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Cover: Created by Liz Calvin, the mosaic near the Oakridge Canada Line station is a lasting symbol of peace and Jewish culture, and demonstrates the important role that the Jewish community continues to play in the culturally diverse Oakridge neighbourhood. The mosaic was sponsored by Jewish Federation and the Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver.

Federation's going green: This year's Annual Report is available online as part of Federation's commitment to both strategic cost-cutting and preserving the environment.



When most people look back on the past year, they will likely reflect on the dichotomy of the highs that our region experienced during the Olympic and Paralympic Games, and the lows related to slow recovery from the economic recession. The highs were extraordinary as Greater Vancouver welcomed the world, and showcased Canadian pride and hospitality in ways that most of us could never have imagined. We had plenty of Jewish community connections to the games, including multiple opportunities to meet the Israeli delegation, numerous torch bearers from our community and more.

The lows were experienced in different ways, by community members struggling with unemployment and financial insecurity, and with many of our partner agencies working to maintain or even increase services with fewer resources with which to work. While the Lower Mainland is fortunate to have been less impacted by the recession than elsewhere across North America, we too, felt its bite. If last year we were able to use reserve funds to sustain agency allocations, this year we all made do with less.

In that context, a successful 2009 Federation Annual Campaign, which raised \$7.325 million or 2% more than in 2008, was welcome news, and a powerful testament to the generosity of our community. With

that campaign result we are now poised to begin to restore funding to most programs that were impacted by the reductions this year, and to rebuilding agencies' capacity to serve our growing community. Even in the face of adversity we were able to advance important new initiatives, such as the launch of The PJ Library, an outstanding Jewish outreach and literacy program that is already touching hundreds of young families across the Lower Mainland.

The report that follows offers a snapshot of the year that has passed. We encourage you to take a look back, and then join us in looking forward as our community continues to grow in strength and vibrancy.



