knowledge in a positive way to help my community."

Being a part of these programs got Carmon interested in international development. “My future plans are to go back to university and to continue to learn. So maybe one day I can be a leader in my community and change it for the better.”

**THE SOUTH-SOUTH JOURNEY**

The South-South exchanges have represented a tremendous journey for young people from different indigenous communities in East Africa (Kimende Kenya-Chamazi Tanzania). These exchanges have seen many young men and women from both Kenya and Tanzania successfully complete the program. Below are some comments from participants.

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**TERESIAH NGUMBA (Kenya)** “If young people could team up the way we have been in this South-South program and bring their skills together they could achieve a lot. Having been a participant in this program, I have really developed many skills. I have built my confidence to a level that I can lead a group of people with positive ideas and without fears.

**SAMUEL NGONDE (Tanzania)** “It is a great and unique opportunity to be involved in a Youth Leaders in Action South-South program. I am so grateful and thankful for that amazing experience to learn and interact with different people from different places. This program helped me be open-minded and become a citizen of the world.”

**PERU LEARNING**

**FORUM TESTIMONIALS**

“I think that one of the key messages from this forum is to encourage youth and invite them to take part in this initiative, because what you experience here is unique. As young people, our time is now, we have a lot of power and we should have faith in ourselves.”

VERONICA FLORES, NICARAGUA, FORMER PARTICIPANT, REPRESENTATIVE OF FUNDEUS ORGANIZATION

“Thanks to this forum, I’ve realized that many other organizations are facing similar problems in different contexts and at different levels. It’s interesting to see that many of them have managed to make progress with various aspects and indicators, and that gives us hope as an organization for our own projects.”

SARIFA REYES, BOLIVIA, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS

“This forum and the other organizations in attendance have inspired me and made me aware that we are all pursuing the same development and that we all face the same struggles within our communities.”

JOSE ANTONIO BLANCO CARRERA, PERU, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BOLIVIAN VOLUNTEER BRIGADE OF PERU

“I think that this international forum is extremely useful. It allows us to talk together and share our experiences and learn from each other. We can learn a lot about youth development and community development.”

IMMAN GUNUA WANN, INDONESIA, REPRESENTATIVE OF FUNDEUS ORGANIZATION

From October 21–25, 2013, Canada World Youth welcomed nine partner organizations from eight countries and five continents to its annual Learning Forum in Lima, Peru.

Sessions covered a wide variety of topics and themes, including gender in youth programming, monitoring and evaluation, and strategies for sustainability in programming. One entire day was dedicated to youth and the initiatives they implemented in their communities through the YLI program.

While the networking opportunities are an important benefit of these Learning Forums, the main take-away for participants remains the acquisition of skills, knowledge and tools on specific topics. Based on evaluations completed by 10 out of 11 delegates, and 40 out of 49 youth participants, the learning objectives were well met!
GLOBAL LEARNER: 
A STUDENT EXPERIENCE BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

The Global Learner Program is a model of leadership training based on the concept of learning beyond the classroom for high school, college/cégep and university students as well as youth from interest-based organizations. The program enables groups of students to enjoy a short but intense learning experience, combining life in a host family and volunteer work in a host community. The duration and educational focus of each project is defined in collaboration with the group’s leader or teacher, and an international partner organization in order to ensure that the project meets both the needs of the group, and the local host community.

Last year, a group from Nepean High School traveled to India in March to work in a small village in the foothills of the Himalayan Mountains.

“It was an incredible experience for our students as they had the opportunity to spend time immersed in the rich culture of the village and to teach English in the schools there,” says Jon Tenthorey, from Nepean High School. “Global Learner was the perfect way to teach our kids about perspectives from other cultures, and how we can best learn from them and help them.”

Evan Smith, a teacher at Waterdown District High School, explains how Global Learner complements the ConneXions Social Justice program of the school.

“Our first Global Learner trip happened on March Break 2003 with 14 students. The trip was a success and the pre and post-departure workshops helped foster a great sense of the Global Learner goal for the students and myself. There was no doubt that character education was at the heart of the trip. We ran another trip in 2005 before we were able to embed the experience into a three-credit co-curricular program. The mission of CWY to foster citizenship and personal and community connections through cultural immersion and volunteerism is central to our ConneXions program.”

“I proudly explain the Global Learner model and tell stories of our trips to other teachers, principals, and parents. Students have been affected profoundly by their experiences, and as a result become better global citizens. The pre and post-departure training provided by CWY will continue to make the Global Learner a valuable, responsible and reliable educational experience for students craving a more meaningful education.”

361 YOUTH TOOK PART IN 20 GLOBAL LEARNER PROJECTS

SETTING THE STAGE FOR THE FUTURE

A REVITALIZED LOOK TO SET THE TONE FOR OUR FUTURE

This year of transformation would not have been quite complete without a revamp of our brand. We have revitalized the “look” of our organization, including our logo and the design of our external communications tools and materials.

