

Population Health Fund Later Life Component



Summaries of National Projects Funded

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The Population Health Fund (1997-2004)

The Population Health Fund was created in 1997 following Health Canada's adoption of a population health approach to further its continuing mandate to maintain and improve the health of Canadians. The goal of the Population Health Fund is to increase community capacity for action on or across the determinants of health. Through its support of time limited projects, the Population Health Fund seeks to:

- develop, implement, evaluate and disseminate community-based models for applying the population health approach;
- increase the knowledge base for program and policy development on population health;
- increase partnerships and develop intersectoral collaboration to address specific determinants of health, or combinations of determinants.

The population health approach builds on past work and achievements in the area of health promotion, while recognizing that many factors, in addition to the health care system, have a strong influence on health. The goals of a population health approach are to maintain and improve the health and well-being of the population as a whole and to reduce the inequities in health status between/among population groups.

Population health refers to the health of a population as measured by health status and as influenced by factors such as social, economic, and physical environments, personal health practices, individual capacity and coping skills, human biology, healthy childhood development, health services, gender and culture.

This approach promotes prevention and positive action on determinants which affect the health of the population as a whole, or that of specific population groups. Population groups may be defined by features such as geography, age, gender, and culture. It also recognizes that healthy development through the various life stages – *childhood and adolescence*, *early to mid-adulthood and later life* – is the key to good health.

Foreword

The Division of Aging and Seniors of Health Canada is pleased to provide this booklet containing abstracts of the 63 national projects funded under the Population Health Fund (PHF) – *Later life* component, from 1997 to 2004. Each listing includes information on the sponsoring organization, project partners and activities, level of funding, and final products of the project. "National projects" refers to projects that are national in scope in terms of objectives and design, implementation and activities, target group and partner participation, and project impact and outcomes.

From 1997 to 2001, four national solicitations were conducted that focussed on one or more of the national priorities established for the *Later Life* projects to be funded by PHF. These were:

- Promoting healthy aging and addressing factors leading to illness, disability and death
- Strengthening the capacity to support healthy aging
- Enhancing personal autonomy and independence
- Addressing concerns surrounding the end of life

For the *International Year of Older Persons* (IYOP) in 1999, the national *Later Life* component of the PHF focussed more specifically on the objectives of the IYOP for Canada: "Building a society for all ages". Projects funded under those criteria are identified by the acronym IYOP next to the project number (IYOP goals and a list of these projects can be found in Appendix II, on p. 77). The IYOP provided an opportunity for all Canadians to celebrate and benefit from seniors' talents, energies, life experiences and contributions to society.

The Division of Aging and Seniors is proud of the many achievements of the funded projects and of its investment through the *Later life* component of the Population Health Fund.

Health Canada is committed to continuing its work in the area of healthy aging, building on its experience and successes over the past thirty years. The evidence, outcomes and achievements of these funded projects will be significant in framing the development of new Health Canada initiatives and interventions that improve the health and quality of life of older Canadians.

Promoting healthy aging and addressing factors leading to illness, disability and death

Individuals have considerable capacity for continued health in later life by adopting positive lifestyle choices and coping strategies and maintaining strong personal relationships. At the same time, increased risk of illness, disability and premature death in later life are associated with many factors, including social isolation, unadaptive coping mechanisms, poverty, poor literacy, poor nutrition, and lack of physical activity.

The challenge for action is to develop the most effective strategies to expand the disability-free years of life, to reduce the occurrence of chronic diseases and disabilities, and to improve the health of seniors by:

- Increasing the knowledge base on the effectiveness of interventions pertaining to **personal health practices**, including nutrition, healthy eating, physical activity, appropriate medication use and smoking cessation. This includes gaining practical knowledge through demonstration or pilot projects, addressing challenges, barriers and factors affecting motivation, and using evidence-based best practices to reach underserved areas and to develop appropriate adaptations for those seniors who are most at risk (e.g. seniors with low income, senior women, isolated seniors, institutionalized seniors, older seniors, etc.).
- Identifying seniors in community or institutional settings who are at risk for **mental health problems**, identifying opportunities and challenges in addressing the mental health needs of seniors, and developing effective mechanisms and approaches for promoting seniors' mental health.
- Developing, testing and evaluating innovative interdisciplinary models to reduce and prevent **seniors' injuries** in institutions or in the community.

NB: Projects are listed in alphabetical order by project title (in language of origin).

Title: Aboriginal seniors achieving health and independence

with dignity

Project #: 5555-15-1997/0000050

Organization: Native Women's Association of Canada Start Date: October 17, 1997

1292 Wellington Street End Date: October 31, 1998

Ottawa, Ontario K1Y 3A9

Tel.: (613) 722-3033 **Budget:** 1997/1998 \$151,700

Website: www.nwac-hq.org

The Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) is a non-profit organization incorporated in 1974 with the collective goal to enhance, promote and foster the social, economic, cultural and political well-being of Aboriginal women and their families in urban, rural, Métis and First Nation's

communities in Canada.

Partners: Provincial and Territorial member associations of NWAC as well as other

local and national Aboriginal organizations.

Project: The project increased knowledge of issues on aging of the Aboriginal

population. By way of a literature review, a training session for facilitators, and a workshop, the project addressed personal and environmental factors affecting the aging Aboriginal population. It also created some new thinking

among seniors about aging and wellness.

Products/ Results: Resource Models for Aboriginal Seniors

■ Workshop Summary

■ Report, Research Agenda and Framework on Issues Affecting

Aboriginal Seniors

Title: Aboriginal seniors' medication use: resources to promote

safe use

Project #: 5555-15-1997/0000011

Organization: Nechi Training, Research Start Date: December 3, 1997

and Health Promotions Institute End Date: September 2, 1998 P.O. Box 34007, Kingsway Mall

Edmonton, Alberta T5G 3G4 **Budget**: 1997/1998 \$66,940

Tel.: (403) 459-1884

Website: www.nechi.com

Nechi Training, Research and Health Promotions Institute was incorporated as a non-profit society in 1974 by Aboriginal people who believed that Aboriginals themselves must take charge of reducing the problems caused by alcohol and

drug abuse in their communities.

Partners: National Indian and Inuit Community Health Representatives Organization

(NIICHRO), the Alberta Pharmaceutical Association, the Nunee Health

Authority and other Alberta based Aboriginal Organizations.

Project: Nechi developed and tested culturally relevant and appropriate educational

products in order to promote the safe and informed use of medications by Aboriginal seniors in Canada. The project produced culturally appropriate and language and education level appropriate resources to assist Aboriginal seniors in using their medications safely. It also developed a two-day training program for those who work with Aboriginal seniors on key medication use issues, as well as how to communicate with seniors on these issues through facilitating

community-based workshops.

Products/ Results:

Workshop Guides: "Promoting Safe Medication Use by Aboriginal

Seniors"

■ Report Summarizing the Views of Seniors

Title: BreathWorks – Help for people with Chronic Obstructive

Pulmonary Disease / ActionAir - Mieux vivre avec votre maladie

pulmonaire obstructive

Project #: 6785-15-2001/0390587

Organization: Canadian Lung Association Start Date: May 21, 2002

3 Raymond Street - Suite 300 End Date: March 31, 2004

Ottawa, Ontario K1R 1A3

Tel.: (613) 569-6411 **Budget:** 2002/2003 \$80,000 Website: www.lung.ca 2003/2004 \$120,000

Total: \$200,000

The Canadian Lung Association (CLA) is one of Canada's oldest voluntary health organizations. It is the premiere source of respiratory health information in Canada with a history in Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) programming of several decades. Its mission is to lead nationwide and international lung health initiatives to prevent and manage lung disease as well

as to promote lung health.

Partners: Canadian Thoracic Society, Canadian Physiotherapy Cardio-Pulmonary

Rehabilitation Society; Canadian Nurses Respiratory Society; Respiratory Therapy Society of the Canadian Lung Association; and the University of

Toronto.

Project: With this project, CLA is providing support and reassurance to the families of

those living with COPD. It is providing information and education regarding COPD and its management via print and electronic media, as well as guidance regarding course of management and resource links to other support services

and programs locally, provincially and nationally.

Products/ Results:

Handbook: "The BreathWorks Plan, Help for People with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)" (also available in French)

■ Website: www.lung.ca/breathworks/

Available upon completion of the project.

Title: Canadian coalition for seniors' mental health/Coalition canadienne

pour la santé mentale des aînés

Project #: 6785-15-2001/0390552

Organization: Canadian Academy of Geriatric **Start Date:** October 1, 2002

Psychiatry End Date: March 31, 2004

36 Warwick Avenue

Toronto, Ontario M6C 1T8 **Budget:** 2002/2003 \$55,037

Tel.: (613) 233-8825 2003/2004 \$121,963 Website: www.cagp.ca Total: \$177,000

The Canadian Academy of Geriatric Psychiatry (CAGP) is a national

organization of psychiatrists. Its mission is to promote seniors' mental health by participating in clinical and educational programs that foster mental well-being

and good psychiatric care for older adults.

Partners: Alzheimer Society of Canada, Canadian Association for the Fifty-Plus and

Canadian Caregivers' Association.

Project: Through the Canadian Coalition for Seniors Mental Health, CAGP is optimizing

mental health services for all seniors who reside in long-term care facilities by

strengthening the network of stakeholders.

Products/ Upon completion of the project, two educational inventories comprised of both

Results: Canadian and International materials will be the developed and disseminated.

Title: Culturally appropriate best practices for healthy aging

Project #: 6785-15-2000/0390347

Organization: Canadian Ethnocultural Council **Start Date:** September 27, 2000

176 Gloucester Street, Suite 400 **End Date:** September 27, 2003

Ottawa, Ontario K2P 0A6

Website: www.ethnocultural.ca

Tel.: (613) 230-3867 **Budget:** 2000/2001 \$34,100

2001/2002 \$121,000 2002/2003 \$100,000 2003/2004 \$65,900

Total: \$321,000

The Canadian Ethnocultural Council (CEC) was established in 1980 with the objectives of providing a forum for communication among different ethnocultural communities for Canada; and of disseminating to the Canadian public, government, elected officials, media and other agencies, information on ethnocultural communities and their concerns.

Partners: United Chinese Community Enrichment Services Society, Ukrainian Canadian

Congress, Multicultural Association of Nova Scotia and the National Council of

Barbadian Association in Canada.

Project: The CEC proposed this project to inform and educate ethnocultural seniors, their

caregivers and health care providers of culturally appropriate and relevant best practices on healthy aging. The CEC is developing education tools and strategies to address the risk factors and health issues faced by ethnocultural seniors, their families and caregivers. The project is also addressing the most

common chronic conditions and mental health issues facing seniors (e.g. musculo-skeletal conditions, diabetes, heart disease, cancers) using a culturally

sensitive community-based, health promotion and disease prevention approach.

Products/ Results:

Report: "Ethnic seniors and healthy aging: perceptions, practices,

and needs".

Available upon completion of the project.

Title: Development of resource kit for common drug related problems

Project #: 5555-15-1997/0000064

Organization: Canadian Pharmacists Association **Start Date:** November 6, 1997

1785 Alta Vista Drive End Date: June 30, 1998

Ottawa, Ontario K1G 3Y6

Tel.: 1-800-917-9489 or (613) 523-7877 **Budget:** 1997/1998 \$102,200

Website: www.pharmacists.ca

The Canadian Pharmacists Association (CPhA) is the national voluntary association of pharmacists. Its mission is to establish the pharmacist as the health professional whose practice, based on unique knowledge and skills,

ensures optimal patient outcomes from drug therapy.

Partners: Lambton Seniors Association in Sarnia and a National Advisory Panel of

pharmacists.

Project: The project reviewed the most commonly identified issues older adults have

with their medications, and created prototypes of screening tools and

response guides that identify and resolve the problems. One aspect of the kit is a checklist that can be used by seniors themselves to identify potential areas of concern or symptoms of drug related problems. This empowers older adults to ask more direct questions about their medication therapies and

promotes the health of the non-institutionalized older adult population.

Products/ Results:

Tool Kit: "Just Checking... Am I Getting the Most From my

Medication?"

