

Raising the Bar

Project works for women's rights in Tanzania

Asinati was introduced to the Tanzania Women and Children Welfare Centre (TWCWC) by one of their trained paralegals. She was having a hard time dealing with her deceased husband's relatives, who would not include her in the list of his heirs.

Asinati was lawfully married to Richard, who had worked for the railways in Dar es Salaam. When Asinati learned that her husband was among the workers who were supposed to be paid a pension by the government, she took steps to inform his relatives, but they ignored her. Asinati came to the TWCWC with her complaint. The case was filed in court, and during the division of the pension the court included her in the list of heirs. Asinati and her children received their legally entitled portion of her husband's pension.



Women from the community attend a legal-literacy training workshop.



Edda B. Mariki, programme coordinator at the Tanzania Women and Children Welfare Centre, presents scholastic materials to a girl.

Asinati is just one example of the many women and children who have found assistance at the TWCWC. With the support of MATCH, the Centre advocates for women's and children's rights in the community, including widows and orphans. The project raises the awareness of women, children and the public in general through legal-literacy training and will-writing campaigns as well as joining forces with other women's groups to affect policy changes. The project also works to sensitize the community to women's issues and children's rights by distributing written materials, assisting women and children in their legal matters and providing much-needed support and encouragement. In addition, they promote the educational rights of children with the "Right to Go to School" campaign and provide assistance with school supplies and uniforms.

Volunteering Holds Surprising Benefits

Carolyn Reynolds is the executive director of WIN-Belize, one of MATCH's partner organizations in the Caribbean. She first got involved with the organization through volunteering for the YWCA on WIN's newsletter committee. Here, she shares her thoughts about the value of volunteering.

How do volunteers contribute to WIN-Belize?

WIN-Belize is fortunate to attract international and national volunteers who share their knowledge and skills with our staff members and local organizations. Their contributions include research on issues affecting women in Belize and monitoring and evaluating current projects. They also assist with local fundraising events, coordinating planned activities and imparting knowledge on relevant topics.

What did you enjoy most about volunteering?

I always believe in sharing my knowledge with others, so I enjoy facilitating group sessions and

assisting in the development of an organization's programs. Through volunteering I also get the opportunity to develop my skills and learn how to cope with a variety of issues and personalities.

What do you want people to know about volunteering in general?



Carolyn Reynolds

I believe volunteering soothes the soul and helps one to be very disciplined and sensitive to the basic, social and personal needs of individuals and groups.

Tell us what you learned about yourself through volunteering.

While volunteering at the YWCA, I became interested in women's issues. Although I was always one to stand up for injustices in my workplace, I was totally unaware of the many challenges women face on a daily basis. Through this experience, I was surprised to learn that I had a passion for working with women and on gender issues and jumped at the opportunity to work with WIN-Belize.

It's a Women's World

A website has been launched to mark the countdown to Women's Worlds 2011, an international and interdisciplinary gathering of women. The conference will be held in Ottawa-Gatineau from July 3 to 7, 2011. The website – www.womensworlds.ca – will serve as a hub for people from around the world to connect and converse on issues related to globalization and women's equality. The theme of this triennial global women's conference is "Inclusions, Exclusions, Seclusions: Living in a Globalized World."

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What Motivates MATCH Volunteers?

Whether you're keen to share old skills or eager to learn new ones – or just want to share the experience of making the world a better place for all women – there's a rewarding experience waiting at MATCH.

SARAH AND BASIL ORSINI

are a daughter-father volunteer team at MATCH. They responded to a volunteer opportunity posted on the Internet to help MATCH write a proposal for funding.

“We believed that our combined skills in change management and training-the-trainer, and management and accountability in non-profit organizations could be of use,” says Sarah. Turns out they were right.

The pair is working with Kim Bulger, executive director at MATCH, to develop an ambitious proposal that would increase MATCH's presence in Canada, beginning in Ontario. The proposed program focuses on empowering young women to become successful members of society, based on an improved understanding of the issues and progress that has been made. Their work is to draft an application for funding to make this program a reality.

