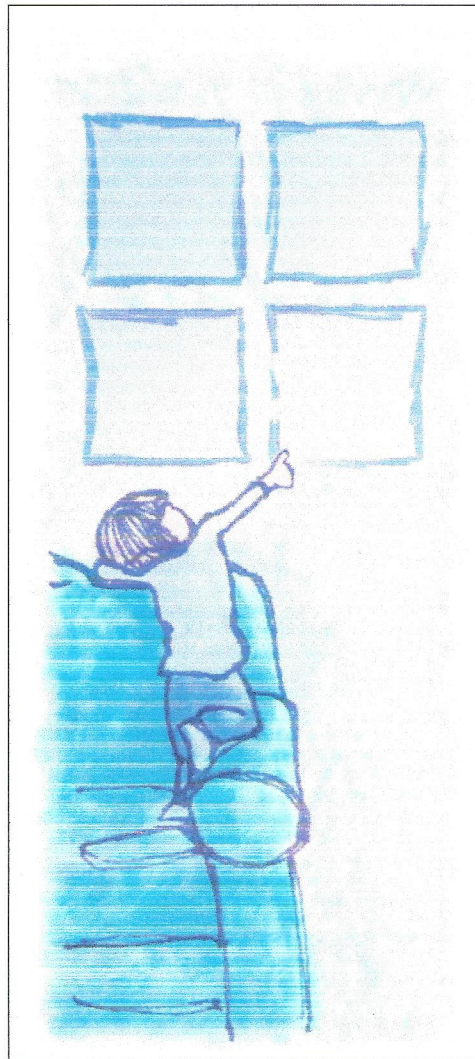


Alice Housing



Annual General Report
2005-2006



*This report and the work we do is dedicated to the memory of
Trena Slaunwhite (1975-2006)*

*One of the most courageous, fun and giving woman who ever
graced the doors of Alice Housing.*

Rest in Peace Trena. We will miss you.

**Alice Housing
Minutes from AGM 2005
Sobey Building, Saint Mary's University
June 28, 2005**

1. Welcome

Presented by Elizabeth Chard, co-chair of Alice Housing board of directors giving an official welcome to all the attendees of the AGM.

2. Review of Agenda

The agenda for the AGM is as follows:

- ❖ Review of minutes from 2004 AGM
- ❖ Committee reports
- ❖ Nominating committee motions for nominations
- ❖ Motions to approve auditors and accountant
- ❖ Appreciations to community supports organizations and individuals

3. Motion to Approve Minutes from AGM of June 23, 2004

Motion to approve minutes from AGM 2004.

1st by Cheryl Enman

2nd by Alison MacDonald.

Motion Carried

Accepted as circulated. All in favor, unanimous decision, no abstainers or dissenters.

4. Tendering of Committee and Executive Reports

Co-Chairs

- ❖ Gave thanks to staff and Penny Harding for successfully carrying Alice Housing through the difficult time we experienced in parting company with our former executive director.
- ❖ Alice Housing received the Donner Foundation Award for Excellence in Service in November 2004.
- ❖ In January 2005, the board received recommendation that Joanne Bernard be offered the position of executive director, with unanimous acceptance.

Executive Director

- ❖ As a new executive director working at Alice Housing, I feel I fit in well. I have new visions and directions for this organization.

- ❖ Alice Housing has a new logo of a window with the sun shining through as a representation of happier lives and a brighter future.
- ❖ Service calls from women in need were up by 23% from last year. Alice Housing receives 300 calls per month for service and approximately 1000 calls per year.
- ❖ I have the pleasure and honor to be working with committed and dedicated board members.
- ❖ We are getting a playground built for the children of Alice Housing by Grace Chapel.
- ❖ We have applied again for the Donner Foundation Award.
- ❖ I'd like to thank people who are here yearly who appear to help support Alice Housing.

Fund Development- Marilyn Berry

- ❖ Working on programming for third stage housing. This is currently at full capacity.
 - ❖ Have received support from Superstore, the Bay, Zellers, Grace Chapel and the United Way's Days of Caring program.
 - ❖ The level of support and donations provided by sponsors directly to women and children was up significantly and corporations made up \$9,000.00, \$15,000.00 was received through
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Report of the Co-Chairs of the Board - 2006

The last year has seen many positive, exciting developments at Alice Housing, some of which will be outlined in this report.

1. Development of the Board

The Board has gone through some significant changes in the last year. Several Board members resigned through the year however, the addition of a number of skilled and talented board members has resulted in a dedicated, talented team of individuals. As I think is the case with many non-profit boards, Alice Housing has struggled to keep a full slate of board members and also to ensure that the slate selected has the right mix for Alice Housing. Though there were definitely times when the Board was slimmer than we would have liked, in the end, I believe that Alice Housing has benefited greatly from the changes made to the Board this year and continued efforts to strategically choose Board members will continue to benefit Alice Housing.

