

# MARY A. TIDLUND CHARITABLE FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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## **The Foundation**

The Foundation was registered on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 1998 as a public foundation with Revenue Canada. The foundation's mandate is to identify, financially support, participate in wherever possible, and service the needs of North American and overseas medical programs; alleviate poverty; and to assist in the advancement of education.

## **Completed Projects**

### **India 1998**

In 1998 funds were raised and we participated with Operation Eyesight in an eye camp clinic which the foundation funded in the small rural village of Madanur in Northern India. 40 Individuals were operated on for cataracts and Intraocular Lens implants.

### **Isulu, Peru 1999**

Dr. Violet Shadd and myself organized a medical project in the villages along the Rio Napa, a tributary of the Amazon. A base camp in Mazan, Peru was set up and a clinic in a one-room school in the small village of Bello Horizonte. Hundreds of children and adults were treated at the school and the clinic by a medical team composed of Dr. Violet Shadd and myself from Canada, Dr. Jose Cabanillas, Dr. James Flores, Dr. Edison Abianto Allojo medical doctors and a dentist Eduardo from Peru. We also had the assistance of a microbiologist Lionel, and nurses and midwives Jackie, Yvette and Monica from Peru. Many thanks to the Peruvian Medical Team and to Dr. Jose Cabanillas for organizing accommodation for us at the Isulu Biological Research Station. The clinic was successful in treating and supplying many Peruvians with free medicine and educational supplies with a value of over \$20,000. As our first "independently operated project" we value the information learned along the way and will apply this in developing a long lasting relationship with the team in Peru. A partnership writing exchange program has been set up with the grade two children at the Calgary Waldorf School and the children in the school at Bello Horizonte in the Amazon.

### **Emerald Lake, B.C. 2000**

The Foundation organized a holistic weekend retreat for 23 women at Emerald Lake Lodge. The purpose of the retreat was to introduce and educate women to complimentary therapies, which could be incorporated into their daily lives to enhance wellness and health.

### **Mustard Seed 2000**

In March the foundation organized, hosted and cooked a roast beef dinner for over 450 of Calgary's homeless at the Mustard Seed Foundation for the homeless. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped organize all functions with the special thanks to Jane Stewart.

### **Future Projects**

We are currently discussing medical projects in Peru, Ecuador, India and Zambia, a holistic retreat in the fall of 2000, and we will be hosting further dinners at the Calgary Mustard Seed 2000. The board is currently reviewing a bursary program for students. Thank you for each and every one of your donations, which supported all projects. Our plans are to expand present projects that we are involved in and seek additional projects. Additional revenues will be generated at the June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2000 Lunch Box and Silent Auction fund raiser in Calgary at the Peter Lougheed House.

### **The Governing Board**

The board of the foundation is governed by Dr. Violet Shadd, a physician from Kitchener, Ontario, Peter Stewart, a lawyer with Stewart and Stewart, from Calgary, Alberta, Alex Squires, a managing partner with Brant Securities Ltd., in Toronto, Ontario and Mary Tidlund, a businesswoman from Calgary, Alberta.

### **Donations**

If you would like to contribute a donation to the foundation, please send a cheque or visa number including the expiry date and amount of your donation to The Mary A. Tidlund Charitable Foundation at the address indicated below. Donations are tax-creditable and a tax receipt will be returned to you.

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Thank you for your support.