“MATCH does important work around the world, and we found it very attractive to help the organization develop its capability and presence in Canada,” says Sarah.

As daughter and father, volunteering at MATCH is giving them a unique opportunity to work together on a social issue that's important to them. They've also been able to tap into the experiences of two other family members, one working with youth-at-risk, and another who is a long-time champion of women's issues, such as violence against women. Go team!

GERRY DOBRA has only been a volunteer with MATCH for a few months, but the experience has already surprised him.

“My knowledge of women's issues has been shaped by my human resources work in the North American context,” says Gerry, a retiree from the federal public sector with a specialization in compensation and benefits. “The challenges facing women in developing countries are much more basic. I was not aware that anyone was specifically addressing these challenges before my exposure to MATCH.”

“Volunteering for MATCH is a learning experience.”

He was led to MATCH through a website called LinkingBoomers.com, which advertises volunteer opportunities. He had no prior knowledge of MATCH but was attracted by the assignment. His volunteer work consists of sharing his skills and experience by helping with human resource management issues.

“Volunteering for MATCH is a learning experience,” says Gerry, adding that volunteers are well appreciated. “Women's issues in the developing world may be one of the most significant opportunities for improving the quality of life in the target communities.”

CHRIS PARENT is also a new volunteer to MATCH. He heard about the organization thanks to an advertisement posted on Kijiji.ca, a website for classified ads.

“I like that they work toward improving people's lives, especially in areas of the world where it's most needed,” says Chris. “They work directly with the people they are trying to help and plan collaboratively rather than imposing an agenda.”

Most of his volunteer work is helping with writing, including funding applications. Chris says he was surprised at how knowledgeable he was concerning global issues and human rights, particularly regarding the United Nations system.

Chris says he enjoys helping at MATCH because it's a welcoming environment, and he's able to gain experience and connections. “I've also learned more about the importance of women's input for the health of communities, and that giving due consideration to their perspectives is beneficial for all.”

If Chris could grant three wishes to MATCH, they would be:

- Stronger domestic partnership and support from sister organizations;
- Greater public knowledge about the organization and awareness of the importance of the issues it seeks to address; and
- More ongoing funding from a greater diversity of sources.

President and Executive Director's Report

Every day we are inspired, and often astounded, by the enthusiasm and determination of all the people responsible for the work of MATCH International Centre and its partners. It is quite remarkable to meet the people – women, men, youth and seniors – who are the steam behind this incredible organization. Some have been a part of MATCH for decades, and it is exciting to witness their relentless drive to improve the lives of women and children in developing countries around the world. It is thanks to these individuals and their talents and skills that we are making a difference. Sometimes those differences may seem small in the face of overwhelming hardship and injustice, but they are often significant and worthy of celebration.

In Ghana, for example, the Rescue Foundation Ghana has exceeded its own expectations. More children are enrolled in school, and the quality and performance at school in some of the project communities is remarkable. Many children were able to enrol in senior high schools or vocational schools, and the dropout rate is almost zero. This is an example of a small difference that can lead to big changes in a young girl's life. Please take a moment to read some of the other project successes included in the pages of this annual report. What they all have in common is the promise of renewal.

It is with a sense of renewal that we move into this next phase of growth for MATCH. We are a strong group, and it is time to focus on those strengths to reach our full potential. To do that, we need to build our capacity and increase what we are able to do for women and children in developing countries. One way to do that is to engage with the community, particularly with young people through colleges and universities. Their unbridled initiative and media-savvy solutions may be our perfect match.

Many of our partners have already recognized the necessity of involving young people in capacity-building. One example is the Flora Tristán Peruvian Women's Center (Centro de la Mujer Peruana Flora Tristán) in

Peru. We applied for funding on their behalf to support a project that aims to eradicate gender-based violence. Youth will be involved in organizing training sessions, promoting advocacy and disseminating information to the media. As a result of this project, organizers will have a better understanding of how youth understand gender-based violence, and young people will gain essential skills, such as leadership, proposal-writing and decision-making.