Title: Enhancing seniors' nutrition from awareness to action / La

nutrition : un élément essentiel pour vieillir en santé

Project #: 5555-15-1997/0000038

Organization: National Institute of Nutrition **Start Date:** December 3, 1997

408 Queen Street, 3rd Floor End Date: May 14, 1998

Ottawa, Ontario K1R 5A7

Tel.: (613) 235-3355 **Budget:** 1997/1998 \$54,975

Website: www.nin.ca

Founded in 1983, the National Institute of Nutrition (NIN) is a national, non-profit organization providing effective leadership in promoting the nutritional

well-being of all Canadians through research, education and health

promotion.

Partners: Representatives from the seniors' community and stakeholders from the

health, academic and private sectors.

Project: The project fostered intersectoral collaboration to reinforce healthy eating

practices among Canadian seniors. The project broadened the understanding of nutrition issues, attitudes and knowledge shaping the dietary practices of various age cohorts of Canadian seniors. It increased awareness among stakeholders from industry, the health profession, academia and the seniors' community, of good nutrition practices and the challenges to optimal nutritional health of older Canadians. It also identified key action areas to

enhance seniors' nutritional health and healthy eating behaviours.

As a major activity, the project developed a background paper on nutrition issues for seniors. A stakeholders' workshop was also held to discuss the findings and implications of optimal nutritional health for older Canadians.

Products/ Results:

Proceedings: "Enhancing Seniors' Nutrition From Awareness to Action" (also available in French).

Title: Enhancing the health of informal caregivers

through physical activity

Project #: 6785-15-2001/0390570

Organization: Canadian Association for Community Care **Start Date:** May 21, 2002

1 Nicholas Street End Date: March 31, 2004

Ottawa, Ontario K1N 7B7

Tel.: (613) 241-7510 **Budget:** 2002/2003 \$83,208 Website: www.cacc-acssc.com 2003/2004 \$116,760

Total: \$199,968

The Canadian Association for Community Care (CACC) is a national association committed to a strong voice for the community care sector including home-based care, facility-based long term care, and community support programs. Its mission is to promote the development of a range of high quality,

flexible, responsive and accessible community care services within a seamless

continuum of care.

Partners: Active Living Coalition for Older Adults (ALCOA) and other health providers

concerned with healthy aging, active living, and the creation of supportive

environments.

Project: CACC is developing, testing, and evaluating models of active living programs

for older informal caregivers and will be disseminating these for implementation at local levels. The program is designed to respond to, and be sensitive to the unique needs of caregivers in respect to income, availability, schedules, time, lack of respite care, transportation, as well as facilitating social networks to minimize social isolation. Caregivers' increased physical participation will

enhance their health and improve their capacity to provide care.

Upon completion of the project, there will be the development of effective active living strategies to support the health of informal caregivers and the

recipients of their care.

Products/

Results: Available upon completion of the project.

Title: Ethnocultural communities and guardianship

Project #: 5555-15-1997/0000054

Organization: Minority Advocacy and Rights Council Start Date: December 3, 1997

190 Wright Street End Date: June 30, 1998

Hull, Quebec J8X 2G7

Tel.: (819) 776-4495 **Budget:** 1997/1998 \$53,195

The Minority Advocacy and Rights Council (MARC) is a non-profit organization formed in 1991 for the purpose of monitoring, assisting, sponsoring and undertaking selective litigation concerning human rights legislation and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, in the

promotion and protection of minority rights.

Partners: Immigrant and Visible Minority Women Against Abuse (IVM) and the

National Organization of Immigrant and Visible Minority Women (NOIVM).

Project: MARC produced an educational package that includes a brochure and a

workshop facilitator's guide that contains basic legal advice, public legal information and the names of contact agencies. The package was produced

to assist ethnocultural and other seniors in preventing elder abuse of

ethnocultural seniors. Twenty-four thousand brochures (in eight languages) were distributed to seniors and other interested parties through 60 community

groups.

Products/ Results:

■ Brochure: "Guardianship of Adults" (available in several languages)

■ Adult Guardianship Facilitator's Guide

Title: 4th Global Conference of the International Federation on Ageing /

4° Conférence sur le vieillissement de la Fédération internationale de la vieillesse

Project #: 5555-15-1997/0000153

Organization: Canadian Board of Directors **Start Date:** February 26, 1999

4th Global Conference of the International End Date: January 4, 2001

Federation on Ageing

425 Viger Av. W., Suite 520 **Budget:** 1999/2000 \$100,000

Montreal, Quebec H2Y 3X7

Tel.: (514) 396-3358 Website: www.ifa-fiv.org

The International Federation on Ageing (IFA) is a non-governmental, not-for-profit organization linking more than 100 associations in over 50 nations around the world. It is committed to providing a world-wide forum on aging issues and concerns and to fostering the development of associations and agencies that serve or represent older persons. The IFA has consultative status at the United

Nations.

Partners: Governments of Canada, Quebec and New Brunswick, as well as some seniors

organizations from all parts of Canada.

Project: This project planned the 4th global conference of the IFA in the areas of

marketing and communications, and administration. The conference built on the theme identified by the United Nations for IYOP: *Towards a Society for All*

Ages; over 3,000 delegates participated from around the world.

Products/

Results: Symposium Summary: "End-of-life Care for Seniors: Canadian Initiative and

Lessons Learned".

Title: Improving the quality of life of Canadian urban seniors:

a community-based participatory project / Améliorer la qualité de vie des Canadiens du troisième âge vivant en milieu urbain :

un projet communautaire participatif

Project #: 6785-15-1998/0390003 (IYOP)

Organization: Centre for Health Promotion **Start Date:** February 22, 1999

c/o Department of Public Health Sciences End Date: February 22, 2001

University of Toronto

 100 College St. Suite 511
 Budget:
 1999/2000
 \$161,628

 Toronto, Ontario
 M5G 1L5
 2000/2001
 \$101,217

 Tel.: (416) 978-1101
 Total:
 \$262,845

Website: www.phs.utoronto.ca

The Centre for Health Promotion is an extra-departmental unit in the Medical School at the University of Toronto. The project was coordinated by the Quality of Life Research Unit of the Centre, which has developed an approach to assess the quality of life of seniors living in the community.

Partners:

Toronto Seniors Health Promotion Interest Group. The Centre also enlisted the participation of an official from the municipal or territorial government, a researcher from a local university and a local seniors organization. Close to 30 organizations and agencies participated in the project

Project:

The project developed and implemented a model by which seniors can identify and work to influence the determinants of health in their urban community. Project activities took place in Toronto, Halifax, Montréal, Québec, Ottawa, Regina, Vancouver and Whitehorse, where local groups organized consultations and developed action plans on the issues and factors affecting seniors' quality of life.

Products/ Results:

- Webpage: www.utoronto.ca/seniors
- Summary Report: "A Nation for All Ages? A Participatory Study of Canadian Seniors' Quality of Life in Seven Municipalities"
- Québec: "Améliorer la qualité de vie des Canadiens aînés vivant en milieu urbain"
- Montréal: "Quality of Life of Older Adults Living in Montréal: Associated Factors and Courses of Action" (also available in French and Spanish)
- Ottawa: "Improving the Quality of Life for Ottawa Seniors"
- Toronto: "A City for All Ages: fact or fiction? Effects of Government Policy Decisions on the Quality of Life of Toronto Seniors"
- Regina: "Speak Up, Speak Out. Improving the Life of Saskatchewan Seniors"
- Whitehorse: "How's Life? A Participatory Project Involving Yukon Seniors"
- Vancouver: "Improving Quality of Life of Urban Canadian Seniors: A Community-Based Participatory Project".

Title: Jeunesse d'aujourd'hui - Vieillesse de demain

(Today's Youth - Tomorrow's Seniors)

Project #: 6785-15-1998/0390135 (IYOP)

Organization: Assemblée des aînées et Start Date: July 2, 1999

et aînés francophones du Canada End Date: October 2, 2000

P.O. Box 198

Pointe-de-l'Église, Nova Scotia **Budget:** 1999/2000 \$119,621

B0W 1M0 2000/2001 \$28,610 Tel.: (902) 837-1081 Total: \$148.231

Website: www.franco.ca/aafc/

Founded in 1982, the Assemblée des aînées et aînés francophones du Canada [Assembly of francophone seniors of Canada] is the only national francophone association representing seniors from every province and territory. Its objective is to bring together francophones from across the country who are retired or are

in pre-retirement.

Partners: Fédération de la jeunesse canadienne-française [French-Canadian youth

federation]

Project: The Assemblée established a general awareness program on the impact of the

determinants of health on quality of life in aging and it created a toolkit promoting concrete action in relation to the determinants. The purpose of the project was to make young adults and persons who are growing older more aware of the importance of the determinants of health for quality of life and healthy aging, as well as to develop tools for taking appropriate action in relation to those

determinants.

Products/ Results:

The final report including the results of the consultation groups, a synthesis of those results and recommendations (French only).

1999 National Nutrition Month / Mois national de la nutrition 1999 Title:

Project #: 6785-15-1998/0390212 (IYOP)

Organization: Dietitians of Canada Start Date: January 28, 1999

> 480 University Avenue **End Date:** May 10, 1999

Suite 604

Toronto, Ontario M5G 1V2 **Budget**: 1998/1999 \$33,000

Tel.: (416) 596-0857

Website: www.dietitians.ca

Dietitians of Canada is an association representing approximately 5,000 dietitians across Canada. The primary purpose of the association is to support members as advocates for the health of Canadians through food and nutrition.

Partners: The Canadian Cancer Society and the Heart and Stroke Foundation partnered

with the association to disseminate healthy eating messages and resources

through their networks.

Project: The project supported the Dietitians of Canada's 1999 National Nutrition

Month, which was held in March 1999. The campaign focused on healthy aging and healthy lifestyles, with the slogan "Eat Well, Live Well... for a Lifetime". The campaign raised awareness of nutrition as a key contributor to health and healthy aging. It offered clear and consistent messages on healthy eating and profiled key nutrition resources for communities, seniors and other

consumers.

Products/ **Results:**

Webpage: www.dietitians.ca/eatwell.

Guide: "The ABC of Healthy Eating: A Health Professional's Guide to Antioxidants, B Vitamins, Calcium and Other Bone Health

Nutrients"

Several fact sheets and a brochure providing nutrition tips and

suggestions to consumers.

Title: National Post Polio Network

Project #: 6785-15-2001/0390515

Organization: Ontario March of Dimes **Start Date:** May 21, 2002

10 Overlea Boulevard End Date: March 31, 2004

Toronto, Ontario M4H 1A4

Tel.: 1-800-263-3463 or (416) 425-3463 **Budget:** 2002/2003 \$80,000

Website: www.dimes.on.ca 2003/2004 \$120,000

Total: \$200,000

The Ontario March of Dimes (OMOD) is a provincial association with a mandate to assist physically disabled adults to lead a meaningful and dignified life by building on existing abilities, promoting choice, community integration and self-

sufficiency.

Partners: Provincial representatives from the Post Polio Associations across Canada and

representative consultants from nine named medical and social disciplines.

Project: OMOD proposed to create the National Post Polio Network (NPPN) in order to

provide education, information and support directly to polio survivors who are generally adults 45 and older, and who may be experiencing the next stages of

disabling health problems referred to as Post Polio Syndrome.

Upon completion of the project, there will be an increased awareness of the late effects of polio and post polio syndrome, a national registry of polio survivors, a national bilingual newsletter, an expanded bilingual web service, development of a national health care professional education program, bilingual educational packages, assistance to individuals and groups establishing new associations and peer support groups across Canada, as well as assistance to established provincial support groups and associations to expand services into new populations and new

areas.

Products/

Results: Available upon completion of the project.

Title: Screening and managing medication problems in isolated,

independent-living seniors

Project #: 6785-15-2001/0390537

Organization: Canadian Pharmacists Association **Start Date:** May 21, 2002

1785 Alta Vista Drive End Date: March 31, 2004

Ottawa, Ontario K1G 3Y6

Tel.: 1-800-917-9489 **Budget:** 2002/2003 \$67,280

or (613) 523-7877 2003/2004 \$132,470 Website: www.pharmacists.ca Total: **\$199,750**

The Canadian Pharmacists Association (CPhA) is a professional association providing leadership to pharmacists in all areas of practice. It is active in community and hospital pharmacies, long-term care facilities, and home care. CPhA's mission is to establish the pharmacist as the health professional whose

practice ensures optimal patient outcomes from drug therapies.

