



MATCH News

NEWS ABOUT WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT

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30 Years of Success and Support: "CELEBRATING WOMEN"

In this special anniversary edition of MATCH News, we honour women around the world and across Canada whose exceptional efforts change lives. As we celebrate our birthday with you, let us celebrate the work and wisdom of a few MATCH women – their commitment, courage, and vision. We hope their stories will move you as much as your support moves them. That, after all, is what MATCH is all about.

MATCH Spotlight

CELEBRATING Pooja Shrestha

Women's Awareness Centre Nepal (WACN), Nepal

"We work with villagers to implement programs that are tailored to the specific needs of each community."

33 women's cooperatives. 5 districts. 15,000 women. These are WACN's numbers: right there on the ground working for change in communities in Nepal.

With Pooja Shrestha at the helm as executive director, WACN is striving to end all forms of discrimination and violence against women through action programs designed to attack the roots of these issues, namely poverty and inequality. The cooperatives it supports and promotes are a source of empowerment for disadvantaged people – particularly women – so they may improve their socio-economic status and self-sufficiency.

Through community development training on women's issues and sustainable farming and with informal savings coops, WACN is helping women generate incomes for themselves and their families.

"Our society is a patriarchal one," says Pooja, "so we have to advocate for equality of women."

Pooja follows a long line of WACN members who are development workers with a strong commitment to the women's movement – especially grassroots

women. Right from the start, their mission was to focus on gender equality and social justice.

Luckily, WACN founder/president Prativa Subedi heard about MATCH while attending a women's grassroots organizing workshop in the Philippines, and the rest is history.



Co-op meeting of village women.

From low hopes to highlights

The social and economic empowerment of women is the highlight of WACN's work. According to Pooja, the program's cooperative activities have been able to enhance women's financial capacity so they become self-reliant.

"Women are becoming empowered, skilled, and exposed," says Pooja, "They are actively participating in all

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types of decision-making processes, local governance, and development activities in their communities.”

What lies ahead for WACN are initiatives that help women develop as community leaders. Pooja is confident that with ongoing support from MATCH, the grassroots cooperatives will be able to expand to provide skills and leadership development opportunities, as well as advocacy, social, and political training.

“Increased capacities among women will help them to be more powerful in raising their voices.” And with their voices leading local governments, those women can achieve anything.

CELEBRATING Sylvia Hinson Ekong

Rescue Foundation Ghana

“We need for mothers to be emancipated so daughters have role models.”

The Rescue Foundation Ghana project is training law enforcement personnel on human rights law regarding human trafficking and how to rescue children with minimal trauma. Rescue Foundation Ghana works with welfare and education departments to ensure the immediate needs of rescued children are addressed and that educational opportunities are available.

Helping others: it’s in the genes

Growing up watching her mother as a social worker, Sylvia’s sense of social justice “crept up” on her. A pharmacist by training, she wound up in rural communities where she was shocked to see what life can be like for people there. “I committed myself to making real change using a human rights approach. I want to stop abuse in all its forms.”

MATCH became the first funder for Rescue Foundation Ghana at a time when organizers were having a hard time finding support. While the international community was buzzing about “integrated” approaches to development, Rescue Foundation Ghana remained undeterred about focussing on women’s equality and children’s rights to development.

That unwavering vision has paid off. Sylvia says the work in Ghana has helped 30 women expand family farms by one acre each. This means women can feed their children and send them



Sylvia spreading the Rescue message.

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to school, thereby reducing their risk of being exploited by others. “Children are still vulnerable to labour and domestic servitude and sexual trafficking in Ghana and other West African countries.” So the work continues.

Facing forward

A major challenge for Rescue Foundation Ghana is confronting deeply engrained gender roles. They are working to empower women to claim equality, celebrate self-sufficiency, and understand that daughters should have equal access to education. All this effort, says Sylvia, is to “reduce vulnerability to exploitation.”

