

HELP & SHELTER



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INTRODUCTION

Help & Shelter is a non-governmental organisation whose mission is to contribute to bringing about a society where attitudes to the use of violence and practices of violence have been transformed. Our Mission, Goals, Objectives and Areas of Action are set out in our Governance, Policies & Procedures Manual, which is available on our website – <http://www.hands.org.gy>.

We are a company limited by guarantee with charitable status. The members in general meeting elect our board of directors annually and day-to-day operations are carried out by a combination of paid staff and project personnel and volunteers (who may be, but are not necessarily members of the company).

Since its establishment in November 1994, Help & Shelter has become a recognised leader in the fight against violence in Guyana, particularly in the areas of domestic, sexual and child abuse. Domestic violence takes a heavy toll on the individual's emotional and physical health and has high social and economic costs for families, communities, workplaces and the country as a whole.

This report is intentionally as concise as possible, to save on photocopying costs. Project agreements and reports, statistics, media statements and other relevant information are available on our website.

OUR PEOPLE

Our Volunteers

The economic climate in 2009 continued to militate against volunteerism but our volunteers continued to make valuable contributions to our work in a number of ways, including public education and advocacy activities, and organised fundraising events for the benefit of the volunteers' fund, which is used to cover the cost of volunteer activities.

It is heartening that we continued to receive offers of volunteer support throughout the year and held two orientation sessions with 22 new volunteers.

Our Members

Nine volunteer applications for membership were approved during the year, bringing total membership to seventy.

A fairly large number of members became or remained inactive for one reason or another (absence abroad, employment or family responsibilities etc.) and as we place an emphasis on active membership, it is likely that in 2010 those who have not contributed to our work for some time will be requested to do so and if they fail to respond positively be removed from the register once the relevant provisions of our by-laws have been complied with.

Our Staff & Project Personnel

Ongoing government support for the shelter and project funding enabled us to continue to employ/contract the services of sufficient qualified people to carry out our work.

In addition to work for which they were paid, many of our staff and project personnel continued to also provide voluntary services.

Our Board

There were again several changes in the directors in 2009. In April, Navindra Persaud resigned as treasurer and director as he was relocating to pursue further studies, and we were extremely fortunate that Patricia Plummer, a senior manager at Republic Bank, agreed to assume oversight of our financial operations. In May, long-standing volunteer and member of the shelter committee, Shirley Philander was finally prevailed upon to join the board and in May and October respectively, Cindy Rahaman and Michelle Low brought youth and much-needed capacity and willingness to assist with our fundraising work in addition to making general contributions to the board.

At our 2008 AGM in October 2009, Danuta Radzik was again elected (no longer being ineligible due to GHARP restrictions) and in November 2009, Daniel Fraser was elected volunteer representative to the board.

At the end of 2009, the board was at its fullest for several years, with eleven members out of a maximum of twelve and an encouraging admixture of skills and capacities, which boded well for the future.

A list of those who contributed to our work during 2009 is at Appendix I.

OUR WORK

As in previous years, the principal activities of Help & Shelter during 2009 continued to be the provision of counselling services, public education, networking and lobbying, the maintenance of the shelter and raising of funds.

With the unexpected change in the focus of our GHARP II funded work from October onwards (see below) and the coming to an end of nearly all of our UNIFEM GBV project activities in December (ditto), Help & Shelter faced the challenge of finding funding for counselling (see Canada Fund Support below) and public education/advocacy/networking. A proposal was submitted to UNDP for a two year counselling & public education for promotion of non-violent conflict resolution project under the UNDP/GoG Enhance Public Trust, Security and Inclusion (EPTSI) Project, at the request of UNDP we amended the proposal to make it a one year project and at the end of the year were anxiously awaiting an early response.

In the event that the UNDP proposal was not successful, one or two possible alternative funders were identified, but the time that would be taken in applying to them and awaiting their response would in any event mean that if our core counselling & public education work were not to be significantly disrupted, consideration would have to be given to the use of the organisation's already modest reserves.

Canada Fund Support

In January, Help & Shelter received 4 computers and 2 printers from the government and people of Canada through the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives, to enhance the performance of counselors and thereby improve the quality of services to clients through the use of information technology.