Partners: The Canadian Association for Community Care (CACC) and the Canadian

Association for the Fifty-Plus (CARP).

Project: CPhA proposed to examine the role that a pharmacist could play in helping

independent-living seniors manage their medication better. Some of the services proposed by Home care pharmacy entail the provision of specialized, complex pharmaceutical products, clinical assessment and monitoring of seniors in their

homes, infusion therapy, parenteral and interal nutrition and hospice

pharmaceutical services.

Products/ Results: Upon completion of the project, there will be resource guides, screening tools, and training workshops for seniors and support workers. Partners will

continue to promote and support the delivery of training packages.

Title: Seniors' health: strengthening capacity for physical

and social well-being

Project #: 6785-15-2001/0390543

Organization: VON Canada Start Date: May 21, 2002

110 Argyle Avenue End Date: March 31, 2004

Ottawa, Ontario K2P 1B4

Tel.: (613) 233-8825 **Budget:** 2002/2003 \$77,407

Website: www.von.ca 2003/2004 \$114,053 *Total:* **\$191,460**

The Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada (VON Canada) is a national health organization with a network of 72 branch offices across Canada. Local branches

offer a range of community health care programs and services.

Partners: Canadian Centre for Activity and Aging (CCAA) is a research centre affiliated

with the University of Western Ontario.

Project: VON Canada's project proposes to strengthen capacities for physical and social

well-being by creating a best practice model required to deliver a professionally

structured physical exercise program for seniors.

Products/ Upon completion of this project, a model for the creation of a nationally

based program and a best practice template will be created, including several

wellness programs.

Results:

Title: Seniors' mental health and home care

Project #: 6785-15-2000/0390331

Organization: Canadian Mental Health Association **Start Date:** August 8, 2000

National Office End Date: July 8, 2003

2160 Yonge Street, 3rd Floor

Toronto, ON M4S 2Z3 **Budget:** 2000/2001 \$42,900 Tel.: (416) 484-7750 2001/2002 \$107,087 Fax: (416) 484-4617 2002/2003 \$89,350

The Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) was founded in 1918 and has a Division office in each province and territory. It is dedicated to mental health promotion and to ensuring the provision of effective services for people with

mental health problems.

Partners: Canadian Home Care Association, the Victorian Order of Nurses Canada and

Canada's Association for the Fifty-Plus.

Project: The project proposed to enhance the capacity of home support services to identify

and support seniors' mental health. It is also exploring strategies and models that home care providers can use for optimizing seniors' mental health and identifying,

minimizing, or preventing mental health problems and disorders.

Products/

Results: Upon completion of the project, there will be the development and the

dissemination of a policy and planning tool to build appropriate pathways to care,

and a service delivery guide for home health workers will be available.

Title: Seniors' mental health and self help – Forum / La santé mentale des

aînés et l'entraide - Forum

Project #: 5555-15-1997/0000013

Organization: Canadian Mental Health Association **Start Date:** November 6, 1997

National Office End Date: March 31, 1998

2160 Yonge St., 3rd Floor

Toronto, Ontario M4S 2Z3 **Budget:** 1997/1998 \$57,820

Tel.: (416) 484-7750 Website: www.cmha.ca

The Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) is the only voluntary organization in Canada that deals with all aspects of mental health and mental

illness.

Partners: One Voice Seniors Network, Self-Help Canada, Canadian Network of Self-Help

Centres and the Canadian Association for Community Care.

Project: The project brought together seniors and organizations involved with seniors,

mental health, and self-help to share ideas and strategies towards enhancing self-help resources for seniors' mental health. The project outlined an environmental scan of existing resources for seniors' self-help for mental health, it identified models and gaps in resources, particularly for isolated seniors or those who are caregivers. The project also charted action steps for future initiatives to promote

self-help resources for seniors' mental health.

Products/ Results:

■ Proceedings: "Bringing the Self-Help Message to Seniors"

(also available in French).

Title: Spirit in motion - active living and Aboriginal older adults / Un

esprit dynamique: Vie active et Autochtones du 3e âge

Project #: 6785-15-1998/0390030 (IYOP)

Organization: National Indian & Inuit Community Health Start Date: June 22, 1999

Organization Representatives (NIICHRO) End Date: October 22, 2000

P.O. Box 1019

#One Roy Montour Lane

Kahnawake, QuebecJ0L 1B0Budget:1999/2000\$145,125Tel.: (450) 632-08922000/2001\$130,325Website: www.niichro.comTotal:\$275,450

The National Indian and Inuit Community Health Representatives Organization (NIICHRO) is a non-governmental organization incorporated in 1992. It assists Community Health Representatives (CHRs) in improving the health status of Indian and Inuit people to the level enjoyed by most of the Canadian population.

Partners: Centre for Active Living and Aging and the Active Living Coalition for Older

Adults (ALCOA).

Project: With this project, NIICHRO developed an active living program for Elders,

created an awareness of the benefits of active living to the broader Aboriginal community, and complemented an earlier diabetes project. The approach focused on motivating Elder Aboriginals to become more active and on encouraging traditional lifestyles. The project targeted Aboriginal Elders that were well, disabled, with chronic conditions, confined to wheelchairs or bedridden. The project used a train-the-trainer model to train approximately 250 CHRs and other

health workers.

Products/ Results:

: Community Health Representatives - Training Kit"

(also available in French).

Title: Stepping in: long-term care collaborative falls prevention project

Project #: 6785-15-2001/0390538

Organization: University of Victoria **Start Date:** June 19, 2002

Prevention & Health Promotion Division End Date: March 31, 2004

Ministry of Health Services

 2nd Floor, 1520 Blanshard Street
 Budget:
 2002/2003 \$82,533

 Victoria, British Columbia
 V8W 3C8
 2003/2004 \$117,386

 Tel.: (250) 952-1520
 Total: \$199,919

Website: www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca/prevent/

The Adult Injury Management Network (AIMNet) at the University of Victoria

has an established track record in the area of falls and fall-related injury

prevention among older people. AIMNet is recognized as a national leader in the

field of injury prevention.

Partners: British Columbia Injury Research and Prevention Unit at the Centre for

Community Health & Health Evaluation Research (Children's & Women's Health Centre of B.C.), the Institute on Health of the Elderly (University of Ottawa) and

the School of Nutrition & Dietetics (Acadia University).

Project: The goal of this project is to reduce falls and fall-related injuries among residents

of long-term care facilities in several pilot sites across Canada. The proposed model focuses on the determinants of health that put residents of care facilities at greatest risk of sustaining a fall and related injuries. Through the creation of networks of support and information, this project aims to strengthen the capacities of both the residents of these facilities and those who care for them. The project results include the publication of a paper in a scientific journal and presentations at national conferences such as the Canadian Association of Gerontology Annual

Scientific and Educational Meeting.

Products/

Results: Available upon completion of the project.

Title: A Strategy to optimize the use of hypnotics in the elderly

Project #: 5555-15-1997/0390039

Organization: Addiction Research Foundation **Start Date:** December 3, 1997

33 Russell Street End Date: April 30, 1998

Toronto, Ontario M5S 2S1

Tel.: (416) 535-8501 **Budget:** 1997/1998 \$78,169

Website: www.camh.net

The Addiction Research Foundation (ARF) is an Ontario agency that develops and makes available knowledge and programs that can reduce the problems caused by alcohol and other drugs. The ARF has a substantial interest in safe

medication use and its impact on abuse and dependence.

Partners: Experts from the Sunnybrook Health Science Centre (a University of Toronto

teaching hospital), the Department of Psychiatry of the University of Toronto

and the Canadian Pharmacists Association.

Project: The project did a situational analysis to increase knowledge of the use of

prescription and non-prescription products, and their combination, by the elderly Canadian population. With the help of focus groups, an assessment of the need for an intervention strategy to optimize the use of hypnotics was also

done.

Products/

Results: Final report including an Action Plan for the development of the

intervention strategy.

Title: Supporting healthy aging: round table and forum / Table ronde et

tribune pour le vieillissement en santé

Project #: 5555-15-1997/0000077

Organization: Active Living Coalition for Older Adults **Start Date:** November 6, 1997

33 Laird Drive End Date: June 30, 1998

Toronto, Ontario M4G 3S9

Tel.: 1-800-549-9799 or (416) 423-2069 **Budget:** 1997/1998 \$2,700

Website: www.alcoa.ca 1998/1999 \$37,600

Total: \$40,300

The Active Living Coalition for Older Adults (ALCOA) is a partnership of organizations and individuals having interest in the field of aging. It encourages older Canadians to maintain and enhance their well-being and independence

through a lifestyle that embraces daily physical activities.

Partners: Canadian Centre for Activity and Aging, National Anti-Poverty Organization,

Cooperative Housing Federation, National Institute of Nutrition, and Canadian

Ethnocultural Council.

Project: The 1999 forum highlighted innovative best-practice models and approaches; it

demonstrated ways to improve health and functional independence among low-income populations, long-term care settings and Aboriginal communities; it helped breakdown stereotypes of old age in the form of dance, drama, music and sport demonstrations; and, it finalized collaborative, national action plans on

population health approaches to active aging.

Products/ Results:

■ Proceedings: "National forum on older adults' active living – activity

for older adults: from research to action"

(also available in French).

Title: Training in medication management for informal caregivers of

seniors in the home / Formation sur l'administration des

médicaments, à l'intention des aidants naturels des aînés vivant à

domicile

Project #: 6785-15-2000/0390340

Organization: Canadian Association for Community Care **Start Date:** September 1, 2000

1 Nicholas Street End Date: February 28, 2002

Ottawa, Ontario K1N 7B7

Tel.: (613) 241-7510 **Budget:** 2000/2001 \$47,750

Website: www.cacc-acssc.com 2001/2002 \$100,915

Total: \$148,665

The Canadian Association for Community Care (CACC) is a national association committed to a strong voice for the community care sector including home-based care, facility-based long-term care and community support programs. Its mission is to promote the development of a range of high-quality, responsive community care services within a seamless continuum of care.

Partners: Canadian Pharmacists Association, the Canadian Public Health Association, the

Canadian Medical Association and local organizations involved in community

care and caregiving.

Project: The project reviewed existing training and awareness materials aimed at non-

professionals and assessed the needs of caregivers through telephone interviews. Based on this, the project designed, tested and disseminated a program to inform and train informal caregivers about proper medication management for seniors

receiving care at home.

Products/

Results: Guide: "The safe use of medicines - a workshop for caregivers of seniors"

(also available in French).

Title: A Week in celebration of the health of older adults

Project #: 6785-15-1998/0390053 (IYOP)

Organization: Canadian Nurses Association Start Date: September 30, 1998

50 Driveway End Date: June 30, 1999

Ottawa, Ontario K2P 1E2

Tel.: 1-800-361-8404 or (613) 237-2133 **Budget:** 1999/2000 \$43,875

Website: www.cna-nurses.ca

The Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) is a federation of 11 provincial and territorial nursing associations representing more than 110,000 registered nurses. Its mission is to advance the quality of nursing in the interest of the public.

Partners: CNA has involved its existing networks and partnerships with nursing

associations and individual nurses, consumer groups, voluntary health

organizations, corporate sponsors and government agencies.

Project: With this project, CNA has increased the knowledge and understanding of the

health needs of older adults, provided practical information about seniors' health issues and raised public awareness of the needs of Canada's diverse and aging population. This was accomplished in a week long slate of educational and awareness raising activities which took place in communities across Canada

during the National Nurses Week, May 1999.

Products/ Results:

Final report including a resource guide: "Older Persons and Nurses – Partners

for Healthy Aging".

Strengthening the capacity to support healthy aging

As Canadians live longer, it is important to enhance their capacity to age well. This can be achieved by enabling communities through supportive informal networks, and formal service systems that support their health and well-being.

The challenge for action is to foster personal support networks, caring communities, appropriate health, and other social systems that support healthy aging, by:

Strengthening the **capacity of organizations and networks**, at both the national and community levels, to identify and effectively address issues relating to seniors and healthy aging, with a focus on enhancing knowledge and skills, developing innovative approaches, tools and resources, and establishing coalitions, networks and collaborative partnerships.

