Relief and Welfare Fund of the German Society of Montreal



Annual Report

for the year ended March 31, 2015

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Charitable Work

\$ 13 400

spent for charitable causes in 2014-2015

10 organizations

received support from the Relief and Welfare Fund

The charitable goals of the Relief and Welfare Fund are outlined in the *Notarial Act establishing the Relief and Welfare Fund of the German Society of Montreal.* The purpose of the Fund is to

- 1. support the [German] Society's social work and charitable projects,
- 2. to aid needy and sick, and
- 3. to participate in the work of other recognized charitable organizations.

During the financial year ending on March 31, 2015, the Relief and Welfare Fund of the German Society of Montreal pursued its purpose by supporting various charitable organizations in the Greater Montreal Area. In addition the Relief and Welfare Fund runs operates is own charitable program directly supporting needy and sick individuals.

During the reporting period, the Fund dispursed \$13 400.00 for charitable purposes (for details see the Fund's Financial Statements in section B).

In the reporting period ending March 31, 2015, the Relief and Welfare Fund has supported the following charitable organizations and foundations registered with the Canada Revenu Agency through direct disbursements.

La Fondation du Refuge pour Femmes Chez Doris Inc.

The Fondation offers hospitality, food programs, physical health programs, mental health services and socio-recreational programs, and a legal aid clinic, and other assistance to Inuit women.

Parish of Saint Boniface

The Roman-Catholic parish provides religious and social services in the community. Saint Boniface's focus is on the German linguitic community of Montreal.

Saint John's Lutheran Church

All aspects of parish ministry which include: weekly worship services (includes not just the pastor but volunteers), spiritual care of members, religious rites, pastoral care, programmes in celebration of religious holidays, food bank, clothing give-away, fund-raising events in support of parish programmes, hosting free concerts, distribution of sandwiches to the homeless in downtown Montreal, gatherings (often meals) for students of any denomination, employment of student musicians to enhance worship services and provide learning opportunities, participation in international programme for christmas gift boxes to needy children. Currently establishing a roof-top vegetable garden as part of urban ecology and charity with food (free-distribution of vegetable crop).

Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Regular church services, mostly on sundays, funeral representations, prayer meetings, and other services, which are usually performed by an established church.

Nova West Island

Nova West Island offers palliative & oncology home Care, children & adult bereavement, home support, adult day centers, ALS & Alzheimer caregivers support groups.

Le Bon Dieu dans la Rue

Dans la Rue operates a day center offering school, nursing, psychology services and a cafeteria bunker. Furthermore the organization offers short term refuge and mobile food services and a counseling depot, it provides winter clothing and hygiene related items. Dans la Rue also manages work programs to promote the re-integration of youths and offers scholarships as part of back-to-school programs.

Old Brewery Mission

Offers emergency, transition and housing services annualy to over 4,000 individuals in Montreal, with a view to ensuring social reintegration. It serves 300,000 meals and hosts 150,000 overnigts stays. In 2013-14, it helped 600 individuals to find their way back into mainstream society.

Native Women's Shelter of Montreal

The organization is a shelter for native women in difficulty. It provides counselling, room and board to these women and their children.

MAB-Mackay Foundation

The mission of the Mab-Mackay foundation is to raise, manage and disburse funds in support of the mission of the MAB-Mackay Rehabilitation Centre. The MAB-Mackay Rehabilitation Centre provides family-centered adaption, rehabilitation and social integration services to children with motor or language impairments and to person of all ages who are blind are blind or visually impaired and/or deaf or hard of hearing.

Université de Montréal (Scholarship)

In 2013, the German Society of Montreal and the Relief and Welfare Fund of the German Society of Montreal established a scholarship to support a graduate student doing research in German Studies (Department of Literature and Modern Languages) at Université de Montréal. The recipient of the \$500.00 annual scholarship is selected by the department.

Financial Statements

for the year ended March 31, 2015

Notice to Reader

These unaudited financial statements were prepared by the management of the Relief and Welfare Fund German Society of Montreal.

The statements were approved by Resolution BD/2015/009(3) by the Trustees of the Relief and Welfare Fund at a Joint Meeting of the Trustees of the Relief and Welfare Fund and the Board of Directors of the German Society of Montreal, held on August 11, 2015.

