

The Society for Safe and Caring Schools and Communities



Partnership & Support Opportunities

Introduction

The Society for Safe and Caring Schools and Communities (SACSC), formerly the Alberta Teachers' Association's Safe and Caring Schools Project, is a not-for-profit organization incorporated under the Societies act as of July 15th, 2004.

Focussed mainly on violence prevention and character education in children and youth, the Society's programs assist schools and communities in creating and maintaining safe, caring and inclusive environments where all children can learn. Since our inception in 1996, SACSC programs and projects have developed comprehensive social development, violence-prevention and character-education resources designed to encourage socially responsible and respectful behaviour in children and youth. Although the Society for SACSC is Alberta-based, its resources are helping youth across Canada.

The Society is funded solely by grants and project-specific funding. SACSC staff provide consultation to schools and communities through site visits, presentations and phone and email communication. We are looking for additional support so that we may sustain our operations and continue providing consultation and resources to new and existing implementation sites.

Opportunities to contribute are not limited to monetary donations, but also include in-kind and partnership possibilities.

With your support...

you can help us continue to assist children and adults across Alberta in creating safe, caring and inclusive schools and communities.

If you are interested in supporting the Society for Safe and Caring Schools and Communities in any way or would like more information, please complete the information form at the back of this package and leave it at the registration table.

If you cannot find a support opportunity that suits your organization or your own expertise but would still like to be involved, please tell us how when you complete the form.

We encourage you to contact our office at any time at (780) 447 9487 or toll free in Alberta 1 800 232 7208.

Current Supporters

The Alberta Teachers' Association

The ATA is generously providing office infrastructure support to the Society for Safe and Caring Schools and Communities through to March 31, 2006.

Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada, National Crime Prevention Strategy Investment Fund

Three year project funding for Building Safe, Caring and Inclusive Schools and Communities for Aboriginal Children and Youth—Creating a Community-Based Model for Positive Social Development. To promote respect, responsibility and trust; to increase scholastic achievement and school completion among Aboriginal students; to decrease bullying, harassment and assault among students; to reduce the suicide rates of Aboriginal youth; and to prevent violence and crime through improved parenting and the development of knowledge, skills and attitudes that promote prosocial behaviour.

Canadian Heritage Multiculturalism Fund

Three year project funding for Respecting Diversity and Preventing Prejudice: Promoting Change through Social Development in Schools and School Communities. To improve the ability of schools to respond to ethnic, religious and cultural diversity by assisting in the identification and removal of barriers to equitable access to education and reducing risk factors that result from a lack of respect and responsibility, low self esteem, prejudice and discrimination, bullying and aggressive responses to conflict while increasing protective factors among children and youth. An implementation model to build programming sustainability in school communities will also be developed. SACSC is also a partner in an interfaith project of the United Nations Association of Canada and Edmonton Interfaith Centre to build understanding and respect among different faiths.

National Crime Prevention Community Mobilization Fund

One year funding for a project to develop resources for school administrators and guidance counsellors to help them support students of sexual minorities at risk of dropping out due to bullying.

Morgex Insurance

Morgex insurance is generously supporting the Society for Safe and Caring Schools and Communities with an annual Composite Mercantile policy for directors and officers and for published newsletters, technical manuals and resources.

ABC Press

ABC press has donated a portion of the Society's printing package. The support consists of a percentage discount off of the cost of brochures, letterhead, business cards, bookmarks, booklet covers, decals, stickers and labels.

Past Supporters

- National Crime Prevention Strategy, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada
- Lion's Clubs of Alberta
- The Alberta Teachers' Association
- Canadian Heritage
- Vicom Video
- Edmonton Lions Foundation
- Alberta Learning
- Alberta Community Development - Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund
- The Muttart Foundation
- Quebecor Printing
- Urban Fare
- Creative Control Communications

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General Consultative Support

The Society is presently unable to provide the level of advice and consultation to schools and communities that is requested. Staff working with the Society are contracted to work on specific projects because grants that are available are project-based. There is a real need for core funding for the Society that would allow staff to provide on-site assistance and telephone consultation to schools and communities on an on-going basis.

Cost for the equivalent of one full-time staff member to provide these services would be \$50 000 to \$75 000 per year.

Fundraising

The Society is presently unable to devote the time necessary to continue to access the grants available. Staff currently working with the Society are contracted to work on specific projects. There is a real need for one staff member who could focus on grant writing to enable the Society to access more ongoing funding.

