



Tantramar  
Family  
Resource  
Centre

# 2008 Annual General Meeting

Tantramar Veterans Memorial Civic Centre  
September 30, 2008  
7pm





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## **Agenda 2008 Annual General Meeting**

- 7:00 pm Refreshments and Mingling
- 7:30 pm Welcome by Tanya Hess, 07-08 TFRC President
- 7:35 pm Keynote Address by Nicole Gervais, Social Development NB
- 7:55 pm Presentation by Karen Leblanc, Maggie's Place
- 8:05 pm Cheque Presentation by Mike Olscamp, Conservative MLA
- 8:10 pm Official Launch of [TantramarFamily.ca](http://TantramarFamily.ca) by Tantramar Interactive
- 8:15 pm Short Business Meeting
1. Voting in 2008-2009 Board of Directors
  2. Voting on Financial Report
- 8:25 pm Closing Remarks by Indu Varma, nominated for 08-09 TFRC President
- 8:30 pm Adjournment





# Tantramar Family Resource Centre

## **Our Vision**

The Tantramar Family Resource Centre will work towards developing Sackville as a safe, secure and healthy community where all citizens have access to social services, where their most basic needs are always met, and where reasonable quality of life is assured.

## **Our Mission**

The TFRC Board works to establish a physical, sustainable Resource Centre with a professional qualified staff to offer programming which responds to the needs of citizens, families and communities in the Tantramar region.

## **Our Principles**

- Equal Access
- Family Involvement
- Universality while serving the vulnerable
- Inclusion
- Enhance education, literacy, social development
- Support nutrition, wellness and healthy living
- Practical & creative responses to Tantramar community needs
- Evolve community-based programs enabled through partnerships, & networking





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## Family's Day Out - A Year of Family Activities in Tantramar!

The Tantramar Family Resource Centre (TFRC) was awarded a \$10,000 Spring 2008 Community Building Grant from the United Way of Greater Moncton and South East New Brunswick Inc. With this funding the TFRC will be organizing and hosting a community outreach program called "Family's Day Out". It will involve a one-day family-based activity delivered each month from September 2008 to June 2009. Events will take place in various locations throughout Tantramar, and activities will focus on the TFRC's priority areas including literacy, healthy living, early child development and youth outreach. Ila Goodwin has been hired as Project Coordinator to organize the events along with the TFRC's board of directors.

The goals of Families' Day Out are to provide activities that promote healthy family living, to increase community involvement, and to develop stronger community partnerships. Possible activities include a parenting expo, a youth day of volunteering, a community meal, an environmental and wildlife awareness day, family literacy day, and many others. For more information or to volunteer, contact Ila Goodwin at 364-4946 or [TantramarFRC@canada.com](mailto:TantramarFRC@canada.com).





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September 15, 2008

Mrs. Tanya Hess  
President and Chair  
Tantramar Family Resource Centre

Dear Mrs. Hess,

On behalf of the Nominating Committee of the Tantramar Family Resource Centre, I submit the following names as Directors and Officers for the 2008-2009 Board of Directors:

Indu Varma	President
Amanda Marlin-McLellan	Vice President and Director of Communications
Tanya Hess	Treasurer
Marie Reinsborough	Secretary
(Vacant)	Director of Fundraising
Susan Kastuk-Ridlington	Director of Healthy Living
Sharon Hachey	Co-Director of Early Child Development and Parenting
Tracey Wade	Co-Director of Early Child Development and Parenting
Pronoti Majithia	Director of Youth Outreach
Sheelagh Callaghan	Director of Literacy

We would like to recognize and thank the following members who have left the Board of Directors of the Family Resource Centre, and wish them the best in the future:

Stacey Merrigan  
Christine O'Neal  
Cynthia Adams

Respectfully submitted,

Janine O'Reilly  
For the Nominating Committee





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## Background Information on the Nominees