Michael Fugman

Michael Fugman, Board Chair

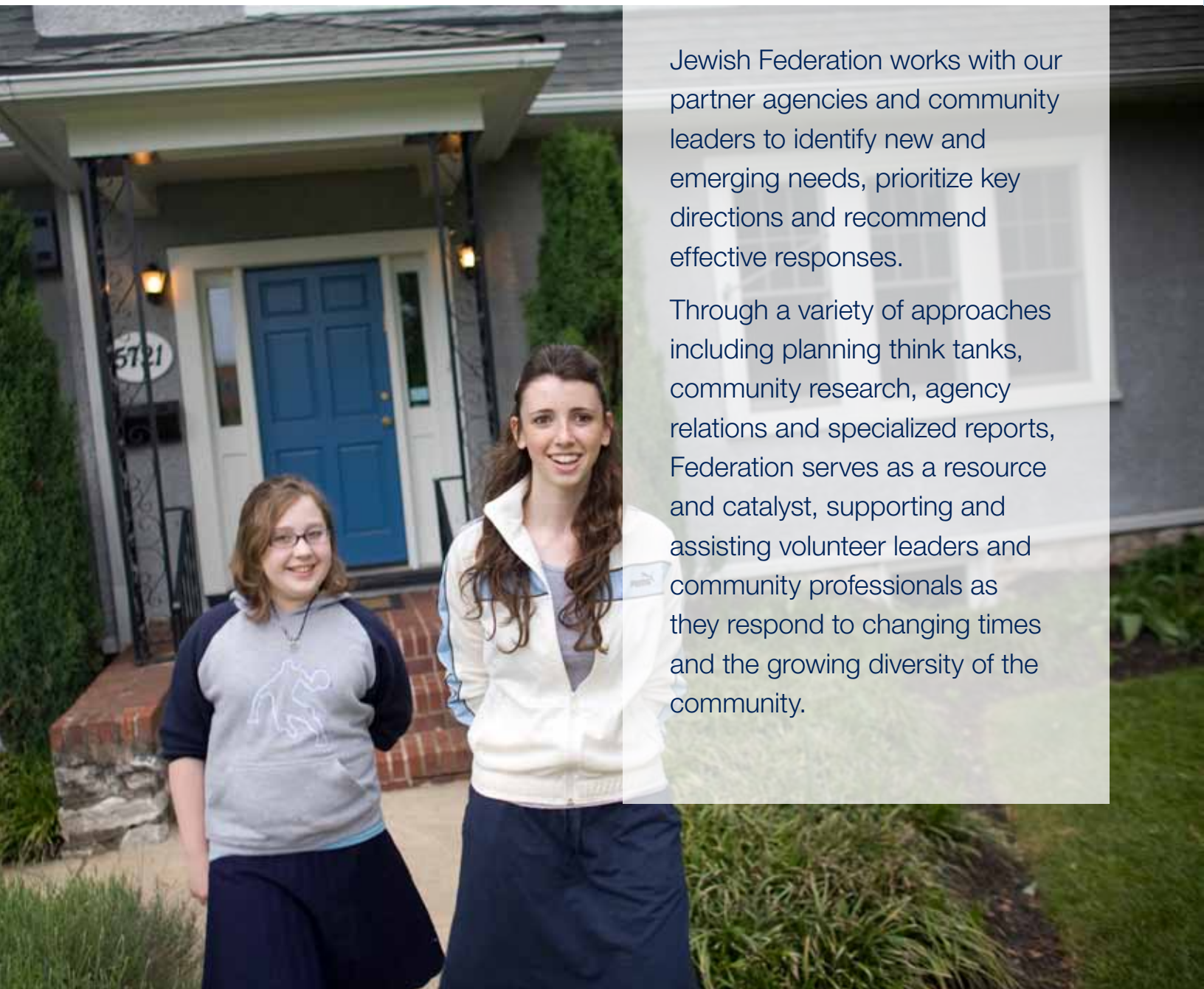


Mark Gurvis

Mark Gurvis, Chief Executive Officer



Collaborative Community Planning



Jewish Federation works with our partner agencies and community leaders to identify new and emerging needs, prioritize key directions and recommend effective responses.

Through a variety of approaches including planning think tanks, community research, agency relations and specialized reports, Federation serves as a resource and catalyst, supporting and assisting volunteer leaders and community professionals as they respond to changing times and the growing diversity of the community.



JFSA Community Garden: Last fall, Jewish Family Service Agency's community garden was visited by Federation Annual Campaign canvassers, as one of the stops on their Missions to Vancouver. On these missions they learned about community needs, including the ways in which Federation works with partner agencies, and about innovative programs like this one that help meet specific needs.

Social Enterprise Workshop

This year, Jewish Federation facilitated a capacity building workshop for our partner agencies, which resulted in two agencies receiving grants from the organization Enterprising Not-For-Profits. The JCCGV Bagel Club—a social club for adults with special needs that focuses on Jewish heritage and education—received a grant to launch their catering service, and Jewish Family Service Agency (JFSA) received a grant to complete a business plan.

Exploring Solutions for Affordable Housing Forum

Finding an appropriate place to live for a low income Jewish person or family in Vancouver is an arduous task. Jewish Federation, together with a number of Jewish organizations, hosted a forum in 2009 to raise and maintain awareness of this issue. The forum was an opportunity to share thoughts, find opportunities to create synergies and ultimately develop an action plan that will lead to a solution.

Planning Council: Planning Think Tank on Services for Jewish Seniors


Federation's Planning Council held a think tank on services for Jewish seniors, bringing together representatives from partner agencies and local experts to learn about emerging trends. In addition to generating a gap analysis, three key priorities were identified: comprehensive case management services, programs for the frail elderly and maintaining community connections—all of which will help guide the allocations process.

Security Grants

In 2009, Federation continued its comprehensive security grants program, in partnership with Canadian Jewish Congress—Pacific Region, to improve security at 27 community organizations. In addition to providing funds, Federation helped secure matching funds from the federal government for several organizations. Security improvements began with audits, and included enhancements inside and outside of buildings, as well as training.



Financial Resource Development



Federation generates financial resources to support community needs, and build programs and services. Through collaborative community planning we identify our community's needs, and through financial resource development, Federation raises the funds to make possible the programs and services that address those needs.



In its first year, **The PJ Library** will connect 360 children with their Jewish heritage—and their families with the community. Special funding opportunities, like this one, play an important role in Federation's work to develop the financial resources needed to meet the needs of our community.

Federation Annual Campaign

The Federation Annual Campaign is our community's central fundraising initiative, providing the financial resources to build and maintain the programs and services that help make us a community. Federation works closely with agencies to identify and address new and emerging needs, and to build capacity across all stakeholders. Funds are directed to critical programs and services locally, nationally, overseas and in Israel.