With high hopes for Rescue Foundation Ghana’s grassroots initiatives, Sylvia wants the project to continue to reach politicians and influence public policy. They have worked hard to foster relationships within government, an uneasy task. “We have to communicate reality in order to bring them [politicians] down to the ground.”

Assistance from MATCH to gender programs like Rescue Foundation Ghana is vital. Sylvia encourages Canadian supporters to not give up: “Sometimes it is easier to fund projects that get more immediate results. But the emancipation of women, though it takes much time, brings about true sustainable development.”

CELEBRATING Sheila Kerr

St. Thomas Women’s Agricultural Initiative (STWAI), Jamaica

“Women are thinking bigger for the future of their farm.”

From the Household Workers Association to the New Jersey Medical Mission, Sheila Kerr has long been involved in social issues concerning women’s poverty, particularly in rural Jamaica. She is now an advisor and MATCH link for the St. Thomas Women’s Agricultural Initiative (STWAI).

Ever since the Government Poverty Eradication Program identified St. Thomas as one of the poorest parishes in Jamaica where economic help for women

was desperately needed, Sheila has helped evolve STWAI to an innovative agricultural program.

It was thanks to the efforts of committed allies at the Women’s Bureau, the Rural Agricultural Development Agency, and the Jamaica Agricultural Society that the women’s farming initiative got off the ground. By the time MATCH was approached for support, it was obvious STWAI would be a good fit.



Women farmers working with seedlings in Jamaica.

Our success is immeasurable “by any standard”

According to Sheila, the farm continues to grow, as does the outlook of the women involved. The women have conquered crop thieves and farm management. Now, with a skilled farm manager and a regular buyer of their cassavas crop, they have built a thriving program that gives women hope for a bright future.

The program reminds rural women that success isn’t just an urban phenomenon. Sheila sees many rural women head to the city, thinking they’ll be better off there. But they often find limited success there. “There are so many people competing for low paying jobs in the city,” says Sheila, “And housing is hard to afford.”

“Given the very limited education and skills training opportunities of many rural women, poverty is truly the root problem.” And so STWAI is helping to create sustainable futures.

While helping make so many women’s dreams come true, Sheila has a dream of her own: to see more Canadian funding for the education, training, and empowerment of rural women in Jamaica.



CELEBRATING Gaby Cevalco

Centro de la Mujer Peruana Flora Tristán (CMP), Peru

“I knew from my early childhood how difficult life is for women in the countryside. That’s why I work so hard to continue publishing *Chacarera*.”

With projects dealing specifically with rural women and their concerns, a Women’s Studies Program in Peru is celebrating women’s education and women’s voices through such initiatives as the Flora Tristán Library on women and gender issues and the Ediciones Flora Tristán publishing house.

Then there’s *Chacarera*, the renowned magazine that addresses challenges faced by women in remote areas of Peru. Gaby has been editor since its first issue. *Chacarera* recently organized the Magda Portal Short Story Contest, and MATCH proudly funded the first round. Gaby says it’s hard for women in Peru to get published, “That’s why a publishing house like ours is very important.”

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A passion for writing and journalism led Gaby to her current role with CMP. “I’ve been concerned about inequalities in my country since I was very young, and I looked for work where I could do something to help change that situation.”

CMP met its MATCH. For an innovative project on the oral tradition of indigenous women in Peru, Gaby and a colleague went looking for funding on the internet where they found MATCH, and the crucial support to implement the research project.

“There is much to be done in this country.”

Gaby and her colleagues are cautiously optimistic about the future of women’s equality in Peru. Pressing challenges include violence against women, sexual and reproductive rights, access to education, quality services, and to abortion. The last elections saw women making up 30% of Congress for the first time, but Gaby says women’s political involvement remains low: “We need

to occupy decision-making positions in order to bring about changes.”

Gaby knows ongoing Canadian support from projects by way of cooperants, information, and economic resources will go a long way to helping Peruvian women.

