



Women working with women. That's what it's all about.

**We are MATCH because...**

70% of the 1.3 billion people living in poverty around the world are women.<sup>1</sup>

Women do about 66% of the world's work in return for less than 5% of its income.<sup>2</sup>

2/3 of the children denied primary education are girls while 75% of the 876 million illiterate adults in the world are women.<sup>3</sup>

Women log 2/3 of the world's working hours and produce half of the world's food, yet earn only 10% of the world's income and own less than 1% of the world's property.<sup>4</sup>

90% of casualties of armed conflicts since 1945 have been civilians, 3/4 of which are women and children – there are over 35 major conflicts going on in the world today.

60 million are people displaced by conflict and disaster worldwide, 75% of whom are women and children who often face hardships like sexual violence and abuse.<sup>5</sup>

1 in 4 women worldwide will experience rape or sexual violence in her lifetime while 25-75% of women are beaten regularly at home, depending on the country.<sup>6</sup>

Over 120 million women have endured female genital mutilation.<sup>7</sup>  
More than half a million women die every year while giving birth – one per minute – mostly in developing countries.

Women hold only 12% of parliamentary seats worldwide.

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## Our mission

MATCH International Centre is a Canadian women's international organization guided by a vision of sustainable development which recognizes the diverse realities of women and respects their efforts for self-determination.

To fulfill its mission, MATCH works in partnership with groups in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and South America towards the empowerment of women and the practical enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms through civil, political, economic, social and cultural justice.

MATCH also undertakes public education in Canada on development and women's issues; and works to build and strengthen the women's movement nationally and internationally.

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MATCH is committed, with our Southern sisters, to a feminist vision of development. Such a vision requires the eradication of all forms of injustice, particularly the exploitation and marginalization of women.

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## Message from the President and Executive Director

The mission statement of MATCH – forged in 1975 after the Mexican World Conference of Women – is as relevant today as it was then. The 2006-07 year found us striving harder than ever to support initiatives designed and led by women in the Global South. And we are reaching further than ever to help strengthen women's movements internationally and right here at home to advance women's equality. As women's rights slip deeper into peril and women's circumstances here and around the world worsen, every step we take as MATCH springs from the inspiration of that time-tested mission.

In Canada, we saw government priorities shift further away from support for women's groups who advocate for political and legal rights. MATCH joined with other Canadian women's organizations in denouncing cuts and changes to key programs like the Status of Women agency and Court Challenges Program – two examples of critical support necessary for women to maintain equality gains made since 1975 and to fulfill promises of equality made by Canada in our constitution and in international agreements. The struggle continues – and MATCH is there.

At the international level, MATCH has joined with women's groups from around the world in petitioning the United Nations (UN) for stronger architecture to better achieve women's equality. Bright hopes for fast action faded when a specific recommendation to strengthen the UN women's component became bogged down among general UN reforms. The struggle continues – and MATCH is there.

In the face of such political challenges, MATCH has continued to deliver real support to women in the Global South. Thanks to the generosity of our

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donors, MATCH partners are building projects that span economic, social, environmental, cultural, and political grounds – sometimes intersecting all in one.

This year, we supported women's economic empowerment by helping women form cooperatives to better sustain themselves and their families. We have supported training for women in business and marketing. We helped women lobby for better policies to support their enterprises and to support environmentally-friendly and sustainable agricultural practices.

This year, we supported women's social and cultural empowerment by helping women research and educate populations on the social barriers to women's advancement. Women have been organizing, publishing, and building solidarity to increase political participation within their communities.

This year, we supported women's health and access by helping partners improve the health and well-being of women and their families through education, art, and services. We have supported the establishment of clinics to deal with STDs, HIV/AIDS, and maternal health. We have helped set up shelters and counselling programs to support women facing violence.

Of course, none of these uplifting successes is possible without our loyal donor base of people like you, as well as our strong relationships with key supporters such as CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency) and a host of foundation/corporate supporters. Women in the Global South are doing courageous and vital work, and you empower MATCH to be there.

As we enter the next year of challenges, we do so with a new three year program agreement that will see every dollar donated to MATCH matched with 3 CIDA dollars. We are looking forward to making this a winning formula for even bigger gains.

