

Vancouver Homework Club Society **Annual Report** 2013-2014



Supporting the academic, social/emotional & financial needs of Inner-city youth struggling to graduate & achieve post-secondary success

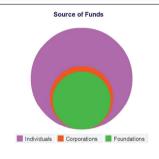


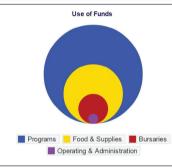
















Although the 2013-14 school year ended abruptly, we still managed to pack a lot into the year. It was our second year of the Youth Engagement Project (YEPI) and our students hit academic milestones they thought they would never see - 7 students even received post-secondary bursaries for having passed all of their classes. Our annual YEPI retreat was held at a beautiful fishing lodge on Chilliwack River, where we hiked to the top of Teapot Hill and checked out the nesting birds at the Great Blue Heron Nature Reserve. We were thilled to welcome back six Britannia alum as tutors. Currently attending UBC and SFU, we were so proud to watch them move into their new roles as tutors and role models. We also entered into an exciting partnership with Pathways to Education as a part of Our Place's Graduation Strategy, a comprehensive and holistic place-based initiative disgined to improve graduation rates for inner city children. With our new shared approach, we hope to widen the net of support available to each of students. As a Board, we continued to work on our own development, recruiting new members and taking part in a Board development retreat to identify strengths, weakness and opportunities. We are excited to see where this new pool of talent will take us in the coming year. We continued to support all of Britannia's students in reaching their academic goals, offering tutoring, scholarship writing and exam preparation sessions, awarding bursaries towards post-secondary education and, of course, jars and jars of Nutella!

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