CELEBRATING: Binta Sarr on the work of CALDU

(Centre Africain pour le leadership féminin), Senegal

I am happy to introduce you to CALDU, a group actively working on economic empowerment of women and girls, elimination of violence against women and girls, and promotion of women’s participation in all levels of management and decision-making. CALDU advocates for economic and social justice as a means to sustainable, equitable development.

With the help of organizations like MATCH, we have accomplished many things. We can say for a fact that our partnership with MATCH has been most beneficial in bringing about important achievements, such as:

- the founding of Crédit TERANGA, a credit union
- the setting up of a health cooperative which significantly helps women

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Binta Sarr, far left, with women in the community after a training workshop.



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- the opening of a support centre for women who are victims of violence
- the development of an education program on human rights
- the implementation of gender analysis, leadership and advocacy skills training for women
- the creation of space to question decision-makers on the rights and interests of women in collaboration and partnership with other civil society groups

Yes, we have done a lot...but, there is much left to be done. We must see that women are well placed on the electoral list in the next election, fight for equality in education for girls and women, tackle the feminization of HIV/AIDS...and more. It is the odd glimpse of success that proves that our years of gender sensitization are paying off. But we have many miles to go before the rights of women and girls are totally respected.

Why do I personally take on these challenges? My interest in social justice and advancement of women springs from the enduring problems that Senegalese women face every day that rob them of enjoyment of their human rights. These problems present in many different ways but they are all linked.

30th Anniversary Luncheon and AGM

MATCH and CRIAW invite you to their 30th Anniversary Luncheon. The theme is "Women's Equality 30 Years Later At Home and Globally".

Date: September 22, 2006, 12 noon – 2:00 pm

Location: Panorama Room, National Arts Centre
53 Elgin St., Ottawa, ON K1P 5W1

Tickets: \$25 or \$50 with a \$25 tax receipt
Tables available for groups

For information contact Seshuvar Suatac at 613-238-1312 or info@matchinternational.org.

NOTE: MATCH welcomes everyone to attend its 30th Annual General Meeting immediately following the lunch.

CELEBRATING Jessica Jones

2005 Norma E. Walmsley Award Recipient

Allow us to introduce the 2005 recipient of the Norma E. Walmsley award, Jessica Jones.

After completing an undergraduate degree at the University of Waterloo in Environmental Studies, Jessica came to NPSIA to study the National and Sub-National Aspects of Development Cluster. Jessica is researching the positive benefits of increased participation of women in environmental governance. Through this work, Jessica aspires to contribute to the war on HIV/AIDS by reducing the vulnerability of some women.

For the tenth year in a row, MATCH presents this award to a student from the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs (NPSIA), a Carleton University master's program. Established in honour of MATCH founding president, Dr. Norma Walmsley, the award acknowledges the work of NPSIA students in furthering international understanding among women in Canada and in the South.



Jessica Jones

Planned Giving

Help ensure MATCH's work continues. Consider a planned gift and maximize the tax advantages and estate planning benefits of your donation decision. Your gift may be outright and immediate, or a future gift arranged now but delivered to MATCH through your will/estate. Either way, your direct contribution will continue to make a real difference to women in the Global South.



Celebrating Our Donors

Jean Nichols – Vancity Savings Credit Union

“We all feel incredibly proud to be part of a company that embraces the spirit of helping and social conscience.”

The annual recognition night for Vancity employees and their families was slated to be an extra special event in 2004 – a chance to come together and celebrate the uniqueness and success of Vancity and its team. Employees had spent months contributing to a special party fund, but when the infamous tsunami rocked parts of Southeast Asia that December, a party no longer seemed right.

“The question arose, how can we celebrate when the tsunami has devastated so many?” explains Jean Nichols. Jean is a Centralized Administration Officer at Vancity who, for a time, was community leadership champion for one of Vancity’s larger head office departments during which time she led her team on a number of very successful initiatives including setting up a site visit with MATCH.

