



**PHOENIX**

2008-09 DONOR REPORT



HELPING YOUTH RISE ABOVE



## Introduction

Thanks to the support of over 1,000 friends, 2008/09 was Phoenix's most successful fundraising year ever!

This was also our busiest year yet, with a notable increase in the number of youth we served: our walk-in centre saw upwards of 50 youth each day and our shelter remained at capacity. Your contributions ensured that our doors were always open.

Our strength is directly related to those who believe in the potential of all young men and women, regardless of their life circumstances. Thank you for believing in the young people with whom we have the privilege of working.

## Youth Highlights

- One of our youth co-presented (with Phoenix Centre for Youth's Coordinator) at a National Conference in Toronto on the innovative work Phoenix is doing around community partnerships in health services.
- Three youth in the Supervised Apartment Program graduated from high school, with two moving on to studies at NSCC and another at Dalhousie University.
- Two youth participated in the Women of Excellence Awards and performed to a crowd of over 500 people - one gave a touching speech and another sang O Canada.
- A youth from Phoenix House is actively involved in martial arts and has earned a green belt.
- A group of youth participated in the Bluenose 5km and 10km runs—one individual won gold for her age category!

## Innovative Programs

Phoenix is recognized across the country for our innovative programming – in particular, for the unique continuum of support that we provide. Your generosity and dedication to the youth in our community make possible the following ten programs and services:

### ***Phoenix Prevention Program***

Offers community education and therapeutic intervention for at-risk youth and their families.

### ***Phoenix Centre for Youth***

Provides support services such as counseling, advocacy, food, clothing and laundry facilities plus access to a telephone and computer.

### ***Phoenix Youth Shelter***

A twenty-bed facility offering clothing, food and other daily essentials plus counseling and therapeutic support.

### ***Phoenix House***

A ten-bed long-term residential facility offering safe, supportive housing for youth learning skills for independent living.

### ***Phoenix Supervised Apartment Program***

Three independent homes providing a long-term, supportive living situation for youth learning skills needed for independent living.

### ***Phoenix Learning and Employment Centre (PLEC)***

Matches youth with the most appropriate educational or employment opportunities available.

### ***Phoenix Parent Support Program***

Provides young moms and dads with access to workshops and counseling, as well as baby-care items and food.

### ***Phoenix Health Services***

Offers comprehensive on-site health care at Phoenix Youth Shelter, Phoenix Centre for Youth and Phoenix House.

### ***Phoenix Special Initiatives (SPIN)***

Develops youth's skills through activities that reflect the interests and talents of the youth.

### ***Phoenix Follow-Up Program***

Offers on-going support to clients with whom we have a longstanding relationship.

*We invite you to visit our website to learn more about Phoenix's innovative programs: [www.phoenixyouth.ca](http://www.phoenixyouth.ca).*



# Thank You...

Thank you to the hundreds of individuals, companies, foundations, service clubs, schools and churches whose tremendous support makes what we do possible.

## Not just a party

Jim and Anne Hanlon celebrated St. Patty's Day this year with a party that hosted sixty Irish enthusiasts and raised funds for the Phoenix Family. Cheers to such a caring gesture!

"Originally, this started out as a house-warming party. Then we decided, instead of receiving house-warming gifts, perhaps we could raise both money and awareness for Phoenix.

Supporting Phoenix youth is definitely an important venture. These young men and women have been left to fend for themselves and they deserve a second chance. They could be anybody's children, and come from all walks of life.

Some people (at the party) were aware of Phoenix but many were not. If we were able to educate a few, even a bit, it was well worth the effort. What an evening!"

Anne Hanlon – a Phoenix Supporter

## Gallery 1 Furniture Centre's Golf for Hope

Gallery 1 Furniture's inaugural Golf for Hope tournament at The Links at Penn Hills in Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia raised \$4,700 for Phoenix! Gallery 1 now plans to hold the tournament annually. Thank you for your support!

"We had a great time doing the first annual Golf for Hope tournament, even though most people were blown off the 18th hole due to high winds! We are going into planning for the second annual Golf for Hope because I believe this to be the best thing we can do for our youth - which is to walk with them until they can walk on their own. Youth are the leaders of tomorrow and the programs Phoenix offers give them the opportunity to become those leaders."

Dan Fletcher  
Committee Chair, Golf for Hope



# Youth helping Youth

Every year, Phoenix is supported by students who want Phoenix youth to have the same opportunities that they enjoy. This year we are featuring two special youth-led events. Thanks to all involved for your amazing generosity!

