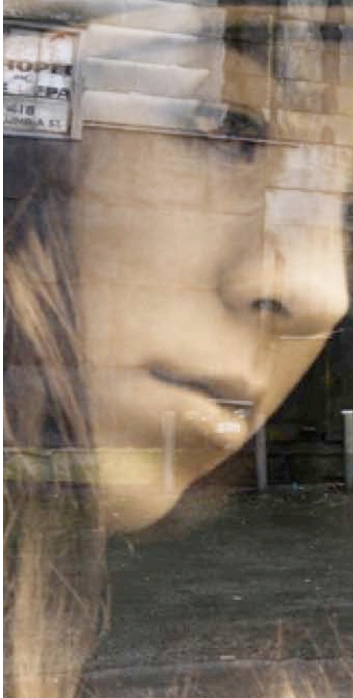




no youth
is left behind



5200

Youth Served

35

Volunteers

3000

Volunteer Hours

12

Staff (2 FT)

... Knows the street

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Our Vision: NO YOUTH IS LEFT BEHIND

Our Mission: To provide outreach support and services to youth in our communities.

Our Mandate: To develop and deliver innovative programs and services for youth who may be disadvantaged, marginalized, or at-risk, and create opportunities for youth to reach they're full potential.

Board Chair – Tom Lewis Executive Director – Jerome Bouvier



Jerome Bouvier



Tom Lewis

Welcome to PoCoMo Youth Services Society. This report reflects PoCoMo's accountability to you, the members of the Tri-City community. We are pleased to once again to report on our services and initiatives for 2010.

I am honoured to lead an organization that, over the past 7 years, has emerged as an innovative, award winning, and the **only youth specific serving agency in the Tri-Cities**. The past year reflects the hard work by a dedicated staff and board. PoCoMo has gained a reputation for it's innovative programming, passionate approach to youth engagement, creativity in the creation of programs, and it's leadership in youth support and services. With each New Year, new challenges present themselves. With the economic climate the way it is, and the high demand for services, this year was no exception.

Having said that, PoCoMo had another very successful year due to our ability to recognize change, our ability to adapt, identify and obtain resources. Being solely dependent on grants, fundraisers and donations, PoCoMo has continually attracted more support from funders, businesses, and individuals throughout the province, and locally.

We are proud to have grown to where we are with limited ongoing funding. This speaks to the commitment of staff and board, support from our funders and community supporters, and the need for the programs.

Further, a key strength of PoCoMo is our creativity in meeting the demand for our outreach support and services.

"The voyage of discovery lies not in finding new landscapes, but in having new eyes." -Marcel Proust

With the changing times, PoCoMo has grown and evolved, creating new school and after-school programs, responding to the need and to compliment our "first of its kind" multi-service, award winning mobile outreach program, Project Reach Out.

These programs have increased the number of youth that PoCoMo has been able to reach and provide services to. This reflects the steady increase of the number of youth that PoCoMo has been able to support. With the success of our programs locally, PoCoMo has begun to offer our school programs provincially.

The youth we serve are not separate entities from our communities, but distinct, valued cared for members. Families fall on hard times, thus it impacts the whole family. Youth often take on some of that burden. PoCoMo continues to let them know they are not alone. That they are cared for.

We have also launched our new branding. This includes our new marketing kit, strategic vision, website, and overall appearance. PoCoMo is excited to moving forward in such a positive way. A special thanks to **Pilot Design – branding navigators** that created our materials. We are excited to have a fresh look that reflects our fresh ideas.

Further, the number of youth that we have been able to support has **steadily increased**. Despite some mechanical challenges with our buses in 2010, Project Reach Out made over 3500 duplicated contacts with youth who were on the street. We also fielded calls from agencies and youth looking for assistance and more resources. **THE DEMAND FOR YOUTH SERVICES IS INCREASING by 20%!!**

In addition, PoCoMo's school and after-school programs reached over 1600 more youth.

Our successful philosophy continues to be "relationship-based first, and issue-based second."

"One positive & personal connection can be the catalyst for youth-at-risk to reach for support and initiate change."

A great beginning into 2011:

In January of 2010, PoCoMo was awarded the Not For Profit of the Year from the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce. Receiving the award humbled us and it provided a spark that re-energized our passion as we moved forward into 2011.