So a decision to re-direct the party fund was quickly taken to a vote. Vancity staff voted overwhelmingly in favour of doing something meaningful with the money: “All of the organizations working on tsunami relief were investigated. Those aligned with Vancity social policies – who we are, what we stand for – were considered.” Another vote later and MATCH was selected as one of two donation recipients.

Vancity staffers are well aware of the positive social impact a company can have in the community – they feel it and live it every day, says Jean. The company is a leader in corporate social responsibility, with programs and policies mandated to affect positive social, economic, and environmental change in local communities.

They invited a MATCH representative to present to roughly 60 people from three departments – employees were inspired by stories from the front lines and got to hear first hand how their donation is helping Sri Lankan people gain skills to generate income and build from the ground up.

As such, Jean says the decision to support tsunami relief was significant: “As the biggest credit union in the country, we have a lot of power. This decision helped us become more aware of that power.”

“On a global level, we can really reach out and care for people in need.”

Long after the contribution was made, Vancity continues to pay attention. “We don’t just write cheques,” says Jean. They invited a MATCH representative to present to roughly 60 people from three departments – employees were inspired by stories from the front lines and got to hear first hand how their donation is helping Sri Lankan people gain skills to generate income and build from the ground up.

Motivated to share resources of a ‘human’ kind, Vancity recently sent staffer Kate Dunford Holt, an Accountability Programs Specialist, to Sri Lanka on a six-month exchange with their partner agency. While helping rebuild a credit union and related networks there, Kate dispatches letters from the field so Vancity colleagues can follow her experiences over intranet.

So, Jean, what’s it like working at a generous place like Vancity?

“Incredibly powerful. When you feel good about your employer – when you respect it – you’re going to do better work.”



Kate Dunford Holt unveiling a plaque at the opening of a new primary society building in Sri Lanka.



Marnie Girvan - MATCH Supporter and Donor

As Executive Director, volunteer and donor, my commitment to MATCH has stretched over nearly 27 years. Growing up in southern Ontario, I learned the importance of community...and as I grew older, my community view developed into a world view. My first years of experience in Africa, Jamaica and, later, Sri Lanka taught me that we must work at that level to achieve real global change. That is why the work of MATCH is so crucial; MATCH supports initiatives that operate from the ground up.

Most donors to international organizations understand the deep satisfaction that comes with supporting agencies that help real people. I have remained a donor because of the very hands-on work MATCH funds. I like being able to track my contribution directly to grassroots organizations, when I am able to visit them...or read about them in the Newsletter.

Over time, the support of MATCH has given me many opportunities to share information about their effective work with my colleagues. We recognize the spirit of people in the Global south and their incredible

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ability to innovate. We enjoy spreading the word about how these international partnerships are changing lives, in real terms, in real time.

I also often talk about these success stories to my family and friends, and, having decided to ensure that my support for MATCH continues and I urge them to consider support for MATCH when



Marnie Girvan

they are writing their wills:- a legacy gift which will continue to provide the organization with the funds they will need long...into the future.

For this profile, MATCH asked me why my support is so unwavering. The answer is quite simple. MATCH works with organizations in many countries to ensure that women, girls and families can live free from poverty and injustice. They have done this for many years — but we know that their work will continue to be necessary for a long time to come.

As long as MATCH continues...I want my support to continue.

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MATCH Around the World

CELEBRATING OUR PARTNERS

AFRICA

Ghana

The Centre for Sustainable Development Initiatives (CENSUDI)

Censudi provides women with the opportunity to acquire the knowledge, skills, and confidence necessary to play a full part in the development process and take charge of their lives.

Rescue Foundation Ghana

An innovative project is training women in Gyaahadze on gender and development issues in order to help them better address these in their families and communities, to help them work towards economic emancipation.

Mali

Association Recherche Action Femme et Développement (ARAFD)

Working to curb the exploitation and trafficking of girls and young women in the region of Mopti, ARAFD does awareness-raising and works with girls and young women to facilitate their future integration into formal education.