NB: Projects are listed in alphabetical order by project title (in language of origin).

Title: Best practice models of self-managed care: their application for

seniors / Les meilleurs modèles d'autogestion des services à

domicile : leur application pour les aînés

Project #: 6785-15-1998/0390055 (IYOP)

Organization: Canadian Home Care Association **Start Date:** January 6, 1999

17 York Street - Suite 401 End Date: October 30, 2000

Ottawa, Ontario K1N 9J6

Tel.: (613) 569-1585 **Budget:** 1999/2000 \$20,090

Website: www.cdnhomecare.on.ca 2000/2001 \$63,664 2001/2002 \$20,436

Total: \$104,190

The Canadian Home Care Association (CHCA) is a national association representing publicly-funded home care programs, provider agencies, consumers, researchers and others with an interest in home care and community support. CHCA is also dedicated to quality home care and community support services which enable people to stay in their homes and

communities with safety and dignity.

Partners: One Voice and Université Laval.

Project: The project identified and compared models of self-managed care throughout

Canada and other parts of the world. It identified the best-practice elements and issues in developing and implementing such models and described the clients who use the self-managed care models and the criteria that contribute to the models' success. It also provided recommendations for the implementation

of "best-practice" self-managed care models.

Products/

Results: Final report including an information booklet for the practitioners and

participants and recommendations.

Title: Bringing nutrition screening to seniors

Project #: 6785-15-2000/0390336

Organization: Dietitians of Canada Start Date: August 8, 2000

480 University Avenue, Suite 604 End Date: July 8, 2003

Toronto, Ontario M5G 1V2

Tel.: (416) 596-0857 **Budget:** 2000/2001 \$16,841 Website: www.dietitians.ca 2001/2002 \$96.356

2001/2002 \$96,356 2002/2003 \$115,765 2003/2004 \$88,008 *Total:* **\$316,970**

Dietitians of Canada is an association representing approximately 5,000 dietitians across Canada. The primary purpose of the association is to support members as advocates for the health of Canadians through food and nutrition.

Partners: This is a collaborative national project developed by Dietitians of Canada (DC)

and the Department of Family Relations and Applied Nutrition (FRAN) at the University of Guelph. Other partners are VON Canada, One Voice, Canadian Association for Community Care, Canadian Association of Retired Persons, and

Canadian Home Care Association.

Project: To enhance the understanding of the importance of nutrition as a key factor in

healthy aging, DC and FRAN are implementing and assessing an intersectoral model on the use of SCREEN[©], a validated nutritional risk screening tool for older adults. This project is strengthening the capacity of communities to identify nutritional risk in seniors and identify the capacity of current community resources to address this identified nutritional risk with the help of an *Implementation Guide*, an *Educational Resource Directory*, and executive

summaries of project findings, including policy implications.

Products/

Results: Available upon completion of the project.

Title: The Canadian Study of Health and Aging (CSHA) Symposium 1999:

from research to policy and practice / Symposium de l'Étude sur la

santé et le vieillissement au Canada (ESVC) de 1999 : Depuis la recherche jusqu'aux politiques et à la pratique

Project #: 6785-15-1998/0390173

Organization: University of Ottawa **Start Date:** February 28, 1999

Epidemiology & Community Medicine End Date: December 15,1999

Faculty of Medicine

451 Smyth Road **Budget:** 1998/1999 \$25,499

Ottawa, Ontario K1H 8M5 1999/2000 \$124,495 Tel.: (613) 562-5410 *Total:* \$149,994

Website: www.medicine.uottawa.ca/epid/

The mission of the Department of Epidemiology and Community Medicine, University of Ottawa, is to contribute to health promotion and disease prevention by providing a scholarly environment for community health sciences that stimulates and enhances learning, to expand knowledge through research, and to offer expertise and advice to persons and agencies in other fields.

Partners: Canadian Association on Gerontology, the Alzheimer Society of Canada and

researchers in the field of seniors and aging from across Canada.

Project: The project promoted and disseminated CSHA findings beyond the academic

sector to broader audiences. It communicated these results to policy makers, service providers, health practitioners, care agencies, stakeholders and caregivers in a manner that was conducive to translating study results into practice. It was achieved through the organization of a workshop, held in April 1999, that considered CSHA results and explored the implication of CSHA findings for future program and policy development. Participants discussed key CSHA findings relating to dementia, caregiving and frailty, considered the practical

implications arising from these findings, and developed policy options.

Products/ Results:

Proceedings: "The Canadian Study of Health and Aging: from research

to policy and practice" (also available in French).

Title: Closing the care gap / L'inégalité des soins : fermer la brèche

Project #: 6785-15-1998/0390219

Organization: Canadian Association on Gerontology **Start Date:** February 3, 1999

100 - 824 Meath Street End Date: March 9, 2000

Ottawa, Ontario K1Z 6E8

Tel.: (613) 728-9347 **Budget:** 1998/1999 \$30,000

Website: www.cagacg.ca

The Canadian Association on Gerontology (CAG) is a national, not-for-profit, multidisciplinary, scientific and educational association that provides leadership in

matters relating to the aging population.

Partners: Seniors organizations of all levels and Medical Societies.

Project: The project organized the invitational national forum on Closing the Care Gap in

March 1999 in response to concerns raised by many stakeholders. The forum brought together 150 key stakeholders (researchers, health care consumers, care providers, etc.) to discuss the development of effective and appropriate health care

policies and health practices for all Canadians.

Products/ Results:

■ Proceedings: "National Forum on Closing the Care Gap"

(also available in French).

Title: Design for aging: process for product assessment project

Project #: 6785-15-2001/0390604

Organization: Canadian Standards Association **Start Date:** May 21, 2002

5060 Spectrum Way End Date: March 31, 2004

Mississauga, Ontario L4W 5N6

Tel.: 1-800-463-6727 or (416) 747-4000 **Budget:** 2002/2003 \$64,800

Website: www.csa.ca 2003/2004 \$41,200

Total: \$106,000

CSA International (Canadian Standards Association) is an independent, not-for-profit membership association serving business, industry, government and consumers, and the global marketplace. CSA helps promote public health and safety by developing standards, certifying products, and registering management

systems.

Partners: CSA will have the opportunity to build on existing relationships with key

stakeholders in the seniors and standards communities.

Project: The project's aim is to identify the most effective process for assessing the

usability of products by seniors, as well as incorporating the model approach (as identified by the Seniors Volunteers on Standards Work project), for the effective participation of seniors in the process. The project will also develop baseline information that can be used by CSA and other groups to determine the value and

feasibility of a program in assessing the usability of products by seniors.

Products/

Results: Available upon completion of the project.

Title: Diabetes and aging in Aboriginal communities / Diabète et

vieillissement dans les communautés autochtones

Project #: 5555-15-1997/0000007

Organization: National Indian & Inuit Community Health Start Date: November 17, 1997

Representative Organization End Date: March 31, 1998

P.O. Box 1019

#One Roy Montour Lane

Kahnawake, Quebec J0L 1B0 **Budget:** 1997/1998 \$147,350

Tel.: (514) 632-0892

Website: www.niichro.com

The National Indian and Inuit Community Health Representatives Organization (NIICHRO) is a non-governmental organization incorporated in 1992 to assist Community Health Representatives (CHRs) in improving the health status of Indian and Inuit people to the level enjoyed by most of the Canadian population.

Partners: Lifescan Educational Institute and Johnson and Johnson.

Project: This project provided an updated review of programs and resources on the issue of

diabetes and aging in the Aboriginal community. In order to raise awareness and to encourage lifestyle adaptation, NIICHRO developed a training package based directly on the emotional social material and spiritual realities of aging

directly on the emotional, social, material and spiritual realities of aging aboriginal seniors. They provided for the training of 250 community health

representatives at the Fifth National Training Session of NIICHRO.

Products/ Results:

■ Training Kit: "Diabetes and Aging in Aboriginal Communities", including a video (also available in French).

Title: Healthy aging in caring communities: a cross-cultural approach

Project #: 5555-15-1997/0000067

Organization: Canadian Ethnocultural Council **Start Date:** December 3, 1997

176 Gloucester Street, Suite 400 End Date: May 22, 1998

Ottawa, Ontario K2P 0A6

Tel.: (613) 230-3867 **Budget:** 1997/1998\$140,420

Website: www.ethnocultural.ca

The Canadian Ethnocultural Council (CEC) was established in 1980 with the objectives of providing a forum for communication among different ethnocultural communities for Canada; and of disseminating to the Canadian public, government, elected officials, media and other agencies, information on ethnocultural communities and their concerns.

Partners: National Indian and Inuit Community Health Representatives Organization (NIICHRO), S.U.C.C.E.S.S. (United Chinese Community Enrichment Services

Society) and the Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Saskatchewan Provincial

Council (UCC-SPC).

Project: To empower ethnocultural seniors to address their health and well-being, the

CEC delivered a cross-cultural model on the use and misuse of medication by

ethnocultural seniors, and developed intervention strategies which are

culturally appropriate and relevant. The project was delivered in five selected sites, where it trained health workers and community leaders, and promoted the

approach to other community organizations.

Products/ Results:

■ Final report including valuable directions for the future and the list of trainers and organizations that participated in each of the five centres.

Products from a previous project (Training Tools, including a video, resource manual and resource kit) were used for the training sessions.

Title: An initiative to bring the corporate volunteer program

to communities across Canada

Project #: 5555-15-1997/0000035

Organization: Don Mills Foundation for Senior Citizens **Start Date:** December 3, 1997

1 Overland Drive End Date: June 30, 1998

Toronto, Ontario M3C 2C3

Tel.: (416) 447-7244 **Budget:** 1997/1998 \$53,063

Website: www.dmfseniors.org

The Don Mills Foundation for Senior Citizens Inc. is a not-for-profit community organization of volunteers and professionals committed to serving the well-being and social needs of seniors through a broad range of services and a commitment to

a continuum of care.

Partners: Complete Geriatric Care (CGC), the Royal Bank of Canada and St. Elizabeth

Health Care.

Project: The project promoted the recruitment of volunteers from within companies

through the development of a Corporate Volunteer Program (CVP). The CVP Model encourages the building of strong new bridges between the business world and community services providers. The project helped Canadians in later life remain in the community, with independence and dignity, for as long as safely

possible and finally, it prepared Canada's communities for the coming

restructuring of health care services in Canada, particularly in long-term care.

Products/ Results:

■ Brochure: "Bridges – Only You Can Do It"

■ Information Kit

■ Videos and manual, Phase I

Title: Mature consumer

Project #: 6785-15-1999/0390233 (IYOP)

Organization: Alberta Tourism Start Date: July 2, 1999

Education Council End Date: July 2, 2002

1600, 8215-112 Street NW

Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2C8 **Budget:** 1999/2000 \$80,452

Tel.: 1-800-265-1283 or (780) 423-9225 2000/2001 \$38,600 Website: www.atec.ca 2001/2002 \$51.830

2001/2002 \$51,830 2002/2003 \$3,750 *Total:* **\$174,632**

The Alberta Tourism Education Council (ATEC) is a not-for-profit corporation created in 1986. Its mandate is to support businesses and organizations that have human resource development needs, and to offer business training solutions to improve the level of professionalism and the quality of customer experience.

Partners: Alberta Council on Aging and tourism education councils in other provinces,

Chambers of Commerce, Community Future groups and economic development

councils.

Project: ATEC is seeking to enhance the health and quality of life of seniors by helping the

business sector to provide "senior-friendly" services to its clientele. The project is demonstrating to businesses the benefits of providing "senior-friendly" services, and is providing them with the knowledge and skills to identify the needs of the senior customer and to modify their service delivery and facilities to meet those

needs.

Products/

Results: Available upon completion of the project.

