



Our Mission

To be a leader in finding a cure for multiple sclerosis and enabling people affected by MS to enhance their quality of life.

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Vision ♦ Direction ♦ Impact

We recognize that volunteers, donors, and employees are critical to our success...

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We will create environments that foster positive relationships...



The MS Society of Canada—SK Division, is grateful for the support of thousands of people across the province. Because of their generosity the MS Society continues to be a leader in the fight against MS.

\$25,000+

Estate of Betty Lou Whitter

\$15,000—\$25,000

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\$10,000—\$15,000

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We celebrate their commitment...



Maureen Pennington was honoured at the 2009 MS Family Conference, by receiving the very prestigious Saskatchewan Division Award of Distinction.

For over 15 years Maureen has been involved with the Regina MS Aqua Fit Program. She is the main contact for this program - she registers participants, provides swim passes and assesses levels and abilities. For several years now, Maureen has also instructed this program, twice a week, as a volunteer.

Maureen's extensive knowledge of the aqua program is incredible. She ensures that all participants receive maximum benefit of the program, and ensures the program is safe for individuals.

Maureen is a role model for others living with MS. She has raised two daughters by herself, and has ensured that they have had a variety of enriching experiences.

Maureen's contributions to the MS Society have made her very deserving of the Award of Distinction.



We give hope to people
affected by
multiple sclerosis

The Saskatchewan Division Board of Directors along with the management, staff and volunteers that make up the MS Society are committed to ensure that research is successful and the lives of those affected by multiple sclerosis are enhanced and enriched.

In these times of financial uncertainty, President Jack Aldcorn and his Saskatchewan Division staff, continue to demonstrate great stewardship of the MS Society's resources. They continue to lower operating costs while increasing our fundraising totals. Despite the unclear future of the economy, Saskatchewan residents continue to be generous in their gifts to help end MS. Thank you to all.

Our local chapters and outreach volunteers have remained strong and expanded their mission as well. Local activities and fundraisers are well run, well attended and always very enjoyable.

The MS Society's objectives can only be met by remaining a leader in funding MS research. Exciting new developments are occurring more frequently than ever before. Researchers have a greater understanding of the illness, and are developing better and more effective treatments with the goal of ending MS. The MS Society contributes millions of dollars each year towards the best MS research in Canada.

The MS Society continues to fund innovative programs and services for those affected by MS and their families in Saskatchewan. These initiatives are successful because of the support of staff, volunteers and donors.

This is my last term as chair. I would like to thank everyone in the Society for the opportunity to serve, and for the immeasurable support and encouragement from everyone. As members of the MS Society or as individuals affected by MS, I would encourage you all to volunteer or participate in any way you can. We will end MS with your help.

Joe Nastiuk, Chair - Saskatchewan Division Board

Collaboration among researchers
will be strengthened
and accelerated...

endMS.ca
It's time. Give now.

In a move intended to significantly accelerate the pace of MS research, the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada announced on May 14th, 2009 the establishment of five research and training centres involving over 100 established scientists and 250 trainees.

The five centres are part of the endMS Research and Training Network, a collaboration of MS researchers and trainees across Canada. It is funded entirely by the MS Society of Canada and its goal is to accelerate the pace of discovery so that an end to MS is found as quickly as possible. The establishment of the five RRTCs serves as a key linchpin in achieving this goal.

Each centre is comprised of multiple academic institutions and teaching hospitals within a geographic region. For the next three years, each centre will receive \$100,000 per year to fund collaborative training and research activities.

The Western Pacific endMS RRTC is led by Dr. Peter Rieckmann, UBC MC Clinic, University of British Columbia and Dr. Katherine Knox, Saskatoon MS Clinic Director, University of Saskatchewan.

The sheer number of individuals connected through one network is unprecedented in Canadian MS history.

Income Statement

	2009 <i>(unaudited)</i>	2008 <i>(unaudited)</i>
Revenue		
Donations and special fundraising projects (net of related expenditures) <i>(Note 5)</i>	1,234,258	1,139,119
Direct mail and corporate campaign <i>(Note 4)</i>	111,982	136,092
Miscellaneous income	45,420	46,520
Grants	13,750	36,941
Investment income	8,379	8,059
Memberships	3,595	3,835
	1,417,384	1,370,566
Expenditures		
Program services		
Funds remitted to National Office for research <i>(Note 4)</i>	357,682	420,548
Funds remitted to National Office for programs and services <i>(Note 4)</i>	93,975	55,090
Chapter resources	252,759	238,881
Client services	202,902	178,362
Public education	186,235	171,500
MS Clinics	55,000	35,000
Social action	46,476	41,755
	1,195,029	1,141,136
Support services		
Administration	84,606	78,616
Fundraising	129,376	124,082
	213,982	202,698
	1,409,011	1,343,834
Excess of revenue over expenditures for the year	8,373	26,732

Balance Sheet

	2009	2008
	<i>(unaudited)</i>	<i>(unaudited)</i>
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash	720,398	752,970
Marketable securities	95,269	95,148
Accounts receivable (Note 3)	40,647	49,592
Prepaid expenses and supplies – at cost	44,331	39,166
	900,645	936,876
Capital assets (Note 4)	4,022	8,742
	904,667	945,618
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable (Note 3)	404,849	448,228
Loan payable (Note 3)	5,078	7,618
Deferred revenue	80,647	81,654
	490,574	537,500
Net assets		
Invested in capital assets	4,022	8,742
Unrestricted	410,071	399,376
	414,093	408,118
	904,667	945,618

Answers to the fundamental questions of the cause and prevention of MS will be found...