As the "little engine that could", PoCoMo continues to have a huge impact in the community and the lives of the youth we serve. Those same youth continue to be our teachers.

"They say it takes a whole village to raise a child, however, we have come to discover it takes the troubles of youth to raise a village. Hear them and they will guide us."

In the face of the belt tightening, doing more with less, PoCoMo will continue to strive for excellence in programming and providing much needed support and services to the youth of our communities. This has strengthened PoCoMo's resolve to use our staff and volunteer resources as efficiently as we can. Our commitment to deliver professional, high quality services is as strong as ever!

The generosity of the Tri Cities' community, its residents and businesses, continues to inspire our staff and volunteers.

A huge thank you goes out to all those who help to make this possible, our volunteer board, our staff & volunteers, our partners, ongoing, and new funders, and finally to the youth we work with.

We will be counting on you in the coming year. Together, we are truly making a difference.

Jerome Bouvier, M.A.

Tom Lewis

PROGRAMS

Project Reach Out:

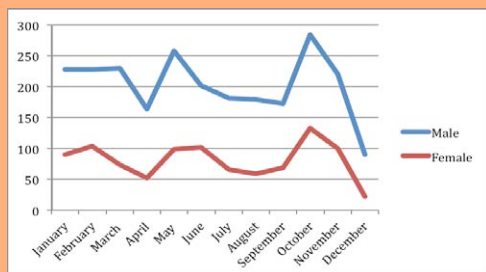
Project Reach Out, our Core program, is the first multi-service mobile outreach program of its kind in Canada. It operates after-hours, 7 pm, to midnight, Friday & Saturday evening **bringing services to where youth are**. Youth who are street involved, Project Reach Out has successfully kept our youth safe, reduced crime, vandalism, drug use, and reconnected youth with community, provided drug and health promotion education to over 400 youth.

Through Project Reach Out we provide:
Street Outreach, crisis/early intervention, one to one support, drug prevention, referrals, and follow-up support.

Also,

- Basic needs (food, drink, cloths)
- Sexual health kits
- Drug education/prevention
- Positive Passes: Acknowledgement of positive actions
- Books on The Bus: Free books for youth to take and read

Youth Contacts through Project Reach Out.



"When I first got on the bus I felt safe and welcomed. Without PoCoMo, I would NOT be the strong, happy young woman I am today." - Katie

SCHOOL PROGRAMS:

I Am The Change:

The I AM The Change program is an 8-week program that targets middle school ages youth and creates the opportunity to explore change. The program provides the opportunity to engage in conversation and activities focused on social responsibility in the areas of personal, school, and community change. To **LOOK** at what's going on in their life, school, community, to **THINK** of positive actions that will assist them in moving forward, and, to **ACT** as a living example of how they truly wish to be in the world.

Over 1500 middle school students have been reached, and impacted by the program. I Am The Change continues to be one of our most sought after school programs and is gaining in popularity. We are anticipating the program to be in high demand in the coming years, locally and provincially.

Testimonials:

"I feel more positive with myself and this made me have more friends." - Michelle, grade 6

Start of Program: Responded "No Way" to the following:

- I feel I can achieve my dreams

End of Program: "Responded "Totally Agree" to the following:

- I feel I can achieve my dreams

Rebecca, Grade 7

Streetwise:

Streetwise is a one hour improv and interactive presentation designed to address issues and concerns teens are facing in today's troubled times. Facilitated by a team of three, 2 adults and one youth mentor, Streetwise was piloted in Maple Ridge Secondary and Minnehada Middle Schools. The presentations were a HUGE HIT, and as a result, Streetwise has caught on and will be provided provincially.

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS:

ACRiX:

Applied Circus: Radically Extreme Program

ACRiX is partially funded by the **Chris Spencer foundation**.

In partnership with Club Aviva, Gymnastics BC, Kids Sport and the Chris Spencer Foundation, PoCoMo offers a very unique and successful program that has been adapted to serve at-risk youth. It is a 10-week program for youth ages 8 to 17. It provides fun and physical challenges for "at risk" youth who wouldn't usually access traditional sports. Participants learn juggling, acrobatics, group pyramids, balancing, trampolining and performing along with other circus skills. At the end of the program, participants will put together these skills to perform a show for family and friends.