In September, following the sudden news that GHARP II funding our core counselling would not be renewed, the Canada Fund again came to our assistance by providing funding to enable us to continue to retain the services of our face to face, court support and hotline counselors for 6 months, pending the (hoped-for) acquisition of longer term support.

Since the establishment of Help & Shelter, the support received from the government and people of Canada through the Gender Equality Program and the Canada Fund has been one of the mainstays of our existence, and we will always be grateful for the confidence repeatedly placed in us.

Counselling, Counselling Training & Organisational Capacity Building Project Funded by CIDA's Gender Equality Program

In July 2009 we obtained funding from CIDA's Gender Equality Program for a 6 month project (15 July 2009 - 15 January 2010) to:

1. Educate and empower people to adopt peaceful and non-violent means for resolving conflicts in their lives and to pursue healthy relationships based on mutual respect and appreciation of human rights, and
2. Make a significant contribution in rural areas of Guyana to a reduction in the incidence of domestic and gender-based violence and to extending the availability of assistance to victims.

Project activities comprised:

1. Provision of counselling services in Moruca and in Leguan for 3½ months and New Amsterdam for 2 ½ months
2. Building the organisational capacity of 2 Berbice-based NGOs, namely FACT and Comforting Hearts
3. Providing counselling training to the Essequibo coast-based NGO, Hope for All

At the end of the year the counselling training and capacity building had been completed, with the counselling to continue until mid-January 2010.

USAID/Guyana HIV/AIDS Reduction & Prevention Project (GHARP II)

The Training and Counseling on HIV/AIDS and Domestic Violence Project, which had begun in October 2008, came to an end in September 2009 (the 2008-9 final narrative report is available on our website).

We had anticipated that, as with the previous 4 year cycle, we would be successful in obtaining further funding to cover at least counselling, in view of the linkage between domestic & sexual violence and vulnerability to HIV/AIDS, but with less than two weeks to go before the end of the agreement, we were informed that we would not receive further support for either office-based counselling or work with in and out of school youth.

We were however able to negotiate a new agreement (1 October 2009 – 30 September 2010), the objectives of which are:

- (1) To build the capacity of HIV+ women and other clients participating in mother to mother and other support groups at 2 PMTCT sites in Georgetown by September 2010.
- (2) To increase access to job skills training among HIV positive women within Region 4 by September 2010.
- (3) To increase male involvement and participation in discussions on domestic violence, substance abuse etc in Region 4 by September 2010.

Project activities comprise:

- a) Training 2 peer educators at each of 2 clinical sites in Georgetown (Dorothy Bailey & Campbellville).
- b) Counselling sessions with mother to mother and other support groups at the clinical sites.
- c) Making referrals to hotline and face-to-face counselling and legal services.
- d) Collaborating with agencies providing job training and employment services.
- e) Facilitating group sessions and forums to address male norms & behaviours.
- f) Making referrals to substance abuse rehab programmes, STI screening & VCT.

At the end of the year, most project activities were yet to begin as the training manual being prepared by GHARP II had not been finalised.

Strengthening Policy Frameworks and Social Services, Public Education & Advocacy to Reduce Gender-Based Violence Project (31/12/07-31/12/09)

Funded by UNIFEM as administrator of the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women

The objective of this project is to make a significant contribution to the reduction of gender-based violence in Guyana by: working to strengthen the legal and policy framework through participating in the development of new sexual offences legislation and taking the lead in developing protocols for front line workers to effectively implement relevant legislation, strengthening social support services through training of front line workers, including the police on the dynamics of gender-based violence and how to effectively implement relevant legislation by delivering quality social support services, and advocacy and awareness to change public attitudes by a national media campaign against gender-based violence and outreach sessions with target groups.

Project work proceeded largely according to plan during 2009, apart from the ongoing challenge of obtaining the necessary approvals and cooperation from the police and difficulty in obtaining the cooperation of the Ministry of Health, which stymied the preparation of the protocol for health workers.

The proposal, grant agreement, monthly M&E reports, workshop evaluations and narrative and financial reports to UNIFEM are available on the website.

Gender-Based Violence Reduction Project (1/4/08-31/3/11)

Funded by the Women's World Day of Prayer - German Committee

The objective of this project is to educate and empower both males and females to adopt peaceful and non-violent means for resolving conflicts in their lives. Its aim is that through community-based initiatives awareness about

gender-based violence and its root causes and initiatives for resolving these issues will be developed and that as a consequence the level of violence against women and girls will be reduced.

