



Industrial Areas Foundation Canada
Annual Report of Directors

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Industrial Areas Foundation Canada significantly increased its fundraising and project activity in the financial year to March 31, 2017. IAFC raised \$27,000 in personal donations and \$53,220.50 in grants. The use of Canada Helps to process online donations has helped to increase the volume of small and recurring donations.

IAFC used these funds to commission affiliates to carry out a number of projects, in line with our charitable purposes, which are:

- (a) to educate and inform the public and other registered charities by providing courses, conferences, workshops and seminars on community involvement, leadership training and volunteerism;
- (b) to educate the public about community development through workshops and seminars;
- (c) to conduct research relating to social and economic issues and to disseminate the results of such research

These projects fulfilled charitable objectives by providing to the public and other charities workshops on community involvement, leadership and community development. They achieved this by gathering community leaders to help them develop the skills of community organizing through workshops that teach a range of research and community development skills.

Greater Edmonton Alliance (GEA) and Metro Alliance for the Common Good, Calgary (MACG) were commissioned to carry out leadership training programs in May 2016. These were funded by a grant from the Alberta Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

Throughout the 2016-17 fiscal year, MACG was commissioned to provide community leadership training, including a series of workshops on community organizing aimed at developing a one-day workshop on Leadership in Public Life. Three seminars were held to gather community leaders in Calgary to develop an Institutional Leaders Caucus. This work was funded by grants from the ELCIC Alberta Synod and the Unitarian Church of Calgary.

Greater Victoria Acting together was commissioned to hold a series of community leadership training workshops, funded by a grant from the Victoria Foundation. Metro Vancouver Alliance held a two-day community leadership training in November 2016, funded by personal donations. Over 60 people attended.

In December 2016 MACG was commissioned to carry out a major project around Reconciliation. The goal of the project is to pilot the use of community organizing styled research action teams as a process to

understand how reconciliation is possible and to develop leaders who can take on specific projects towards reconciliation. This work has been funded by a grant from the Burns Memorial Fund.

Greater Victoria Acting Together (GVAT) and Metro Vancouver Alliance (MVA) have also been commissioned to carry out leadership development projects with a specific focus on Reconciliation, funded by a grant from the Catherine Donnelly Foundation. GVAT and MVA are holding a series of large scale and bespoke training sessions aimed at supporting participation by groups that are often excluded from engaging in civil society. In particular, the project is designed to involve Indigenous groups who may need tailor-made efforts to ensure they feel valued and emerging community leaders who lack the confidence, knowledge, skills, tools or resources to implement the recommendations of the TRC in their communities, workplaces, places of worship or homes. This project will continue through the 2017-2018 fiscal year.