Many thanks to the Canadian Research Institute on the Advancement of Women (CRIAOW) who joined MATCH in a 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in September 2006. At the joint birthday event, renowned activist and author, Peggy Antrobus, reflected on the deplorable status of women around the world and the threats to women's movements everywhere within the current neo-conservative global climate.

Finally, a warm thank you to the MATCH board of directors – your ongoing dedication to the words and

spirit of the MATCH mission is an inspiration. To the staff, too, many thanks for your work in bringing the MATCH mission to life, daily.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Sinkevich  
President

Bonnie Diamond  
Executive Director

### Citizens Bank family votes to recognize MATCH

MATCH International is honoured to have received the 2006 Citizens Bank of Canada Shared Interest Award and Grant. The following is an excerpt from a media release from the Citizens Bank on March 28, 2007:

VANCOUVER, March 28-2007 - Citizens Bank of Canada ([www.citizensbank.ca](http://www.citizensbank.ca)) is pleased to congratulate MATCH International as one of 12 Shared Interest<sup>™</sup> awards for 2006. The award, which recognizes the contributions of a variety of social and environmental not-for-profits, is unique in Canadian corporate giving as recipients are nominated and selected by the Bank's members.

“For 10 years Citizens Bank has been proud to support the social and environmental causes of its members,” says Citizens Bank CEO Jason Farris. “We are especially pleased this year to give back almost a quarter-of-a-million dollars to organizations like MATCH International. This year's recipients come from different backgrounds, and employ different tactics, but all work towards a common goal – to make the world a better place. We are grateful to be able to support that goal.

... Not-for-profits are nominated by employees and bank members, eligible finalists are then chosen by a selection committee and the membership is invited to vote for the organization of their choice. The fund is then divided among the finalists based on the percentage of votes they receive. Through this process, the grant for MATCH International is \$16,572.53.

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Through Shared Interest, we have an opportunity to recognize the work of not-for-profit organizations and bring the good they do to light,” says Farris. “It’s a point of pride with the members of Citizens Bank – to be able to cast a vote and have a say in a better world.”

Thank you, employees and members of Citizens Bank, for acknowledging what MATCH does to ‘*make the world a better place*’, and for helping us to do more.

## Empowering women, by law

In the east African country of Tanzania, multiple traditions and religions weave through a rich cultural fabric. Some Tanzanians still follow old customs, many of which oppress women. In communities where poverty is particularly high, women are vulnerable to repressive practices.

Tanzania’s ‘statutory laws’ adhere to modern human rights principles, but are applied interchangeably with the traditional laws. It’s really a person’s social awareness and status that determine which system applies. Because patriarchal cultural rules so often dominate, women – often poor, illiterate, and unknowledgeable – lose protections afforded under contemporary statutory laws, putting them at a disadvantage when it comes to accessing costly legal services.

To make matters worse, the alarming death toll of the HIV/AIDS pandemic leaves a high number of widows and orphans to face all sorts of human and legal rights abuse.

There is no ‘legal aid’ in Tanzania. Support of any kind is nominal. MATCH and our partner, the TWCWC (Tanzanian Women and Children Welfare Centre), are working to increase women’s access to legal literacy training, free legal aid service, and legal counseling.



TWCWC group picture of women in Toangoma Ward.

One important case at a time, we are helping to make a real difference in the lives of Tanzanian women and children. Take a look at just one of our success stories:

A mother of five, Maria Mlemwa is a widow whose husband died without a will. Her in-laws “grabbed” the conjugal properties since tradition allows the brother of the deceased to inherit property over the widow and children. Forced to leave the family home, Maria reported her case to the TWCWC and was assisted in filing a probate case.

When Maria was granted the authority to administer her late husband’s estate, her brother-in-law disputed the judgment, claiming Maria was not a legal wife.

The dispute was transferred to the district court which reversed the previous decision, denying Maria the right to inherit from her deceased husband.

Once again, the TWCWC intervened, assisting Maria in appealing to the high court. She was finally granted half of her deceased husband’s property, and the remaining share of the estate was divided equally among the children.

Without the educational and legal support of TWCWC, Maria and her five children would have no property, no assets, and very possibly, no hope. Thanks to this MATCH partnership, women in Tanzania are being given a chance to comprehend and exercise their legal rights.

## Sources: We are MATCH because...

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## MATCH says yes to UN reform

The United Nations (UN) has made a number of strong statements recognizing women's equality as pivotal to human and social development. However, the international governance body has long needed to revise structures to make viable all the different verbal commitments to women's equality.