In 2009, the Annual Campaign raised \$7.325 million, an increase of approximately 2% over the previous year. Coming as it did in a year of economic uncertainty, this was a tremendous response. Many members of our Jewish community locally and throughout the world were directly affected by the economic downturn, and count on programs and services funded by the Annual Campaign.

Jewish Community Foundation

At the Jewish Community Foundation (JCF), Federation's endowment program, our team of financial, legal and philanthropic experts works with both individual donors and community organizations to build lasting Jewish legacies. Through bequests, cash donations and gifts of life insurance, donors support in perpetuity the organizations, programs and services that are most important to them.

Grants are distributed from the income generated by the investment of funds, and provide permanent resources to support a broad range of community programs and services. This year, nearly \$700,000 was distributed in our local community and in Israel.

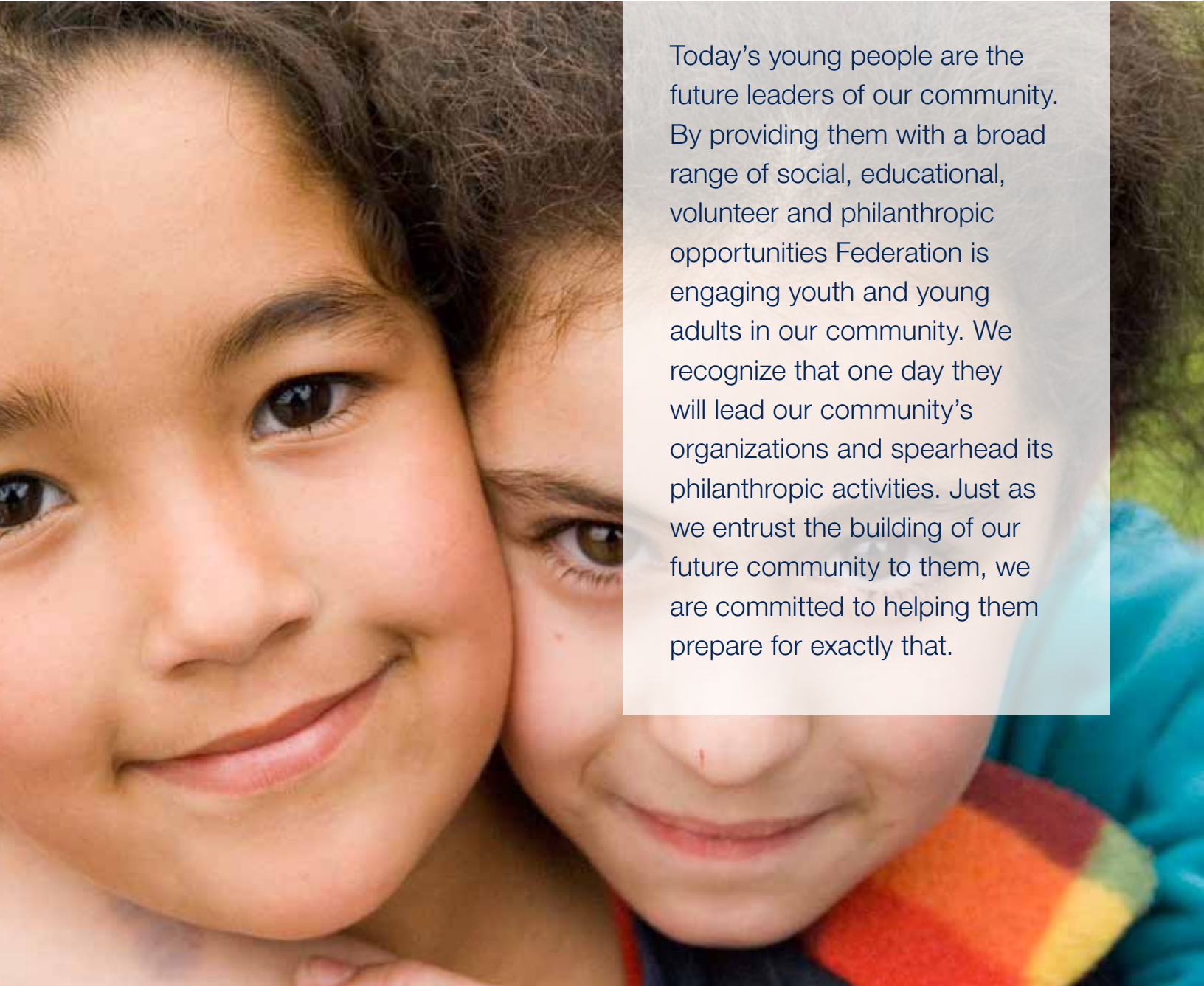
Special Funding Opportunities

Throughout the year, Federation works with donors to connect them with special giving opportunities that align with their values and interests, while at the same time address specific needs in our community.