We also need to partner with other like-minded organizations working to improve the quality of life of women and children. Together we are stronger, are able to share knowledge and are capable of narrating even more success stories.

As we build our capacity, we need to take the time to recognize the many volunteers who fuel MATCH on a daily, weekly and even annual basis. Our volunteers draft funding proposals, provide professional insight and suggestions for how we can improve, help raise awareness about MATCH in the community and make this a truly unstoppable organization. Their expertise and vitality is remarkable. In the pages of this annual report, you will read about just a handful of these volunteers. With their help and yours, we will continue to move ahead and reach our full potential to help struggling women, children and families discover theirs.

Sincerely,



Patricia Harewood
President



Kim Bulger
Executive Director

Stella LeJohn Reflects on Successes of MATCH

Stella LeJohn first became involved in fundraising for women's issues when she was just a 14-year-old girl growing up in apartheid South Africa. Her mother was president of the YWCA and the National Council of Women and held executive committee meetings in their home.

"They would be baking and singing and sewing. It was something I learned by osmosis," says Stella, who will be retiring from the Board of Directors of MATCH International this fall. "I asked questions, and little by little I learned more. I learned the power of women and community. I learned that nothing is insurmountable."

She also learned that the people who have the problems also often have the answers, a lesson she has brought to MATCH International and MATCH Manitoba. By the time Stella helped found MATCH Manitoba in 1980, she had already served as president of MATCH International.

The power to change

"Having ideas and the power to change circumstances is one thing, but lacking the means becomes the big problem," says Stella. "MATCH was the very first organization to start working directly with women with the understanding that MATCH would raise the funds and those funds would go directly to the women with no interference from government. It's women to women."



Stella LeJohn attends the Lieutenant Governor's Reception. She is joined by her son, Tungi, Lieutenant Governor John Harvard and Helen Whetter.

Stella's commitment to working woman-to-woman has taken her across the globe and back. She says a highlight of her history with MATCH was the United Nations

Conference on Women in Nairobi in 1985, where she chaired the first worldwide discussions on violence against women.

Two years earlier, she struck a committee that met regularly to fundraise to send as many women as possible to this conference about women. By the time the conference started in 1985, more than 70 women from Canada joined Stella. "It was very powerful for the women involved."

When we were flying in, we saw women walking and riding on donkeys from villages that were miles and miles from Nairobi," says Stella, adding that many of the women she met at the conference had already benefited from MATCH.

Time to bring in the new

While Stella is not showing any signs of slowing down – she recently earned her PhD in sociology from the University of Michigan – she says it's time to make room for younger women. "We need their energy and to be including them in what we're doing," says Stella, who lives in Winnipeg.

"We need to be inclusive of all women and work together for a common goal. As long as we're divided, we're not getting very far."

– Stella LeJohn

But bringing in the new means more than young ideas for Stella. "I'm personally encouraging all provinces to get up and get going and start their own chapter," she says, adding that MATCH Manitoba has been a good role model, particularly how it has targeted provincial funds, such as the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation. "The beauty of MATCH is our longevity and the good relationship we have with CIDA. Every dollar we raise is met by CIDA three times over," adds Stella.

MATCH Manitoba holds a meeting the last Monday of every month to engage the public in their activities. "Sometimes we meet in a community where the women are really struggling. We work with them to raise their awareness of what MATCH is doing in their country of origin and how they can get involved in the activities of MATCH in Canada," says Stella.

While she may be retiring from the Board of Directors of MATCH International, her focus is always on improving the lives of women and expanding the reach of MATCH. "It takes commitment from many people to make MATCH work," says Stella. "I want to express a heartfelt thank-you to the women of MATCH Manitoba who keep this whole thing going and to the men who have encouraged us."

