



Message from the Board Chairman, Executive and Associate Directors

At Renfrew Educational Services, our vision is to create exceptional learning experiences, opening a world of possibilities for every child, while welcoming and supporting families. We are pleased to report that, in 2008, we encompassed that vision, creating hope for many families and making a difference in the lives of the thousands of children we serve, both in our own schools and in the community. We are proud of the work accomplished.

Joining our children, families and dedicated staff in this work have been our contributors. Thank you to every volunteer, every donor and every sponsor who helped us in our efforts to make our vision a reality. We appreciate your continued support and encouragement and could not have done it without you – together we are changing lives.

Highlights of the 2008 year:

- The demand for our programs and services remained strong with the classrooms at all of our centres full and we continue to have waiting lists. The commitment and competence of our talented staff makes success a reality and we acknowledge their creativity and determination to find the best techniques to help every child who comes to us.
- The opening of our expanded space at the Sundance Centre allowed for the initiation of our specialized program for school-aged children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD). This innovative program provides the very small group and highly supportive environment that will permit these children to learn and to develop positive behaviour and social skills.
- Therapy staff in our Community Services (CS) department served over 4,000 students this year - 940 children were seen at 89 schools through the Student Health Partnership and 3,100 kindergarten students were screened in 82 schools in the Calgary Catholic School District. The multi-disciplinary screening program developed by CS therapists is unique in the field of education and allowed for the early identification of numerous children whose special needs had not been otherwise recognized.
- Renfrew remains in a healthy financial situation. The work of our dedicated Board Members provides a cornerstone of guidance, direction and support on which we build our programs and we extend our heartfelt thanks to them for their important role in ensuring the ongoing strength of the organization.
- Renfrew's 13th Annual Charity Gala on February 29th, 2008 was one of the finest events of its kind in the history of our community. That evening, over \$1 million was raised in support of Renfrew's children through the incredible generosity of individuals and corporations in our community.

We thank you all for believing in our vision and caring so deeply about Renfrew's very special children. Together we are Helping Kids Soar!



Janice McTighe

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Executive Director



Kim LaCourse

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Associate Executive Director



Tom Buchanan

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Board Chairman



Friend of Renfrew - Jim Chaput

Our long-time Board Member and great friend of Renfrew, Jim Chaput, passed away in the spring of this year. Jim joined the Renfrew Board in 1998 and was a valued Board Member at the time of his death. His unwavering support for the agency and the children we serve and his willingness to share with us his life experience and knowledge will be greatly missed. He certainly left Renfrew a stronger and more effective organization as a result of his efforts.

Gala 2008 – Angels Among Us: Our Donors

The nearly 800 guests at our 13th Annual Charity Gala on February 29, 2008 proved that there are many 'Angels' among us as the theme of the event suggests. During that one wonderful evening, \$1,037,000 was raised to provide specialized services and equipment so essential for children with severe disabilities in our programs.

We continue to be amazed and gratified by the support we receive from the community and wish to thank all of our sponsors, donors and guests for their generosity.



Renfrew student Daniel Davis-Ackerman talks to the guests at the 2008 Gala.

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We thank all of our contributors for their support.



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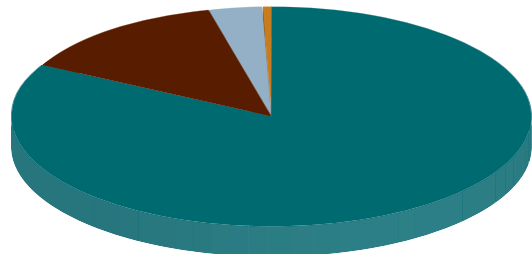
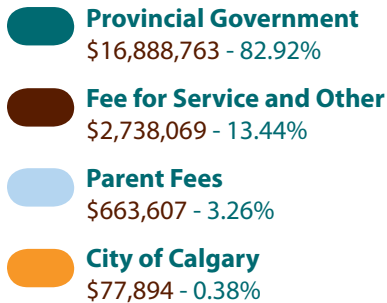
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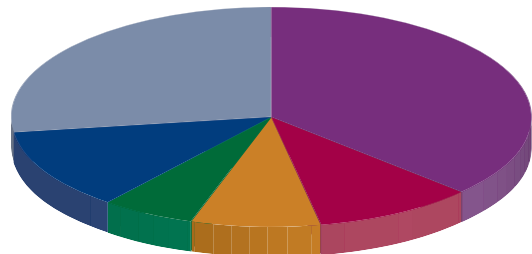
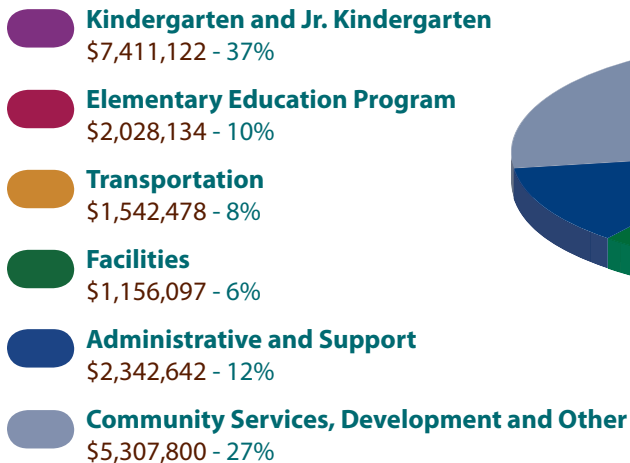
Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2008



Total Revenue
\$20,368,333

Operating Expenditures by Program

Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2008



Total Expenditures
\$19,788,273

Financial Information - Operating Fund

Auditors: Deloitte & Touche LLP, Calgary, AB **Financial Institution:** Royal Bank of Canada, Calgary, AB

A complete set of audited financial statements, with the report of our auditors, is available on request by calling the administration office at 403.291.5038.