Title: 2nd National Aboriginal Symposium

Project #: 6785-15-1998/0390164 (IYOP)

Organization: Métis National Council Start Date: January 28, 1999

350 Sparks Street, Suite 201 End Date: March 31, 2000

Delta Office Tower

 Ottawa, Ontario
 K1R 7S8
 Budget:
 1998/1999
 \$17,050

 Tel.: 1-800-928-6330 or (613) 232-3216
 1999/2000
 \$45,050

 Website: www.metisnation.ca
 Total:
 \$62,100

The Métis National Council is the national representative and voice of the Métis Nation in Canada. It acts as an advocate and negotiator for the Métis people with the Government of Canada and at national conferences and fora, and represents

the interests of the Métis people on the international stage.

Partners: Assembly of First Nations, Confederacy of Treaty 6 First Nations, Congress of

Aboriginal Peoples, Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, Métis Nation of Alberta, Native

Women's Association of Canada and Treaty 8 (Alberta)/Treaty 8 Health

Authority.

Project: The symposium brought together Elders and seniors from various Aboriginal

peoples and communities – First Nations, Métis and Inuit – along with key organizations representing these Aboriginal peoples and service providers. It provided a unique opportunity to discuss the issues faced by Elders and seniors, and to collaboratively develop community-based programs and services to address these issues. The key themes for the symposium were health, support programs, aids to daily living, traditional medicine and wellness, elder abuse, and housing.

Products/

Results: Final report including a symposium summary.

Title: Peer support programs: learning from the experience of others

Project #: 5555-15-1997/0000040

Organization: Nova Scotia Centre on Aging **Start Date:** October 28, 1997

Mount Saint Vincent University End Date: July 15, 1998

166 Bedford Highway

Halifax, Nova Scotia B3M 2J6 **Budget:** 1997/1998 \$44,650

Tel.: (902) 457-6546

Website: www.msvu.ca/campus-information/caging/

The Nova Scotia Centre on Aging (NSCA), one of fourteen university based centres on aging across Canada, is affiliated with the Mount Saint Vincent University's Department of Gerontology. The NSCA has a three fold mandate to

establish standards of excellence in research, continuing education, and

community outreach/consultation on age-related issues.

Partners: Canadian Pensioners Concerned, the academic community, governments, private

sector, senior and voluntary/professional organizations.

Project: In recognition of the key role that peer support provides in the informal care sector

within communities, this project enhanced the understanding of what factors contributed to the viability of Peer Support Programs. It identified a "best practice" program model and made recommendations to major funders,

particularly Health Canada, about how to ensure that peer support survives and

thrives in our communities.

Products/

Results: Final report including recommendations.

Title: Psychosocial approaches to mental health challenges of later life

Project #: 6785-15-2001/0390605

Organization: British Columbia Psychogeriatric **Start Date:** May 28, 2002

Association (BCPGA) End Date: March 31, 2004

1665 Grant Avenue, 2nd floor

Nanaimo, British Columbia V9S 5K7 **Budget:** 2002/2003 \$70,416

Tel.: (250) 755-3301 2003/2004 \$128,964 Website: www.bcpga.bc.ca *Total:* **\$199,380**

The British Columbia Psychogeriatric Association (BCPGA) is a provincial nonprofit multi-disciplinary organization interested in developing and sharing knowledge and expertise, with the goal of benefiting seniors with mental health

problems.

Partners: Canadian Mental Health Association, Canadian Geriatric Nurses Association as

well as representation in four regions of Canada, including a provincial seniors' organization, provincial psychogeriatric associations and provincial mental health

programs serving seniors.

Project: The project is identifying psycho-social strategies to promote, prevent or address

seniors' mental health problems. The project is also developing a mental health impact model to assess the effect of policies and programs on seniors' mental health, as well as developing useful community resources based on the findings of

this project.

Products/

Results: Available upon completion of the project.

Title: Seeking solutions: Canadian community action for seniors

and alcohol abuse

Project #: 6785-15-2000/0390343

Organization: Seniors Well Aware Program Start Date: August 22, 2000

3rd Floor, 411 Dunsmuir Street End Date: August 22, 2003

Vancouver, British Columbia V6B 1X4

Tel.: (604) 687-7927 **Budget:** 2000/2001 \$53,258 Website: www.swapbc.ca 2001/2002 \$72,481

2001/2002 \$72,481 2002/2003 \$104,894 2003/2004 \$46,527 *Total:* **\$277,160**

The Seniors Well Aware Program (SWAP) is a non-profit organization which has been helping seniors who have alcohol or other substance abuse problems in the Lower Mainland of British Columbia since 1981. The agency's mission is to promote the well-being of seniors who are facing challenges such as social isolation, substance misuse/abuse, and elder abuse.

Partners: Over 20 organizations representing specialists in addictions and aging, seniors and

care providers from across Canada.

Project: SWAP proposed this project to enhance the capacity of communities across

Canada to understand and address problem alcohol use in seniors. Through a review of existing resources, focus groups and stakeholder workshops, the project aims to identify best practices in informing, reaching and assisting seniors with alcohol challenges, as well as to develop effective community development

approaches that address the issue.

Products/

Results: Upon completion of the project, these best practices and successful strategies will

be captured in a series of worksheets addressing close to 40 topics.

Title: Senior Friendly Canada initiative / Amis des aînés

Project #: 6785-15-1998/0390020 (IYOP)

Organization: Alberta Council on Aging **Start Date:** September 30, 1998

#104, 10010 - 107A Avenue End Date: June 30, 2000

Edmonton, Alberta T5H 4H8

Tel.: 1-800-423-9666 or (780) 423-7781 **Budget:** 1999/2000 \$62,936 Website: www.seniorfriendly.ca 2000/2001 \$209,498

Total: \$272,434

The Alberta Council on Aging (ACA) is a voluntary organization of groups, individuals and agencies in Alberta, concerned with the process of aging. It seeks to increase understanding of the impact of aging on both individuals and society.

Partners: ACA received the assistance of a national network of partners and supporters from

various sectors, including national, provincial and local seniors organizations, consumer and educational organizations, private sector groups, business and

government representatives and agencies.

Project: ACA created and supported senior friendly communities, programs and services

across Canada. The project included the development of educational products and a national launch in Ottawa of the Senior Friendly initiative as part of celebrations

for International Year of Older Persons.

Products/ Results:

- Senior Friendly: Tool kit (also available in French).
- Friendly Seniority video (also available in French)
- Community guidebook (also available in French)
- Webpage: http://www.seniorfriendly.ca/seniorfriendly.htm

Title: Seniors - Volunteers in Standards Work

Project #: 6785-15-2000/0390328

Organization: Canadian Standards Association **Start Date:** October 1, 2000

5060 Spectrum Way End Date: October 1, 2003

Mississauga, Ontario L4W 5N6

Tel.: 1-800-463-6727 or (416) 747-4000 **Budget:** 2000/2001 \$11,900

Website: www.csa.ca 2001/2002 \$82,209

Total: \$94,109

CSA International (Canadian Standards Association) is an independent, not-for-profit membership association serving business, industry, government and consumers, and the global marketplace. CSA helps promote public health and safety by developing standards, certifying products, and registering management

systems.

Partners: International Organization for Standardization, Canada Safety Council, and the

Standards Council of Canada.

Project: To ensure that the concerns of older persons are incorporated into the

development and application of standards that affect seniors, the CSA developed a "model" of seniors' participation in standards development. The project involved a literature search and consultations with seniors groups, standards volunteers, and other relevant stakeholders to identify the barriers to participation by seniors and

developed recommendations for solutions.

Products/

Results: Available upon completion of the project.

Title: Urban Aboriginal health promotion

Project #: 5555-15-1997/0000057

Organization: National Association of Friendship Centres **Start Date:** November 17, 1997

275 Maclaren Street End Date: October 9, 1998

Ottawa, Ontario K2P 0L9

Tel.: (613) 563-4844 **Budget:** 1997/1998 \$95,000

Website: www.nafc-aboriginal.com

The National Association of Friendship Centres (NAFC) was incorporated in 1972. It represents 114 Friendship Centres and seven Provincial/Territorial Associations (PTAs) across Canada. Friendship Centres have taken different programs and services available to the general public and adapted them to respond

to the specific needs of the urban Aboriginal population.

Partners: Canadian Public Health Association and Friendship Centres

Project: The project developed health information kits for the use of the Friendship Centre

Movement. The kits served as a starting point for the development of programs and services for the urban Aboriginal population. They also provided information on the development of partnerships, increasing the participation within programs

and assisted in seeking resources for needed programs and services.

Products/

Results: • "Aboriginal Health Intervention Tool Kit (AHIT)".

Title: Use and misuse of drugs by ethnocultural seniors:

a cross-cultural education model

Project #: 6785-15-1998/0390166 (IYOP)

Organization: Canadian Ethnocultural Council **Start Date:** February 22, 1999

176 Gloucester Street, Suite 400 End Date: August 22, 2000 Ottawa, Ontario K2P 0A6

Tel.: (613) 230-3867 **Budget:** 1998/1999 \$5,550

Website: www.ethnocultural.ca 1999/2000 \$136,536

2000/2001 \$39,267 *Total:* **\$181,253**

The Canadian Ethnocultural Council (CEC) is a non-profit, non-partisan coalition of 33 national ethnocultural umbrella organizations. Its objectives are to ensure the preservation, enhancement and sharing of the cultural heritage of Canadians, the removal of barriers that prevent some Canadians from participating fully and equally in society, the elimination of racism, and the preservation of a united Canada.

Partners: The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, VON Canada, Canadian Nurses

Association, ACCESS Centres and key stakeholder groups in each of the

communities where training was held.

Project: The project determined the level of drug use and misuse among older adults in

ethnocultural communities. It also explored common concerns that might lead to

inappropriate medication use, identified culturally appropriate prevention

methods, and through a train-the-trainer approach increased the capacity of health

professionals to provide culturally appropriate drug prevention services.

Products/

Results: Training Kit: "Use and Misuse of Drugs by Seniors: A Cross-Cultural

Education Model".

Title: Volunteerism in the Canadian health sector / Bénévolat dans le

secteur canadien de la santé

Project #: 5555-15-1997/0000046

Organization: Volunteer Canada **Start Date:** December 3, 1997

330 Gilmour Street End Date: July 31, 1998

Ottawa, Ontario K2P 0P6

Tel.: 1-800-670-0401 or (613) 231-4371 **Budget:** 1997/1998 \$85,000

Website: www.volunteer.ca

Volunteer Canada is a national, charitable organization mandated to facilitate and support the work of volunteer centres and to promote volunteerism in Canada.

Partners: Canadian Administrators of Volunteer Resources, Canadian Association for

Community Care, Canadian Healthcare Association, and Canadian Association of

Healthcare Auxiliaries.

Project: By way of a literature review and a survey, this project provided a thorough

analysis of the issues and challenges faced by individuals and organizations

responsible for managing volunteers in health settings, as well as an understanding

of how volunteers are being used to support health care delivery in Canada.

Products/

Results: ■ Report: "Volunteerism in the Canadian Health Sector"

(also available in French).

Enhancing Personal Autonomy and Independence

Enabling seniors to maintain personal autonomy and influence over decisions that affect them, particularly during critical periods of transition (e.g., loss of a spouse, disabling conditions, institutionalization, etc.) contributes significantly to healthy aging. Safe and supportive living environments are essential to compensate for a decline in physical or mental capacity for healthy aging and for reducing the risk of injuries and harm. Furthermore, ageist attitudes and stereotypes can create barriers to social participation and personal fulfilment.

The challenge for action is to find the best ways to foster the personal, social and physical environments which enable seniors to remain integrated and fully participating members of society, by:

- Fostering well-being among **older seniors** (seniors aged 80+), in response to physical, psycho-social, economic and environmental vulnerabilities associated with the very senior years,
- Promoting the well-being of seniors with **cognitive impairment** and/or of informal caregivers of seniors with cognitive impairment,
- Enhancing and supporting the independence, participation and safety of seniors with **physical disabilities** in communities or institutions, with a focus on promoting the safe use of assistive devices and caregiver support,
- Developing and testing tools as well as strategies to identify and counter myths
 and stereotypes about aging and address age discrimination by promoting
 concepts and positive aging in society.

NB: Projects are listed in alphabetical order by project title (in language of origin).