**Indu Varma** completed a Bachelor of Arts degree at Rajasthan University in India, a Bachelor of Education degree at Mount Allison University, a Masters of Education at Dalhousie University, and a school administration certificate. Indu has worked in the teaching profession for thirty-seven years, with the last two years as President of New Brunswick Teachers' Association. During her presidency and throughout her successful teaching career, she focused on improving the learning conditions of children and working conditions of the teachers of New Brunswick. Some of the visible gains that reflect her work include the grant of a personal notebook computer to each New Brunswick teacher, class size reductions of a minimum of four students per class over a four year period and the establishment of the Innovative Learning Fund for New Brunswick public education system. She has received many awards for excellence and innovation in education. Among them are the Governor General's Award for Excellence in Teaching Canadian History, the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence in Science, Technology, and Math, the national Marshall McLuhan Award for Excellence in Education and a Roy C. Hill (Hilroy) Fellowship Award for Innovation in Education. She was also recognized by the Canadian Embassy in Costa Rica for her work in raising \$10,000 US to help rebuild Los Caroles School after an earthquake. Reflected in these awards are her pioneering efforts, her passion, commitment and dedication to seeking and providing the best possible learning opportunities for the children. Indu has given numerous talks, workshops, and courses at the regional, national and international levels. She has published curriculum guides and has presented papers at national and international conferences to promote the use of new media in schools and to offer practical help for teachers incorporating the use of computers in their teaching. Through her gentle and persuasive efforts she has contributed to raising the profile of education in New Brunswick.

**Amanda Marlin-McLellan** is a research associate with the Rural and Small Town Programme at Mount Allison University. She has a Masters degree in Environmental Studies with a focus on environmental education from Dalhousie University and a Bachelor of Arts in Geography from Mount Allison. Amanda has also worked as a researcher for the Government of Canada's Rural Secretariat, and for Chignecto Consulting Group, a private firm specializing in Canadian Aboriginal issues. Amanda works on a range of rural community issues including literacy, poverty, education, transportation, community distress, single industry communities, economic transitioning and strategic planning, environmental issues, and rural repopulation. Amanda loves the Tantramar Region and spends as much time as she can enjoying its marshes, forests, beaches and local events with her family.

**Tanya Hess** has an undergraduate degree in Financial Accounting from Mount Allison University and is currently in the final level of courses for her CGA. Tanya has over 10 years experience in corporate accounting at a senior level in various industries from seafood to children's clothing in Montreal and Vancouver. She also has 3+ years experience in charity accounting and charity information return preparation. Tanya is currently on the Board of Directors of Renaissance Sackville as Treasurer and runs a





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small tax preparation and book keeping training business. She is also on the board of the CBDC and the Vice President of Wilson Wreath Company Ltd.

**Marie Reinsborough** is a proud Sackvillian, having returned to her hometown in 2005 in hopes of raising her daughter in the community. After completing her Bachelor of Arts degree from Mount Allison University, she spent time studying in France and teaching ESL in both China and South Korea. Since earning her Bachelor of Education degree, she works as a French Immersion Early Years teacher in the public school system. She has past experience with overseas development projects as well as with various local initiatives, and is committed to playing an active and dedicated role in the Sackville community.

**Susan Kastuk-Ridlington, R.D., CFE.** is a graduate of MacDonald College of McGill University, a registered dietitian, and a certified food executive. Susan has worked for over twenty-five years in both health care and community nutrition. She has been responsible for the operations of health care and school kitchens as well as the nutritional care of people of various ages. Susan's own company, Meals And More!, brought an innovative service of home delivered frozen meals to the Maritimes. Also, within the scope of Meals And More!, she has taught workshops to numerous groups, varied in both age and interest, on topics relative to food, nutrition and food handling. Other opportunities also include working with special care homes and food labeling development. Susan was involved in the development of the educational materials for the Healthy Eating Is in Store for You™ national project and has taught the workshop to various groups. Susan is a member of the Healthy Eating and Physical Activity Coalition of NB; Dietitians of Canada and New Brunswick Association of Dietitians. Locally, she serves on the Tantramar Hospice Palliative Care Organization, Inc. and the VON Advisory board for the Palliative Care Volunteer Program.

**Sharon Hachey** is an early childhood educator with over 20 years experience supporting and facilitating learning for children, families, early learning and child care providers and students. Through her current role as an Onsite Support Facilitator for the New Brunswick Early Learning and Child Care Curriculum and previous roles as coordinator of the NSCC Cumberland Early Childhood Development Support Centre, teacher/director at Sackville Playschool, in home childcare provider and private kindergarten teacher, along with membership in provincial, national and international sector organizations, she is acquainted with the trends, challenges and opportunities that exist in the ELCC sector. She has an Early Childhood Education Diploma and is currently enrolled as a part time student in the Bachelor of Professional Arts- Human Services program at Athabasca University. A community and church volunteer, Sharon is married and a mother of two young adults.

