

ANNUAL REPORT 2012-13



Tutoring

Food

Scholarships

Friends

2012-13 was a year of accomplishments at Homework Club, reflected in our mission to support the academic, social/emotional and financial needs of inner-city youth struggling to graduate and reach post-secondary success. We continued to run the largest after-school Homework Club in the city, awarded post-secondary bursaries to more students than ever, strengthened relationships with our community partners, exceeded our fundraising goals, and refreshed our look, creating a new logo and launching a new, interactive website.

Our greatest accomplishment in 2012-13 was piloting YEP! Youth Engagement Project. YEP! Is the realization of a dream we have held for many years—to reach out to our most at-risk students and provide them with the one-to-one support they need to successfully engage in school. 10 students took part in the pilot receiving additional tutoring and financial support, along with mentoring, counselling, leadership opportunities, cultural outings, and a camping excursion over Spring Break. The success of the program was overwhelming, as students, parents and school counsellors noted a dramatic change the YEP! students' attitudes towards school completion and future chances.

We are so proud to enhance the lives of the students we work with and to be a part of this amazing community of learners, teachers and volunteers!

Kim Leary, Executive Director

4,743 visits!

403

Attendees

8

Community Partnerships

3,200

Hot Meals

\$6,500

Awarded in Bursaries

96%

Student Satisfaction Rate

60

Jars of Nutella

3,600

Volunteer Hours

1,920

Bananas

10

Spring Break Campers

What We Did

Exceeded funding led to expanded programs

- Exceeded last year's fundraising by \$50,000
- Secured \$10,000 grant from Telus providing an opportunity to seek matching funds
- Matched Telus grant allowing us to pilot YEP! Youth Engagement Program
- Connected with Britannia alum, Jim Bodner (Class of '60) and Terry Wong (Class of '63), who led fundraising drives on our behalf

Expanded regular programming

- Improved attendance by 5%
- Increased hot meals from one to two nights per week
- Sponsored We Day Club at Britannia Secondary
- Increased post-secondary bursaries to \$6,500

Rebranded ourselves

- Created an inspiring new HC logo
- Launched a sparkling new website

Piloted YEP! Youth Engagement Program

- Provided one-to-one targeted support for youth most at-risk of dropping out of high school
- Created connections between at-risk youth and the community, school, counsellors and administrators
- Provided small cash incentives to reward students' hard work, and help fill financial needs
- Established bursaries for students' future post-secondary needs

Provided new partner opportunities

- Partnered with UBC Teacher Education office to provide extended practicum opportunities for teacher candidates
- Partnered with Telus to bring Marc & Craig Keilburger to launch *Give Where You Live* at Britannia Secondary School

Why We Did It

The First in His Family to Graduate High School

"I would not be the student I am today without Homework Club."

Leon Lai

17 year-old Leon Lai was such a regular attendee that his twelfth grade yearbook shows his address as "lives at Homework Club"! In 2012, Leon was the recipient of the Bob Hager Memorial Prize presented in honour of a long time Homework Club supporter. Leon is the son of Vietnamese immigrants, and while he is the youngest of three siblings, he is the first in his family to graduate high school. About Homework Club, Leon says, "being able to get help almost every day after school from caring tutors in a friendly environment has been amazing...and I want to return to Homework Club next year as a volunteer."

In September 2012, Leon will attend UBC Sciences to fulfill his dream of becoming a pharmacist.

To champion our students

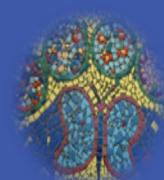
We believe that our students are capable of great things, so each year we provide bursaries to help our students in their pursuit of post-secondary success. Bursaries are awarded to students in recognition of their commitment to academics, their long term attendance at Homework Club and on the basis of financial need. In 2012, we awarded bursaries to six deserving students.

Exceeding our fundraising goals in 2012 means that Homework Club will be able to offer larger bursaries to more students in 2013.

We believe in our students, and we are thrilled that you do too!

To Enrich Community

Homework Club is located at the intersection of Strathcona, Grandview-Woodlands and the Downtown Eastside. Neighbourhoods where poverty is endemic, but community is strong.



We are proud of our role in the community but even more proud of the connections we have facilitated between our community and others.