Title: Aging/Caregiving video series

Project #: 5555-15-1997/0000034

Organization: Canadian ACCESSability Network Inc. **Start Date:** February 1, 1998

585 Grierson Street End Date: September 4, 1998

Oshawa, Ontario L1G 5J2

Tel.: (905) 668-6815 **Budget:** 1997/1998 \$100,000

The ACCESSability Network Inc. (CAN) is a not-for-profit organization striving to address the information and communication needs of older Canadians, their

families and caregivers.

Partners: CAN built on the strengths and experience of its board members and partners from

the broadcast, communications, academic and consumer communities.

Project: The project empowered aging Canadians and their families to maintain their

independence and quality of life by providing them practical, timely and accurate information dealing with the challenges they face. It fostered self-care by seniors, enhanced the quality of care provided by informal caregivers, and contributed to improving the health and well-being of both seniors and those shouldering the

burden of their care.

Products/ Results:

■ Series of 13 half-hour videos on issues such as housing, well-being, etc.

■ Resource Guide: "The Complete Aging and Caregiving Resource Guide".

Title: Aging together, aging in place / Vivre ensemble, vieillir ensemble

Project #: 5555-15-1997/0000036

Organization: Co-operative Housing Federation **Start Date:** December 3, 1997

of Canada End Date: November 11, 1998

225 Metcalfe Street, Suite 311 Ottawa, Onatrio K2P 1P9

Ottawa, Onatrio K2P 1P9 **Budget:** 1997/1998 \$116,800

Tel.: 1-800-465-2752 or (613) 230-2201

Website: www.chfc.ca

The Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada (CHF Canada) is a voluntary association of nearly 900 housing co-operatives and other stakeholder organizations. CHF Canada exists to unite, represent and serve housing co-ops across Canada, and the member organizations that support their development and

continuing existence.

Partners: Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation, other housing organizations as well

as seniors organizations.

Project: The Aging Together, Aging in Place conference built on the learnings and

resources developed from a previous project "Co-op Housing and Seniors at Risk – Breaking the Barriers" by providing professional development and educational opportunities for cooperative staff educators and older adult members. The conference provided a venue for discussion on the issues of aging in place, and the need to properly house and care for the growing numbers of older cooperative

housing members.

Products/ Results

■ Workshop report and video entitled: "Aging Together – Aging in Place" (also available in French).

Title: Analyse de besoins, élaboration et mise en oeuvre d'un modèle pour

la mise sur pied de projets intergénérationnels au Canada / Analysis

of needs and development and implementation of a model for

establishment of intergenerational projects in Canada.

Project #: 6785-15-2000/0390361

Organization: Groupe de recherche sur les pratiques **Start Date:** November 11, 2001

sociales et religieuses End Date: October 31, 2003

Faculty of Theology Université de Montréal

P. O. Box 6128, Centre-ville Station **Budget:** 2000/2001 \$32,254

Montreal, Quebec H3C 3J7 2001/2002 \$77,729 Tel.: (514) 343-7506 2002/2003 \$90,206 Website: www.cerum.umontreal.ca 2003/2004 \$94,583

Total: \$294,772

Le Groupe de recherche sur les pratiques sociales et religieuses (GRPSR) is affiliated with the faculty of theology at the Université de Montréal. Its general objectives are: to facilitate, conduct or supervise interdisciplinary research in the field; develop and test analytical, interpretive and intervention frameworks; ensure continuity and interaction among various research projects; provide the social and ecclesiastical communities with a place of research on their practices.

Partners: Assemblée des aînées et ainés francophones du Canada [Assembly of francophone

seniors of Canada], Canadian Federation of Students, Canadian Labour Congress, professors at the Université de Moncton and Ryerson, and British Columbia

Council for Families.

Project: Conducting an analysis of needs with respect to intergenerational relations, in

collaboration with partners and participants from each of the laboratory regions: Vancouver, Toronto, Montréal and Moncton. The project's final product will be a

tool kit including the following elements: 1) the results of the analysis of

intergenerational needs in the four targeted communities and the resulting avenues for reflection for all regions of Canada; 2) the existing projects, those for which the testing has been done and those planned with respect to the targeted cohorts; and 3) the criteria for and steps in the implementation. This final product will be accompanied by a complementary facilitation videocassette. The target public is made up of 1) the cohorts of young adults and persons aged 50-65/65 and older; and 2) the suitable organizations, associations and institutions for implementation

of the projects.

Products/

Results: Available upon completion of the project.

Bringing incontinence out of the closet / Finis les tabous sur Title:

l'incontinence

Project #: 5555-15-1997/0000021

Organization: The Canadian Continence Foundation

P.O. Box 30, Victoria Branch Westmount, Quebec H3Z 2V4

Tel.: (514) 488-8379

Website: www continence-fdn ca

1997/1998 \$119,500 **Budget:**

Start Date: October 28, 1997

End Date: August 31, 1998

1998/1999 \$10,000 Total: \$129,500

The Canadian Continence Foundation (CCF) is the only not-for-profit

organization in Canada exclusively dedicated to meeting the needs of individuals

with incontinence, and their families.

Partners: Canadian Association for Community Care, One Voice – The Seniors Network,

Health Station (a Toronto community health center), VON Canada,

Pharmascience Inc., Procter & Gamble Inc. and Wal-Mart.

The project identified ways to efficiently and effectively increase public **Project:**

awareness and knowledge about incontinence, and facilitated seeking and accessing help for sufferer and their informal caregivers. As part of the project, CCF did an environmental scan to consolidate previous knowledge on needs for Canadians experiencing incontinence and on worldwide initiatives to-date to increase public awareness about incontinence, as well as a partnership workshop

to identify ways to increase awareness, knowledge and access to services.

Products/ **Results:**

Summary of Workshop Proceedings: "Bringing Incontinence Out of the Closet" (also available in French).

- Brochure and poster: "Is urine leakage keeping you from Sex? Laughing? Golf? Socializing?" (also available in French).
- Adaptation of video on incontinence after prostate surgery produced by The Canadian Prostate Cancer Network: "How will it affect my waterworks?"
- A national incontinence product directory.

Title: Community care for seniors: helping family caregivers

of seniors overcome barriers to using respite services / Soins de santé communautaires pour les aînés : aider les aidants familiaux d'aînés à

surmonter les barrières à l'utilisation de soins de relève

Project #: 6785-15-2000/0390330

Organization: Canadian Association for Community Care Start Date: September 1, 2000

1 Nicholas Street, Suite 702 End Date: August 31, 2002

Ottawa, Ontario K1N 7B7

Tel.: (613) 241-7510 **Budget:** 2000/2001 \$72,165

Website: www.cacc-acssc.ca 2001/2002\$121,496 2002/2003 \$74,897

Total: \$268,558

The Canadian Association for Community Care (CACC) is a national, non-profit, bilingual association, formed in 1995 by the merger of Home Support Canada and the Canadian Long-Term Care Association. CACC's mission is to promote the development of a range of high-quality, flexible, responsive and accessible community care services within a seamless continuum of care.

Partners: VON Canada, Canadian Pensioners Concerned, Queen's University and other

national and provincial partners.

Project: The project helped family caregivers of seniors overcome barriers to using respite

services. To this end cross country focus groups and a national survey were conducted with family caregivers to determine the barriers they have experienced in accessing respite services, and to solicit their views on improving use and access to these services. Best practice models were identified and information sessions were held with provincial and territorial government stakeholders to share findings with a view to increasing the knowledge base for future program

and policy development.

Products/ Results:

Report and CD: "Give me a break! Helping family caregivers of seniors overcome barriers to respite" (including recommendations to Health Canada)

(also available in French).

Developing plain language forms for seniors Title:

Project #: 5555-15-1997/0000004

Organization: The Canadian Public Health Association Start Date: January 2, 1998

End Date: October 30, 1998 National Literacy and Health Program

1565 Carling Avenue, Suite 400

Ottawa, Ontario **Budget:** K1Z 8R1 1997/1998 \$40,693 Tel.: (613) 725-3769 1998/1999 \$39,307 Website: www.cpha.ca Total: \$80,000

The Canadian Public Health Association's (CPHA) National Literacy and Health Program (NLHP) works in partnership with twenty-five national health associations to promote awareness among health professionals about literacy and health. Incorporated in 1912, CPHA represents over 25 health disciplines and the general public. NLHP has established significant links with national and provincial literacy coalitions and contacts which administer literacy programs for

seniors.

Partners: One Voice – The Canadian Network, the Canadian Coalition on Medication Use

and Seniors, the Canadian Association of Retired Persons, the Lambton Seniors

Association and the Seniors Education Centre in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Project: The project improved seniors' access to necessary income and health services and

> raised awareness among the private, public and industry sectors about the barriers faced by seniors. The guide also helped health providers to take very practical steps forward in improving health services for seniors by using senior-specific, clear verbal communication and plain language health information in clinical

practice.

Products/ **Results:**

■ Guide: "Creating plain language forms for seniors: a guide for the public,

private and not-for-profit sectors".

Everyday technology and older adults: Friends or foes? Title:

Project #: 6785-15-1998/0390168 (IYOP)

Organization: Nova Scotia Centre on Aging **Start Date:** February 4, 1999

Mount Saint Vincent University End Date: May 23, 2002

166 Bedford Highway

Halifax, Nova Scotia B3M 2J6 **Budget :** 1999/2000 \$122,755 Tel.: (902) 457-6546 2000/2001 \$86,855 Website: www.msvu.ca/campus-information/caging 2001/2002 \$68,250

Total: \$277,860

The Nova Scotia Centre on Aging (NSCA) is one of 12 Canadian university-based centres on aging. It is affiliated with Mt. St. Vincent University's Department of Gerontology. The Centre strives to set standards of excellence in its mandated areas of research, continuing education and community outreach.

Partners: Adult Education Program at Mount Saint Vincent University, Canadian

Pensioners Concerned, Federal Superannuates National Association, Federation of Seniors and Pensioners, Gerontology Association of Nova Scotia, Nova Scotia Centre on Aging, Seniors' Citizens Secretariat, Seniors' Education Centre and the

Third Age Centre at St. Thomas University.

Project: Focusing on banking, telecommunications and accessing health information via

technology, the project broadened the knowledge about the experiences and impact of technology in the day-to-day lives of older adults and developed

collaborative strategies.

Products/

Results: Fact sheet and facilitator's manual: "Everyday technology and older adults:

friends or foe?"

Title: Forum pancanadien pour recomposer les rapports de génération

dans une perspective de santé pour tous les âges / Pan-Canadian

Forum to reestablish generational relations from a health

perspective for all ages

Project #: 6785-15-1998/0390062 (IYOP)

Organization: Groupe de recherche sur les pratiques **Start Date:** September 30, 1998

sociales et religieuses (GRPSR) End Date: October 31, 2000

Faculty of Theology Université de Montréal

P.O. Box 6128, Centre-ville Station **Budget:** 1998/1999 \$35,300

Montreal, QC H3C 3J7 1999/2000 \$147,100 Tel.: (514) 343-7506 2000/2001 \$22,142 Website: www.cerum.umontreal.ca Total: \$204,542

The GRPSR is affiliated with the faculty of theology at the Université de Montréal. Its general objectives are: to facilitate, conduct or supervise interdisciplinary research in the field; develop and test analytical, interpretive and intervention frameworks; ensure continuity and interaction among various research projects; and provide the social and ecclesiastical communities with a

place of research on their practices.

Partners: Le pont entre les générations (working group), a professor of sociology at the

University of Winnipeg and the Quebec health network.

Project: The social and religious practices research group (GRPSR) organized a pan-

Canadian forum that contributed to reestablishment of generational relations from

a perspective of health for all ages. It designed and constructed a bank of

Canadian data on everything being done in the area of intergenerational relations

with respect to health (articles, books, audiovisual materials, references to

organizations and so on).

Products/ Results:

■ National Forum on Generational Issues (forum program)

■ Databank (was available on website www.theo/umontreal.ca/forum)

Title: Golden gardens / Jardins des années d'or

Project #: 6785-15-1999/0390279 (IYOP)

Organization: Canadian Wildlife Federation **Start Date:** May 4, 1999

350 Michael Cowpland Drive End Date: July 24, 2000

Kanata, ON K2M 2W1

Tel.:1-800-563-WILD or (613) 599-9594 **Budget:** 1999/2000 \$80,000

Website: www.cwf-fcf.org

The Canadian Wildlife Federation (CWF) has been advocating the protection of Canada's wild species and spaces since 1962. Representing over half a million members and supporters, the federation is Canada's largest non-profit, non-governmental conservation organization. The CWF is dedicated to fostering

awareness and enjoyment of Canada's natural world.