In June, Saskatchewan Division was very pleased to host Canadian paediatric neurologist Dr. Brenda Banwell (*pictured above*), at its annual MS Research Luncheon. Dr. Banwell, who is the Director of the Paediatric MS Clinic (based out of Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children) presented to 130 attendees "What We Can Learn from our Youngest MS Patients." Luncheon attendees included individuals affected by MS, MS Society staff and volunteers, researchers, physicians, nurses and other health care professionals.

While MS is most often diagnosed between the ages of 15 and 40, it can affect children as well. About five per cent of MS cases involve children. Children are a unique group to study, since they have not been exposed to nearly as many environmental exposures as adults have, and thus it may be easier to identify exposures that are specifically important in MS. Watch for continuing information and developments in the area of MS and children, as we near 2015.

Canadians, and Governments at all levels
will be aware...



Summer 2009 saw the addition of the fifth disease-modifying therapy, Tysabri, to the provincial formulary, as an Exception Drug Status benefit. Tysabri is generally recommended for people with MS who have not responded adequately to other disease-modifying therapies. There is a set of criteria in order for people with MS to qualify; for example, people considered for therapy need to have had two or more relapses in the past year.

When MS representatives – staff and volunteers alike, met with MLA's at a very successful reception in May of 2009, Tysabri was one of three key issues which was highlighted to those in government. The MS Society applauds the Saskatchewan government for this decision, as it offers access to another choice of drug treatment for specific individuals with MS. Saskatchewan is the third province in Canada to provide coverage for this valuable drug therapy.

We will be a transparent and
accountable organization...

MEMORANDUM

To: Financial statement readers
From: Jamie Hall, National Vice-President, Finance & Administration
Re: Saskatchewan consolidated financial statements—Aug 31, 2009

The attached financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2009 are unaudited. While a separate audit report was not issued for this division, PricewaterhouseCoopers did carry out specified audit procedures on the Saskatchewan financial results in order to express their opinion on the consolidated financial statements for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada.

The National Audit Committee, after much discussion and consultation, decided to reduce the number of separate audit reports. The impetus for this change was the enhanced internal controls developed within all levels of the MS Society. Specifically, the implementation of the centralized fund raising database and the new financial accounting system provide for much stronger internal control environment. This allows for key reconciliations to be reviewed at the National Office to ensure that all locations are properly utilizing the new systems.

Should you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact me at jaimie.hall@mssociety.ca or 1.866.922.6065

A full copy of the financial statements is available from Division Offices upon request.

Through the commitment of our volunteers...



Through the efforts of volunteers, the MS Society is able to help facilitate some of the most innovative research in the world, help create awareness, and all the while try to ensure that no one has to face MS alone.

Over the past year, volunteer efforts at the MS Society have been extraordinary. Not only did volunteers assist in the areas of client services, events, office functions and governance, they accelerated the efforts to create change and increase momentum. In May, volunteers and staff met with government officials to discuss the importance of research efforts and resources being increased in Saskatchewan in an effort to end MS. This was the largest group effort in this area of work to date – with certainly more to come.

There are opportunities for everyone at the national, divisional and chapter levels on boards, committees, and in administration, client services, education and fundraising. Young and old, persons with MS, family members, friends, community-minded individuals or people looking to build a resume: there is a place for almost everyone at the MS Society of Canada.

Join us to end MS...



On February 13, 2009 participants in the MS Society's fundraising events kicked off their participation with a streaking party at the Cornwall Center in Regina.

Thanks to the generous support of The Room Hair Salon and the Cornwall Centre, stylists donated their time to streak individuals' hair RED. The idea behind this new initiative in 2009 was to get people to ask questions, to help participants generate more awareness about their participation in MS fundraising events and to make their mark against MS.

The initiative raised over \$700 and brought a new level of MS awareness to the general public in Regina.

**Streak
for MS**

We will keep those affected by MS at the center of our work...



In fiscal year 2009, 55 caregivers were assisted by the Caregiver Special Assistance Program.

Ardis Hartviksen, a caregiver, has accessed this program since it has been offered by the Saskatchewan Division. Her husband, Kurt, is affected by multiple sclerosis. In March of 2009, the special assistance money was used for Ardis and Kurt to visit the Temple Mineral Gardens Spa in Moose Jaw. Kurt says that "it allowed us to make a trip that we otherwise would not have made. There was a real benefit to Ardis, and provided much relaxation".

2009 is the 10th year anniversary for the Special Assistance Program, and the 4th year for the Caregivers Special Assistance Program.

Other funding programs offered by the Saskatchewan Division include scholarships, bursaries and a recreation program for both adult and children.

We will acknowledge the grass roots of our organization...



20th Anniversary RONA MS Bike Tour—South

The continued success of the RONA MS Bike Tours in Saskatchewan is a testament of the determination and commitment of our fundraisers.

3 individuals have been involved in the RONA MS Bike Tour since it's inception in 1990. Rob Christoffel has been a dedicated cyclist and this year wore #20 to commemorate his 20th tour.

Gord Joorisity has been the volunteer safety coordinator since 1990. This year he was awarded with the Don Holman "Most Inspirational Volunteer" Award at the Bike Tour.

Lawrence VandeLinden and the Dutch Cycle team have continued to fix tires and tune up bikes since the first tour. His assistance has been instrumental in the success of the Tours over the years.

Rob, Gord and Lawrence were presented with 20th anniversary Bike Tour Jerseys to honour their support over the last 20 years.

In 2008 the Cornwall Optical Sight Seers Bike Tour team was challenged to raise \$20,000 for the 20th anniversary tour. The team stepped up for the 2009 tour. They recruited 20 team members who exceeded their goal, and ended up raising over \$27,000!