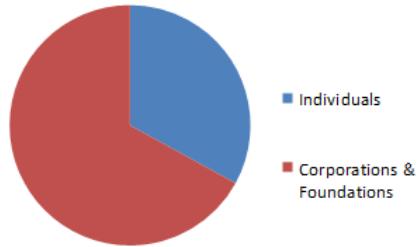
'The Definition of What Social Capital Is About'

Eric Schofield

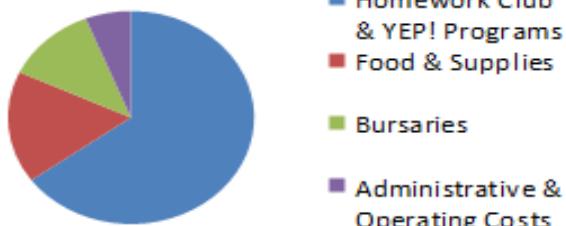
Homework Club has partnered with UBC's Community Learning Initiative for many years, but this year our relationship has grown stronger than ever as one of our own has joined the CLI team as a student leader. Eric will be facilitating volunteer opportunities between UBC students Homework Club, and other CLI community partners.

2012-13 Financials

Source of Our Funds



Use of Our Funds



More Reasons Why We Did It

Finding My Path

by Cassandra Chan

I began tutoring with Britannia Homework Club in October 2010. I have to say, the name "homework club" does not adequately describe what I encountered that first day. I was blown away by the energy and surprising insight of these high school students. I continued to come back again and again because as much as I was there helping the students to learn, I found I ended up learning even more from them. In 2012, I decided that I would pursue a career in education; part of that decision was from my experience at the Britannia Homework Club. I am currently a teacher candidate in the B. Ed. program at UBC!

To Provide Meaningful Volunteer Opportunities

40+ volunteers gave 3,600 hours of their time to Homework Club, through tutoring and mentoring students, attending We Day, completing teacher candidate practicums, introducing Engineers without Borders programs, creating new signage and filming a new Homework Club video.

To recognize the contributions volunteers make to Homework Club, we host an annual tutor appreciation dinner where dinner is served by Homework Club staff and Board members. This year, we were also pleased to offer book awards to long time volunteers.



For the Potential In Every Student

Adrian Chiu was a recipient of a Homework Club bursary in 2008. Currently attending Langara College in his second year of Nursing, Adrian had this to say about his Homework Club days, "I remember that after basketball practice my friends and I would go to Homework Club to hang out there, but it is such a great place, eventually it motivated me to do better in school. The tutors and the people who run Homework Club are amazing because they take the time to help students actually understand their homework, not just to answer the questions. I appreciate Homework Club because of their passion to help students reach their potential."

When I received a Homework Club bursary after graduation, I felt fortunate to have been chosen. I was able to attend college right after graduation even though my family had had financial difficulties. I was able to work less and study more than I had expected which meant that I could take a full load of courses in my first year.

Homework Club made a huge difference in my life and I can't recommend them enough.



Support Us!

The Vancouver Homework Club Society supports the academic, social/emotional and financial needs of inner-city youth struggling to graduate and achieve post-secondary success. We believe in the potential of every student but our mission is crucial because:

"failure to complete high school is associated with an increased risk of disadvantage across one's lifetime. This includes higher rates of unemployment and poverty, higher rates of illness, drug use and teenage pregnancy."

Molly Stewart Lawlor, MA

As a non-profit society we rely on our generous donors and funders for support so we can in turn support our students as they navigate the path to high school graduation and young adulthood. You can help Homework Club unlock the potential of inner-city youth by providing the support they need to be successful.

Make a donation today or contact our Director at (778) 885-7924 for information on ways to partner with Homework Club.

"Free the child's potential and you will transform them into the world.

Maria Montessori

Connect with Us!

Homework Club uses social media tools, including Facebook and Twitter, to connect with our friends, students, donors and community. We also update our blog with all the latest news about Homework Club students past and present, our community partners, and all the happenings from Strathcona, Grandview-Woodlands and the Downtown Eastside.

Connect with us and be in the Homework Club loop!

Visit our website or email us

www.homework-club.org info@homework-club.org

Like us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/homework-club

Follow us on Twitter

www.twitter.com/BritanniaHWC

Drop by for a visit

1001 Cotton Drive, Vancouver

Give us a call

(778) 885-7924

Vancouver Homework Club Society Board of Directors

Chair: Dianne Rice; Vice-Chair: Susan Evans

Treasurer: John Fuerst; Secretary: Christina Schroeder

Members: Andrea Digby

Thanks to Our Supporters

Thanks to our generous donors and supporters, Vancouver Homework Club Society was able to reach many of our goals for 2012-2013 and uphold our mission to support the academic, social-emotional and financial needs of inner-city youth struggling to graduate and achieve post-secondary success through our superior Homework Club programming, our talented volunteers, and our warm, welcoming environment.

A big thanks to all of our corporate donors and foundations - you are our bedrock! And a huge shout out to the many individuals, alumnus and community partners who supported Homework Club in 2012-2013 with donations, grants and gifts - we couldn't do it without you!

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...and so many others!