**Tracey Wade** is a community planner with more than 10 years of experience in undertaking community development activities. With an undergraduate degree in Sociology (University of Western Ontario), and a Masters degree in Rural Planning and Development (University of Guelph), Tracey has worked with several community groups, Aboriginal communities, and special interest populations throughout Ontario and Atlantic Canada. Tracey is employed as a Planner with the Tantramar District Planning Commission





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and is the President of the Board of Playschool Inc. in Sackville. Tracey enjoys doing outdoor activities with her husband Reg and daughters Hannah and Colleen.

**Pronoti Majithia** has worked with youth from diverse backgrounds in India, the USA and Canada for the past 15 years. She has worked with them as a teacher, counselor and as a volunteer worker. Her research for her Masters of Arts thesis was done with youth in inner-city areas of Cincinnati, Ohio. Recently she was sponsored by the TFRC to attend a workshop on building youth groups. Her academic degrees include a Bachelor of Commerce and a Master of Arts in Sociology.

**Sheelagh Callaghan** is a speech-language pathologist presently employed with the Regional Health Authority B's Early Language Services "Talk With Me" program. Sheelagh has over 25 years of experience working as a speech-language pathologist in a variety of educational and health facilities in New Brunswick, Alberta and New Mexico. Presently she offers early language and literacy programs to parents and caregivers of preschool children. This position also involves making connections and collaborating with a variety of community partners.





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## President's Report September 2008

The last two years as President of the Tantramar Family Resource Centre have been busy and very exciting as we progress from a newly formed Charitable Organization to an established member of the Tantramar Community.

While we still have a long way to go, we are moving quickly in the right direction. In 2008 we gained valuable knowledge about the needs in the Tantramar Communities, established important networks and implemented or brought in some wonderful programs. None of this would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our volunteer board of directors and their ever expanding network of volunteer committees. I would like to thank each and every one of them for getting us to where we are today and eagerly look forward to where we might end up in the coming year. As you will read in the directors' reports that follow, the possibilities are almost endless.

I would also like to thank The United Way of Greater Moncton for believing in our vision and sponsoring the upcoming Families' Day Out series of events. We are also grateful to the Town of Sackville for very thoughtfully allowing us to use office space in Town Hall for our administrative base, it's a fantastic first step in the road to establishing a home of our own and very much appreciated. I would also like to thank all the individuals and groups who have donated their time, energy, products and funds to help us provide much needed programming in the Tantramar area. Thank you all.

It is with great sadness that I will be stepping down as President this year. Work and family commitments are keeping me too busy to be able to contribute the amount of time and effort I would like to be able to contribute, and I feel it is time to hand the reigns over to someone better able to help this wonderful board keep the momentum alive. I am pleased to be able to continue my involvement with TFRC as Treasurer.

It's been an exciting couple of years and I can't wait to see what this group of enthusiastic, dedicated individuals accomplishes in the year ahead.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tanya Hess  
President and Treasurer





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Vice President's Report  
September 2008

## **The Search for Physical Space for the Tantramar Family Resource Center**

At the strategic planning meeting in February 2008, it was identified that acquiring a physical space to call 'home' was a major priority for the Tantramar Family Resource Center (TFRC).

Shortly after joining the board in February 2008, I was asked by the TFRC Board in April to take the lead for acquiring physical space. Here's a brief report of the progress made thus far.

In April prior to the municipal elections at various public events we took the opportunity of making the then incumbent mayor, Hon. Jamie Smith, and the present mayor, Hon. Patricia Estabrooks aware of TFRC's dire need for physical space. We also took the time to speak individually with the candidates who were running for office of town counselor. As a result of these efforts, we generated some public awareness of TFRC's need for physical space.

In May a letter was sent to the then mayor, Hon. Jamie Smith and the council, making a formal request for their support in our quest for physical space. After the elections in a meeting, the present mayor, Hon. Patricia Estabrooks, was made aware of the situation so she and the newly elected council could act on our request.

On June 9<sup>th</sup> at the first council meeting of the newly elected mayor and council, a Power Point presentation entitled, "A Place Called Home" was made with a passionate plea to the town council to give TFRC physical space for its use.

