



A Message from Our Interim CEO

Dear Fundholders, Stakeholders and Community Partners,

Needless to say, we are in challenging times. The speed with which the COVID 19 crisis has changed daily life in our country is difficult to process. We have had to adjust how we work, how we spend time with family and friends and how we care for our community. Social distancing measures have meant a lot of changes in how we interact with our world and that has also affected the needs of our community.

At CFNS, we have strived to be responsive to these changes. We have implemented remote working Solutions, allowing our team members to be fully operational to serve our community while remaining safe and compliant with directives from government officials. We have implemented virtual meeting schedules for our team members with each other and key partners. We even held our CFNS board meeting this past week remotely using technology to allow us to enjoy a “virtual boardroom” on ZOOM!

We have been in regular contact with our investment manager at Jarislowsky Fraser to ensure that all care is being taken to manage our fund through these challenging times in the market. We successfully pressed on to meet our goal of fund statements out to our fund holders by our target date of March 31st and we have continued through the annual audit process and will be completing it on schedule. We continue to work with our fund holders, donors and partners to facilitate disbursements to ensure that regular grant commitments are met.

We are working to keep the ship upright in these tumultuous waters, but we believe there is an opportunity to do much more than that. Not only are we committed to pressing forward with as many of our new, proactive programs and projects started before the crisis as possible, we are exploring innovative and collaborative opportunities to assist our communities by looking to other partners and resources to allow for a bigger and bolder response to this crisis. Stay tuned for more information on this in the days to come.

Ultimately, our mission is to continue to serve our province. Our funds provide a key opportunity for philanthropy that is so needed at this time and we will be there for our fund holders to allow them to fuel response and recovery across our province. There are so many ways that we can support each other and our communities at this time. If you would like to explore how you can contribute to your community during this crisis, please do not hesitate to reach out to us for assistance and ideas.

These are indeed challenging times. But there are also the times in which we are needed most. We will strive to be a valuable and impactful servant of our communities through this crisis and beyond.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SCL", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Stephanie Clark
Interim CEO