MATCH Manitoba will mark its 30th anniversary in 2010 with extra activities and events. For a calendar of events, visit the MATCH International website (www.matchinternational.org) and click on "MATCH in Canada."

Asia Overview

MATCH is working in Nepal and Sri Lanka. These two key countries are now in the process of recovery from civil war. Women are at the forefront of the development of their broken communities.

In Nepal, MATCH supports Women's Rights Forum (WRF), which is a non-governmental social organization established in 1998.



Sita Kuikel addresses her peers and explains how the Women's Rights Forum in Nepal has improved her life.

This organization is working in the Kavre district. MATCH has been supporting WRF since it started to improve the social and economic status of disadvantaged women of various ethnic groups. With MATCH's support, WRF has been implementing a Community Based Development

Program in the remote Village Development Committees of the Dhulikhel and Banepa municipalities of the Kavre district. Members of four women's cooperatives and their families are directly benefiting from these programs.

WRF provided three days of training on cooperative strategic planning to the members of four skill cooperatives: Sangam Nari Chetna Multipurpose Cooperative, Sahara Nari Chetna Skill Cooperatives, Ashapuri Nari Chetna Skill Cooperative and Punyamati Nari Chetna Skill Cooperative.

This training will enable the cooperative members to set a common vision, mission, goal, objectives and strategies to run the cooperative efficiently. In order to make the training successful, the Cooperative Strategic Planning was done separately for each cooperative. The aim of the planning was to set clear roles and responsibilities of cooperative, WRF and other organizations.

– Maria Eugenia Otárola

South America Overview

In South America MATCH is currently working in Paraguay and Peru. These two countries have a large number of *campesinos* (small farmers) and an indigenous population. In the case of Peru, MATCH also works with Peruvians of African origin. These groups are often marginalized on many levels, such as access to education and economic, social and cultural activities.

Paraguay's former Roman Catholic Bishop Fernando Lugo achieved an historic victory in the April 2008 presidential election. Lugo defeated the ruling party candidate and ended 61 years of conservative rule. He won the presidency with nearly 41 percent of the vote, compared to just 31 percent for Blanca Ovelar of the conservative Colorado party. This past election was the first time many Paraguayans, particularly those living in the rural areas, felt part of the electoral process. The people suffered under the brutal dictatorship of General Alfredo Stroessner, who ruled from 1954 to 1989.

MATCH partner *Colectivo de Mujeres "25 de Noviembre"* works with women in Paraguay to recuperate their culture and traditional skills that may be used to earn a living for the women and their families. The beneficiaries have worked on small agricultural projects and have learned the technique of making traditional bags from wool with beautiful decorations. These bags are marketed for the tourist industry. These business projects help the women earn money to pay for schools fees and medical costs. The project is also confronting the high number of teen pregnancies with community-level information sessions on sexual reproductive health and youth rights.



Young women discussing the candidates' platforms. The Colectivo in Paraguay was instrumental in supporting young indigenous women in their desire to participate in the presidential election and learn about the democratic process.

– Maria Eugenia Otárola

Caribbean Overview

MATCH's partners in the Caribbean are addressing two crucial issues: violence against women and HIV/AIDS. According to the Caribbean Coalition on Women, Girls and AIDS, sexual violence against women and girls is pervasive. A regional study has shown that 47 percent of adolescent girls' first sexual experience was "forced" or "somewhat forced." Violence or threat of violence increases women's vulnerability to HIV by making it difficult or impossible to negotiate safer sex.

Working to end violence against women

The Women and Development Unit (WAND), our partner in Barbados, carried out a social research project in Nevis that sensitized frontline workers on the various aspects related to domestic violence to help them respond in a more effective and coordinated manner. This was a pilot project on an island of 11,000 people. It proved sensitization and integration of services is crucial to a balanced approach in responsive programming on domestic violence, which can be replicated in other small islands.