At a subsequent meeting with Mayor Estabrooks on July 30<sup>th</sup>, a second Power Point presentation was made about "Maggie's Place" and the types of programs and services TFRC would like to offer, modeling itself after Maggie's Place. TFRC's request for physical space was conveyed to the mayor once again, because in order to provide similar programs and services to Tantramar families, TFRC requires physical space. It was suggested that perhaps space could be given to TFRC for its use either in the old Recreation Center which is currently unoccupied, or another town-owned central property.

A follow up meeting was held on August 1, 2008, with mayor Estabrooks, and town manager, Mr. Barry Carroll. During this meeting mayor Estabrooks stated that the old Recreation Center has been deemed as an unsafe building and that there isn't another town-owned building where space could be made available for TFRC's use. However, Mayor Estabrooks was kind enough to offer office space with a phone line, a desk and fax services in the town hall at no cost to TFRC.





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A letter was written to the mayor and council to express our grateful thanks for the grant of the office space currently being used by our part time program coordinator, Ila Goodwin, along with a request to receive assistance from the town in the form of an operating grant.

In August several inquiries were made with regards to finding a suitable place to rent. Results of multiple phone calls and visits to various rental places were communicated to the board. At the September 4<sup>th</sup> meeting the Board consensus was to rent a two room retail space at 26 York Street, for a cost of \$650/m at such time as funding becomes available.

We hope that with the support of the community, local businesses, politicians, local dignitaries, and the town council TFRC can soon have a place called 'home'. We believe that we all share the common goal of serving Tantramar families. Together we can make a difference!

Respectfully submitted,

Indu Varma  
Vice-president, TFRC





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## Treasurer's Report

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### INCOME STATEMENT

(unaudited)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	2008	
<b>INCOME</b>		
<b>Fundraisers</b>		
Art of Soup	\$465	
Giant Yard Sale	\$2,374	
Fall Fair Barbeque	\$219	
Strawberry Social Tea	\$265	
Wine Tasting 101		
<b>Grant Income</b>		
Town of Sackville-Storvicks	\$1,000	
<b>Non receipted donations (cash jar)</b>	\$106	
<b>Receipted donations</b>	<u>\$1,025</u>	\$5,453
<b>PROGRAM EXPENDITURES</b>		
Breastfeeding support Group	\$91	
Family literacy day	\$113	
Nutrition workshop	<u>\$200</u>	\$404
<b>OVERHEAD EXPENSES</b>		
AGM and meetings	\$95	
bank charges	\$232	
Board insurance	\$375	
Business cards and flyers	\$125	
Memberships and dues	\$100	
Post office box	\$136	
Speaker gifts	\$18	
Workshops and training	<u>\$248</u>	\$1,329
<b>NET INFLOW (OUTFLOW) FROM OPERATIONS</b>		<u><u>\$3,720</u></u>





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## Communications Committee Report September 2008

The 2007-2008 year was an exciting and creative one for the TFRC Communications Committee. We produced newsletters, helped develop an official TFRC website, a banner, t-shirts and more. Specifically we designed and developed our first newsletters including Fall, Winter and Spring issues. Features included stories on programs and events like prenatal courses, food labeling, Family Literacy Day, and the Creating Collaborative Communities Conference, as well as fundraising events like our Dump and Run Yard Sales and the Art of Soup, a family friendly soup tasting and art auction. Donors were featured such as the Campbell-Verduyn family. A TFRC display was created to promote our current activities and future goals. It was used at a variety of events like the Creating Collaborative Communities Conference.

The most exciting development of the 2007-2008 year was the creation of our website:

[TantramarFamily.ca](http://TantramarFamily.ca). The Communications Director worked with Tantramar Interactive to create a fun and informative site. Tantramar Interactive graciously donated their time and resources to create a wonderful virtual home for the TFRC. The site will be officially launched by Tantramar Interactive during TFRC's 2008 Annual General Meeting. It features information on all of our committees and current programs, as well as regularly updated news, featured donors, a calendar of events, a helpful and ever-growing list of links and resources for families, and it is set up to receive on-line donations. Visit us often at [TantramarFamily.ca](http://TantramarFamily.ca).

The Communications Director along with the board of directors designed t-shirts which Rob Lyon produced. From now on TFRC volunteers can be easily spotted in their green t-shirts. Throop Signs, along with the Communications Director, created a large banner featuring the TFC logo and new website address which will be used during numerous upcoming Family's Day Out events throughout Tantramar.