The project is based in four communities: Den Amstel in Region 3 and Good Hope, Kaneville and Covent Garden in Region 4.

Work continued largely according to plan during the year.

The project documents (application, project description, agreement & project implementation schedule) are available on our website, as are monthly M&E reports.

Pickney Project

In collaboration with EveryChild Guyana

The Pickney Project, which was launched in September 2008, was intended to continue for 5 years but shortly after the launching we were informed that due to EveryChild UK's change of focus, funding for some work would not be continued after the first year and no further funding at all would be provided after the end of March 2010.

A proposal was submitted to AUSAID and in anticipation of it being approved a smaller proposal was submitted to UNDP under the EPTSI Project. While the latter proposal was approved, the former was not and at the end of the year the project faced the challenge of securing funding to be able to continue from April 2010 onwards.

The withdrawal of EveryChild UK's support was a particular blow as the project is the first of its kind in Guyana – a collaboration between NGOs and community-based organisations and individuals to increase awareness of child protection; improve response to reports of child abuse; increase capacity to detect and intervene in child abuse; increase access to counselling & other services for abused and at risk children and establish a child protection network - and has the support and the commitment of key persons from the Sophia community in which it is based and other NGOs.

Full details of the project and updates are available on our website.

The Shelter

Shelter operations continued to be supported by government funding. Until the end of October the continued services of a full-time professional counselor were made possible with funding provided by UNICEF and thereafter as part of the government support.

Additional government funding for 2009-10 (\$8m) was approved in October and received in November. At the end of the year there was cause for hope that rather than our having to make annual applications for funding, reasonable provision for the maintenance of the shelter would be made in the national budget.

The manager and relief manager continued to be supported by the shelter committee with input from the board when necessary. Ongoing efforts to identify a back-up manager who would fill in if the manager on duty was required to leave the shelter in an emergency continued to prove fruitless. Arrangements were however made for trained volunteers to spend the weekend at the shelter to provide counselling if necessary.

During 2009, 140 female victims of domestic violence/human trafficking and their children were given refuge at the shelter. The length of stay ranged from 1 to 197 days. Shelter intake data for 2006-2009 is available on our website, as are analyses of shelter data.

A number of private enterprises continued to make regular donations of foodstuffs and other supplies to the shelter and periodic donations of clothing and other items were also received. Fruits and vegetables from the garden also provided some cost saving and towards the end of the year discussions took place with USAID's Guyana Trade & Investment Support (GTIS) with regard generating income from growing pawpaw seedlings and selling the plants to farmers.

In October, Peace Corps Volunteer Cynthia Henley began a year's assignment with us. She is based at the shelter, where she provides support to the managers and has special responsibility for the pawpaw seedlings project.

Our shelter manual is available on our website.

OUR STATISTICS

We keep and regularly update statistics relating to the various aspects of our work and have periodic analyses prepared, all of which are available on our website.

During 2009, **957** people sought our help and we counselled **56**.

Since the Crisis Service opened in 1995, we have provided counselling services to over 8,600 people of all ages and ethnicity and up to the end of December 2009, we had conducted public education and awareness work with over 30,000 people throughout Guyana.

OUR FINANCES

As in past years, throughout 2009 we continued to adhere to high standards of financial transparency and to be always ready to account to our funding partners and donors for all moneys received.

Our audited financial statements for 2009 appear in Appendix II.

During 2009 there was a significant change in the fixed assets of the company as a result of the acquisition of: 2 HP Laserjet printers, 1 HP Deskjet printer 9300, 1 -6 & 4 tier bookshelf, 3 metal 4 drawer filing cabinets, 3 - 2 drawer desks, 2 stand fans, 3 conference tables, 2 executive chairs, 6 office chairs, 1 scientific calculator, 2 dell laptops, valued at a total of \$1,199,605.

The company did not issue any shares or debentures during the period 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009.

At the beginning of the year, as a result of the 28 December 2008 fire at our Homestretch Avenue office, we faced the challenge of finding the necessary funding for repairs and alternative accommodation for our counselling service pending the completion of repairs. We were extremely fortunate in that the government provided the first and Guyana Citizens' Initiative the second. The office was re-opened on 6 April 2009.

