



Working Together to Strengthen Communities

# Annual Report 2012



## Report from the Quint Board

Quint was formed 17 years ago by residents and community associations to address community identified issues.

Quint is a community economic development organization (CED) whose mission is to enhance the economic and social wellbeing of the core neighbourhoods. We strive to work in an inclusive and holistic way as part of a strategy of strengthening community. We work to enable individuals and groups to pool their resources and talents to create community ownership, housing, jobs, training and income for community members. Our CED philosophy also promotes local ownership and local reinvestment to guarantee long term sustainable development.

Quint has developed many innovative programs that are making a real difference in the lives of hundreds of core neighbourhood residents each year. These programs include various affordable and transitional housing projects, career and employment services, and small business and social enterprise development. Our 2011/2012 accomplishments are outlined in this report.

Looking ahead, Quint is eagerly anticipating our move into the brand-new Station 20 West Community Enterprise Centre this summer. This move will allow us to expand our capacity to better serve the core neighbourhoods. Besides being in a more central and accessible location, our new offices will house an Employment and Housing Resource Centre. We hope that our new space will create opportunities for additional partnerships and new ways to work with the community.

Another important strategic direction for Quint continues to be the development of social enterprises. These are businesses with primarily social objectives whose surpluses are principally reinvested in the business or in the community. Some of the business ideas we are pursuing are the development of new market housing in the core, the creation of more affordable rental housing, and a business that provides temporary employment services.

We want to thank all our funders, partners and the community for their ongoing support. We look forward to another productive year, working together to strengthen the community.

Submitted on behalf of Quint Board of Directors,  
Sean Shaw, Chairperson



## 2011—2012 Accomplishments

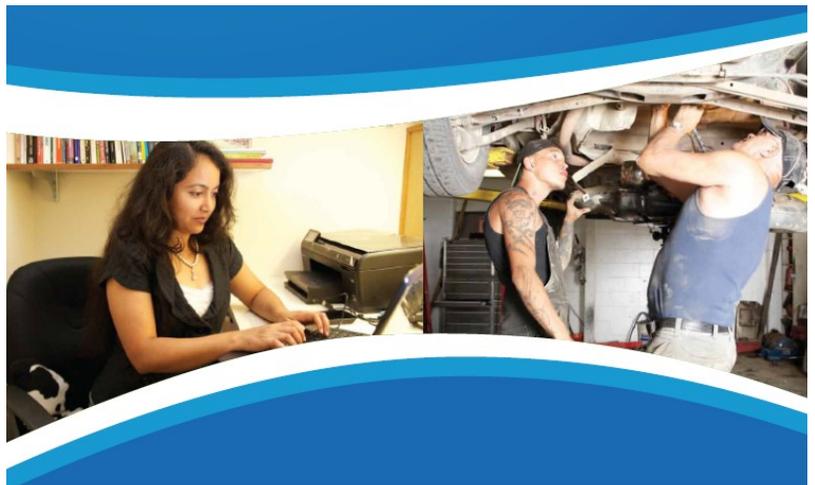
### Employment and Training

#### Core Neighbourhoods At Work (CNAW) Program

The CNAW Program has four employment coordinators who provide one-on-one support to those needing help in either meeting their labour market needs or overcoming identified barriers to employment. Additionally, we offer soft skill and job readiness workshops to prepare people for employment.

Accomplishments this year include:

- ⇒ Over 500 community members received support with pre-employment skills, job searching assistance, and assistance with the transition into employment
- ⇒ Facilitated a monthly learner's license program. 50 people were accepted into the program
- ⇒ Coordinated and delivered job readiness, self-esteem, and assertiveness training through the Moving Forward Workshop and mini-workshops
- ⇒ Provided an opportunity for community members to achieve their Grade 12 equivalency by offering a GED Preparation Program
- ⇒ Co-organized the 1st Annual Community Job Fair at Princess Alexandra Community School. Over 25 exhibitors and 600 job seekers were in attendance
- ⇒ Removed barriers to employment - Over 300 people received support with transportation, replacing ID's, application fees, and obtaining other work related supplies



## 2011—2012 Accomplishments (cont'd)

### Transitional Housing

#### Pleasant Hill Place Supportive Housing for Mothers and their Children

Pleasant Hill Place (PHP) is a supportive housing program for women who are at risk of losing their children into the care of the Ministry of Social Services (MSS), or for women who have already lost their children to foster care and are working toward having the children returned. The staff at PHP offer in-house programming and also connect residents to community programming. The programs focus on healthy lifestyles and relationships, positive parenting, life skills, addictions, education assessment, career counseling and recreational activities. During their stay, residents will develop plans and timelines toward independent living with their children.