Burundi/Rwanda

Society for Women and AIDS in Africa (SWAA)

A pan-African organization active in 40 African countries, SWAA works with grassroots women to provide services in HIV/AIDS prevention, education, voluntary counseling and testing (VCT). A MATCH-supported project aims to reduce sexual violence and HIV/AIDS among women and girls living through conflict or in displaced communities.

Senegal

Centre Africain pour le leadership feminine (CALDU)

Working to develop a critical mass of women leaders in Senegal, CALDU aims to reinforce the leadership capacity of women in different organizations.

Tanzania

Tanzania Women and Children Welfare Centre (TWCWC)

The TWCWC raises legal awareness and education for women and children through education, seminars, workshops, and campaigns intended to inform community members about human rights and women rights.

Togo

Conseil Consultatif des Femmes du Togo (CCoFT)

CCoFT is working to build the capacity of its membership on local governance and on the decentralization process in Togo.

ASIA

Nepal

Nari Chetana Kendra Nepal - Women Awareness Centre Nepal (WACN)

WACN works towards the full participation of women in all spheres of development, encouraging women to participate in cooperatives to carry out micro enterprises.

Women's Rights Forum Nepal (WRFN)

Determined to reform the social and economic situation of women living in poverty, WRFN operates two women's cooperatives and informal groups to promote women's rights and increase the capacity of rural women's organizations.

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Sri Lanka

Lawyers for Human Rights and Development (LHRD)

LHRD operates a Women's Desk to assist women victims of violence, discrimination, sexual abuse, and other rights violations. The Women's Desk conducts legal awareness programs for women, trains activists as paralegals, and provides legal aid services to women.

Women's Education Research Centre (WERC)

WERC is carrying out a project to "enhance and develop women's capacities" by reducing structural gender inequalities at the social, political, cultural, and legal levels.

CARIBBEAN

Jamaica

S-Corner Clinic and Community Development Organization

S-Corner Clinic operates in a poor inner-city community on issues affecting residents such as unemployment, illiteracy, teenage and single parenting, violence, and poverty. Women are offered basic medical care and health information.

St. Thomas Women's Agricultural Initiative

To help women gain economic independence, the St. Thomas Women's Agricultural Initiative works to improve their livelihood and quality of life by improving an income-generating farm and making farming sustainable.

Women's Media Watch

With particular emphasis on violence against women, Women's Media Watch works to reduce sexual violence, violence in the media, and violence generally in Jamaica.

Trinidad and Tobago

The Caribbean Association for Feminist Research and Action (CAFRA)

CAFRA does awareness-raising through various islands on HIV/AIDS among young women and men. Project components include empowerment, life skills development, and community resources for HIV/AIDS.

Network of NGO's of Trinidad and Tobago

This project aims to train women in information and communication technologies with help from MATCH towards training and workshops.

SOUTH AMERICA

Peru

Centro de la Mujer Peruana Flora Tristán (Peruvian Women's Centre Flora Tristán)

This project seeks to continue publishing the magazine "Chacarera", a source of information for women and a valued space where women can exchange resources and ideas.

Centro Desarrollo de la Mujer Negra Peruana (CEDEMUNEP) [Development Center for Black Peruvian Women]

CEDEMUNEP works with Afro Peruvian women on issues of gender equity and racial equality in La Victoria District in Lima. This project aims to involve officials, at all levels of government, to resolve problems of gender and racial discrimination in Peru.

La Voz de la Mujer Women's Shelter

La Voz de la Mujer offers shelter to women and their children escaping domestic violence, and is networked with local legal and medical professionals who assist women in regaining control over their lives.

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LUNDU

LUNDU is an organization of young Afro-Peruvians working with youth in urban and rural communities to present a positive image of Afro Peruvian culture to the world through creative arts while highlighting the contributions of Peruvians and Peruvian culture to the population at-large.