Cost for a part-time grant writer would be \$25 000 per year.

Communications and Promotions Support

potential contributions

Niska Student Newsletter – The Society’s new student newsletter motivates students to reflect on SACSC behaviour by writing about it. This estimated cost includes print copies to be distributed in communities with low internet use. \$6 500 per year

Niska News – The Society’s newsletter provides tips and research-based advice on building safe and caring schools and communities, announces workshops and other events and communicates on project progress. This estimated cost includes print copies to be distributed in communities with low internet use. \$6 500 per year

Research, development and distribution of information booklets and brochures. \$15 000 per year

Advertising for leadership training and SACSC events. \$2 000 per year

Attendance at relevant conferences – one outside Alberta, one in Alberta and two local. This includes travel and expenses for staff member to set up the SACSC Display. \$200 to \$400 per year

Membership for SACSC in professional communications organizations and attendance at local meetings (for example, the Canadian Public Relations Society and the Canadian Association of Communicators in Education). \$500 per year

Software – Adobe Suite for newsletter, website, and promotional images and design. \$1 800

Mentorship for the SACSC Communications Manager. three lunch dates per year

Through your support...
 you will be helping the Society promote the four SACSC programs within Alberta and across Canada. This contribution will allow many more schools and communities to learn about SACSC values and to take advantage of SACSC resources.

Research Support

potential contributions

Funding for *Research to Practice* Institute - The Society is currently exploring partnerships with universities, government and other corporations to establish a SACSC Institute. support through partnership

Part-time research assistant - The Society collects and analyzes data through various methods from SACSC implementation sites to ensure that SACSC resources are used effectively and are sensitive to schools' and communities' individual needs. Research results drive program and resource development and revisions. \$15 000

Registration fees for the SACSC Research Manager to attend the "Advances in Qualitative Methods" Annual International Conference in Edmonton. \$ 525

Mentorship for the SACSC Research Manager. three lunch dates per year

Through your support...

you will be helping SACSC evaluate project implementation, resources, and communication to ensure that all SACSC materials and consultations effectively support schools and communities in creating safe, caring, and inclusive environments. This contribution will also ensure that SACSC resources are based on current research and reflect community needs.

Community support

potential contributions

Facilitator training workshops subsidy. \$6 500

Through your support...

you will be helping more communities gain trained SACSC workshop facilitators, allowing greater adult participation in SACSC workshops. Greater numbers of parents and other adults will become more effective at modeling and reinforcing safe and caring behaviour among children and youth.

Elementary Curriculum Resource - Updating and Conversion Support

potential contributions

Toward a Safe and Caring Curriculum – SACSC resources for integration into prescribed curriculum. This resource, which took six years to develop, needs to be updated to remain consistent with school curriculum. \$15 500

Conversion of this K to Grade 6 curriculum resource from print to website version so that all teachers and parents have access, and so that curriculum updates can be downloaded. \$4 000

Legal advice to assist with transition to web-based resource (to help protect against litigation). \$2 500 or in-kind

Through your support...

you will be helping the Society update resources and convert them to web-based documents. This contribution will ensure that everyone with internet access can benefit from the work of the Society free of charge.

Peer Helping Programs

potential contributions

Youth leadership training

\$5 000 to \$50 000

Through your support...

you will be helping to involve youth in mentoring, peer education and peer mediation programs for the project *Building Safe, Caring and Inclusive Schools and Communities for Aboriginal Children and Youth*.

Staff Development and Operations

potential contributions

Staff development workshops and conferences

\$4 000

Annual Audit

In-kind contribution

Through your support...

SACSC staff members will remain informed and up-to-date in their fields, allowing each person to do their job effectively and efficiently. This contribution will allow all SACSC projects to benefit from a knowledgeable and effective staff.

Governance Support

potential contributions

Coffee and refreshments for Board, Steering Committee and Advisory Council meetings.

\$850 per year

Planning retreat for SACSC volunteer Board and Committee members and staff. This estimate includes facility fees and travel expenses.

\$4 000 to \$7 000

Through your support...

you will be allowing SACSC projects to benefit from the input and opinions of all board, advisory council and steering committees members, who graciously volunteer their time to share their relevant knowledge and experience with the Society. This contribution will contribute to long-term planning and sustainability for SACSC programs.

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Contact Information

I personally, or my organization, may want to become involved in SACSC through in-kind support, financial support, or partnerships on projects at the school, community or provincial levels.

Our interests are

Please contact me

Name of contact _____ Organization _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail address _____