

Fundraising update

The results are in!

All three components of our fundraising program – participant fundraising, co-funding and our annual campaign – showed impressive results in 2000-2001. We were especially pleased with the 51% increase in our annual campaign – we surpassed our objective and reached a total of \$142,000.


We want to extend our profound thanks to all of the individuals, corporations, foundations and other donors across Canada who generously supported our efforts. While we are extremely pleased with the results, we are convinced that there is still much potential for growth, and we will be focusing our energies in the upcoming year on attracting new donors to our cause.

Academic credit

Many academic institutions value the educational benefits of Canada World Youth programs, and they are providing students with credit or recognition for their experience.

If you are a past participant who received credits, bursaries or other academic recognition following your Canada World Youth program, we want to hear about it! Please contact Normande Hébert (nhebert@cwj-jcm.org) and include the name of the institution, the number of credits and the name of the course(s). For bursaries, mention the name and address of the organization.

Online

Check out the *bulletin* online for more information on these articles, as well as other articles related to our programs and participants. When you see the following icon  at the end of an article, it means you can read more on our Web site at www.cwj-jcm.org

Our “Top 30” for 30

To celebrate our 30th anniversary in 2001, Canada World Youth set out to recognize 30 outstanding alumni. They are past participants who have demonstrated their commitment to global citizenship and, in so doing, have exemplified Canada World Youth’s mission of increasing the ability of people to participate actively in the development of just, harmonious and sustainable societies.

Alumni who have exemplified Canada World Youth’s mission

These alumni are contributing to their communities in different ways, but all recognize the impact their CWY experience continues to play in their lives. Thanks to all who sent in a submission.

Profiles of our selected alumni, including testimonials describing how Canada World Youth made a difference in their lives, are now available on our Web site at www.cwj-jcm.org under “CWY celebrating 30 years.”

Here’s a sample of what some alumni had to say:

“Canada World Youth reinforced my belief that excelling, pushing and challenging yourself to be your best accomplishments – by definition – the best you can do for the planet.”

Evan Chrapko (Ontario/Indonesia 1985-1986)
Founder/CEO, A-LIVE Holdings II Inc.

“Through Canada World Youth, I found that people from east to west and from north to south could work together in a cooperative way to address the multi-faceted issues that beset the developing world.”

Rosario Adapon Turvey (Philippines 1974-1975)
Ph.D. candidate, Department of Geography, University of Waterloo

“So how did I end up here? Because I caught the bug on Canada World Youth. Prior to the program, I was aiming toward archaeology. CWY showed me that living cultures were more interesting than dead ones...I think I learned a few things about simply ‘getting involved’ through CWY; the basic principle that there are lots of opportunities out there if you just make the effort to grab them.”

Daniel Sellen (Alberta/Malaysia 1978-1979)
Senior Economist with the World Bank, working in Africa

“I was, among other things, very surprised to find how much I learned on the Canadian portion of our exchange. Living on both a diary farm and a grain farm in eastern Ontario was more of a culture change than I had expected; I became much more aware of farm politics and social ties in rural Canada.”

Alison Van Rooy (Ontario/Sri Lanka 1985-1986)
Deputy Director, Governance and Social Policies Division, CIDA



Volunteers make a difference!

To honour the work and dedication of volunteers around the world, the United Nations has declared 2001 as International Year of Volunteers.

Canada World Youth welcomes this opportunity to recognize our participants who volunteer during our programs and beyond. Past participants play a pivotal role in assisting with Canada World Youth activities, and many demonstrate their volunteer commitment in their local communities by supporting other organizations and causes. To all of you – congratulations on your dedication to making the world a better place through volunteering.

To mark International Year of Volunteers, we contacted past participants to ask them what role volunteering plays in their lives. Here's what two had to say:

“Other than that warm fuzzy feeling inside you get when you do something nice for others, volunteering has helped me work on a variety of skills – organization, preparation, communication, and public speaking among them...Someone once told me to pursue my interests for as far as I could see and then the horizon would open up farther. Volunteering is a lot like that – it exposes me to opportunities and keeps me in touch with the community in a non-formal way.”

Stephanie Bouris (British Columbia/Indonesia/Philippines 1999-2000)
Recent volunteer work: Canada World Youth; World University Services Canada; Resource for Environment and Social Action

“I volunteer because I find it very rewarding. It's a good way to get to know a community and meet new people...Most of my volunteer experiences at this point also have a direct connection with possible career options. I eventually hope to work in the field of international human rights and refugee law. Without my volunteer experiences and Canada World Youth, it may never have occurred to me to explore such a path.”

Adrian di Giovanni (Quebec/Tunisia 1996-1997)
Recent volunteer work: Canada World Youth; University of Toronto's community legal clinic; Legal Aid Ontario's refugee law clinic



New programs

➤ Teaming up with Girl Guides & YMCA

The Ontario regional office is delighted to be working with two new partners this year: the Ontario Girl Guides and the Midland YMCA Advanced Youth Leadership Program. A group of 13 guides and two supervisors from communities across Ontario will travel in July to the small community of San Rafael de Paquera in the Guanacaste province of Costa Rica. For two weeks, the group will live with local families, participate in volunteer work projects and study the environment in Cabo Blanco National Park.

The YMCA program will also take place in Costa Rica, where a group of eight young people from Midland and their supervisor will spend just under four weeks in Coopesilencio, an agricultural community of less than 50 families near Manuel Antonio National Park. Their volunteer work projects will

have an environmental and community development focus.

➤ President visits China

Canada World Youth President Matthew Pearce was recently in China and Mongolia to explore the possibility of future youth initiatives and educational exchanges. The trip was a great success! Watch for China/Mongolia updates in future issues of the *bulletin*.

➤ First Nations exchange

First Nations youth from selected bands in coastal British Columbia and Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, will be coming together this June to participate in a First Nations Youth Exchange Program. They will spend half of the program in Squamish and Mount Currie, British Columbia, and the other half in Quetzaltenango. The Canadian partner in the project is the First Nations Employment and Enterprise Centre, which provides training and employment services to 10 First Nations, including on- and off-reserve people, in the Vancouver, Howe Sound and the

Sunshine Coast areas. Our Guatemalan partners include the Municipality of Quetzaltenango, an Indigenous-led government, and the Muni-K'at Institute, an autonomous non-governmental organization.

➤ A trilateral approach

With greater integration of economic markets within North America, the notion of a North American community is gaining strength. It is a community that not only deals with trade issues but also shares similar perspectives and challenges related to the environment, cultural integrity and human rights. Canada World Youth, the Students Conservation Association (USA) and the *Universidad Veracruzana* (Mexico), under the leadership of the North American Institute in Santa Fe, are organizing an international exchange program focusing on environmental sustainability and historical conservation. Participants from all three countries will join together to undertake projects in the three countries.



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