Minga – Peru

Minga – Peru works with Amazonian women living in communities along the Marañón and Tigre rivers on culturally-sensitive and ecologically-appropriate projects that contribute to the sustainability of these marginalized and vulnerable indigenous groups.

Paraguay

Colectivo de Mujeres 25 de Noviembre [Women's Collective November 25th]

The Collective offers counseling and legal aid to victims of abuse and raises awareness on the prevention of violence against women and children. MATCH support funds workshops in the capital city and in rural provinces.

CELEBRATING MATCH 2005-2006

Message from Yvonne Sinkevich, President

How are these for numbers? In 2005-06, MATCH supported 22 projects in 12 developing countries on 4 continents, engaging hundreds of women whose efforts touch thousands of lives.

This issue of MATCH News is dedicated to celebrating women. As president, it has been a privilege to work alongside the amazing women who make up our unwavering board.

So, too, is the staff of MATCH unrelenting in their commitment to this work. Guenet Guebre-Selassie, Maria Otarola, and Indira Bondy oversee the exceptional delivery of our programs and Terri Jones ensures the funds are raised to do so. We recently welcomed Bonnie Diamond to the team as Executive Director in February.

Other recent additions are Sehsuvar Suatac as Administrative/ Financial Assistant and Jane Wilson as Finance Officer. A special thanks to Carol Faulkner, long time MATCH supporter, for her help in the implementation of our strategic plan in late fall and early spring.

To you, our donors and friends, thank you for keeping the magic of MATCH alive.

We thank CIDA for the matching grant that allows us to support incredible women's initiatives in the Global South. And a new partnership with the British Columbia-based credit union Vancity has bolstered MATCH's work with Sri Lankan women and their families attempting to rebuild after the 2004 tsunami.

Here in Canada, we continue to engage Canadians on issues relating to women and development from the perspective of women in the Global South.

Last year, Urvashi Butalia helped us do just that. A MATCH board member from India, Urvashi reached several audiences during a visit to Toronto. At a dinner sponsored by the Royal Bank of Canada, she encouraged supporters to re-think "partnerships" as real and equitable links across the world. At the University of Toronto, she challenged history scholars to contemplate "How are marginalized communities, particularly women, silenced in history, and what can the recovery of the voices behind their silence mean." Urvashi also participated in the MATCH Annual General Meeting on the theme of "Gender, Conflict and Development: Questions from South Asia".

At its 25th anniversary event, MATCH Winnipeg supporters were enlightened by visiting board members Effie Simpson Ekuban from Ghana and Isabel Duque from Chile who shared their experiences relating to the theme of Women Promoting Equality, Development and Peace.



Yvonne Sinkevich, President

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MATCH participated in the 50th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women organized by the United Nations Division of the Advancement of Women. And recently, we joined seventeen other women's and multicultural organizations to host a reception in Ottawa with Her Excellency, Governor General Michèle Jean. The 650 participants found "Passion and Resolve" a fitting theme for the event – together, we warmly celebrated how women's achievements and unified efforts continue to shape futures. View the GG's May 15th speech on-line: www.gg.ca/media/

As we celebrate our accomplishments, and each other, let us recognize that the MATCH vision has never been more relevant. Our long-standing goal is to give women a voice. In this rapidly changing world, we must ensure women have full access to resources, services, rights, and the power to make choices that improve their lives and the lives of their families.

Friends, thank you again for your ongoing commitment to MATCH. Because of you, our goals are more achievable. Onward, forward.

FUNDRAISING REPORT

Terri M. Jones, Marketing & Development Officer

You have helped change the lives of thousands of women around the world in positive and enriching ways.

The generous support for MATCH never ceases to amaze us. Once again, individual, foundation, and government agency donors have demonstrated an unfailing commitment to the mission and efforts of MATCH. Your generosity allows us to continue to respond to the needs of our partners and support their struggle for equality and justice.