We were also fortunate in securing a donation of US\$10,000 from ExxonMobil Corporation, which was used for repairs & remedial work to our shelter, the creation of additional work space at our crisis centre and refurbishment to enhance the environment for clients and personnel at both the shelter & crisis service. We were pleased to meet representatives of ExxonMobil, who came both before and after the funded work was done and were this able to see the improvements their generosity made possible.

Our good fortune continued with Help & Shelter identified as the beneficiary of funds raised by the Doronai Champion Riders cycle group from rides sponsored by Edward B. Beharry & Co. Ltd. from Charity to Georgetown and from Corriverton to Georgetown.

On the self-help front, in addition to fundraising for the benefit of the volunteer funds, three scavenger hunts were organised by Denise Dias and her committee, which raised over \$900,000. Due to the success of the hunts, it is intended to make them a regular part of our fundraising efforts. At the end of the year, we were anticipating at least \$200,000 from the proceeds of the Georgetown Club's Old Year's Night function organised by Denise Dias and her husband Dennis.

Help & Shelter extends deepest appreciation to all those who in any way assisted us in our work during 2009.

Appendix I

The following persons contributed to our work as volunteers, staff or project personnel during 2009:

- Michelle Anderson
- Petal Baboolall
- Carol Inniss-Baptiste
- Natalya Bobb
- Ruth Clarke
- Dennis Cuffy
- Venus De Freitas
- Denise Dias
- Akilah Dorris
- Pamella Evans
- Monica Fordyce
- Daniel Fraser
- Wendell George
- Michael Gillis
- Rozana Girdharry
- Karen Gomes
- Patricia Gray
- Julian Haynes
- Isha Husain-Singh
- Linda Hustler
- Yvette Joseph
- Margaret Kertzious
- Vidyaratha Kissoon
- Jenny Lancaster
- Chabela Lord
- Michelle Low
- Kevin Massiah
- Gene Narine
- Zairol Neisha
- Patricia Noel
- Renita Noel
- Johnson Olatunji
- Genevieve Paul
- Navindra Persaud
- Yvonne Quintin
- Danuta Radzik
- Cindy Rahaman
- Parbattie Ranglall
- Nicola Samuels
- Hamala Sharma
- Karen Shaw
- Ahilya Shivjatan
- Niveta Shivjatan
- Richard Singh
- Donna Taylor
- Marva Thomas
- Josephine Whitehead
- Lindy Williams

The following persons also served as directors during 2009:

- Denise Dias
- Daniel Fraser
- Patricia Gray
- Isha Husain-Singh
- Linda Hustler
- Michelle Low
- Navindra Persaud
- Shirley Philander
- Patricia Plummer
- Yvonne Quintin
- Danuta Radzik
- Cindy Rahaman
- Josephine Whitehead

Appendix II

HELP AND SHELTER INC.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009



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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of Help and Shelter Inc.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Help and Shelter Inc; which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2009 and the statements of comprehensive income, other funds and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion


In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organisation as of December 31, 2009 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and comply with the Companies Act 1991.

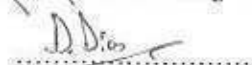

Chartered Accountants
Georgetown, Guyana
August 4, 2010

Help and Shelter Inc.
 Statement of Financial Position
 As at December 31, 2009
 With comparative figures for 2008
 (Expressed in Guyana dollars)

	Notes	2009 \$	2008 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash resources	3	18,973,979	13,472,288
Receivables		-	53,755
Working Capital		<u>18,973,979</u>	<u>13,526,043</u>
Property, plant and equipment	2	<u>64,384,012</u>	<u>63,535,218</u>
Net Assets Employed		<u>83,357,991</u>	<u>77,061,261</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
General fund			
Balance - January 1		64,441,721	63,272,378
Transfer to other fund		119,368	(1,644,275)
Surplus		3,032,852	2,813,618
Balance - December 31		<u>67,593,941</u>	<u>64,441,721</u>
Other Funds			
CIDA Gender Equality		-	43,319
Gender Equality		680,318	-
Government Subvention		8,081,857	-
USAID GHARP		168,633	330,889
UNICEF Project		-	1,350,000
UNIFEM Grant		1,200	500,971
UNIFEM TRUST		1,183,272	2,339,846
Canada Fund		-	13,970
German Grant		3,018,582	4,797,730
Every Child		1,349,898	3,166,059
UNFPA		-	(21,182)
Canada Counselling		1,278,690	-
British High Commission		1,600	97,938
		<u>15,764,050</u>	<u>12,619,540</u>
		<u>83,357,991</u>	<u>77,061,261</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 3/4/10 and signed on its behalf by:


 Director


 Director

Help and Shelter Inc.
Statement of Comprehensive Income
For the year ended December 31, 2009
With comparative figures for 2008
(Expressed in Guyana dollars)

	2009 \$	2008 \$
Income:		
Donations	421,775	470,682
Doronai- Beharry income	540,000	-
Government Subvention	1,908,103	6,133,744
CRS Grant	-	759,915
Red Thread/ H&S/ UNIFEM	-	700,000
Interest (Net)	78,650	82,142
Fire insurance premium	209,675	-
Fire funds from government	68,000	-
UNICEF	3,150,200	1,801,000
UNIFEM- Trust	12,672,594	8,790,755
UNIFEM- Grant	499,771	2,911,838
Canada Fund	-	1,097,203
British High Commission	96,338	1,910,050
German Grant	8,147,172	2,908,420
Everychild	4,167,161	1,922,441
UNFPA	2,356,850	1,259,627
USAID/ GHARP	11,233,548	12,222,818
Scavenger Hunt income	856,717	-
German admin fee	200,000	-
Gender Equality	6,948,532	-
Volunteer's trust fund	61,312	-
Canada Counselling	1,282,890	-
	<u>54,899,288</u>	<u>42,970,635</u>
Deduct		
Expenditure:		
Accomodation	1,433,033	466,609
Administrative cost	4,115,355	1,454,791
Accounting fees	1,054,300	845,000
Advertising & publicity	3,543,629	1,800,668
Audit fee	195,000	-
Bank charges and interest	36,303	19,809
British High Commission expense	-	83,510
Brochures, booklets and photocopies	1,610,691	883,717
Campaign officer fee	1,540,800	1,590,000
Cleaning and sanitation	231,141	383,751
Computer supplies	392,116	206,468
Coordinating and monitoring	4,003,138	6,577,372
Counselling fees	4,584,100	1,790,000
CRS expense	-	(10,000)
Balance carried forward	<u>22,739,606</u>	<u>16,091,695</u>

Help and Shelter Inc.
Statement of Comprehensive Income
For the year ended December 31, 2009
With comparative figures for 2008
(Expressed in Guyana dollars)

	2009 \$	2008 \$
Balance brought forward	22,739,606	16,091,695
Education materials	-	2,800
Electricity	395,249	687,809
Facilitator costs	2,602,800	1,708,660
Fire donation	187,259	-
Government fund expense	-	(339)
Insurance	92,740	-
Legal consultant fees	1,284,000	1,100,000
Meals & staff welfare	2,167,552	964,673
Miscellaneous	4,940	27,100
Office expenses	708,467	407,486
Others	1,887,931	502,402
Peer educator fees	1,113,760	-
Public education & advocacy	-	388,924
Repairs & maintenance	274,629	96,301
Rental of venue	68,500	122,000
Salaries, wages and N.I.S	9,450,048	7,552,240
Security	181,958	91,939
Help & Shelter expense	-	4,646,817
Stationery, printing and photocopying	1,006,523	574,711
Stipend	1,956,600	799,968
Training	1,735,621	284,820
Telephone and internet fees	227,791	254,747
Travelling and transportation	3,780,462	1,886,020
USAID/ RTI	-	700,000
Volunteer's trust fund	-	(14,157)
VAT expense	-	21,765
Water Rates	-	90,771
Workshop expenses	-	1,167,865
	<u>51,866,436</u>	<u>40,157,017</u>
Net surplus for the year	<u>3,032,852</u>	<u>2,813,618</u>