Faith Webster, director of the Women's Bureau of Jamaica (pictured centre in the dark blue shirt), is reviewing sweet pepper crops in their protected agricultural cage with women farmers of STWAI.

MATCH's partner in Jamaica, the St. Thomas Women's Agricultural Initiative (STWAI), is addressing rural poverty among women through a farming initiative.

STWAI is a 30-

acre farm that produces hardy crops such as cassava and pumpkins. Over the past year, the 10 women farmers have fervently pursued their goal of overcoming the frequent devastation by hurricanes and insects with the acquisition of protected agriculture methods, such as cage houses, which will help the women to diversify with greenhouse-appropriate crops, such as sweet peppers and spinach. In the next phase, the women will expand their greenhouse production and seek niche markets for hot sauces and chutneys. This is one example of addressing rural poverty for women through a farming initiative that is creating further economic opportunities for the women and their community.

Dr. Rhoda Reddock, a gender expert at the University of the West Indies, says the reasons for the pervasive problem of domestic violence in the region include the increase in violence in society in general and the normalisation of violence in the U.S.-dominated media. Our partners in the Caribbean add that the region's own music and advertising industry portrays women as sexual commodities. Our partners address the complex issues of violence against women in a manner that takes into account challenging social norms related to culture and patriarchy, improving women's lack of understanding of their basic rights and access to support and services as well as lobbying for stronger legislative reform.

Battling HIV/AIDS

MATCH's partners are working on an HIV/AIDS project that is pan-regional as well as in Belize. Feedback from the region has indicated that many of the international funding programs focuses on broad information campaigns, prevention and medical therapies, which often miss poor, illiterate women and their families. In our experience in the region, confronting cultural stigmas of the disease and women's rights in sexual relationships is a long-term process of social change, and MATCH's partners work to fill this need.

The Caribbean Association for Feminist Action and Research (CAFRA) is our partner in Trinidad and Tobago and works with youth and HIV/AIDS through pan-regional youth groups. The group employed workshops, youth mentoring and the media to bring the message to young women and men. Over the last year, MATCH's funding has enabled CAFRA to continue its work in this critical area.

— Indira Bondy

Please join us for...

A discussion about the upcoming Beijing Plus 15 conference followed by MATCH's Annual General Meeting.

When: Friday, Sept. 25, 2009. A light lunch will be served at noon. The panel discussion will begin at 1 p.m., followed by the Annual General Meeting.

Where: Amica at Westboro Park, 491 Richmond Rd., Ottawa, K2A 1G4

MATCH encourages everyone to attend its Annual General Meeting.

For more information, please contact Sehsuvar Suatac at (613) 238-1312 ext. 101 or info@matchinternational.org.

Africa Overview

MATCH is supporting partners in French-speaking Senegal, Mali, Togo and Cameroon, and in English-speaking Ghana, Tanzania and Malawi. MATCH's African partners addressed a wide variety of issues this past year, including poverty; women entrepreneurship, capacity building and civic leadership; HIV/AIDS; and access to safe water.

The media may present a flattering African economic performance, which is mainly driven by revenues from oil and mineral exports, but this flattery conceals the considerable variation across the continent. It does not reflect the reality of difficult living conditions in many communities. The performance remains insufficient for Africa to meet the Millennium Development Goals, and the fragile world economy has also been followed by a dramatic inflation increase in many African countries.

Women as leaders and decision-makers

Two groups in Senegal and Togo – Le Centre Africain pour le Leadership Féminin Au Service d'un Développement Durable (CALDU) and the Conseil Consultatif des Femmes du Togo (CCOFT) respectively – implemented projects that help promote women in



Members of the business and financial management workshop demonstrate production and marketing skills. They are selling kenkey (similar to sourdough dumplings), fish, vegetables, rice and other things.

leadership and at the decision-making level. CALDU trained professionals, businesswomen and rural women in leadership skills, such as public speaking and advocacy,

and provided the necessary knowledge to champion for women's rights. CCOFT in Togo strengthened the capacity of grassroots women, community chiefs and opinion leaders to have a better understanding of the decentralized local government process and to actively participate in local issues and as a candidate or voter in local elections.