## Dalhousie Euphoria

The talented students from Dalhousie Medical School annually compete in "Euphoria!", a variety show in support of local charities. This year, they chose to support Phoenix.

The incredible talent included everything from an orchestral piece written by a second-year student to an opera-singing canary on top of a human pyramid. The Class of 2011 took the victory!

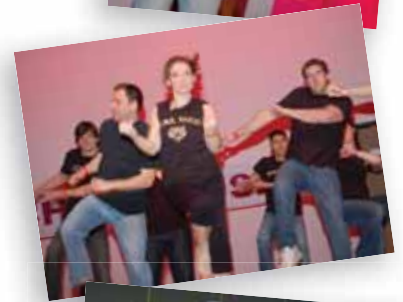
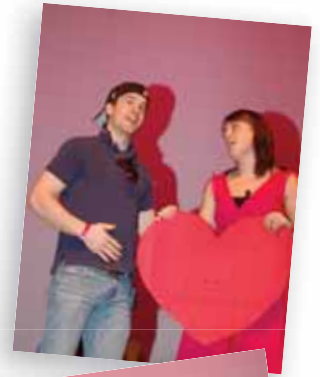
Students also raffled off a generous donation from West Jet. Tickets and raffle combined resulted in over \$8,700 raised.

## Saint Mary's University MBA Society Curl for Phoenix

From stuffing holiday stockings to volunteering at events, the Saint Mary's University MBA Society has been eager to support Phoenix. This year they hosted their inaugural Curl for Phoenix event and raised over \$2,200!

"When asked why youth are important it may sound cliché to respond with 'because they are the future', but it is the truth. Knowing that the proceeds raised at our event may somehow help and inspire the leaders of tomorrow to become what they are capable of becoming gives me a great sense of satisfaction."

Candice Johnston  
VP External Sobey MBA Society at  
Saint Mary's University



## Phoenix's Signature Events

We believe raising funds should be fun for everyone involved. That's why we created the Nutcracker Luncheon and Dreamscape – our two signature fundraising events. Both are sponsored by several community-minded organizations and attended by guests looking to support Phoenix and to have a fantastic time. Thank you to our many sponsors, and event attendees, who consistently show their passion for our cause.

### The Nutcracker Luncheon

On December 8th, 2008, over 700 guests attended this marquee event, co-hosted by Phoenix and Symphony Nova Scotia. Young carolers greeted guests and ballerinas danced under a veil of bubbles as the sounds of the Blue Engine Brass Quartet ushered visitors into the ballroom. The magic of the Nutcracker was revealed as youth from Symphony Nova Scotia's Education and Outreach Programs and from Phoenix took to the stage. While the symphony played holiday favourites, a youth spoke of her involvement in Phoenix's Special Initiatives Program and introduced her peer, Melody, who sang a touching rendition of "What Child Is This". These inspiring moments form the spirit of the Nutcracker Luncheon.

### Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline Making a Difference in Our Community

Since 2001, Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline has been the presenting sponsor of the Nutcracker Luncheon. Through this sponsorship they have invested over \$90,000 in the local community. Thank you, Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline, for your continued dedication and support.

"We are so pleased to be associated with the good work of Phoenix. Our enduring support of the Nutcracker Luncheon is driven by its power to educate us on the challenges faced by our homeless youth and to open our minds to their triumphs."

Steve Rankin  
Public and Government Relations Manager  
Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline

### From Camelot to Woodstock

Dreamscape takes guests back to the past to give our youth hope for the future.

Dreamscape 2008 featured the tumultuous Sixties with protesting hippies, John and Yoko's bedroom sit-in, dancing silver Elvis, go-go dancers, a delicious three-course meal, silent and live auctions, celebrity impersonator performers and dancing until midnight!

With attendees in costume or black tie, the Cunard Centre at Pier 21 was a brilliant sight. Thanks to all guests for your enthusiasm – and a very special thank you to our presenting sponsors, Clearwater and Micco Companies.



## Tribute to Volunteers

Often, time is the most generous gift you can give. Whether it's meal preparation, painting, special events or tutoring, there is a variety of ways volunteers help our youth succeed. Thank you to our volunteers for giving of your time and energy.

"After working on fundraising and other aspects, I missed working with the youth so I applied to help with the Art Program. Thursday nights at the Art Gallery are great and I am so pleased to be back with my Phoenix kids.