The answer? A new and improved gender architecture at the UN. Consensus is that a new Gender Equality Architecture (GEA) is urgently needed in order to meet the needs of women around the world and to fulfill commitments made by governments at several world conferences (like Beijing) and in the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

### What's a New Architecture?

The GEA idea is to combine three existing U.N. entities – the UN Development Fund for Women, the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues, and the UN Division for the Advancement of Women – under a single agency. This new agency would be headed by an under-secretary-general (the third highest ranking post) and be responsible for monitoring and evaluating the integration of gender perspectives into the work of the entire UN system, including at the country level.

There is impressive support for this move, including from the new Secretary General and the president of the General Assembly. In its recent report, entitled "Delivering As One", even the high level UN Coherence Panel agreed with women around the world, stating "the commitment to gender equality is and should remain the mandate of the entire UN system," and that the new agency should "be fully and ambitiously funded."

Despite the support for the new GEA recommendation in part of the Coherence Panel report, concern over other parts of the report have caused discussions about the Panel's recommendations to be stalled.

The need to move forward on the GEA proposal is urgent. Women's groups – including MATCH – are calling for the GEA proposal to be separated out of the Coherence Panel Report for independent consideration before the full report gets further bogged down in slow negotiations. We want this done before the General Assembly ends in August, 2007.

For more information on the GEA proposal and the status of its progress, visit [www.wedo.org](http://www.wedo.org) on the internet or contact Bonnie Diamond at MATCH: [bdiamond@matchinternational.org](mailto:bdiamond@matchinternational.org)

To learn more about the Millennium Development Goals, visit [www.un.org/millenniumgoals](http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals) on the internet.

## You can join the push for gender reform at the UN

### Three ways to take immediate action

- #1 Send a letter or email to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Peter McKay. He is responsible for instructing Canada's delegates to the UN. Tell him you want Canada to take a strong position in support of the GEA proposal during this UN session and to call for its separation from the Coherence Panel Report. Contact Minister MacKay by email at [mackay.p@parl.gc.ca](mailto:mackay.p@parl.gc.ca), or postage-free:  
  
Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of Foreign Affairs  
125 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, Canada, K1A 0G2
- #2 Ask your own Member of Parliament (MP) to contact Minister MacKay immediately to encourage him to act in support of the GEA proposal. Remind your MP that the idea for the current GEA proposal was initiated and supported by women's groups as a way to better deliver on commitments made in the Beijing Platform for Action over ten years ago.
- #3 Tell everyone you know to do #1 and #2. Get your friends together for a letter-writing party, notify your email networks, and encourage colleagues to get involved.

## Empowering women, in health

### Greetings from S-Corner

There's a Jamaican saying – “them little but them tallawa” – which means small but strong. That's the way S-Corner describes its partnership with MATCH.

Our partnership with MATCH began some ten years ago when we discovered that our two modest organizations share a vision of providing women with health care information so they can take better care of themselves.



Core staff of S-Corner Clinic: from left to right Marlene Campbell, Vallin Sinclair, Angela Stultz - Executive Director and Carreen Jopp.

The relationship has been reciprocal – resources and ideas are shared as we carry out this critical development work. We are thrilled to be able to share stories and successes through reports so that they may be emulated in other countries. And through reports and resources sent to us from MATCH, we have been able to gain invaluable support from women elsewhere. Together, we are forging a fruitful exchange, an understanding of people and our important similarities across boundaries.

Thanks to funding received from MATCH, we have been able to sustain S-Corner field staff – they facilitate ongoing workshops in grassroots community spaces, where people can just show up as they are. Much of our work is concentrated in Bennetland, a poor area of the capital (Kingston). An average of thirty women attend weekly workshops to learn about such topics as cancer awareness, nutrition, and healthy lifestyle. In communities like Bennetland, women are already good at stretching their budgets. Our S-Corner programs take it further by teaching healthy nutritional planning using

what little income they have. The women become better aware of how to take care of themselves and their families, for longer and better living.

Since the 1990s, the Jamaican government allocates 70% of the GDP (gross domestic product) to debt repayment to the IMF (International Monetary Fund) and the World Bank. What this has meant for health care is dire. Access to health facilities has become worse for all Jamaicans. Women are particularly affected, especially those who work in unskilled positions and receive minimal wages – like many women in Bennetland.