Accomplishments this year include:

⇒ A total of 5 families lived at PHP last year (5 moms and 14 children aged newborn to 10 years).

#### Male Youth Lodge

Quint's Male Youth Lodge is a supportive living environment for young men aged 16-22. The objective is to provide a safe and stable living environment for youth seeking support and guidance to create a path towards independence. The staff offer in-house programming and connects residents with community supports. Each resident, with the help of staff and community, will develop a plan towards attaining and maintaining independent living.

Accomplishments this year include:

⇒ Approximately forty young men lived at the lodge during the past year (full capacity) and of these, 85% were successful in obtaining employment and 95% were enrolled in school or training courses.



### Affordable Housing

Quint's unique affordable housing program was developed as part of a larger Community Economic Development (CED) strategy to revitalize Saskatoon's core neighbourhoods. Stable, safe and affordable housing is necessary for the well-being of individuals, families and healthy communities.

Accomplishments this year include:

⇒ Planning for the Quint's new "Employment and Housing Resource Centre" at Station 20 West.

⇒ Responded to proposed policy that would limit financial incentives for affordable rental housing in the core neighbourhoods.

#### Affordable Rental Housing Program

Since 2003, Quint has been providing affordable rental housing. We now have three apartment buildings consisting of a total of 60 suites, four houses and eight townhouses. We work to ensure that our rental housing is family-friendly and fosters a sense of community. As a result, Quint helps to support the development of tenants' associations, tenant educational workshops, collective kitchens, tenant potlucks/BBQs, community gardening and common green space.

Accomplishments this year include:

⇒ Rebuilt the Paul Wilkinson Place apartment after it was partially destroyed by fire. Tenants began moving in during the summer of 2011. Quint made significant investments to upgrade the energy efficiency and security in the building during the renovations.

⇒ Supported the development of the Tenant Association. This included organizing potlucks, barbeques, monthly tenant meetings, collective gardens and collective kitchens.

⇒ Partnered with Community First Development Fund of Saskatoon to expand the Eviction Prevention Program.

#### Neighbourhood Homeownership Program (NHOP)

Since 1996, Quint's NHOP has been assisting families who wanted to purchase their own home through home ownership co-ops. Since the beginning of the program, 91 families have become homeowners. We continue to support 13 families in Millennium Housing Co-op.

Accomplishments this year include:

⇒ Three families were able to purchase their houses and became home owners.



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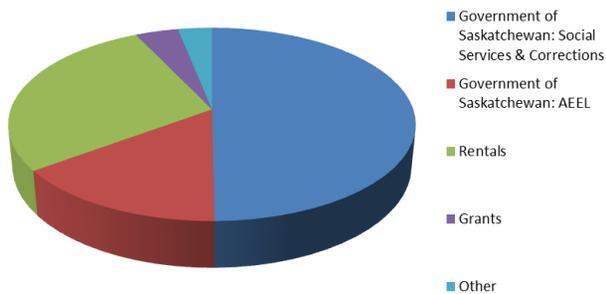
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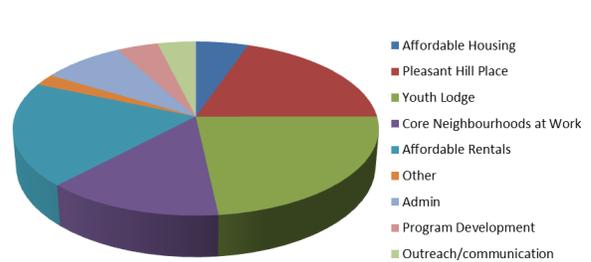
## Financial Summary

Detailed audited financial statements for the year ending March 31, 2012 were prepared by ParkerQuine LLP. These are available at Quint's office or at [www.quintsaskatoon.ca](http://www.quintsaskatoon.ca)

**2011 - 12 Revenue = \$1,769,148**



**2011 - 12 Expenditures = \$1,589,153**



## 2011— 12 Board of Directors

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