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The Students Commission is a diverse, global-minded charitable organization that is run by youth for youth, in partnership with supportive adults, across Canada. We strive to create opportunities for engagement and growth through innovative and creative educational processes and products. We assist young people to put their positive ideas into action.

Our core values are identified in our trademarked process: Respect, Listen, Understand and Communicate™

We track our success through a balanced scorecard measurement framework that identifies three key areas of activities: Providing Opportunities for Youth,

Influencing Those Who Influence Youth, and Planning for the Future. Our work specializes in identifying the strengths and assets of every young person we come in contact with and support them to meaningfully contribute to others.

**“ I started dealing drugs when I was 10. I have charges for everything from mischief to explosives and trafficking of narcotics. And I am here so I can help you, the student or teacher to make better choices in life. And also so as not to waste the knowledge I have gained.”**

Our strategy is to incubate new programs, reflect and evaluate continuously, and partner with others. This year, we were asked to co-chair Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win: The North South Partnership Youth Engagement Working Group for 30 remote First Nations Communities. With the YMCA, we are providing strategic advice, evaluation feedback and new research on leadership and exchange programs. This year there were active projects with partners in all provinces and territories this year.

Full details of program like PEACE, Young Decision Makers, Focus Three and their resources are available on our website.

## Providing Opportunities for Youth

Youth from SC networks were supported to attend workshops and conferences at least once a month throughout the year, including events in Canada’s Arctic, Ecuador, New York, Barcelona and Peru. Youth gave policy and program advice on sexual exploitation, youth engagement, aboriginal experiences, youth in care, youth in custody, violence, suicide and drug abuse. Two SC national conferences trained 310 youth in the Young Decision Makers process. In excess of 26,000

youth received SC delivered workshops; a core of 40 youth facilitators were supported to deliver those. More than 9,000 evaluations were received, with plus 90% of recipients rating the workshops as very useful. During the summer, we hired 12 youth under 18, and throughout the year employed 14 youth under 24 part-time. We specialize in hiring and training youth having difficulty finding employment elsewhere.



## Influencing Those Who Influence Youth

As leader of The Centre of Excellence for Youth Engagement, we had 80 organizations throughout the year involved in research projects, with five active academics leading 12 active research projects across Canada. SC supported youth to present recommendations to two different Senate committees, to research and prepare a new youth plan for the City of Mississauga, and to write a manual with tools on dealing with crisis in three communities: Kugluktuk (NWT), Kainai Blood Reserve (AB) and O’Connor (Toronto, ON). Youth with SC staff delivered 50 plus Adult Ally trainings and presentations, and we led two federal government and three provincial government advisory youth committees, and three municipal.

## Planning for the Future

Just 18 years old, The Students Commission is seeing its alumnae return to ensure its future. They are serving on the Board of Directors and have established an Alumnae Fund, designed to build financial security. Now with \$30,000 invested in a GIC, the Alumnae Funds points to the “re-commissioning” of Alumnae. More than 2,300 volunteer hours were logged this year, with an Alumnae Facebook page, support through United Way donations and matching corporate grants for volunteer hours.



## The Financial Picture

Financial Statements: Year End December 31, 2009

Total Revenue	\$1,509,729
Total Expenses	\$1 431 952
Current Assets	\$343,794
Current Liabilities	\$308,792

In addition to the financial support received through grants, contracts, contributions and donations, The Students Commission also receives significant in-kind support from its academic partners in the Centre of Excellence and other various other project partners. For the Peace project, the in-kind value of police officer time was \$270,000 and the value of One-Stop Media electronic billboards was \$1.2 million.