We offer three 10-week sessions a year (School Year) and participants are referrals from SD 43, community agencies, and self-referrals. We are proud to say that we have had representation from almost ALL schools in SD 43.



Finale Performance

"During the past year, I have been active in the circus ACRiX program and it has been thoroughly helpful to personal development. I personally think that without ACRiX, my grades would be lower, I'd be less confident, I would probably dislike myself, I would still be a follower. Not the leader that led our school to victory many a time." - Jason

For information about ACRiX contact acrix@pocomo.org or krysta@pocomo.org.

PROGRAMS Cont.

Detour Youth Theatre



SPONSORED BY Westminster Savings Foundation

Detour is an after-school theatre program that is open to all youth ages 14 to 18. Youth are given the opportunity to identify a theme relevant 'to them', script the play, and present it. Detour provides a nurturing, safe environment where youth can share their voice, be listened to, learn strategies to help make positive choices, and use the medium of theatre to share their world to the communities.

"It was a great experience meeting new friends and building my acting skills. Everyone was always there when I needed to talk. I love Detour"-Becca

"This acting Detour group was an amazing experience and I can't always afford acting or take it in school. It's helped me emphasize the issues that me and a lot of my friends have, and help me express those feelings to others. I learnt more leadership skills. But most of all I feel accepted by these Detour people"-Shelby

PROGRAM BEGINS: September 2011 – May 2012

For information contact Becky Olsen @ bechy@pocomo.org

Youth Action Team



The Youth Action Team (YAT) is made up of a core group of diverse youth representing the Tri-Cities area that have a passion and interest in the Services and programs PoCoMo offers.

The YAT provides input into PoCoMo programs, as well as creates their own youth-driven initiatives. They also collaborate with other youth groups in the Tri-City area.

YAT is looking for new youth and project ideas. If you want to be part of making a difference, have a voice, advocate for youth, and contribute to community, contact volunteer coordinator Katie at yat@pocomo.org.

We give a huge shout out to all the youth who stepped up and truly made a difference in their community. Here are some examples,

- YAT volunteering at Golden Spike Days
- Elizabeth volunteering in the office.

PoCoMo Wheelchair Tennis Classic:

The PoCoMo Wheelchair Tennis Classic is in its 15th year. It is the ONLY professional wheelchair tennis tournament solely organized and run by youth. Professional wheelchair tennis players come from all over the world to experience this event. An organizing team of 8 youth, along with 15 volunteers for the weekend, hosts the event. They gain valuable job and life skills, while at the same time having fun.

The event partners include the City of Coquitlam, BC Wheelchair Sports, Tennis Canada, Scotiabank, Coquitlam Tennis club, and many other community organizations and individuals.



This year's tournament is held at the Coquitlam Tennis club.

WHEN: July 29 - 31, 2011.

WHERE: Coquitlam Tennis Club (Pipeline Rd)

To volunteer contact Katie at yat@pocomo.org.

Come out and witness amazing tennis and the youth run a quality event. For more information, to volunteer, or sponsor part of the event, contact Jerome@pocomo.org.

NEW INITIATIVES ON THE HORIZON:

Engaging Youth Through Film:

PoCoMo is in the developmental stages of a new after-school program. In partnership with Focal Point Productions, we will be offering an 8 week film production program that will create the opportunity for 6 youth to learn the behind the scenes workings of movie creation.

Within the 8 weeks, participants will learn set up, camera skills, directing, acting and more. Participants will choose a theme and at the end of 8 weeks have a completed mini film.

Coming Soon.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT
OUR PROGRAMS, TO BOOK or
REGISTER, CONTACT:
admin@pocomo.org**

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PoCoMo has over 12 part time staff, relief, volunteers and practicum students as part of the PoCoMo family.