Income and General Reserve for the year ended March 31, 2015

		2015	2014
Income			
Donations	Note 3	7 455	16 784
Interest		6 990	8 181
TOTAL INCOME		14 445	24 965
Operating Expenses			
Credit Card Processing Fees		6	-
Bank Service Charges		24	-
Liability Insurance	Note 4	419	-
Total Operating Expenses		449	-
Charitable Disbursements			
Disbursements to Qualified Donees	Note 5	13 000	10 850
Charitable Program		400	-
Total Disbursements		13 400	10 850
TOTAL EXPENSES		13 849	10 850
RESULTS OF OPERATIONS		596	14 115
BALANCE OF GENERAL RESERVE, BEGINNING	G OF YEAR	369 781	355 666
BALANCE OF GENERAL RESERVE, END OF YE	AR	370 377	369 781

Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2015

		2015	2014
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
RBC Chequing Account		5 206	10 950
Stripe Payments Account		-	-
Accounts Receivable	Note 6	250	-
Total for Current Assets		5 456	-
Long-Term Investments			
Marketable Securities (at cost)	Note 7	365 821	357 691
RBC Wealth Management Cash Account		-	1 140
Total for Long-Term Investments		365 821	358 831
TOTAL ASSETS		371 277	369 781
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	Note 8	900	
Total Current Liabilities		900	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES		900	<u>-</u>
EQUITY			
General Reserve		370 377	369 781
Total Equity		370 377	369 781
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		371 277	369 781

Financial Statements adopted by the Trustees of the Relief and Welfare Fund of the German Society of Montreal on August 11, 2015.

Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended March 31, 2015

Note 1- Establishment and Nature of Activities

The Relief and Welfare Fund of the German Society of Montreal (hereunder also referred to as RWF) is a trust fund established on January 19, 1968 by a the *Notarial Act establishing the Relief and Welfare Fund of the German Society of Montreal* (Deed No. 337, M° Robert Brabander, Notary, Province of Québec, District of Montréal). The Relief and Welfare Fund is a charitable organization registered with the Canada Revenue Agency under Business Number 11911 5061 RR 0001.

Note 2- Preparation of Financial Statements

The 2014 figures, presented for comparative purposes, have been compiled by an accounting firm.

Note 3- Donations

DONATIONS	2015	2014
Donations (Christmas Bazaar) from individuals	805	-
Donations (Christmas Bazaar) from corporations/businesses	4 350	-
Transfers from German Society	1 750	10 000
Other Donations	550	6 784
Total Donations	7 455	16 784

Note 4– Liability Insurance

The German Society of Montreal and the Relief & Welfare Fund of the German Society of Montreal have subscribed to a Non-Profit Management and Corporate Liability Insurance Policy from Trisuria Guarantee Insurance Company through insurance broker La Turquoise.

The insurance covers the period from August 21, 2014 to August 21, 2017. The annual premium is \$700 plus applicable taxes and is shared between DGM and the RWF.

Note 5- Disbursements to Qualified Donees

During the financial year ending March 31, 2015, the Relief and Welfare Fund of the German Society of Montreal disbursed \$ 13 000.00 to the following charitable organizations and foundations.

DISBURSEMENTS TO QUALIFIED DONEES	CRA-BN	2015
Chez Doris the Women's Shelter Found Inc.	10183 5841 RR 0001	2 000
The Parish of Saint Boniface	13052 0984 RR 0001	500
St John's Lutheran Church	11918 0826 RR 0001	1 500
St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church	11919 5550 RR 0001	1 500
Le Bon Dieu dans la Rue	13844 9020 RR 0001	1 500
Mission Old Brewery / Old Brewery Mission	12392 0324 RR 0001	1 500
Native Women's Shelter of Montreal	13168 4656 RR 0001	2 000
Fondation MAB-Mackay / MAB-Mackay Foundation	82332 8554 RR 0001	1 000
Nova l'Ouest de l'Île / Nova West Island	13129 4191 RR 0001	1 000
Université de Montréal	10816 0995 RR 0001	500
Total Disbursements		13 000

Note 6- Accounts Receivable

As of March 31, 2015, the Relief and Welfare Fund of the German Society was due to receive \$250.00 from the German Society of Montreal for donations to the RWF deposited in the DGM business chequing account.

Note 7- Long-Term Investments

VALUE OF PORTFOLIO WITH RBC WEALTH MANAGEMENT	2015	2014
Book Value of Investments	365 821	357 691
Market Value of Investments	367 570	360 382
Cash Balance	-	1 140

Note 8- Accounts Payable

As of March 31, 2015, the Relief and Welfare Fund of the German Society owed \$900.00 to the German Society of Montreal for disbursements of the RWF paid from the DGM business chequing account.

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