Annual Report

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ANNUAL REPORT 2013

2013 was a great year of significant achievements for Citizens for a Civil Society.

From securing our first provincial grant for key advocacy initiatives to hosting impactful community events, our organization took major steps forward in addressing gender discrimination and strengthening human rights awareness.

With the completion of our flagship handbook project, we are positioned to expand our reach, engage new volunteers, and build sustainable funding to support ongoing community programming.

VISION, MISSION & WHAT DO WE DO

VISION

A culture of human rights is the foundation of life in a civil society

WHAT DO WE DO?

CCS works to advance a culture of respect for human rights as well as gender equality through community events that celebrate women and foster an inclusive society. With education and advocacy as tools to effect change in society, we seek to cultivate an environment of dialogues and deliberations that strengthen our resolve on freedom from fear and promote the five pillars of civil society – respect, literacy, human rights, the rule of law and meaningful economic opportunity

MISSION

We advocate, share, and celebrate Canadian values and human rights as a way of life by engaging people and communities

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HANDBOOK INITIATIVE & GRANT

Honouring Women to End Gender Discrimination

First Provincial Grant:

Approved in late 2012 with funds arriving in January 2013, securing support from Alberta Human Rights and Multiculturalism for the project "Honouring Women to End Gender Discrimination".

Community Consultations & Focus Groups:

Planned 12 public dialogues with over 180 members from diverse ethno-racial groups, legal/justice agencies, police services, and settlement organizations to build a comprehensive societal response.

Practical Handbook Output:

Culminated in the publication of "Together, Creating a Better World", scheduled for launch on June 18th under the coordination of Jim Gurnett.

DAUGHTERS DAY 2013

Main Event (August 24, 2013):

Featured a successful program including a commitment walk joined by Premier Hancock, powerful guest speakers, and formal recognition of Daughters of the Year.

Jurors Panel:

Nominations were reviewed by Sarah Hoffman (Chair, Edmonton Public Schools), Dr. Fern Snart (Dean, Faculty of Education), EPS Deputy Chief Danielle Campbell, and Maria Dunn.

April Review Session:

Organized an April community session reviewing the 2012 inaugural event to plan and launch the 2013 call for nominations.

DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD

Documentary & Dialogue (October 11, 2013):

Honoured the Day of the Girl Child with a documentary presentation examining the status of girls internationally.

Guest Speaker Rumana Mansur:

Featured an inspiring presentation on personal resilience by Rumana Mansur, whose travel from Vancouver was sponsored by the Edmonton Gandhi Foundation.

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY OBSERVANCE

Community Gathering (December 11, 2013):

Observed Human Rights Day with presentations and interactive Q&A sessions focused on fundamental rights and equity.

Featured Keynote Speakers:

Included insights and speeches delivered by Senator Doug Roche and David Evans.

FUNDRAISING & COMMUNITY OUTLOOK

Grassroots Resource Tool:

The completion of the handbook provides an essential tool to grow our movement across Alberta communities and expand leadership roles within Citizens for a Civil Society.

Financial Sustainability:

Approaching community members, booklet sponsors, and government levels to build reliable funding sources for annual Daughters Day events and future outreach projects.

Volunteer Engagement:

Seeking to recruit a broader team of dedicated community volunteers to drive future initiatives and sustain organizational growth.