



St John's College

Development Office Annual Report to Donors



**Fiscal Year Report
April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013**

In Thy Light Shall we See Light

Annual Report - Development

Building a Community – The Difference YOU have made!

Recently St John's College was asked to provide free room and board for a group of 15 Indigenous Grade 11 students coming to Winnipeg for the Health Career Quest Summer Program. We are happy to provide room and board and we turned to our donors to underwrite the College expenses for the program. With unfailing generosity the donors we approached immediately made contributions and we met our modest target in two weeks. At the same time we have been moving ahead rapidly with the facelift in the residence – painting the rooms, installing cupboard doors and new floors, and refinishing the Buttery and the laundry room. The Fellows raised the funds to have the furniture in the Senior Common refurbished. We have also been building up the Chaplaincy endowment so that we can now hire a part-time Chaplain at the College. All of this work is a result of the generosity of our donors who share the vision of the College to provide a safe and caring environment for students to succeed. Thank you to all of you who donate to sustain and build the vibrant College life students cherish.

- **Christopher Trott, Warden and Vice Chancellor**

FACTS AND FIGURES:

- Together we raised \$246,584.57 between April 1, 2012 and March 31, 2013
- The Endowment Fund remains strong with a 9.5% growth over the past year
- Over \$90,000 was available in scholarships and bursaries to College members
- College Fellows continue to win teaching awards, publish papers and present at conferences
- College membership continues to grow – we now have almost 900 students

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES:

St John's College continues to provide valuable support to our students through scholarships and bursaries which are awarded annually. The students not only have access to a great education, but the scholarships and bursaries recognize their hard work and commitment. This past year 87 scholarships and bursaries were awarded to members of the St John's College community.

LEGACY GIFTS AND BEQUESTS:

This year the College we have been fortunate to receive legacy gift from two individuals. **Muriel Quirk** a friend of the College for many years left a bequest of \$20,000 to help students succeed. Muriel's gift was placed in an endowed fund the proceeds of which are used as emergency funds for students in need.

George (Ted) Edward Poulter, a grad of 1958 and an educator himself, truly believed in the power of education. He and his wife Edna had already established the Ted & Edna Poulter Scholarship and had just transferred Ted's Insurance policy. Ted and Edna believed the small community environment created by the Residence was something worth investing in and so upon Ted passing in December 2012, the proceeds of the policy went towards renovating the residence rooms. In the midst of sadness a great difference was made for the College and in the lives of our students who come to live and study at St John's College. Several other bequests were received in 2012 for a total of \$86,350, some of which went towards Scholarships.

Planning your Legacy giving to the College, a gift large or small will ensure the College continues to be the caring community for our students, faculty and staff.

RESIDENCE IMPROVEMENT

"I was lonely until I was in SJC Residence." Wilson Wu, International Student 2012

The residence continues to be a home away from home for close to 100 students. Throughout the year, the students share meals together, enjoy special events and gathers and plan the term banquets. Life-long friendships are made in a supportive and caring environment.

Last year renovations were completed on the women's washroom. This year, with the help of donations from our past rezzies, and a generous bequest, the rooms have all received a fresh coat of paint, new beds and mattresses, and mirrored closet doors. Best of all - the carpet is gone! And in its place is new laminate flooring.



Thanks to the many donors who contributed to Residence Improvements! You have made a big difference in the lives of our students in providing a warm and inviting place to live.

CHAPEL AND CHAPLAINCY:

The Chapel continues to be a place of worship and celebration with a growing congregation. Students join the local community for Sunday service, and enter into the life of the Chapel at various gatherings.

The Chaplain, Rev Dr John Stafford held noon day prayers and Monday Morning Meditations. This was an opportunity to meet with students, staff and faculty before classes and share their concerns for the week in prayer. The Bible and Breakfast continued each month from September to April, on Saturday mornings from 9 am to 11:30 am with approximately 40 to 60 people in attendance. After Morning Prayer and a buffet breakfast prepared by the Daily Bread Café, a lively discussion ensued on the bible text prepared and lead by John.

COLLEGE EVENTS ORGANIZED BY THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Homecoming Debate Sept 16/12: Chapel Worship service was held at 10:30 to 11:30 and the Great Homecoming Debate was held at noon in the Cross Common Room. Fellow Rod Clifton and grad Harley Shepherd debated for the motion – Be It Resolved that Anglican Colleges remain a necessary part of the undergraduate University Experience. Arguing against the motion was current student Andrew Prest and Dean of Studies at St Paul's College Moti Shojania. The event was so successful the Colleges have decided to hold an inter-College debate this Homecoming.

Friends of St John's College Convocation Luncheon Nov4/12: An annual event held prior to the Convocation ceremony is the Friends of St John's College luncheon which was held in the Galleria. The luncheon is a time for graduates, scholarship winners, honorary degree recipients and alumni to share St John's College stories and memories.

With close to 100 Johnians in attendance, Nicole Wruth gave the "What St John's College Means to Me" speech. We were pleased to have 5 J-pin recipients in attendance; the Venerable Gordon Payne celebrating 25 years, Melanie Hall and Garry Cavanagh each celebrating 40 years, and A.M.C. Waterman and Andrew L. Henderson both celebrating 50 years as a Grad.