Women as economic-development agents

In Ghana, Rescue Foundation Ghana (RFG) combats rural poverty. RFG helps women farmers and some poor women in the fish-processing business to add value to their agricultural production by helping them process the



Participants make coconut toffees during a production planning session at the business and financial-management workshop in Warabebe.

produce and training them in business fundamentals and entrepreneurship. Women helped build the processing factories and learned to process cassava into flour, tomatoes into paste and grind nuts and peppers. This brings an increase in market value to their labour, and many lives have been improved in the process. Some are now able to afford to build a house for their family and send their children to school. A further benefit for the community was that they were able to rally the men who were reluctant to give power to their wives at the beginning of the project. Surrounding communities witnessed the improvements and are requesting similar projects in their villages.

– Dr. Guenet Guebre-Selassie

Award Helps Student Reach Peek Success

Established to honour its founding president for her outstanding contribution to the international community, each year MATCH International Centre awards the Norma E. Walmsley Award for International Understanding to a student from Carleton University's Norman Paterson School of International Affairs (master's program).

Meet this year's recipient – Sarah Peek

Sarah is pursuing her Master's degree with a concentration in Human Security and Development at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs (NPSIA) at Carleton University. Through feminist, postcolonial and decolonial scholarship, she continues to critically explore the role of human rights and development as tools for social justice. Her research interests include human rights, gender and building solidarity at a transnational level.



During her graduate studies Sarah has gained valuable practical experience working as a researcher for the Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Response Group at Foreign Affairs Canada and as a research assistant for Universalis, a consulting firm specializing in evaluation, monitoring and program management for international development.

Through her research, Sarah plans to critically explore the processes through which transnational solidarity between citizens in industrialized countries and citizens in developing countries is being constructed, and how these processes are contributing to larger projects for social justice. Her case study is Rights Action, a Canadian non-governmental organization working with Maya communities in Guatemala. This scholarship will assist Sarah with her research, which will require travelling to Guatemala to conduct interviews with the founders and staff of Rights Action and members of the communities with which they work.

This summer Sarah has undertaken a field seminar in Peru with the World University Service of Canada. Along with 19 other Canadian and 20 Peruvian students, she has been working with a local women's organization in Chachapoyas to find better solutions for solid waste in their community, including the introduction of a community composting project.

Beijing Declaration Turns 15

2010 marks the 15th anniversary of the World Conference for Women in Beijing. A number of resolutions were adopted at the 1995 conference, one of which is the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. Every five years the United Nations hosts a review of the declaration, and the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) will conduct the 15-year review of the declaration – called Beijing Plus 15 – from March 1 to 12, 2010, in New York. The CSW is the main intergovernmental body responsible for promoting the advancement of women and gender equality. Some of the key areas of concern for women to be discussed will include poverty, education, health, armed conflict, economy, human rights and the environment.

4 Easy Ways to Donate

#1 The United Way

Even though we are not a United Way agency, you can designate MATCH International Centre as the recipient of any gifts you make through your employee payroll deduction to the United Way.

Simply indicate the name 'MATCH International Centre' and charitable business number 12303 7939 RR0001 on your payroll pledge form. Then the United Way will issue you a charitable receipt and send your donation straight to us.

#2 Legacy Gift

A legacy gift – or planned giving – gives you the control to decide in advance what happens to your estate.

Naming MATCH in your will is one of the simplest and most flexible ways to leave a lasting legacy while allowing you to maintain your current level of financial security. Whether you allocate a specific cash amount, an asset, or a percentage of the remaining estate, you will receive a receipt for the value of your gift along with a tax credit to reduce tax otherwise payable on your final tax return. A simple clause in your will is all it takes to leave MATCH a gift that keeps on giving.