For these reasons, our health program is vital in enabling women to access affordable holistic health care in their own community. If knowledge is power, then what an important difference we are making.

## Empowering women, through shelter

La Voz de la Mujer is a shelter in Peru, which has had a longstanding relationship with MATCH. Over the last three years 378 women and 776 children, and some independent girl victims of abuse have been received at the shelter, given accommodation, food and medicines and provided with legal counsel. To strengthen the women's economic futures the shelter provides basic business and marketing skills and practical training in shoe and towel making. La Voz has been the catalyst in organizing a national network of women's shelters in Peru and of establishing new shelters outside Lima.



La Voz residents learning occupational skills making shoes.

## Donor Betty Hopkins discusses why she supports MATCH

MI: How long have you been a MATCH donor?

BH: Off and on for many years.

MI: Why do you choose to donate to MATCH?

BH: We tend to pick organizations that support and reflect our own value systems. At the community level, MATCH supports the advancement of equality and justice for women and children. And since I am really

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committed to those ideals, MATCH feels like a good fit.

MI: What influences from your childhood or past nurtured your community spirit?

BH: I come from a small town, so I recognize the value of community. My mother was a very principled person and a strong role model.

MI: What in particular about MATCH programming compels your support?

BH: I really enjoy that we help women develop tools and solutions for working towards positive change. I also appreciate the learning opportunity provided to us, the supporters here in Canada, about how women are building up communities in inspiring ways.

MI: What kind of learning does MATCH provide?

BH: I believe that we in Canada can learn a lot from women around the world – every day there are women struggling so hard for survival for themselves and their families – quietly, alone, unacknowledged. MATCH gives us a chance to come together with other women so they don't feel so alone. We're just a small part of the world – MATCH is a way to increase our awareness of the strengths of women in other parts of the world, to put things in perspective.

MI: How did you become interested in helping women and children?

BH: For one thing, my father died when I was very young – I grew up with an inspirational mother. I know first hand what it's like for women to struggle to make their own way.

Also, I used to work in child welfare in rural areas with families who needed support – children in foster care, adoption, rural communities, Aboriginal communities – I came to realize that people often get blamed for the fact that they are in positions of disadvantage or vulnerability, but it's the systems that leave them there. That's how I became interested in system change.

MI: What do you mean by 'system change'?

BH: It's the way we set up systems and organize our societies. The patriarchal and hierarchical values that our system reflects leave women and children most vulnerable, especially in situations where there is abuse of power. It happens all over the world – even in Canada – but we often don't recognize it.

MI: Do you think one person can make a difference?

BH: Absolutely. Those of us who are fortunate enough, who are relatively comfortable and privileged – we can't sit back and not try to make sure that opportunities exist for everybody. Every small contribution of either time or money is important and sends a message.



Betty Hopkins

**“We can't sit back and not try to make sure opportunities exist for everybody.”**

MI: Do you plan to remain a MATCH supporter?

BH: I see MATCH as a way to keep connected with women around the world and recognize how much we can learn from them. To contribute financially in any way is a real honour. I want to stay involved with groups working on system change. To me, that's what life is all about – real involvement.

**A new and easy way to make a contribution**

MATCH has opened an Investment Account and we're ready to roll out a new, mutually-beneficial way to donate.

Changes announced in the 2006 Federal Budget make it much more attractive to donate gifts of public-traded securities to registered charities.

Stocks, bonds, mutual funds, bills, futures and warrants can be turned into generous charitable gifts. Plus, capital gains have been eliminated on all gifts of public-traded securities to charities like MATCH.

determined based on the closing price of the securities on the date the gift is received by MATCH.

**Here's an example of how it all works:**

Paula decides to give MATCH publicly traded securities. She bought them for \$400 and they are now worth \$1,000, making the capital gain \$600. Paula's assumed combined federal and provincial marginal tax rate is 46%.

By donating \$1,000 worth of appreciated securities directly to MATCH, Paula has eliminated any capital gains tax and saved an additional \$140.

