

## Message from the Executive Director

Since joining Our Place Society in July of this year, I have consistently felt privileged to be a part of an organization that brings together unique strengths and perspectives. Our Place Society offers hope and belonging to men and women struggling with issues of homelessness and poverty, including those that lack access to housing affordability, elderly pensioners on fixed incomes, the working poor, people with mental and physical disabilities and those facing the health challenges of addiction.

Since January 2010, Our Place Society has taken the bold step of opening for breakfast at 7 a.m. every weekday morning. Previously, the poor, disadvantaged and homeless in Victoria were hard pressed to find a place to start their day on the right note. Those that were sleeping outdoors were awakened by police at 7 a.m. and asked to move along from parks, doorways and alleys. It is a challenge to balance all the complexities that are presented by the issues of homelessness and poverty.

I am proud to be a part of a dynamic organization that is in the midst of transition while still keeping a focus on caring for our family, the men and women that come to Our Place.

Ancient wisdom tells us that without a vision, the people perish (Proverbs 29:18). I look forward to being a part of implementing a vision of expanding the services of Our Place Society in order to better serve our most vulnerable citizens.

*Sandra Danco*  
Executive Director

## Message from the Chair of the Board

At Our Place Society, hope and belonging for each person is our top priority. There has been much change over the last year at Our Place Society. We are now an open society with a growing membership of over 100 people. We have new materials, a new website and a refreshed logo. And while our leadership has changed, we have maintained our core mission, vision and values.

Our Place Society fills a particular niche in the community for the homeless, the disadvantaged and the working poor. Our year of transition has helped us to focus on the importance of our core programs and commit to enhancing the services the community has come to rely upon.

An organization as broad as Our Place Society can only survive and prosper with the support of many. We rely on funders from government and community; volunteers to help serve, assist and work with the family members and board members who steward the mission and provide overall direction to the society.

Homelessness and poverty are with us – in increasing numbers. But as a board we do not feel daunted. Instead we challenge ourselves to work with the larger community to fund the services that consistently provide hope and belonging to the most needy in our community. In the year ahead the board will continue to focus on how we can diversify and strengthen our revenue streams, while maintaining the success of the programs and services that are so valued by our family members.

*Don Storch*  
Chair of the Board



## Statement of Operations

Year Ended March 31, 2011

### Revenue

Donations	1,551,155
Grants	1,568,050
Fundraising	61,186
Housing	217,646
Other Revenue	14,695
Amortization of Deferred Capital Contributions	475,850
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### Expenses

Administration	72,381
Amortization of Capital Assets	534,833
Building Services and Maintenance	247,955
Drop In	86,554
Food Services	532,516
Fundraising	118,574
Housing	8,299
Insurance	32,069
Minor Equipment	6,626
Professional Fees	62,662
Programs	9,129
Recruitment and Development	22,256
Transportation	15,582
Wages and Benefits	2,466,422
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<b>Deficiency of Revenue Over Expenses</b>	<b>(\$327,276)</b>