This year we worked with multiple donor families and JCF fund holders to secure resources to launch The PJ Library, in partnership with the Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver (JCCGV). On a monthly basis, The PJ Library (PJ, as in pajamas) distributes high quality, age-appropriate Jewish children's books to participating families with children aged six months to five years. The PJ Library is a meaningful and effective way to reach Jewish families with young children, and connect them with their community.



Engaging the Next Generation



Today's young people are the future leaders of our community. By providing them with a broad range of social, educational, volunteer and philanthropic opportunities Federation is engaging youth and young adults in our community. We recognize that one day they will lead our community's organizations and spearhead its philanthropic activities. Just as we entrust the building of our future community to them, we are committed to helping them prepare for exactly that.



LEFT: Birthright is a free, first time trip to Israel for Jewish young adults ages 18 to 26. Each year, dozens of local young adults build their connections with Israel and strengthen their Jewish identity through the experiences they have with their peers on this 10-day educational trip.

BELOW: As anti-Israel activities continue on campuses across Canada, Federation remains committed to supporting Hillel's efforts to engage 1,200 students and faculty at UBC, SFU and UVic.

Young Adults Survey

In order to provide meaningful programs and opportunities to engage our community's next generation of leaders, Federation undertook a survey of 1,000 young Jewish adults in Metro Vancouver. Their responses to questions about such topics as Jewish identity and social issues will inform Federation's community program planning process.

Birthright Alumni

In addition to funding one-third of Taglit-Birthright Israel trips, Federation helps participants stay connected upon their return. Many Birthright alumni describe this first experience in Israel as "life-changing", and to help maintain the momentum created on the trip, Federation has established the BC Birthright Alumni Community (BCBAC) to connect these young adults at events and programs throughout the year.

Jewish Education

In 2009, Federation provided our local Jewish day schools with operating funds and tuition assistance for 47% of day school students, as well as professional development

opportunities for our community's educators. Making high-quality Jewish education accessible is one of our community's key values—and one of Federation's top priorities.

Camperships

Summer camp is a chance for Jewish youth to make friendships that last a lifetime, and connect with their Jewish identity in a fun and active environment. Federation provides funding for camperships for 100 campers who would otherwise not be able to have this fundamental experience.

Leadership Development Training Program

Federation's training and development of emerging new leaders evolved into 2009's Leadership Development Training Program. Seventeen young leaders participated in the series of eight sessions where they learned from keynote speakers including Rabbi Yoni Gordis and Dr. Mark Wexler, and analyzed case studies—all in the name of developing the skills that will position them for future leadership roles at a variety of organizations in our community.





Israel and Overseas Connections



Federation is our community's connection to Israel. Whether it's providing funding for education and social services projects in our partnership region of the Upper Galilee Panhandle, the training and resettlement of new immigrants, or responses to emerging needs, Federation is our community's link to Israel. Federation also provides critical rescue and relief funds for Jewish communities in over 60 other countries overseas.

Here in Canada, Federation funds organizations that advocate on behalf of Israel and the Jewish people.



The former Soviet Union is home to the world's poorest Jews, many of whom are either elderly or children. Jewish Federation's trusted partner on the ground is the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), which provides critical welfare services such as home care, medicine, food and winter relief. JDC is also committed to reconnecting the population to Jewish religious traditions and customs.

Our Trusted Partners

Federation provides funds to meet the urgent, ongoing humanitarian and social services needs of Jews worldwide. Funds are directed to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) such as the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). JAFI is a key partner, ensuring the successful integration of new immigrants, and providing effective emergency response in times of crisis. The JDC is our partner in addressing critical rescue and relief needs in more than 60 other countries around the world, and particularly in the former Soviet Union (FSU).

Partnership 2000 Region – The Upper Galilee Panhandle

Vancouver's relationship with our Partnership 2000 Region (P2K), the Upper Galilee Panhandle, is aimed at strengthening the bonds between our communities and improving the quality of life of residents in this peripheral community. P2K provides opportunities to develop ongoing relationships with this region in Israel—not only for support through myriad capital projects and strategic investments, but for collaboration and real friendship through the *Gesher Chai* (Living Bridge) programs.

