

The Canadian Healing Touch Foundation (CHTF) 2010 Annual Report

The CHTF 2010 annual report is a summary of the Foundation's activities from February 1, 2010 to January 31, 2011.

The CHTF is a registered Canadian charitable foundation and as such is required to comply with the Canadian Revenue Agency's (CRA) Charities Directorate (CD) regulations. The CHTF is not sponsored by any other organisation so is totally dependent on annual donations to fund the bursaries and to cover overhead expenses. The significant benefit of being a registered Canadian charity is the ability to issue tax receipts to individuals. All donations are appreciated and tax receipts are issued for all personal donations. The CHTF keeps operating costs to an absolute minimum, which not only complies with the CRA-CD guidelines, but are well below charities of comparable size.

The CHTF provides financial assistance to HT students which, in turn, supports our Canadian HT courses. This support of our courses is unique within the North American HT community and underscores our Canadian beliefs. The BOD considers each bursary application on its merit and has never put a limit on applications accepted in a given year or a set a budgetary amount available. It is also not the policy of the Foundation to limit bursaries to courses at levels 1-3. Once an application is verified that it is for an approved HT course, two essential criteria are evaluated: the financial circumstances of each applicant and the intended use of the gained skills. It is noteworthy that most applicants for the HT Level 1 courses rarely appear to continue on. On the other hand, the applicants for levels 4 to 5 have been very financially challenged and have rarely, if ever, previously applied for a bursary. The dedicated desire to advance their skills and to practice Healing Touch is so sincere. Janet would have been most impressed by their passion to continue to take the courses in order to better "do the work". Letters received in support of these applicants has been most heart-warming and confirmed the work that these HT apprentices have been performing in our communities across the country. The applications may indicate financial challenges but these dedicated advanced HT students are rich in finding ways to apply their skills and knowledge. Many are working as volunteers in our impoverished communities, our palliative care hospices and supporting our troops and their families. To all these wonderful students the Foundation wishes you blessings as you continue your HT work.

This fiscal year's income was significantly below that required to cover disbursements. Perhaps expected considering the general state of the economy and the status of individuals' disposable income but for the first time the Foundation was required to transfer funds from reserves in order to carry on providing bursaries to all qualified applicants. The Foundation must find ways to stem this decline in donations or our long-term viability will be in jeopardy. In 2010, only six personal tax-receiptable donations, totalling \$730.00, were received; our lowest ever. Donations sent "in memoriam" or "in honour of" were acknowledged with a card to those indicated. The CHTF and our bursary recipients, through their heart-warming notes of appreciation, gratefully thank all our donors who supported us during these difficult times.

In 2010 donations received from organisations within the HT community decreased significantly to one. Healing Touch Canada's continued thoughtfulness was gratefully received and was used, as requested, towards a bursary application for a Healing Touch International HT Level 1-3 class. Donations received from our HT organisations and practice groups are vital. This income ensures the bursary and foundation expenses can be met.

These difficult economic times significantly impacted the donations but as could be predicted, the reverse was true for requests for bursary assistance for both our HTI & HTP courses. No one who qualified for a bursary was refused. In 2010, the number of qualified applications was 22; 17 bursaries were used to attend HT courses from Levels 1 to 5 and an Advance Practice Course. Five were withdrawn for various reasons; primarily a decision not to attend the course or course cancellations. The bursaries granted totalled \$2698.00 which is a \$656.00 increase over the previous year. Eight bursaries were awarded to attend level 1 HT courses; three for level 2; three for level 3 and one each for level 4, 5 and Advance Practice courses. It is gratifying to see that HT courses are being offered from coast to coast. There were 2 from BC, 3 from AB, 4 from ON, 4 from QC, 3 from NB & 1 from NL.

The CHTF BOD duties are not expansive but without the full complement of BOD members in 2010 the CHTF restricted activities to the essential ones and no new ventures were considered. All meetings were held by teleconference with emails between regular meetings. Annually, the CRA-CD provides free local seminars and on-line webinars. Two seminars and two webinars were participated in this past fiscal year. In 2010, the focus was on how a BOD should operate, how to complete the CRA Tax return and the pitfalls to avoid when fundraising. Copies of the session handouts were available for all CHTF BOD members. Throughout the year emails containing helpful links to the CRA-CD website are sent to Canadian charities to keep them advised of any changes in the regulations, upcoming seminars and other relevant news.

The development of new strategies for support will be critical in the future. Our mandate and objectives need to be better communicated to the HT community if we are to return to function at capacity.

The 2010 CHTF BOD consisted of Bonnie Meadows, past-president. She graciously agreed to remain although her term should have been completed and her talents and history of the Foundation provides vital support. Susan Atkinson remained as treasurer. Annick Fransen joined the BOD in July as our new secretary. Her warm personality and fresh new ideas are most welcome.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of:

Bonnie Meadows	Susan Atkinson	Annick Fransen
Past-President	Treasurer	Secretary