The Communications Director would like to graciously thank all those who helped develop marketing and communications tools during 2007-2008 including Chris Mackay and Choleena DiTullio from Tantramar Interactive, Rob Lyon, Jim and Paula Throop, Susan Coish at the Sackville Tribune Post, and members of the TFRC board of directors and volunteers.

The 2008-2009 promises to be a busy year as we work toward further developing and updating [TantramarFamily.ca](http://TantramarFamily.ca) as well as promoting monthly Family's Day Out activities all year long. Look for the Fall TFRC Newsletter in October. The Communications Director is also actively looking for creative and energetic people interested in being part of the Communications Committee and helping to spread the word about the great activities and resources of the TFRC.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda Marlin-McLellan, Communications Director  
[TantramarFRC@canada.com](mailto:TantramarFRC@canada.com)





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## Fundraising Committee Report September 2008

The following activities have been undertaken during the period of time from July 2007 until June 2008 in order to raise funds to provide programming for the Tantramar Family Resource Centre:

**Strawberry Social** – The Town of Sackville offered the TFRC the opportunity to serve at the Strawberry Social held during a day of wetlands activities in July 2007. A total of \$ 264.55 was raised during this event.

**Fall Giant Yard Sale** – As a follow-up to the items left from the May 2007 Giant Yard Sale, an additional sale was held to time with the return of Mount A students in the fall. The Octagonal House was used as all items left from the May sale were stored here over the summer. A total of \$ 712.76 was raised.

**Fall Fair Barbeque** – During the 2007 Sackville Fall Fair, the TFRC staffed a barbeque held in conjunction with the Soap Box Derby. Donations were requested from local merchants Save Easy, Co-op and Irving Mainway. Funds raised during this activity totalled \$ 218.80.

**The Art of Soup** – A soup tasting event was held in conjunction with a children's art auction at the Sackville Curling Rink in March 2008. Individuals, community restaurants and food service agencies donated pots of soup for the event. In addition, Sackville area schools were approached for donations of student art work. The public was invited to attend and participate in both events by buying a series of tasting tickets for the soup as well as placing bids on the art pieces presented through silent auction. Lucy MacDonald from the Owen's Art Gallery assisted with the display of the art work. Best tasting soup and runner up awards were presented to the soup chefs. The total amount of money raised during this event was \$ 464.71.

**Wine Tasting 101** – As part of the Sackville Rotary Club's annual Wine Tasting event, a wine tasting course was offered at the Veteran's Memorial Civic Centre in May 2008. Virgil Hammock offered to give this course, but had to decline at the last minute due to illness. Fortunately, Paul Gilbert and David Chambers filled in and the few participants who attended were rewarded with great advice prior to going to the Wine Tasting event held the same evening. The total amount raised for this event was \$ 100.00.

**Dump and Donate Giant Yard Sale** – Coinciding with Mount Allison student departures and clean up, the TFRC held a giant yard sale on May 3, 2008. In addition, many community members donated items. The Civic Centre partnered with the TFRC by offering space in their unused team changing rooms. Pick ups were offered to the students for a period of 2 weeks prior to the sale. Most items were donated during the last week of April. Volunteers helped in picking up items, sorting them as well as being available during the sale. This event was able to raise \$ 1661.00.

**TOTAL FUNDS RAISED (July 2007- June 2008): \$3421.82**

Submitted by  
Sheelagh Callaghan , Acting Fundraising Director





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## Healthy Living Committee Report September 2008

The Healthy Living committee is comprised of Dr. Cathy Johnson, physician, Jacinthe Beauchamp, nutritionist & education specialist, Ramona Kieser, physiotherapist and Susan Kastuck-Ridlington, a registered dietitian. Wendy Malone of Murray Corner assists in promotion in the Port Elgin/Murray Corner area.

### Programs Offered

Two prenatal courses have been offered through the partnership with VON Healthy Baby and Me. Six moms-to-be and partners have benefited from the course. More courses, along with the parent support program, Rock'N'Talk (for parents with a child less than one year of age) will continue to be offered in Tantramar as registration demands.

Fifteen people attended the educational workshop, "How to Read Labels", October 27, 2007. The participants learned how to read and interpret the nutrition labels on packaged foods.

### Food Security

The director is a member of the Regional Food Security Network in South East New Brunswick organized by the United Way.

Also a presentation was made to the "Week to End Poverty Forum" on October 17 and to the "Out Reach Group" in Sackville on March 4.