**A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO ALL OUR BOARD,
STAFF, VOLUNTEERS, AND PRACTICUM STUDENTS
FOR AN AMAZING 2010.**

FINANCIALS & FUND DEVELOPMENT:

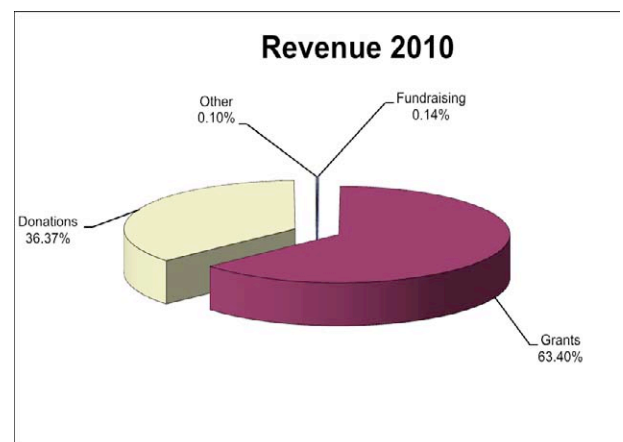
PoCoMo relies solely on grants, fundraising and donation for our operations. PoCoMo receives NO ongoing funding source.

Given the challenging economic times, PoCoMo has continued to move forward, **despite having no ongoing funding** from the provincial or municipal levels. We are proud of the support from our foundation partners, local businesses, community supporters, and individuals who recognize the importance of the support and services we provide to the Tri-City communities.

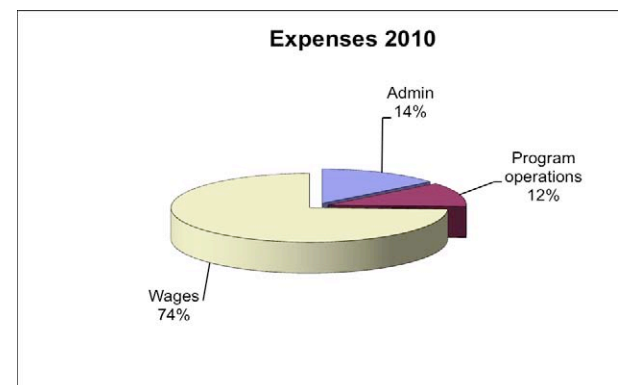
PoCoMo as continued to be very resourceful in accessing financial and in-kind support for our programs. We have been continually honoured by the support and partnership developed with various funders, community businesses, and community individuals.

PoCoMo continues to pursue various avenues for support and are confident that more businesses and community supporters will recognize PoCoMo as an area to “invest in our future” – the youth of our communities.

Revenues (unaudited): Where does our funding come from?



Expenditures (unaudited): Where do we spend funds?



Thanks To Our Supporters & Partners. 2010

Supporters & Partners:

PLATINUM:

- Anonymous Donor
- BC Social Ventures Partners
- Vancouver Foundation
- Windsor Plywood Foundation

GOLD:

- Anonymous Donor

SILVER SPONSORS:

- Chris Spencer Foundation
- CKNW Orphans Fund
- Intact Foundation
- John Mitchell Hardie Foundation
- Pilot Design – Branding Navigators
- Westminster Savings Foundation

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- Club Aviva
- Coast Capital Savings
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- Gymnastics BC
- Ministry of Children and Family Development
- Suncor
- Sunrise Coquitlam Rotary
- TD Bank Foundation

FRIENDS of PoCoMo:

- BC Wheelchair Sports
- Costless Office Supplies
- Coquitlam Grill
- Coquitlam Parks & Recreation
- Coquitlam Tennis Club
- Coquitlam Library
- Go West RV Centre
- Imombo
- Maple Leaf Self Storage
- Pallas Athena
- Pasta Polo
- PoCo Inn & Suites
- Port Coquitlam Youth Services
- Purified Water Store-Water to go (Port Moody)
- RadiSys
- RBC
- Scotiabank
- Starbucks (Coquitlam Centre & Eagle Ridge)
- Symington Foundation
- Ted Kuntz-Tri Counselling Services
- Tennis Canada
- AND MANY MORE

We appreciate all of our current partnerships and look forward to welcoming new people to our growing community of supporters. PoCoMo's success is a direct reflection of the support of our funding partnerships, and unwavering community support.

THANK YOU

How you can help:

The more people learn about the issues that youth face after-hours, and the outreach services PoCoMo provides, people ask, "What can I do to help?"

PoCoMo has worked tirelessly to provide much needed services to street involved youth in our communities. We rely solely on foundations, community donations, and individual support.

We are grateful for the interest from the community and have outlined below ways that you can make a difference in the lives of youth. Regardless of your age, income, or current knowledge of the issue, everyone can help in some way.

Here are some ways you can invest in our future:

Join: Become a Member of PoCoMo Youth Services Society and get involved with the board, committees, or volunteer.

