

A Message from the President and Executive Director

First, we would like to say thank you to everyone who has been involved with us over the past 20 years from our volunteers, to QUIS employees, to Board Members, to our partners, and to our financial supporters. We appreciate you taking the time out of your busy schedules to be with us.

We lost a member of the Board in 2006 due to personal reasons. We will certainly miss Edel Cain who was always such a helpful Elf during our Christmas Celebration. On that note, we do need Board Members and our Host Program is always looking for volunteers.

This is our 20th AGM and in retrospect, the past twenty years of service to newcomers in the Quinte area, the advocacy for fair inclusion of our clients in the community and so many other challenges throughout the years, have made our organization stronger and recognized province-wide.

One of the most challenging components on an administrative level for every non-profit settlement organization is the ability to quickly respond and adapt to policy changes by funders, legislation and new immigration trends.

With the Accountability Act in place in 2006, new requirements for transparency and accountability created a demand in additional departmental hours in order to fulfill the new required conditions. Existing funding did not cover for additional time for reporting according to these conditions. Once again our Board of Directors actively worked towards fundraising to cover for these additional costs.

It was also a year for innovation, with the goal of funding diversification from corporations and the private sector in order to maintain independence to advocate our mandate. The project Destination Ontario was created to attract and retain Business Class Immigrants to our area, providing a benefit to the local economy with the infusion of millions of dollars in future capital investments. This project was created by QUIS with no funding support from any governmental sources.

During the same period, QUIS strongly advocated for changes in the way new immigrants access the labour market. We supported the passage of Bill-124 at Queen's Park which

culminated in legislation to fast track the recognition of highly skilled foreign workers' credentials.

QUIS was also very active in providing input during both Provincial and Federal Budget Consultations. We advocated for more public housing and a solution for the lack of public transportation in our service area, which are barriers not only for newcomers, but also for the community in general.

Outside our regular day's work in 2006/07, we have held regular monthly meetings, committee meetings, helped with fund raisers, holiday celebrations for the children, special celebrations with the United Nations of Quinte for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, partnering with Amnesty International, Multicultural Meet and Greet gatherings with QUIS volunteers and clients. It has been a very active year!

A milestone for every immigrant is the full access to rights and duties in their new country achieved by gaining full citizenship. Our Board of Directors sponsored a Citizenship Ceremony on Canada Day 2006, a special event to our hearts. We would like to give special thanks to Roy Bonisteel, Recipient of the Order of Canada, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, and the many volunteers whose support allowed us to welcome 59 new citizens to Canada.

As with most non-profit groups, volunteers are the backbone of our organization and something we cannot do without. Their support, kindness, time and energy are very much appreciated. Once again we would like to say thank you to them, our staff and Board, our partners, our funders — Citizenship and Immigration Canada, the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, the United Way, and all of our families, for a job well done! We are all proud to be a part of this organization.

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QUINTE UNITED IMMIGRANT SERVICES

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURE AND NET ASSETS

	2007	2006
REVENUE	\$	\$
Citizenship and Immigration Canada		
- Immigrant Settlement and Adaptation Program	85,508	57,934
- Host Program	61,982	43,115
Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities	113,995	69,100
Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration		
- Newcomer Settlement Program (NSP)	28,344	31,492
- Language and Interpretation Services (LIS)	60,000	-
- Pay Equity	14,405	14,405
United Way of Quinte	14,000	14,000
Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants (OCASI)	4,000	-
Translation Services	14,830	7,195
Donations and Fundraising	5,317	5,972
	<u>402,381</u>	<u>243,213</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Personnel	307,959	186,384
Program	32,634	12,830
Administrative	65,617	51,727
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>406,210</u>	<u>250,941</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	(3,829)	(7,728)
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	562	8,290
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	<u>(3,267)</u>	<u>562</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

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Mission Statement

Quinte United Immigrant Services will guide those newcomers isolated by culture and language in the Quinte area through the process of settlement and adjustment, encourage the community to respect the diversity of immigrants by promoting recognition of the value of racial and cultural differences, and facilitate the integration and participation of newcomers into the social, economic and cultural life of the community.

Service Description

Quinte United Immigrant Services currently offers direct, essential services to newcomers to Canada including reception, orientation, translation/interpretation, referral to community resources, solution focused counselling, general information, employment-related services to meet the needs of newly arrived immigrants any time after their arrival in Canada.

The Host Program is also offered and designed to match resident Canadians with new immigrants to help them learn how to live in Canada. This service is generally accessed by clients who need to locate housing, transportation, furniture, and most commonly practice their English or French skills.

Further, we offer a Newcomer Employment Resource Centre which provides pre-employment support on effective job search skills to immigrants and refugees who are unemployed, out of school and legally allowed to work in Canada with the goal of helping them enter the workforce.

Central Eastern Ontario Translation and Interpretation Services is the most recent addition to our services. It provides face-to-face interpretation, telephone interpreting, message relay, and document translation. These services are available free of charge for community agencies serving victims of domestic violence.

We have a total of 927 active clients.

The number of new clients for the fiscal year was 214.

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