This brand refresh came as a way to better reflect our organizational values, modernize brand tonality, and revamp the visual appearance of our communication materials. This work was done to help sustain the growth and success of the organization, while continuing to promote our authentic and eye-opening, international, experiential learning programs unparalleled by any other organization.

Our logo was revitalized through a new color combination, one that we feel better represents the meaning behind our logo: Bringing together different cultures, fostering greater global awareness, and harnessing the power of connecting youth.

The new primary logo colours are blue, a colour widely used in the world of corporate and organizational branding, that accurately represents the union of cultures and global awareness. They are combined with a bright and playful secondary colour palette to represent the youthful attitude and youth focus of the CWY brand.

Over the past months, we have been deploying this refreshed look through all our communication channels, including our website and social media accounts. The first refreshed tools were used early in 2014 at recruitment fairs and the feedback received was really positive!

STRENGTH IN THE NUMBERS

Two organizations, Sixty plus years of combined experience working with youth.

One common goal: enabling youth with knowledge, methods and means to realize change.

This is, in essence, the purpose behind CWY’s Strategic Alliance with Youth Challenge International (YCI).

“We believe in the power of collaboration,” says CWY President and CEO Rita S. Karakas. “By combining the expertise of two established and complimentary organizations, we aim to create a single differentiated offering in the marketplace that will support our growth strategy.”

“We know that youth have the ambition and determination to make change possible and we want to equip them with the knowledge, methods, and means to realize that change,” adds Bryan Cox, co-CEO of the Alliance.

The Strategic Alliance with YCI has two components. Firstly, it serves as a joint effort in the creation of a Volunteer Cooperation Program to receive funding under the Volunteer Cooperation Program run by the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development, or from other funders.

The second purpose of the alliance is the creation of a new business development framework that will be used by the alliance to compete within Canada and internationally for new business opportunities. The alliance will also respond to requests for proposals and invitations for proposals. It will also explore and develop new institutional donor, corporate, and foundation funding relationships for the benefit of our programs and operations.
A STRONG COMMITMENT TO ABORIGINAL PROGRAMMING

CWY has been increasingly present within the Aboriginal community in Canada over the past several months, interacting with several First Nations and Metis organizations and communities. As a result, CWY positioned itself as a credible player in the Aboriginal Youth Leadership sector, which in turn has led to the signing of partnerships over the course of the past year.

In December 2013, CWY announced it had signed a memorandum of understanding with the Mi’kmaq Confederacy of Prince Edward Island (MCPEI) to co-host a national Aboriginal youth symposium, “Aboriginal Youth and Confederation: Learning From the Past & Building For the Future” in Charlottetown, to be held in Prince Edward Island on June 26-28, 2014.

This symposium brought together 50 Aboriginal youth from across Canada and gave them the opportunity to identify and prioritize their needs, issues, and ideas in the context of confederation and its impact on Aboriginal people in the past, present, and future.

CWY and the Labrador Aboriginal Youth Abroad Committee – which involves the Nunatsiavut Government, Department of Health & Social Development and Sheshatshiu Innu First Nation, and Labrador communities of Nan, Hopevale, and Sheshatshiu – have designed a project for Aboriginal youth from the Labrador communities of Nan, Hopevale, and Sheshatshiu that offers an experiential learning project in Tanzania, Africa.

These projects have served as pilot program models for CWY’s new dedicated program for Aboriginal youth which will be deployed over the coming months.

CWY’s Aboriginal program will build on the core components of the CWY youth program model developed and refined over four decades of experience with educational and cultural exchanges. Drawing on theories of experiential and transformative learning and principles of adult education, CWY’s educational approach promotes hands-on, self-directed learning in a semi-structured environment, and encourages the genuine participation of young people in all stages of the process. The Aboriginal Program Model will build on these elements of the CWY core program model by integrating key elements of developing successful programming for Aboriginal youth. More specifically, it will be an asset-based program which centres Aboriginal knowledge and culture while acknowledging partnerships with Aboriginal communities as essential to design and delivery of the program.

SETTING THE STAGE FOR THE FUTURE

Our Alumni

HENDRHYADI BAHTIAR
NOVA SCOTIA - INDONESIA 2009-2010

Hendhyadi took part in the Canada World Youth Indonesia Exchange in 2009. More recently, he co-founded and is now President of the Indonesian Youth for Education. This non-profit organization was created for youth who share a common interest in the development of education in Indonesia. CWY was a changing experience for him. “This program really changed my life. I learned and improved my leadership skills and concept of volunteerism. It was a once in a lifetime experience and it sharpened my goals for the future. This program is really completely awesome and meaningful.” He truly believes in solving illiteracy and poverty problems through community development.

CRAIG CANDLER
ONTARIO - THAILAND 1991-1992

Craig Candler finished a PhD at UBC on child health and land use in Northern Thailand and now resides in Victoria, BC. A few years ago he founded a growing BC-based research cooperative called the Firelight Group that provides research and technical support to Aboriginal communities across Canada and beyond. This year he is finishing a one year sabbatical where, among other international adventures, he was able to take his family (His partner Carolyn, their 2 kids Isabela and Madoma, and his mom and dad) back to Thailand to visit his host family in Ban Lao, Thailand, 22 years after CWY. It was wonderful to reconnect. “CWY taught me how different the world can be when you see it through a different set of eyes. That lesson, and the awareness CWY gave me, was a touchstone.”