In 2005-06, MATCH raised \$834,145. Of that total, \$356,600 was raised predominantly through sustaining donors, direct mail appeals, and foundation proposals, while the remaining \$477,545 came from a matching CIDA grant.

A huge thank you to our individual and sustaining donors who, due to privacy regulations, we no longer

list. Your continued generosity is crucial. Without it, we could not exist.

MATCH wishes to acknowledge the following organizations and foundations for their generous assistance: CAW Social Justice Fund, Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario, Fleming Foundation, Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, International Development Research Centre, Manitoba Council for International Cooperation, Roncalli International Foundation, Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation, Sisters of St. Joseph of the Diocese of London, Vancity, William F. Lede Family Foundation, and Women's Inter-Church Council.

Raised awareness is the key to our fundraising efforts, and we commit to continue to work towards increased understanding and awareness of women's role in society, both nationally and internationally. Your financial support goes a long way, as does your voice. Talk to your family and friends about MATCH. Tell them that you support an organization that really does make a difference. Tell them that no matter how large or small a donation, it will be matched by CIDA. Tell them how a contribution can give hope to women who deserve a chance to change their lives and the lives of their children. If your community or church group has the opportunity for guest speakers, please let us know. We are always happy to arrange a presentation about MATCH. Even better, if you are interested in starting up a MATCH group in your area, please contact us.

As we celebrate another milestone this year at MATCH – our 30th Anniversary – we look ahead with renewed optimism and enthusiasm that our vision of a changed world is one step closer to becoming a reality. This cannot happen without you. Your enduring support means so much. Thank you again for your ongoing commitment to our efforts.

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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of MATCH International Centre – Centre International MATCH:

We have audited the statement of financial position of MATCH International Centre – Centre International MATCH as at March 31, 2006 and the statement of changes in net assets and the statement of revenues and expenses for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as explained in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, MATCH derives revenue from donations which are not susceptible to complete audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of this revenue was limited to amounts recorded in the books of MATCH and we are not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to revenues, excess of revenues over expenses, assets and net assets.

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which might have been required had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of donations, as explained in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of MATCH as at March 31, 2006 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. As required by the Canada Corporations Act, we report that, in our opinion, these principles have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

van Berkom and Ritz
Chartered Accountants
Ottawa, Ontario

May 3, 2006



Financial Statements

Statement of Revenue and Expenses MATCH International Centre

Statement of Financial Position MATCH International Centre

	Year Ended March 31	
	2006	2005
Revenues		
CIDA	\$ 477,545	\$ 228,642
Fundraising		
- General	166,014	189,836
- Foundations/Corporate	188,644	112,458
Other	1,942	782
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>834,145</u>	<u>531,718</u>
Expenses		
Direct programs		
International	681,448	329,336
Canadian - publications	8,358	18,821
- public engagements	1,589	2,687
	<u>691,395</u>	<u>350,844</u>
Indirect programs		
Support staff costs	16,238	21,677
Operational	7,850	14,925
	<u>24,088</u>	<u>36,602</u>
Total programs	715,483	387,446
Core operational	107,850	140,941
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>823,333</u>	<u>528,387</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$ 10,812</u>	<u>\$ 3,331</u>

	March 31	
	2006	2005
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 148,661	\$ 156,324
Contributions receivable	50,495	-
Other receivables	2,073	23,947
Prepaid expenses	4,131	10,165
	<u>205,360</u>	<u>190,436</u>
CAPITAL ASSETS	2,815	3,038
	<u>\$ 208,175</u>	<u>\$ 193,474</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		
- program and projects	\$ 7,501	\$ 29,669
- other	23,883	43,013
Deferred revenue		
- programs and projects	144,481	94,088
- donations	-	5,206
	<u>175,865</u>	<u>171,976</u>
NET ASSETS		
Investment in capital assets	2,815	3,038
Unrestricted	29,495	18,460
	<u>32,310</u>	<u>21,498</u>
	<u>\$ 208,175</u>	<u>\$ 193,474</u>