Partners: The Governor General helped the program receive greater recognition by having

three model gardens planted on the grounds of Rideau Hall, and hosted an event at

Rideau Hall in June 1999.

Project: To celebrate the International Year of Older Persons, the CWF introduced

"Golden Gardens", a communal gardening program designed especially for seniors. This first-of-its-kind program promotes active living by seniors, by targeting one of their preferred outdoor physical activities – gardening. The program provided project guidelines and seed money to create a habitat for wildlife (e.g. butterfly gardens), as opposed to simply beautifying an area or creating vegetable gardens. At the request of seniors, the program also promoted intergenerational cooperation, enabling seniors to work with youth in the context

of the program.

Products/

Results: Gardens across Canada and a final report including a summary of the project.

Title: Keeping the hands in motion / Maintenir les mains en mouvement

Project #: 6785-15-1998/390008 (IYOP)

Organization: Canadian Association of the Deaf **Start Date:** July 26, 1999

203 - 251 Bank Street End Date: July 26, 2000

Ottawa, Ontario K2P 1X3

Tel.: (613) 565-2882 or 565-8882 (TTY) **Budget:** 1999/2000 \$73,276

Website: www.cad.ca 2000/2001 \$80,424

Total: \$153,700

The Canadian Association of the Deaf (CAD) is a national research, information and community action organization whose mandate is to promote and protect the rights, needs, and responsibilities of Canada's deaf and whose preferred mode of

communication is sign language.

Partners: Deaf In Touch, Cyan Corp. and Cantel.

Project: The projet focused on the special needs and abilities of deaf seniors. It explored

the need for technical aids specifically designed for the communication abilities of

older deaf people. It also studied issues and proposed recommendations to

provide guidance in dealing with transition situations that impact upon the quality of their lives. Resources resulting from the project were disseminated to service agencies for the deaf, care facilities designed for deaf seniors, and institutions

providing care to a broad seniors clientele.

Products/ Results:

Report: "Keeping the Hands in Motion" (also available in French).

■ Video in sign language summarizing the report.

Title: Plain language and clear verbal communication for seniors guide /

Guide de langage simple et clair

Project #: 5555-15-1997/0000001

Organization: Canadian Public Health Association Start Date: October 24, 1997

National Literacy and Health Program End Date: November 16, 1998

1565 Carling, Suite 400

Ottawa, Ontario K1Z 8R1 **Budget:** 1997/1998 \$31,178

Tel.: (613) 725-3769 Website: www.cpha.ca

The Canadian Public Health Association's (CPHA) National Literacy and Health Program (NLHP) works in partnership with twenty-five national health associations to promote awareness among health professionals about literacy and health. Incorporated in 1912, CPHA represents over 25 health disciplines and the general public. NLHP has established significant links with national and provincial literacy coalitions which administer literacy programs for seniors.

Partners: Canadian Medical Association, Prescription Manufacturers of Canada, Canadian

Pharmaceutical Association, Non-Prescription Drugs Manufacturers of Canada, as

well as links with national and provincial literacy coalitions.

Project: The project developed a plain language and clear verbal communication guide as

an adjunct and companion to a training package previously developed for health providers to seniors. The project also produced a resource needed to help improve

communications with health providers and seniors, which is also of potential

benefit for the most vulnerable of seniors.

Products/ Results:

■ Guide entitled: "Working with low-literacy seniors – practical strategies for health providers" (also available in French).

Title: Promoting a collaborative consumer-focused approach

to continence care in Canada / Promouvoir une approche concertée des soins pour incontinents au Canada, axée sur le consommateur

Project #: 6785-15-1998/0390169 (IYOP)

Organization: The Canadian Continence Foundation

P.O. Box 30, Victoria Branch End Date: May 21, 2001 Westmount, Quebec H3Z 2V4

Tel.: (514) 488-8379

Website: www.continence-fdn.ca

Budget: 1998/1999 \$11,000

Start Date: January 21, 1999

1999/2000 \$115,578 2000/2001 \$110,290 2001/2002 \$73,505

Total: \$310,373

The Canadian Continence Foundation is the only not-for-profit organization in Canada exclusively dedicated to meeting the needs of individuals with

incontinence, and their families.

Partners: Canadian Pharmacists Association, Canadian Nurses Association, One Voice, and

the Canadian Healthcare Association.

Project: The project increased overall commitment among stakeholders to a collaborative

consumer-focused approach to continence care. It also explored potential multidisciplinary continence care models to allow individuals suffering from incontinence to access the information, support and care they needed to live independently in the community. The project produced, disseminated and promoted national continence care guidelines, both for consumers and for

professionals.

Products/ Results:

- Consumer guide: "Talking Together About Bladder Control" frequently asked questions about urinary incontinence (available in French)
- Working models of continence care (also available in French)
- "Clinical practice guidelines for adults" (also available in French)
- Report on the Survey of Reactor Panels (also available in French)
- "Report on Continence Services Worldwide: An Environmental Scan"

Title: Reducing barriers in accessing continence care / Réduction du

nombre d'obstacles à franchir pour accéder aux soins liés à la

continence

Project #: 5555-15-1997/0000016

Organization: Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada **Start Date:** November 6, 1997

110 Argyle Avenue End Date: May 7, 1998

Ottawa, Ontario K2P 1B4

Tel.: (613) 233-5694 **Budget:** 1997/1998 \$113,916

Website: www.von.ca

The Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada (VON Canada) is a national health organization with a network of 72 branch offices across Canada. Local branches

offer a range of community health care programs and services.

Partners: This project was a collaborative effort between VON Canada, McMaster

University, and the Collaborative Continence Program. Other partners included the Salvation Army-race Hospital (Toronto), Grace Hospital (Ottawa), Canadian

Continence Network and the Canadian Continence Foundation.

Project: The project facilitated the involvement of clients in decisions and actions about

their own health. It was directed primarily at elderly individuals experiencing

incontinence, and at their care providers.

Products/

Results: Handbook: "Promoting Continence Care in Canada" (also available in

French).

■ Website: www.continence.von.ca

Title: Seniors in housing co-ops / Les aînés et l'habitation coopérative

Project #: 6785-15-1998/0390002 (IYOP)

Organization: Co-operative Housing Federation **Start Date:** March 25, 1999

of Canada End Date: December 31, 2000

225 Metcalfe Street, Suite 311

Ottawa, Ontario K2P 1P9 **Budget:** 1999/2000 \$46,000 Tel.: 1-800-465-2752 or (613) 230-2201 2000/2001 \$34,500 Website: www.chfc.ca *Total:* **\$80,500**

The Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada (CHF Canada) is a voluntary

association of nearly 900 housing co-operatives and other stakeholder

organizations. CHF Canada exists to unite, represent and serve housing co-ops

across Canada, as well as the member organizations that support their

development and continued existence.

Partners: Co-op housing federations across Canada and the Alzheimer Society of Canada.

Project: CHF Canada has found that "seniors-only" housing co-ops face different issues

than other co-ops. They therefore proposed a project that would address the individual and collective ability of older seniors to manage their housing co-ops, and the need for guidelines and model policies for co-op board and staff decision

makers on issues related to dementia.

Products/

Results: Final report including recommendations.

Title: Traditional teachings supporting independent living

for Aboriginal people in later life

Project #: 5555-15-1997/0000028

Organization: Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada **Start Date:** November 17, 1997

56 Sparks Street, Suite 502 End Date: March 31, 1998

Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5A9

Tel.: (613) 724-4677 **Budget:** 1997/1998 \$109,300

Website: www.anac.on.ca

The Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada (ANAC) is a 22 year old non-profit, membership based organization, representing Aboriginal nurses across

Canada.

Partners: Centre for Research on Diversity Training at Carleton University.

Project: The project used a combination of traditional teachings and leading-edge

technology to facilitate the transfer of traditional knowledge to Aboriginal youth. It enhanced life skills for youth and encouraged youth support and interaction with

people in later life. The prototype is used as an educational resource for

community caregivers and educators and is designed for use in the classroom and

in health and social services facilities.

Products/

Results: ■ CD-ROM Teaching Tool – "Caring Together"

Addressing concerns surrounding the end of life

End-of-life care and ethical and legal concerns are becoming increasingly urgent as the population ages. Continuing advances in medical technology, evolving health care needs and increased ethical and legal challenges around individual treatment will generate greater public attention.

The challenge for action will be to develop appropriate models for care strategies, and ethicallegal responses with and for Canadian seniors, by:

• Enhancing our understanding of, and sharing information on a range of **end of life/palliative care** delivery models, practices and approaches that respond to the needs of seniors who are facing probable death associated with varied illness conditions.

NB: Projects are listed in alphabetical order by project title (in language of origin).

Title: Abuse prevention in long-term care: Train-the-trainers / Projet de

prévention des mauvais traitements dans les soins de longue durée :

Formation des formateurs

Project #: 5555-15-1997/0000008

Organization: Sisters of Charity of Ottawa **Start Date:** December 3, 1997

Health Services End Date: August 31, 1998

43 Bruyère Street

Ottawa, Ontario K1N 5C8 **Budget:** 1997/1998 \$102,006

Tel.: (613) 562-0050 1998/1999 \$36,425 Website: www.scohs.on.ca *Total:* \$138,431

The Sisters of Charity of Ottawa Health Services (SCOHS), a long-term care (LTC) facility, offers a variety of primary and specialized care. Residents live in a range of care levels, including residential, nursing, rehabilitation and palliative

and chronic care.

Partners: Representatives from five LTC facilities across Canada (British Columbia,

Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and Newfoundland).

Project: The project trained 665 people across Canada on preventing and stopping

abuse/neglect against residents with the use of an educational package, which included a video. It also provided LTC facilities with standardized policy and procedural guidelines for preventing and responding to resident abuse and neglect.

Products/ Results:

■ Final report including 'Policy and Procedure Guidelines for Responding to and Preventing Resident Abuse and Neglect in Long-Term Care'.

Educational Kit: "Abuse Prevention in Long-Term Care" (also available in French).

Title: Community-based palliative care for Canadian seniors / Soins

palliatifs communautaires pour les aînés Canadiens

Project #: 5555-15-1997/00000044

Organization: Canadian Hospice Palliative Start Date: November 27, 1999

Care Association End Date: June 30, 1998

Suite 131C, 43 Bruyère Street

Ottawa, Ontario K1N 5C8 **Budget:** 1997/1998 \$61,700

Tel: 1-800-668-2785 or (613) 241-3663

Website: www.chpca.net

The Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association (CHPCA) and the Canadian Association for Community Care (CACC) are joint sponsors of this project. CHPCA is a national association that promotes the philosophy and principles of palliative care in Canada through support of education, networking, advocacy and

research.

Partners: Canadian Healthcare Association, Canadian Home Care Association and VON

Canada.

Project: The project pilot-tested and evaluated a resource manual for training support

workers in palliative care (the National Palliative Care Training Program) with a view to enhance the care given by support workers to individuals receiving palliative care and to their families. The training program was conducted in three different pilot sites, in a long-term care facility in Calgary, a palliative care centre

in Montreal and a home care program in Winnipeg.

Products/ Results:

■ Video: "Facing the Fears, Making the Journey" (also available in French).

■ "Palliative Care: A Fact Sheet for Seniors" (also available in French).

Title: Community-based palliative care for Canadian seniors - phase II /

Soins palliatifs communautaires pour les aînés Canadiens – Phase II

Project #: 6785-15-1998/0390054 (IYOP)

Organization: Canadian Hospice Palliative **Start Date:** January 28, 1999

Care Association End Date: January 28, 2002

Suite 131C, 43 Bruyère Street

Ottawa, Ontario K1N 5C8 **Budget:** 1999/2000 \$109,000

Tel: 1-800-668-2785 or (613) 241-3663 2000/2001 \$151,245 Website: www.chpca.net 2001/2002 \$250,790

Total: \$511,035

The Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association (CHPCA) and the Canadian Association for Community Care (CACC) co-managed the project. CHPCA is a national association that promotes the philosophy and principles of palliative care in Canada through support of education, networking, advocacy and research.