The obstacles these youth face are daunting but they persevere, and with help from Phoenix, can and will succeed. It is a privilege to know them and I am always delighted to meet former residents of Hunter Street ...sometimes with a discreet nod or smile, other times with an enormous hug. These rewards are priceless. I never cease to be amazed at the strength and courage of the people in the program. They are an inspiration, and I am proud to be a part of this organization."

Janet Donahue  
Phoenix volunteer for nine years



"I have worked as a volunteer for Phoenix in many different capacities but I enjoy working directly with the kids the best. That's why I started holding cooking classes each month. Many of the kids have not had the chance to sit around a kitchen table and enjoy each other's company. Phoenix gives them that chance.

There is something special about cooking. Every time you cook a recipe, it is always altered. Each person adds a piece of themselves to it. For example, on one occasion we were making Hungarian goulash and a young man wanted to add mozzarella cheese. This is not how this dish is made normally, but we tried it and it was delicious!

To us, it's a social occasion. One person is cutting vegetables, another is stirring, another cleaning. It's all about getting to know each other and then enjoying the food you have made."

Jean Crofts  
Phoenix volunteer for seventeen years

## The Faith Community

We extend a special thank you to the faith community for your on-going support. Along with kind donations of clothing, money and food, we are particularly grateful for the Food for Phoenix program run weekly by many denominations throughout our region. Each week a different church provides fresh, nutritious snacks to the 40-50 youth that visit the Phoenix Centre for Youth each day.

“When a church member hears directly from youth who have been helped through Phoenix, hearts always open up. There is an immediate sense that we have to do something to make sure this good work continues.

We can't sit back and complain about problems with street kids or crime-related issues. We need to work together toward developing solutions.”

Carol MacLennan  
Phoenix Church Committee Member

## A Holiday Thank You

Thanks to the individuals and organizations that remembered us this past winter. Your support ensured that all Phoenix youth enjoyed a meaningful holiday.

This year over 330 friends contributed a total of \$50,000 to this special appeal for support. In addition to stockings for all of the youth, these generous donations provided a much bigger gift – hope.

## Volunteer Committees

A very big thank you to our volunteer committees. Phoenix is privileged to benefit from the energies and dedication of many talented members who work behind the scenes to provide governance and advocate on behalf of the organization, to participate in our youth programming, and to raise funds in support of the important work we do – you are truly Phoenix Champions.

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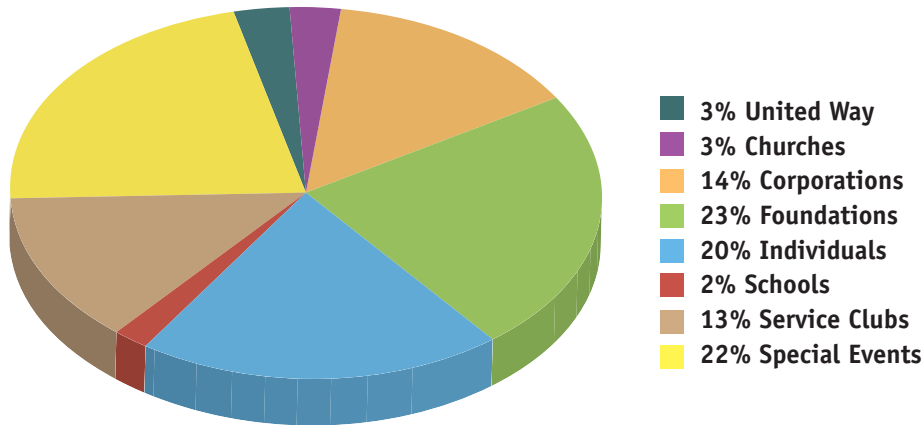
Due to the incredible support we continue to receive from people like you, we are proud to report that we met our fundraising goal for the 2008/09 fiscal year.

We rely heavily on existing partnerships with both the Province of Nova Scotia and the Government of Canada, both of whom have been essential and integral partners to Phoenix since our inception over twenty years ago.

In addition to the on-going support we receive from government, we turn to our friends in the community, and the companies you work for, to ensure that Phoenix continues to meet the needs of the youth who come to us for help.

To carry on providing our current level of services, we have a goal of raising even more funds in the year ahead.

Outlined below is a breakdown of the various private sector sources from whom we received funding in the 2008/09 fiscal year (this excludes government support).



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