The director attended the Creating Collaborative Communities Forum organized by United Way in May, 2007.

### SAVE (Sackville Active Values Endeavour)

The Healthy Living Committee is looking forward to working with the SAVE initiative. We attended the initial meeting.

### Our Goals for 2008-2009

1. To participate in the organization of the "Families Day Out" project throughout the coming year.
2. To work with SAVE to explore possible areas of collaboration.
3. To determine how to identify the needs of the Tantramar Community with respect to healthy living.
4. To continue to partner with VON Canada to offer their Healthy Baby and Me program (prenatal and parent support programs) to Tantramar families.
5. To deepen our understanding about food security, its prevalence in our region and how best to tackle it.
6. To be advocates for the issue of food security in Tantramar.
7. To provide Tantramar residents with reliable educational resources through our website and eventually at our open door home (resource centre).

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Kastuk-Ridlington, CFE, R.D., Registered Dietitian  
Healthy Living Director  
Tel: 536-8102; Fax: 536-8104





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## Early Child Development and Parenting Committee Report September 2008

2007-08 has been a busy year for continued networking and development of early child development and parenting activities.

- **August 31, 2007** – Community meeting to discuss communication and relationship building regarding services and supports for children and families in the Tantramar region. Attended by representatives from local early learning and child care programs (Playschool and York St Children’s Centre), Salem elementary school principal, PEDVAG, TFRC Board Members and interested citizens and co- facilitated by Jim Mustard and Kathleen Guy, Council for Early Child Development.
- **August 31, 2007** - Playschool Inc. AGM – presentation to parents on Playschool and TFRC’s joint efforts in establishing an early child development and parenting centre in Tantramar.
- **September 27, 2007** – 7 Tantramar representatives travelled to Mount St. Vincent University for a one-day workshop sponsored by the Council for Early Child Development (CECD). TFRC’s coloured circle themes shown as an example in keynote presentation by Dr. Fraser Mustard.
- **October 3, 2007** - Roundtable on early child development and parenting activities in Tantramar. Guests included Karla Webster, Transition to School Coordinator for School District 2; Dr. Gene Oulette, representing Mount A; Brian Dean, Principal of Port Elgin School; Charlotte Purdy-Weir, VP of Marshview Middle School and Board member of York Street Children’s Centre; as well as several TFRC board members.
- **January 4-5, 2008** – Sharon Hachey participated in a regional leadership retreat on early child development sponsored by the Council for ECD. Tracey Wade was able to attend one of the three days. Also in attendance were 3 Mount Allison students who have since become excellent ambassadors and volunteers for the TFRC and Mount A on the topic of early child development.
- **January 27, 2008** – TFRC hosted Family Literacy Day, in conjunction with national celebrations. It was held at Marshview Middle School where we entertained and informed over 100 individuals at our “Reading Camp Out.” Many community organizations were also represented to host tents and or information tables.
- **February 29-March 2, 2008** – Sharon participated in a follow up ECD leaders retreat sponsored by the Council for ECD.





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- **March 28, 2008** – Tracey and Sharon attended a discussion at Cranewood for 20 Mount A students by Dr. Jean Clinton, a Child Psychiatrist and Council for ECD Fellow. It was also attended by Jim Mustard, Fellow with the CECD and Mount Allison President, Robert Campbell. Tracey and Sharon talked with the students about our local approach to ECD, and were able to recruit volunteers for several events as a result.
- **May 2008** – CECD's Annual Report highlights Tantramar Family Resource Centre as one of the growing leaders in ECD in the Atlantic region.
- **June 2-3, 2008**- Creating Collaborative Communities in South-East New Brunswick. Co-hosted by the TFRC, the Greater Moncton and SE New Brunswick United Way, and the Moncton Regional Learning Council. Approximately 100 representatives from non-profit and social program groups in SE New Brunswick and beyond joined to hear key note speakers Claudette Bradshaw and Fraser Mustard. As well, participants took part in 2 of 4 intensive round table discussions related to: early child development, youth, literacy, and community food security. Approximately 20 Information booths were also set up to share ideas and information across sectors.
- **January – November 2008**- Partnering with TFRC committees and community volunteers to host Story Sack training and creation of Story Sacks for lending throughout the region.
- **August 2008- May 2009** – In response to parental requests, Playschool Inc. to extend hours and mix classes to allow more flexibility in attendance of participating children (4 year olds can attend 3 or 5 half days a week; 3 year olds 2 or 3 half days a week). Also the possibility of introducing parent-tot sessions for children less than 3.
- **August 2008- May 2009** – Participation on local planning committee for the Council for Early Child Development National conference to be held in Sackville at MT A May 13- 15, 2009