	Donate shares direct to MATCH	Stocks sold & then donated to MATCH	Donation of cash to MATCH
Gift amount	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Original cost of shares	\$ 400	\$ 400	
Capital gains	\$ 600	\$ 600	
Value of tax credit (assuming top marginal tax rate of 46%)	\$ 460	\$ 460	\$ 460
Capital gains tax	\$ 0	\$ 140	\$ 0
Cost to donor	\$ 400	\$ 600	\$ 540

What does this mean? Supporters like you can enjoy significant tax savings when you make a donation of appreciated securities in the form of an "in kind" transfer of the security itself. MATCH issues a charitable tax receipt for the fair market value of the gift of securities to be used for tax purposes – the fair market value is

We are always trying to expand the range of options available for people like you to help MATCH carry out its valuable work.

For additional details regarding this donating option, please contact Terri Jones at 613-238-1312 or [tjones@matchinternational.org](mailto:tjones@matchinternational.org), or consult your financial or tax advisor.

**Introducing ... MATCH ON-LINE! [www.matchinternational.org](http://www.matchinternational.org)**

We are proud to unveil MATCH International's new website – it features up-to-the-minute information on projects and events, useful resources, a handy 'search' feature, and links to our programs and partners around the world.

Click over to [matchinternational.org](http://matchinternational.org) and see what's new. Tell your friends. Forward the link to your on-line community and help promote the website.

As always, your feedback is welcome. Please forward any comments or suggestions to [tjones@matchinternational.org](mailto:tjones@matchinternational.org).



## An affair to remember

We are pleased to have been the chosen recipient of proceeds raised at “Arts Affair” in Vancouver in January, 2007.

The gala fundraising event – hosted by Citizens Bank President, Jason Farris – was held in a gallery setting that featured the works of local artists. Four of Vancouver's popular bands took the stage for an evening that benefited the work of MATCH.

The money raised at “Arts Affair” was immediately directed by MATCH to a dynamic team of grassroots women in Sri Lanka whose innovation is increasing



Sri Lankan women harvesting and producing products for sale at local market.

economic development opportunities in environmentally-responsible ways.

The women use local natural plant material like reeds to produce practical products for local market. For example, they create woven grass bags which are fast replacing the toxic plastic bags that contribute significantly to severe pollution in Sri Lanka. Demand for



their products is high since so many people need to replace household items lost in the tsunami of 2003.

Thanks to Jason Farris for his continued support. Your efforts help

make a real difference in the lives of so many families and the communities in which they live.

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Thank you, to the late Catherine Cragg

A friend of MATCH has gifted us with an extraordinarily generous bequest.

Catherine Cragg was a long-time MATCH supporter. To continue her commitment to helping women and children living in poverty, Catherine chose to leave a legacy that will impact positively on the future of MATCH partners in the global South.

Thank you, Catherine, from the MATCH family – your generous spirit will live on in communities around the world.

Many supporters of various causes are now opting to contribute by bequest not only because of the ease it offers, but because of the satisfaction of providing support that lives on. It's a way to make a substantial gift in the future and ensure a valuable tax credit for your estate – without diminishing assets today.

For more information on making a bequest, contact Terri Jones at 613-238-1312 or [tjones@matchinternational.org](mailto:tjones@matchinternational.org), or consult your legal advisor.

**Congratulations Kindra Lakusta**

MATCH is pleased to introduce this year's recipient of the Norma E. Walmsley Award.

Kindra Lakusta has completed her second year in the joint LLB/MA program of the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs (NPSIA) Master's Program at Carleton University and the University of Ottawa's Faculty of Law.

As part of the Pro Bono Students Program, Kindra has assisted immigrant women facing domestic violence. She has worked with the Center for Justice and International Law in Costa Rica and visited Nicaragua last November as a Junior Canadian Delegate for the Electoral Observation Mission with the Organization for American States. This summer will be Kindra's busiest yet. While serving as a human rights fellow with



Kindra Lakusta

Raven, Cameron, Ballantyne & Yazbeck LLP in Ottawa, Kindra will work in the human rights litigation departments of the Canadian Human Rights Commission and the NGO Egale. Her upcoming Master's research essay will examine the link between the lack of sexual and reproductive rights in Latin America and the alarming increase in violence against women.

Now in its 11th year, the Norma E. Walmsley Award for International Understanding is awarded to an exemplary NPSIA student. MATCH established the award in honour of our founding president for her outstanding contribution to the international community.

Dedication and leadership of students like Kindra towards furthering understanding between and among women in Canada and in the South are an inspiration to us all.