Ronald McDonald House Charity – Jan 22/13: As promised, in lieu of Christmas Cards, 6 staff and students spent their time volunteering at Ronald McDonald House. A delicious feast of roast beef, veggies, and apple crumble and ice cream was prepared for approximately 21 people. Our thanks goes to GFS and Ian Park for donating the food and preparing the roast. Volunteers were SCJ council members Jessica Persson, Heather Krieger, Dion Nemez and Stephanie Leong, with Staff members Chris Trott and Ana Chorro.

Bach Birthday Event – March 21/13: A Recital was put on to honour our Retiring and Retired Fellows and Retired Staff of the College. This event was to recognize Retiring Fellows: Rod Clifton, Gerald Friesen, Janet Hoskins, and William Norton. The event was held in the Chapel with performances by Organist Jenny Vincent, and Cellist Edvany Klebia Silva. A reception followed the performances in the Senior Common Room.

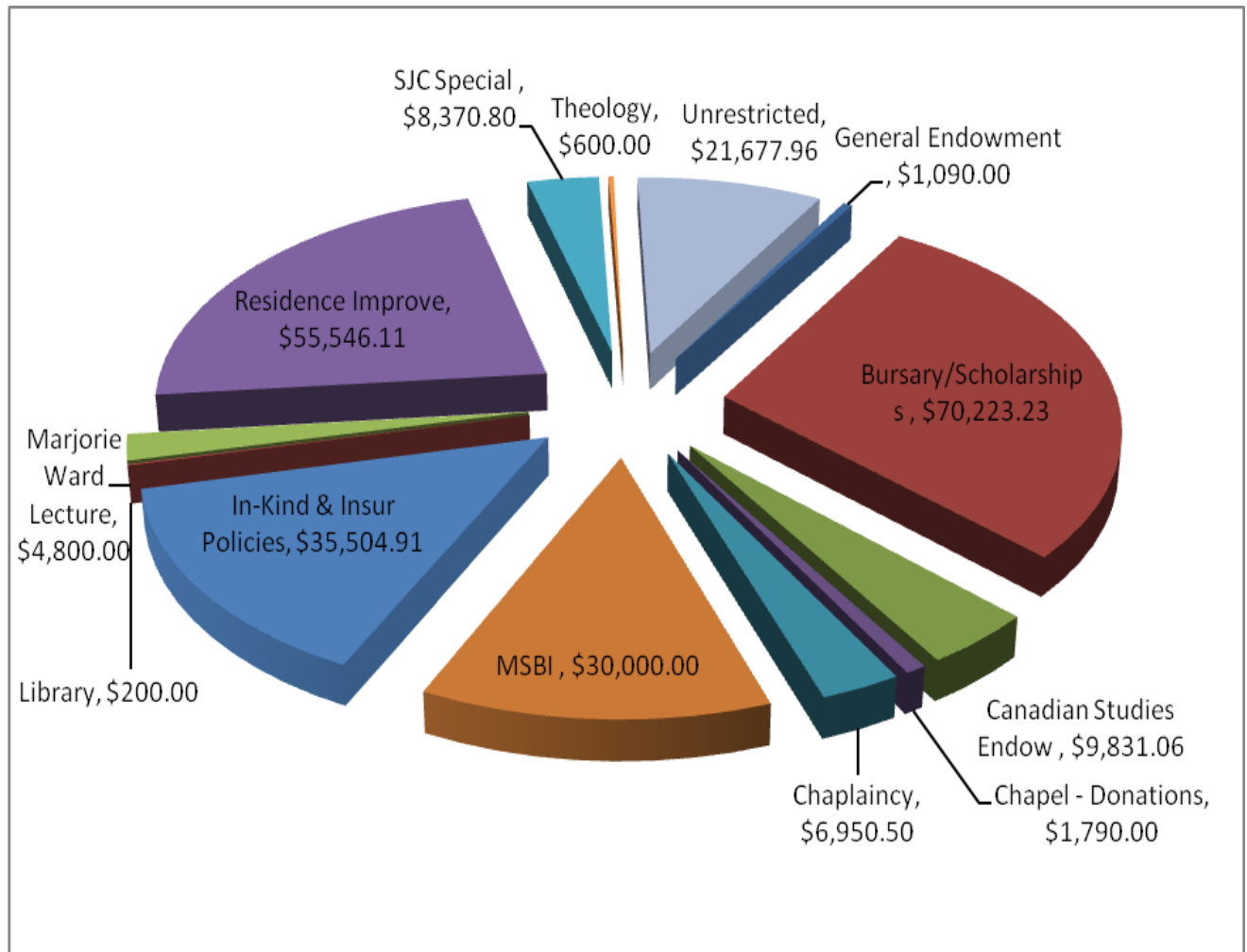
Curry Cook-Off – March 24/13: The 2nd Annual cook-off between Dr Chris Trott and Dr Norman Halden, dean of Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth and Resources. This battle of the curries raises funds for the William Norton Scholarship in Geography. Dr Halden was the winner again this year, but clearly everyone who got to enjoy the great meal were the winners!

Thank you to all our donors – individuals, Corporate and Foundations – who helped to make St John's College the smaller, caring, and kinder community it is.

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FINANCIAL – DESIGNATION OF FUNDS:

The total of \$246,584.57 was raised between April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013 and is broken down as follows:



**THANK YOU! From all the students at
St John's College!**



Grad Dinner 2013

**Because of your support, along with nearly 150 years of
experience and learning**
**– we are helping our students reach their full potential and
celebrate in their achievements!!**