Partners: Canadian Home Care Association, Canadian Healthcare Association, Canadian

Pensioners Concerned, One Voice – The Canadian Seniors Network and other

seniors organizations.

Project: The project improved the care and well-being of seniors requiring palliative care

and of their families. It was done by training individuals and communities to provide palliative care and creating supportive environments for caregivers of seniors and others in the final stage of life. As a result of this training, a network of 100 trained Area Palliative Care Instructors from across Canada was developed, who have subsequently provided training and support to an estimated 6,000 front-line support workers and volunteers involved in palliative care in their region.

Products/ Results:

- Guide: "Living Lessons About Quality of Life for the Last Stages of Life A Guide for Caregivers" (also available in French).
- "A Model to Guide Hospice Palliative Care: Based on National Principles and Norms of Practice" (also available in French and on CD).

Title: End-of-life care for elders: a comprehensive guide

Project #: 5555-15-1997/0000049

Organization: Interdepartmental Division of Geriatrics **Start Date:** November 6, 1997

Sunnybrook Health Science Centre End Date: June 30, 1998

University of Toronto

2075 Bayview Avenue, M478 **Budget:** 1997/1998 \$30,900 Toronto, Ontario M4N 3M5 1998/1999 \$57,445 Tel.: (416) 480-6100 *Total:* \$88,345

Website: www.sunnybrookandwomens.on.ca

The Interdepartmental Division of Geriatrics (IDDG) is a focal point for academic activities related to aging and health in the Faculty of Medicine, University of

Toronto.

Partners: Faculty of Health Sciences (University of Ottawa).

Project: The project created an outline for the development of a manual of national

guidelines to support end-of-life care of seniors, which reflected a national consensus on best practices in the area. The project conducted national

consultations with all health and social professions who provide end of life care, as well as with seniors and informal caregivers. It also determined the conceptual

framework, and the key theoretical and practice-oriented concepts.

Products/ Results:

■ Summary report including best practices (serving as foundation for a guide – see phase II of the project on p. 72).

Title: End-of-life care for elderly persons: a comprehensive guide –

phase II

Project #: 6785-15-1998/0390028

Organization: University of Toronto **Start Date:** January 28, 1999

Faculty of Medicine End Date: March 31, 2001

Sunnybrook Health Science Centre

 2075 Bayview Avenue
 Budget:
 1998/1999
 \$700

 Toronto, Ontario
 M4N 3M5
 1999/2000
 \$283,897

 Tel.: (416) 480-6100
 2000/2001
 \$54,000

 Website: www.sunnybrookandwomens.on.ca
 Total:
 \$338,597

The Interdepartmental Division of Geriatrics (IDDG) is a focal point for academic activities related to aging and health in the Faculty of Medicine,

University of Toronto.

Partners: Faculty of Health Sciences (University of Ottawa).

Project: The project developed a manual of national guidelines to support the end-of-life

care of seniors. These guidelines illustrate effective models of service delivery which reflect a national consensus on best practices in this area, and which can

be understood easily and integrated into everyday practice.

Products/

Results: Report: "End-of-Life Care for Elderly Persons: A Comprehensive Guide".

Title: In-home service demonstration project

Project #: 5555-15-1997/0000115

Organization: The Third Age Centre **Start Date:** November 28, 1997

St. Thomas University End Date: March 25, 1999

Fredericton, New Brunswick E3B 5G3

Tel.: (902) 452-0526 **Budget:** 1997/1998 \$47,800

Website: www.stthomasu.ca

St. Thomas University has pioneered the development and delivery of programs in aging. The Third Age Centre and the Chair in Gerontology together engage in research activities and provide community-based programming to seniors, volunteers, caregivers, and professionals employed in aging-related fields.

Partners: New Brunswick Ministry of Health, Atlantic Health Sciences Corporation, New

Brunswick Federation of Seniors, New Brunswick Telephone, Statistics Canada,

Canadian Institute for Health Information, National Population Health

Clearinghouse, and the Gerontology Centre (Lund, Sweden).

Project: The St. Thomas University Gerontology Centre established a national

demonstration project to look at ways to provide in-home services to seniors in the 80+ age range. This project focused on establishing a small team to carry out

start up tasks, partnership development and further planning for the

demonstration – confirming Fredericton as the Canadian site for the Lund

Longitudinal Research Study.

Products/

Results: Final report including a summary of the project.

Title: Plenary panel on healthy aging and Symposium on end-of-life care:

Canadian initiatives / Séance plénière sur le vieillissement en santé et symposium sur les soins en fin de vie : Initiatives canadiennes

Project #: 6785-15-2000/0390444

Organization: Canadian Organizing Committee **Start Date:** October 20, 2000

for the World Congress of Gerontology End Date: October 20, 2001

Gerontology Research Centre

Simon Fraser University - Harbour Centre **Budget:** 2000/2001 \$50,825 2800 - 515 West Hastings Street 2001/2002 \$35,436 Vancouver, British Columbia V6B 5K3 Total: **\$86,261**

Tel.: (604) 291-5062

Website: www.harbour.sfu.ca/gero/

The International Association of Gerontology's (IAG) World Congress is held every four years and is a major vehicle through which the IAG pursues its objectives.

Project:

The congress allowed the Canadian Organizing Committee to share the knowledge and experiences from many countries to the benefit of Canada, to highlight innovative Canadian developments in the field of aging, and to create networks to maintain fruitful exchanges in key policy areas, both nationally and internationally.

The final report summarized the presentations, highlighted key themes in the discussions with the international audiences and concluded with "lessons learned" for Canadian policy and programs or for future activities of this nature at international meetings.

Products/ Results:

■ Final report including a summary of the project.

Appendix I

Alphabetical Listing of Funded Organizations for National PHF Later Life Projects, 1997-2004

Organization	Page
Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada	66
Active Living Coalition for Older Adults	27
Addiction Research Foundation	26
Alberta Council on Aging	45
Alberta Tourism Education Council	40
Assemblée des aînées et aînés francophones du Canada	17
British Columbia Psychogeriatric Association	43
Canadian Academy of Geriatrics	52 52
Canadian ACCESSability Network Inc.	52
Canadian Association for Community Care	13, 28, 56
Canadian Association of the Deaf	61
Canadian Association on Gerontology	35
Canadian Continence Foundation	55, 63
Canadian Ethnocultural Council	10, 38, 48
Canadian Home Care Association	32
Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association	69, 70
Canadian Lung Association	8
Canadian Mental Health Association	22, 23
Canadian Nurses Association	29
Canadian Pharmacists Association	11, 20
Canadian Public Health Association	57, 62
Canadian Standards Association	36, 46
Canadian Wildlife Federation	60
Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada	53, 65
Dietitians of Canada	18, 33
Don Mills Foundation for Senior Citizens	39
Groupe de recherche sur les pratiques sociales et religieuses (Université de Montréal)	
International Federation on Ageing	15
Métis National Council	41
Minority Advocacy and Rights Council	14
National Association of Friendship Centres	47
National Indian & Inuit Community Health Organization Representatives	24, 37
National Institute of Nutrition	12
Native Women's Association of Canada	6
Nechi Training, Research and Health Promotion Institute	10.56
Nova Scotia Centre on Aging (Mount Saint Vincent University)	42, 58
Ontario March of Dimes	19
Seniors Well Aware Program	44
Simon Fraser University (Gerontology Research Centre)	74

Sisters of Charity of Ottawa Health Services	68
The Third Age Centre (St. Thomas University)	73
University of Ottawa (Epidemiology & Community Medicine)	34
University of Toronto (Department of Public Health Sciences)	16
University of Toronto (Sunnybrook Health Science Centre)	71, 72
University of Victoria (Prevention and Health Promotion Division)	25
Victorian Order of Nurses Canada	21, 64
Volunteer Canada	49

Appendix II

Listing of National Projects Funded in Support of the 1999 International Year of Older Persons (IYOP)

Canadians of all ages had an opportunity to participate in the United Nations' International Year of Older Persons 1999 (IYOP). Under the theme "Canada, A Society for all Ages", there were five objectives for IYOP: enhancing support across generations; increasing the recognition of seniors' contributions; helping Canadians understand how today's decisions will affect their future; encouraging society to be responsive to our aging population; and, creating the potential for aging-related products and services.

The **challenge** was to promote the development of activities that contributed to IYOP objectives, to foster participation by all segments of Canadian society, to mobilize communities into action, and to ensure that IYOP activities had long-term impact beyond 1999.

A total of 17 projects, valuing approximately \$2.5 million, were funded under the IYOP. The projects are listed here in order of year and project number:

Project Number	Organization	Project Title	Page
6785-15-1998/0390002	Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada	Seniors in Housing Co-ops	65
6785-15-1998/0390003	University of Toronto, Centre for Health Promotion	Improving the Quality of Life of Canadian Urban Seniors: A Community-Based Participatory Project	16
6785-15-1998/0390008	Canadian Association of the Deaf	Keeping the Hands in Motion	61
6785-15-1998/0390020	Alberta Council on Aging	Senior Friendly Canada Initiative/Amis des aînés	45
6785-15-1998/0390030	National Indian & Inuit Community Health Organization Representatives (NIICHRO)	Spirit in Motion - Active Living and Aboriginal Older Adults	24
5555-15-1998/0000054	Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association	Community Based Palliative Care for Canadian Seniors - Phase II	70
6785-15-1998/0390053	Canadian Nurses Association	A Week in Celebration of the Health of Older Adults	29

Project Number	Organization	Project Title	Page
6785-15-1998/0390055	Canadian Home Care Association	Best Practice Models of Self- Managed Care: Their Application for Seniors	32
6785-15-1998/0390062	Groupe de recherche sur les pratiques sociales et religieuses (GRPSR)	Forum pancanadien pour recomposer les rapports de génération dans une perspective de santé pour tous les âges	59
6785-15-1998/0390135	L'assemblée des aînées et aînés francophones du Canada	Jeunesse d'aujourd'hui - Vieillesse de demain (Today's Youth - Tomorrow's Seniors)	17
6785-15-1998/0390164	Métis National Council	2 nd National Aboriginal Symposium	41
6785-15-1998/0390166	Canadian Ethnocultural Council	Use and Misuse of Drugs by Ethnocultural Seniors: A Cross- Cultural Education Model	48
6785-15-1998/0390168	Nova Scotia Centre on Aging	Everyday Technology and Older Adults: Friends or Foes?	58
6785-15-1998/0390169	The Canadian Continence Foundation	Promoting a Collaborative Consumer - Focused Approach to Continence Care in Canada	63
6785-15-1998/0390212	Dietitians of Canada	1999 National Nutrition Month	18
6785-15-1999-0390233	Alberta Tourism Education Council	Mature Consumer	40
6785-15-1999/0390279	Canadian Wildlife Federation	Golden Gardens/Jardins des années d'or	60

Distribution of funds by funding priority

Appendix III

Health Canada, Population Health Fund – Table National Later Life Projects, by Funding Priority (in dollars), 1997-2004

Later Life Priorities	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04*	Total of Projects	Total
Healthy Aging	\$601,666	\$141,175	\$584,894	\$384,902	\$329,002	\$718,576	\$913,343	25	\$3,673,558
Strengthening Community Capacity	\$527,263	\$61,049	\$424,509	\$432,928	\$323,312	\$366,125	\$291,699	17	\$2,426,885
Enhancing Personal Autonomy and Independence	\$607,001	\$46,300	\$584,709	\$438,630	\$340,980	\$185,225	\$74,461	15	\$2,277,306
End of Life Care	\$140,400	\$58,145	\$392,897	\$255,530	\$286,226	\$80,000	\$120,000	7	\$1,333,198
Total	\$1,876,330	\$306,669	\$1,987,009	\$1,511,990	\$1,279,520	\$1,349,926	\$1,399,503	64	\$9,710,947

Note: These figures include the 17 national projects funded under the International Year of the Older Persons (IYOP)

^{*} Forecast amount for 2003/04

Appendix IV

Health Canada, Population Health Fund – Chart National Later Life Projects, by Funding Priority (in percentage), 1997-2004