3rd Party Fundraisers: Fundraise on your own, attend special events, or help raise awareness

Opportunities: Employment, Volunteer, and Practicum positions

GIVING OPTIONS:

Donate: Make a financial or in-kind Contribution: To make a monthly donation, or one time donation, go to <http://www.canadahelps.org>

Make a single gift

Play a valuable role in providing outreach support and services to at-risk youth in our communities. All contributions, even those of modest amounts, help the Society continue to grow and protect children and youth in new ways.

MOVE THAT BUS!!!!

For about .66c a day (\$20 a month) you can provide local teens with:

- ✓ A positive, safe place to be go and be heard after-hours
- ✓ An opportunity to connect with a skilled outreach worker
- ✓ Hope on four wheels

YOU can help create a more sustainable future for our much needed outreach programs. This type of support is invaluable to our long-term future. Go to www.CanadaHelps.org or through PoCoMo's web site to make a donation.

VOLUNTEER WITH PoCoMo:

Do you have time and skills to give back to the community? We have awesome volunteer opportunities and ongoing need for volunteers. Let's talk. Call us at: Office: 604-525-1888

- Event committees
- Fundraising
- Event volunteers
- Office support

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE

PoCoMo's impact in the Community

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS:

- 2010 "Not For Profit of the Year" award from the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards.
- 2009 "Creating a safer community" award from the Tri-City REACH Awards.
- 2009 "Innovative Spirit" award from the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards.
- Project Reach Out - 2008 Community Safety and Crime Prevention Award from the Ministry of community safety and Solicitor Generals office.

SOCIAL IMPACTS OF OUR SERVICES:

- Decreased isolation
- Strengthen connection to community
- Increased sense of value
- Increased sense of belonging
- Increased connection to resources
- Reduced dependence on drugs
- Reduced community violence
- Reduced community vandalism

HIGHLIGHTS OF BUS IMPACT SURVEY RESULTS:

Over 100 youth surveyed.

As a result of my involvement with the youth bus,

- I feel a greater sense of belonging 81%
- I feel valued 78%
- I make better life choices 82%
- I feel safer 84%
- I have greater success in school 67%
- I avoid crime & vandalism 90%
- My drug use has decreased 33%
- I respect community more 74%
- I feel better about myself 87%

Minnehada Middle school reported saving approximately \$80,000 in vandalism cost annually thanks to the bus having a presence in the area.



UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS & EVENTS:

Dine Out For Youth

Dine Out for Youth is an opportunity to bring people together in celebration of youth week, enjoy a great meal, raffle prizes and goodie bags.

WHEN: May 10, 2011

WHERE: Pallas Athena (Port Coquitlam).

COST: \$45 (includes entrée, desert, drink, pita, hst & gratuity)

For tickets email becky@pocomo.org / admin@pocomo.org

Canucks Alumni vs PoCoMo:

This will be PoCoMo's 3rd charity hockey game. We are proud to welcome the Coquitlam Firefighters who will representing PoCoMo on the ice. It will be a family event with face painters, music, raffles, frisbee toss, silent auction and so much more. Stay tuned for more info. **GUEST PLAYER: Steve Darling from Global News**

WHEN: November (date TBA in July)

Where: Coquitlam Sport Complex

Cost: \$7 a ticket / \$20 family (2 adult, 2 kids)

Sponsorship opportunities are available. This is a great chance to profile your business and support a great charity.

Fun Day in The Park:

Every August, PoCoMo, in partnership with Poco Youth Services, hosts a free BBQ @ Lions Park. A great afternoon of games, laughs, prizes and a way for PoCoMo to say thank you to the community for all its support. A Great Time.

WHEN: August (date TBA)

WHERE: Lion's Park (Port Coquitlam)

COST: Free

WISH LIST

- Space to run our after-school programs
- Office supplies (stationary, file folders, laser paper)
- Printing services
- Mechanical support for our buses
- Technical support
- Give-away items for fundraisers and events
- Committee members

Serving the Tri-City Communities since 1992



“ Ever since PoCoMo, I have become more self aware, because I have tons of supporters in my life. I am so thankful to all the youth workers for always being there for me, especially through my mother’s death. Thank you PoCoMo for helping me learn its ok to be me.”

– Kathy, 14 years old



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