## Fundraising report

Two simple words like ‘thank you’ hardly seem enough. Your generosity this past year has helped MATCH raise \$714,511. Of this total, \$365,948 was raised predominantly through sustaining donors, direct mail appeals, and foundation proposals, while the remaining \$348,563 came from a matching Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) grant.

In addition to our individual donors, MATCH acknowledges the following organizations and foundations for their generosity: Canadian Auto Workers’ Social Justice Fund, Citizens Bank, Elementary Teachers’ Federation of Ontario, Fleming Foundation, International Development Research Council, Manitoba Council for International Cooperation, Sisters of St. Joseph of the Diocese of London, Vancity, William F. Lede Family Foundation, and the Women’s Inter-Church Council.

We are honoured to have been chosen this year to receive a portion of the Citizen’s Bank Shared Interest Award and a bequest from the estate of Catherine Cragg.

Once again, MATCH has entered into a matching gift agreement with CIDA – no matter how small or large your donation it will be matched 3 to 1.

Can you believe it was over 30 years ago when MATCH vowed to focus exclusively on women’s equal participation in sustainable development? It was clear then – and even clearer today – that despite our major contributions in every sphere of life, women are still denied an equal voice in decision-making and derive few benefits from the ‘development’ process.

As much as your financial support is critical, so too is your “promotion” of MATCH and our mission. Just think how much our partners will accomplish when each of you convinces just ONE PERSON to become a MATCH donor. The need for MATCH is as high as ever, so our need for increased support remains high, too. Please tell your friends and family to follow your lead in making a difference in the lives of women and children in some of the poorest countries in the world.

Thank you again and remember – MATCH exists because of YOU.

Terri M. Jones  
Marketing & Development Officer

### Please join us...

#### International panel discussion on Women Surviving War and Natural Disasters followed by our Annual General Meeting

Women face different challenges from men when disaster strikes through war or natural catastrophe. Come and hear how women are surviving the chaos and dangers of disaster – in Africa – in Latin America – in Asia.

**What:** A bilingual panel presentation featuring 3 speakers from Africa, Asia, Latin America

**When:** September 21, 2007 from 2:00 pm to 4 pm

**Where:** Parliament Hill, Room 209, West Block

You **MUST** confirm attendance so that we can add your name to the security list.

Refreshments will be served

MATCH welcomes all to attend its 31<sup>st</sup> AGM immediately following the panel discussion. Bylaw amendments to be discussed at the AGM are posted on [www.matchinternational.org](http://www.matchinternational.org).

For information or to confirm your attendance contact: Sehsuvar Suatac at 613-238-1312 or [info@matchinternational.org](mailto:info@matchinternational.org).

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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, 2007 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows 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.

We conducted our audit in accordance with 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 International Centre / Centre International 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 International Centre / Centre International 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 the organization as at March 31, 2007 and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

McKechnie & Co.  
 Chartered Accountants  
 Ottawa, Ontario

August 8, 2007

## Financial Statements

### Statement of Revenue and Expenses MATCH International Centre

### Statement of Financial Position MATCH International Centre

	Year Ended March 31		March 31	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
<b>REVENUES</b>				
CIDA	\$ 348,563	\$ 477,545		
Fundraising				
- General	213,697	166,014		
- Foundations/Corporate	152,251	188,644		
Other	0	1,942		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	714,511	834,145		
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Direct programs				
International	590,221	681,448		
Canadian	11,328	9,947		
	601,549	691,395		
Indirect programs				
Support staff costs	10,563	16,238		
Operational	9,177	7,850		
	19,740	24,088		
Total programs	621,289	715,483		
Core operational	94,237	107,850		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	715,526	823,333		
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	\$ (1,015)	\$ 10,812		
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Cash	\$ 74,773	\$ 148,661		
Contributions receivable	91,014	50,495		
Other receivables	1,975	2,073		
Prepaid expenses	5,057	4,131		
	172,819	205,360		
<b>CAPITAL ASSETS</b>	4,065	2,815		
	\$ 176,884	\$ 208,175		
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>				
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 67,808	\$ 31,384		
Deferred revenue	77,781	144,481		
	145,589	175,865		
<b>NET ASSETS</b>				
Investment in capital assets	4,065	2,815		
Unrestricted	27,230	29,495		
	31,295	32,310		
	\$ 176,884	\$ 208,175		

Full financial statements available upon request by contacting the MATCH office at 613-238-1312  
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