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OUR ALUMNI

ABORIGINAL YOUTH PARTICIPATION WENT FROM
4% in 2009-10 TO 21% IN 2013-14
INSPIRING CHANGES

As a youth volunteer on our Youth Leaders in Action program in 2009-2010 between Sooke, BC and Inhambane, Mozambique, Jamie Rooney spent 3 months in Mozambique, along with the 18 other Canadian and Mozambican youth, where he volunteered with a community orphanage. In Mozambique, CWY has been working for 10 years with a local partner called AJUDE, a Mozambican NGO that is youth-driven and youth-focused. AJUDE seeks to mobilize youth in urban and rural communities by promoting youth volunteerism, activism, and community outreach efforts by way of community results based projects.

Jamie was so touched by his time in Mozambique, especially by all the people that he met, that he decided he would have to find a way to give back. Once he returned to Canada, Jamie decided to find a way to continue his relationship with the orphanage in Inhambane. He called up his long-time friend, Ben Morrison, to propose a plan to collect funds for this worthy cause. Together, they decided to combine their love of cycling and an interest to discover Canada, into a cross-Canada bike tour to raise funds for the orphanage. Altogether, Jamie and Ben covered 8,126 kilometers by bike, visiting 10 Canadian provinces. Along with this incredible accomplishment, this epic journey resulted in $17,500 Canadian dollars. Between the two, they raised just over $1 million for the orphanage in Inhambane, Mozambique.

After three years of financing, the results of the Mozambique orphanage project are impressive. The volunteers made notable improvements to the orphans’ quality of life. During the last three years, there was a decrease in malaria cases, an increase in the literacy and cognitive capabilities of the orphans, and a decrease in ringworm and mycosis cases. These results were achieved thanks to the new plumbing network and a decrease in ringworm and mycosis cases. These results were achieved thanks to the new plumbing network and improved environment.

2013-2014 LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Every year, the CWY Leadership Awards recognize the achievements of young people from Canada and around the world who are engaged in innovative initiatives that promote peace, intercultural understanding, as well as community and international development. More than 30 outstanding young leaders were nominated this year. Winners are each awarded $3,000 towards the advancement of their projects.

THE 2013 LAUREATES AND THEIR PROJECTS:

SAMUEL WAKANGU
Winner of the Outstanding Overseas CWY Alumni Award
"My interest is to see that the biodiversity is conserved and linked to the livelihoods of the community, thus ensuring sustainable development."

Samuel started Community Volunteers Service Kenya (CVSK) in 2010. CVSK is a youth development initiative that is a non-political and non-racial, not-for-profit Community Based Organization (CBO) registered with the Kenyan government. CVSK’s programs address many issues, all of which promote interventions that empower youth to be proactive and play an active role in community development and environmental sustainability.

JENNIFER MARTIN
Winner of the Outstanding Canadian CWY Alumni Award
"By strengthening families and engaging communities, Thrive is working to prevent child abandonment, to reunite institutionalized children with their families, and to ensure that all children have the opportunity to live and thrive at home."

When Jennifer founded Thrive in 2009, she wanted to enable orphaned and vulnerable children in Kalungu, Uganda, to live and thrive at home, in the care of their families and community. Thrive operates through various programs such as: Women’s loans and savings groups, health and nutrition related income generating projects, as well as family and social recreation projects. Ultimately, Thrive helps build the capacity for families and communities to raise their own children.

KAHLIL BAKER
Winner of the Youth Innovation Award
"By making reforestation an economically viable land-use option that fits within a holistic farm management plan, the project helps increase forest cover, restore the nearby watershed and improves the quality of life of Limay residents."

Kahlil Baker, co-founded Taking Root, a non-profit organization founded in 2007 that has worked with 240 subsistence farming families to plant 906,000 trees on hundreds of hectares of underutilized land. The Limay Community Carbon Project, developed by Taking Root in San Juan de Limay, Nicaragua, uses reforestation to restore ecosystems, improve livelihoods, and tackle climate change. Participating farmers receive payments for ecosystem services upon meeting predetermined tree growth and survival targets. Over half a million dollars in direct payments to the community have been invested through the project to date.
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

REVENUE

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<td><strong>Net Revenues</strong></td>
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<td>Accounts receivable</td>
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CREDIT FACILITIES

The Corporation has an authorized line of credit of $1,000,000, bearing interest at bank prime rate (3% as at March 31, 2014 and March 31, 2013) and credit cards with a credit facility of $389,000 ($379,500 in 2013). On March 31, 2014, the line of credit is not used and the credit cards, included in the accounts payable and accrued liabilities, are used for an amount of $87,290 ($28,844 in 2013).

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FUNDING AGREEMENT

The implementation of the mission of the Corporation requires the support of public and private sector funding. The agreement with the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD) expires in July 2015.