This year, Federation hosted the national P2K meeting in Vancouver, providing opportunities to foster even closer ties between organizers of *Gesher Chai* programs. In 2009, these programs included teacher exchanges, a visit by King David High School students to their sister school, and increased collaboration between local Israeli dance troupe *Or Chadash* and their partners in the Galilee.

Former Soviet Union

Our ongoing work with the JDC provides critical aid to more than 165,000 impoverished elderly Jews in the former Soviet Union. The JDC's food and medical programs are helping Jews in their day to day survival, and the establishment of Hesed welfare centers and the ground-breaking strides the JDC is making in the field of social welfare in the FSU are helping to ensure the community's long-term survival.

Net@

"From high-risk to high-tech in Kiryat Shmona"—that's the motto of the Net@ program. This innovative partnership between Federation, the Jewish Agency for Israel, Israeli non-profit Tapuach and Cisco Systems, Inc.,

bridges the digital gap between at-risk teens and their more advantaged peers. Net@'s four year after-school program trains participants as network technicians to design, build and maintain computer networks while learning to work as part of a team and volunteering in the community. Net@ graduates receive internationally recognized certification as advanced network technicians, which opens doors to higher education and professional opportunities.

Yom Ha'atzmaut

Each year, Federation presents our community's *Yom Ha'atzmaut* celebration, and once again it was the most popular event of the year. In 2009, nearly 1,500 community members danced in the aisles of The Center for Performing Arts to Israeli musical sensation, Gaia. In addition to celebrating Israel's independence, the 100th birthday of Tel Aviv was marked with a special presentation.

Condensed Statement of Financial Position and Operations

Year ended August 31, 2009

This statement includes the results of the 2008 Annual Campaign and the activities of Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver and Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Vancouver for the period September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009.

FINANCIAL POSITION	General Fund 2009	Foundation Fund 2009	Total 2009	Total 2008
Assets				
Cash	\$442,088	\$609,808	\$1,051,896	\$933,892
Pooled Investments	0	23,698,776	23,698,776	23,379,986
Bonds and Mortgages	53,461	686,884	740,345	735,817
Pledges Receivable	1,537,869	0	1,537,869	1,343,152
Other Receivables and Prepaids	223,164	2,314	225,478	1,158,262
Interfund Balance	54,144	(54,144)	0	0
Tangible Capital Assets	98,820	0	98,820	123,635
TOTAL	\$2,409,546	\$24,943,638	\$27,353,184	\$27,674,744
Liabilities & Net Assets				
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	\$463,492	\$0	\$463,492	\$422,426
Grants and Allocations Payable	50,000	340,500	390,500	382,000
Deferred Revenue	978,253	0	978,253	934,900
Net Assets	917,801	24,603,138	25,520,939	25,935,418
TOTAL	\$2,409,546	\$24,943,638	\$27,353,184	\$27,674,744
OPERATIONS				
Revenue				
Annual Campaign Pledges	\$7,142,863	\$0	\$7,142,863	\$7,509,676
Grant income	601,753	0	601,753	631,884
Interest, Dividends, and Miscellaneous	699,666	663,693	1,363,359	1,939,933
Gain (loss) on sale of investments	0	(870,630)	(870,630)	36,554
Unrealized depreciation in value of investments	0	(137,064)	(137,064)	(1,091,364)
	\$8,444,282	(\$344,001)	\$8,100,281	\$9,026,683
Expenditures				
Fundraising	\$1,237,505	\$265,870	\$1,503,375	\$1,408,337
Administration	344,788	177,246	522,034	434,653
Foundation expenses paid by General Fund	249,695	(249,695)	0	0
Allocations and Grants (local, national, overseas)	7,879,124	678,897	8,558,021	8,327,345
	\$9,711,112	\$872,318	\$10,583,430	\$10,170,335
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	(\$1,266,830)	(\$1,216,319)	(\$2,483,149)	(\$1,143,652)
Net Assets, beginning of year	\$2,184,631	\$23,750,787	\$25,935,418	\$25,016,484
Contributions	\$0	\$2,068,670	\$2,068,670	\$2,062,586
Net Assets, end of year	\$917,801	\$24,603,138	\$25,520,939	\$25,935,418

These financial statements for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2009 are derived from the audited financial statements prepared by our independent auditors, Wolrige Mahon LLP. The complete set of audited financial statements is available online at jewishvancouver.com.

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