## GOALS for 2008-9

1. Begin a more intensive discussion with local stakeholders (parents, and program/service providers) on ways to collaborate and respond to needs of young families in Sackville.
2. In response to the Provincial Government's June 2008 announcement of the establishment of 4 Early Child Development and Parenting pilot programs in the province, TFRC, in partnership with various local advocates, will begin to lobby for one of the pilots to be located in Sackville.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hachey and Tracey Wade, Co- Directors, Early Childhood Development and Parenting





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## Youth Outreach Committee Report September 2008

During the year 2007-2008 the director of the Youth Outreach engaged in the following activities:

**Youth Outreach Cooking Class** - In partnership with the Sackville Parks and Recreations department I offered an afternoon of cooking for middle school youth. The 12 youth who participated had the opportunity to cook a three course lunch from scratch and eat together. The program was aimed at encouraging healthy eating habits from a young age.

**Movie Series** - In partnership with Sackville Parks and Recreations Department's Summer Youth Leadership program I offered a movie discussion series. The youth watched three movies and through different activities generated post-screening discussion about the movies. A student volunteer from Mount Allison assisted me at the discussion sessions. The aim of the program was to get youth to think critically about issues and engage in meaningful conversations about them.

**Director Skill Development Initiative Workshop** - I attended a workshop organised by the Tatamagouche Center on Facilitating Youth Groups from November 15-18, 2007. My attendance was sponsored by the TFRC. The workshop was very instructional in how to bring youth together and facilitate group action.

Aspirations for 2008-2009:

1. During the year 2008-2009 I hope to bring the youth I have worked with last year in the programs offered and other interested youth in the community together to: facilitate community related activities they would like to take on, identify priorities for youth in Tantramar, and facilitate their engagement in community and other youth groups.
2. I also hope to be able to offer both the cooking and movie programs offered last year at different times and venues through the year in 2008-2009.
3. Through TFRC's "Family's Day Out" initiative I hope to organize an event that will facilitate discussion of topics relevant to youth between them and their families. The dialogue that emerges from this discussion will then be disseminated to the community through different media.

Respectfully submitted,

Pronoti Majithia  
Director of Youth Outreach





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## Literacy Committee Report September 2008

### **Literacy Committee**

The Literacy Committee provides literacy support to existing literacy programs (CASP, Laubach, Talk With Me) for a range of clients from preschool to elementary, middle, high school and adult learners.

### **The Vision**

The Literacy Committee's goal is to partner with other regional efforts and programs as a community to more effectively assess and meet the needs of children and families in the greater Tantramar area.

### **Our Current Efforts**

The Literacy Committee has recently organized a day-long literacy-based community enrichment workshop in hopes of promoting a Sackville-wide StorySacks project. TFRC partners, from various socially-aware community organizations, are invited to attend the session and the finished StorySacks will later be available for all citizens to use as a community/literacy-building tool.

After the great success of last year's Family Literacy Day Camp-out, the Literacy Committee will once again organize a similar event in January of 2009. 2009 will be the fourth annual celebration of Family Literacy Day, recognized on January 27<sup>th</sup> of each year as well as an event under the Family's Day Out schedule. Children from all schools (Sackville, Dorchester, and Port Elgin) and from all grade levels (Elementary to High School) are invited to participate, as well as adult community members and parents as well. There will be a long list of hands-on, cross-curricular, and fun-filled activities to take part in – all with a common literacy theme.

### **The Gaps**

Volunteers are always welcome! Literacy is such a broad, rich, and inviting initiative – there are no limitations to the possibilities of community involvement with this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Tantramar Family Resource Centre



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# Family's Day Out!

## Upcoming Events in Tantramar

- Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> ~ Sackville ~ **Eco Friendly Art Creations** (Make useful treasures out of trash!)
- Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> ~ Sackville ~ **Everybody Cooks Rice** (Share healthy food and learn about different cultures!)
- January ~ Sackville, Port Elgin and Dorchester ~ **Family Literacy Day** (Read, learn and have fun!)

Fun for the whole family!

Contact Ila Goodwin for more information.

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