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The Edmonton Chamber of Voluntary Organizations is proud to be a part of the dynamic nonprofit and charitable sector in Edmonton.

2015 ... was a year of change, as we, along with our sector partners worked to build relationships and navigate in a new Provincial Government structure.

Another significant change in 2015 was the integration of the Volunteer Edmonton program into our compliment of programs and services.

As we reflect on the innovation, collaboration and partnerships that have evolved in the nonprofit community over the past year, we feel a sense of pride. Organizations are increasingly magnifying their impact by working together to reach common goals.

We invite you to check out our infographic for some of ECVO's specific accomplishments.

A special thank you to our dedicated 2015 Board of Directors.

Cliff Higuchi (Chair)
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ECVO HIGHLIGHTS

Inspired to build a strong and vibrant community.

2015

#1

ECVO's Vision

A strong, vibrant community strengthened by an effective voluntary sector working with government and business.

ECVO's Board redefined the organization's Strategic Framework

During 2015, the Board of Directors developed a new Strategic Framework for 2016-2019 which articulates the strategic priorities of the organization alongside a series of guiding principles. The new Strategic Framework is posted on ECVO's website in the "About Us" tab.

#2

Board Leadership
Emergent Thinking
Board to Board Networking

ECVO engaged 312 board members in collaborative learning events

In partnership with Board Leadership Edmonton, we brought together 194 board members to learn and share both basic and advanced governance knowledge. Additionally, the Moving to Action Initiative provided the context and venue for 118 board members to develop an understanding of the benefits of collaboration.

#3

Supporting Volunteerism

ECVO expanded our portfolio to include supports for volunteerism.

Early in 2015, we integrated the Volunteer Edmonton program (formerly at The Support Network) into ECVO. We hosted Edmonton's largest volunteer recruitment fair in April with 77 local nonprofits participating. Additionally, ECVO, the Volunteer Management Group and Volunteer Alberta hosted a forum where 75 Volunteer Managers identified their capacity building needs.

#4

Twitter Facebook YouTube

ECVO increased our media reach

ECVO's popularity on social media increased to 2,364 Facebook likes and 4,632 Twitter followers compared to 267 and 957 respectively in 2014. These dramatic increases are mostly followers who previously engaged with the Support Network. ECVO launched a new relationship with the Edmonton Examiner, and now contributes a weekly feature on volunteerism.

#5

NEWS NEWS

ECVO provided nonprofits with accessible and timely news

16,180 website visits
1,800 subscribers received our E-Bulletin
45% of subscribers opened their E-Bulletin (Industry average is 22%)
26% clicked through one or more links (Industry average is 11%)
91% of organizations say they function better because of the info ECVO provides.

#6

Three people icons

ECVO convened human service leaders for EndPoverty Edmonton

ECVO convened 61 human service professionals to explore how their organizations could enhance the EndPoverty Edmonton strategy. This and other large-scale conversations, are enhancing cooperation and alignment across the sector and improving their ability to successfully communicate and coordinate activities toward a common goal.

#7

Sector Advocacy

ECVO coordinated efforts to bring sector issues to national attention

As Chair of the Canadian Federation of Voluntary Sector networks, ECVO voiced to Imagine Canada the need for a national sector research agenda and a strategy to sustain the work of the defunded HR Council. ECVO collaborated with Imagine Canada on policy matters related to the federal election and the 2015-16 pre-budget submission. ECVO also monitored federal policy activity on Police Information Checks and voiced concern on the CRA discontinuing its' annual info sessions.

#8

People and bar chart icon

ECVO brought international training expertise to Edmonton

One of the highlights of ECVO's capacity building program in 2015 was the opportunity to bring International Partnership Brokers Association Training, Level 1, to Edmonton for the first time ever. Twenty individuals participated in the training, which was offered in partnership with JS Daw and Associates and the Edmonton Community Foundation.

In Summary

ECVO thanks our stakeholders, board and funders for entrusting us with the responsibility of strengthening the public service voluntary sector in Metro Edmonton. With your support, we will continue to provide leadership and capacity in the sector as well as giving voice to the issues that impact the ability of the sector to be effective.

ECVO 2015 Financial Statements

Statement of Operations

December 31,	2015	2014
Revenues		
Operating grants	\$ 255,404	\$ 241,200
Project grants	365,346	328,478
Membership fees	19,830	18,955
Interest	1,855	2,004
Fees and miscellaneous	66,234	44,507
Expense reimbursements	40,577	42,032
	749,246	\$ 677,176
Expenditures		
Governance	\$ 11,403	\$ 4,781
Human resources	400,522	367,208
Marketing and communications	28,837	9,779
Office operations	33,488	32,102
Organizational operations	43,812	50,637
Sector Services	143,238	151,511
Research and analysis	65,561	144
	726,861	\$ 616,162
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$ 22,385	\$ 61,014

Statement of Financial Position

December 31,	2015	2014
Assets		
Current		
Cash	\$ 307,221	\$ 273,066
Accounts receivable	23,962	7,802
Restricted cash (note 5)	100,032	81,973
	431,215	362,841
Equipment (note 3)	6,139	8,122
	\$ 437,354	\$ 370,963
Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 22,693	\$ 18,423
Unearned contributions (note 4)	284,617	244,881
	307,310	263,304
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	23,873	17,564
Capital assets	6,139	8,122
Internally restricted reserve	100,032	81,973
	130,044	107,659
	\$ 437,354	\$ 370,963

Approved on behalf of the Board:

Original Signed by C. Higuchi **Chairperson**

Original Signed by C. Watson **Treasurer**

Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2015

3. Equipment

	2015		2014	
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net book value	Net book value
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 5,043	\$ 1,412	\$ 3,631	\$ 4,539
Computer equipment	4,215	1,707	2,508	3,583
	\$ 9,258	\$ 3,119	\$ 6,139	\$ 8,122

Office operations includes amortization of \$1,983 (2014: \$1,136)

4. Unearned contributions

Unearned contributions represents funds received for programs and will be recognized as revenue in the fiscal year in which the related expenses are incurred. Changes in deferred contributions are as follows:

	2015	2014
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 244,881	\$ 216,161
Less: amounts recognized as revenue during the year	(244,881)	(216,161)
Add: amounts received relating to a subsequent period	284,617	244,881
	\$ 284,617	\$ 244,881

5. Restricted cash and reserve account

During the year, the Board of Directors established a reserve fund for the Organization which is represented by a bank account.

6. Commitments

The organization and two other organizations are joint tenants on an office lease that expires January 31, 2021. The Organization's share of base rent and operating costs is approximately \$2,138 per month.