Help and Shelter Inc.
Statement of Other Funds
December 31, 2009

	Balance at 01/01/2009	Funds Received during the year	Expenses paid during the year	Capital items	Transfer	Balance at 31/12/2009
	\$	\$	\$			\$
CIDA Gender Equality	43,319	-	-	-	(43,319)	-
Gender Equality	-	7,628,850	6,948,532	-	-	680,318
Government Subvention	-	8,488,960	1,908,103	252,071	1,501,000	8,081,857
USAID GHARP	330,889	11,133,371	11,194,648	38,900	(62,079)	168,633
UNICEF Project	1,350,000	3,301,200	3,150,200	-	(1,501,000)	-
UNIFEM Grant	500,971	-	100,818	398,953	-	1,200
UNIFEM TRUST	2,339,846	11,516,020	12,593,094	79,500	-	1,183,272
Canada Fund	13,970	-	-	-	(13,970)	-
German Grant	4,797,730	6,368,024	8,147,172	-	-	3,018,582
Every Child	3,166,059	2,351,000	4,087,791	79,370	-	1,349,898
UNFPA	(21,182)	2,356,850	2,356,850	-	-	-
British High Commission	97,938	-	96,338	-	-	1,600
Canada Counselling	-	2,561,580	1,282,890	-	-	1,278,690
	12,619,540	55,705,855	51,866,436	848,794	(119,368)	15,764,050

Help and Shelter Inc.
Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended December 31, 2009
With comparative figures for 2008
(Expressed in Guyana dollars)

	2009 \$	2008 \$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net surplus before taxation	3,032,852	2,813,618
Adjustments for:		
Working capital changes		
Net change in non-cash working capital balances related to operations	<u>53,755</u>	<u>8,625</u>
Net cash outflow from operating activities	<u>3,086,607</u>	<u>2,822,243</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of equipment	<u>(848,794)</u>	<u>(952,733)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(848,794)</u>	<u>(952,733)</u>
Cash flow from financing activities		
Transfer from general fund	119,368	(1,644,275)
Increase in other funds	<u>3,144,510</u>	<u>3,828,673</u>
Net cash from financing activities	<u>3,263,878</u>	<u>2,184,398</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalent	5,501,691	4,053,908
Cash and equivalent January 1, 2009	<u>13,472,288</u>	<u>9,418,380</u>
Cash and cash equivalent - December 31,	<u>18,973,979</u>	<u>13,472,288</u>
Comprised of:		
Cash on hand	71,080	77,866
Cash at bank	<u>18,902,899</u>	<u>13,394,422</u>
	<u>18,973,979</u>	<u>13,472,288</u>

Help and Shelter Inc.
Notes to Financial Statements
As at December 31, 2009
(Expressed in Guyana dollars)

1.1 Incorporation

Help and Shelter was incorporated on November 24, 1994 under the Companies Act 89:01 as a company without share capital.

1.2 Significant accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). They have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of land and buildings.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are not yet effective for the year ended December 31, 2009 and have not yet been applied in preparing these financial statements. None of these will have a significant impact on the financial statements of the company.

(b) Property, plant and equipment

No depreciation is charged on property, plant and equipment since the company is a non-profit organisation.

(c) Income

Income is recognised on the cash basis.

2. Property, plant and equipment

	Land	Buildings	Office furniture & equipment	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cost				
January 1,	3,500,000	52,000,000	8,035,218	63,535,218
Additions	-	-	848,794	848,794
December 31,	3,500,000	52,000,000	8,884,012	64,384,012
Net Book values				
December 31, 2009	3,500,000	52,000,000	8,884,012	64,384,012
December 31, 2008	3,500,000	52,000,000	8,035,218	63,535,218

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3. Cash resources

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
Petty cash- Shelter Subvention	40,300	10,250
Petty cash - German Project	20,000	-
Petty cash- Everychild	10,780	-
Petty Cash - GHARP	-	67,616
	<u>71,080</u>	<u>77,866</u>
H&S Current a/c # 653-128-9	308,376	(384,365)
H & S BCM # 484-185-4	10,351,585	725,245
GHARP Current a/c # 654-815-0	168,633	320,639
Unicef Current a/c 655-403-4	-	1,351,000
Unifem Trust account 655-333-3	870,592	286,032
Unifem Trust - 484-068-2	340,049	2,027,387
Unifem Current a/c 655-277-2	2,400	500,971
NBS Save and Prosper A/C	500,600	500,600
Canada Fund a/c 655-498-4	-	13,970
German project current A/C 650-017-7	3,071,222	4,797,730
Everychild current a/c 650-234-8	1,330,434	3,157,375
Canada Counselling current a/c 650-642-2	1,278,690	-
Gender Equality- 650-430-2	680,318	-
British High Commission current a/c 655-380-4	-	97,838
	<u>18,973,979</u>	<u>13,472,288</u>