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Fundraising Report

Think about what a difference your donation has made to women, children, families and communities across the globe. In Ghana, women have access to training and micro-credit, which provides a way out of poverty. In Peru, programs show young people how to be proud of their Afro-Peruvian heritage. This also helps to decrease the lure of drugs, violence and other concerns in the community.

These are but a sample of how your generosity is investing in the quest to create a more equitable and safe world. If not for our generous supporters, including individual donors, foundations and government agencies such as the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), these investments in people would not be possible.

In 2008/09, MATCH raised \$677,903. Of this total, \$270,272 was raised predominately through sustaining donors, direct-mail appeals and foundation proposals, while the remaining \$407,631 came from a matching CIDA grant. Our sustaining donors are the lifeblood of MATCH – we could not continue to support our partners without your generosity.

MATCH wishes to acknowledge the following organizations and foundations for their support: CAV Social Justice Fund, CIDA, Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario, Manitoba Council for International Cooperation, Roncalli International Foundation, Fleming Foundation, William F. Ledé Family Foundation, Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation, Sisters of St. Joseph of the Diocese London Foundation, and Women's Inter-Church Council.

In these uncertain economic times, MATCH is very dependent on your support. Together we can ensure our partners in developing countries will maintain and break new ground in their quest to help women, children and their families enjoy a dignified life. Here are more ways you can help.

- Tell your friends, family and neighbours about the work of MATCH.
- Host an event – a tea party, backyard barbecue or book sale – and send the proceeds to MATCH. Every bit helps! You may even know someone willing to produce a concert to benefit MATCH.
- Please call our office (613-238-1312) if you know of a business that may be interested in sponsoring one of our events. We will publicize the business's name and promote the owners as good corporate citizens.

Auditors' Report

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

We have audited the statement of financial position of MATCH International Centre / Centre International MATCH (the "Centre") as at March 31, 2009 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 Centre's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

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 charitable organizations, the Centre derives support from the general public in the form of donation revenue, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Centre, and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to donations, excess of revenue over expenditures, assets and net assets.

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of the revenue, as referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Centre as at March 31, 2009 and the results of its operations, and changes in its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

The comparative figures as at March 31, 2008 and for the year then ended were audited by another firm of Chartered Accountants, under a report dated August 6, 2008.

Logan Katz LLP
Chartered Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants

Ottawa, Canada
May 27, 2009

MATCH International Centre

Financial Statements

Statement of Operations Year ended March 31, 2009

Statement of Financial Position as at March 31, 2009

	2009	2008		2009	2008
REVENUES			ASSETS		
CIDA	\$ 407,631	\$ 393,748	CURRENT ASSETS		
Fundraising			Cash	\$ 52,250	\$ 78,667
-Foundations/Corporate	67,314	152,791	Contributions receivable	35,007	2,540
-General	202,958	220,211	Other receivables	1,322	18,217
	<u>677,903</u>	<u>766,750</u>	Prepaid expenses	6,311	11,199
				<u>94,890</u>	<u>110,623</u>
EXPENDITURES			CAPITAL ASSETS	1,144	2,331
Direct programs				<u>\$ 96,034</u>	<u>\$ 112,954</u>
International	479,330	618,879	LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Canadian	69,652	15,033	CURRENT LIABILITIES		
	<u>548,982</u>	<u>633,912</u>	Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 54,260	\$ 40,024
Indirect programs			DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS (Note 3)	---	34,962
Support staff	7,689	11,127			
Operational	34,108	8,770	NET ASSETS		
	<u>41,797</u>	<u>19,897</u>	Unrestricted	40,630	35,637
Core operational	83,318	106,268	Investment in property and equipment	1,144	2,331
	<u>674,097</u>	<u>760,077</u>		<u>41,774</u>	<u>37,968</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES				<u>\$ 96,034</u>	<u>\$ 112,954</u>
OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 3,806</u>	<u>\$ 6,673</u>			

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