2. Role of the Board

The Board's role is primarily one of overseeing the activities of Alice Housing. As the organization is now provided with diligent direction from Executive Director, Joanne Bernard, the Board has been working towards a more "hands off" approach but also is very diligent in providing strategic direction to the Executive Director and in providing assistance with various matters when required.

We receive regular financial and operational reports prior to Board meetings. As is the case with many other non-profit organizations, donor funding and fundraising in general continues to present a challenge. Joanne and various board members have been very thorough in their attempts to locate and use new, and sustain older sources of funding. Continued attention to funding by Joanne and to fundraising by the Board will likely continue to be very important for Alice Housing.

3. Participation of Board

The Board has shown a significant increase in its initiative to get involved in Alice Housing activities this year. Through the efforts of both Alice Housing staff and various Board members, there were a number of very successful

fundraising events held for the benefit of Alice Housing this year. This increased interest will continue to benefit Alice Housing.

4. In Closing

A number of Board members, including Elizabeth and I, are at the end of our 4 year term and will be handing over the reigns to other wonderful Board members. We have seen Alice Housing through good and challenging times. Through hard work and the incredible efforts of both the staff and the Board over the years, and Alice Housing is once again on the rise. There will always be challenges when serving a non-profit organization but we are confident that the dedication and support provided by both staff and Board members will continue to allow Alice Housing to grow and to provide the best possible services for women and children in need.

Respectfully Yours,

Penny Harding & Elizabeth Chard
Co-Chairs

Executive Director Report 2005-2006

The past year has been one of re-building and transformation for Alice Housing. From the re-design of the website and development of a new logo to the physical changes within the drop-in centre, to the launching of new programs for women and children, Alice Housing has enjoyed a year of revitalization within the community.

The organization continues to strive to meet the demands for its services and meets those demands above and beyond expectations. The strength of any organization lies with its employees and I am proud to say Alice Housing has a committed and dedicated team of professionals whose personal philosophies and values continue to bring the organization forward thus impacting positively on the lives of the women and children we serve. Added to this strength is the quality of volunteers both on our Board of Directors and from community who give of their time and expertise year after year.

The renovation of transforming the indoor garage into a program room has allowed the women of Alice Housing to feel more connected to the Drop In Centre. This positive space encourages them to use the computer, partake in auricular acupuncture; access the Children's Resource Library and to participate in the many personal and professional workshops offered throughout the year.

The Children's Play room received some much needed TLC from our two dynamic Child and Youth students from Mount Saint Vincent.

Program development was a personal goal of mine during the last year and I am pleased with our accomplishments in this area. Partnering with the IWK Health Foundation, we have offered the '**Alice Kids Healthy Eating Program**'. Under the guidance of nutritionist Violet Brace, our clients have had the opportunity to learn about healthy eating and cooking on a limited budget for both themselves and their children.

With the support of the Flemming Foundation, Halifax Peninsula Community Health Board and the Charity Alive Fund, the '**Alice Kids Resource Library**' was developed to offer mothers reading and video resources which dealt with the delicate issues of children witnessing abuse in the home. Games and books focusing on anger, self esteem, and grief all at age appropriate levels are available to mothers on a three week lending cycle so that they are able to initiate dialogue with their children concerning violence previously in their home.

The biggest feather in our cap this year has been the development of a one year pilot project entitled '**Healing the Bruises: Healing and Recovery for Child Witnesses of Family Violence**'. With funding received in February, 2006 from the Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada, Healing the Bruises is a unique counselling and support program for mothers and their children. With the child as the primary client, the Child/Youth counsellor works one-on-one with each child in an effort to instil a sense of safety and trust so that the consequences experienced by these children concerning their witnessing of family violence can be addressed through the help of our organization and other community agencies. The outcomes thus far in this very new program have been very promising and we are seeking sustainable financial support for this program so that we can continue to meet the needs of these children in an effort to stop the cycle of violence so prevalent in our community.

Thankfully, our profile in the community continues to be raised as we held our annual Artworks Art Auction in October which became our most successful event to date. Alice Housing was also the beneficiary of the Vagina Monologues and selected by the Aeolian Singers to be the recipient of their concert raffles. Fundraising continues to be a challenging endeavour for the organization and I am looking forward to working with the incoming Board of Directors concerning a strategic direction for revenue development in the coming year.

Finally, the last year as Executive Director has been a time of tremendous learning, personal growth and satisfaction. My days are often filled with witnessing the strength of the women who walk through our doors. These days are sometimes tempered with the sadness of women leaving us, moving away or passing on. Each one of them leaves an imprint on our lives.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Bernard

Nominating Committee Report - 2005 -2006

The members of the nominating committee were Erin Desmond and Joanne Bernard.

1. The following Board members have confirmed their intention to continue their membership into the 2006-2007 year:
 - Alison Macdonald
 - Cathy Love
 - Elycia MacLean
 - Lynn Matheson
 - Gillian Swaine
 - Pamela Chisholm
 - Dolly Mosher
 - Denise Crowell
 - Anne Marie Coolen

2. Alison Macdonald and Cathy Love have agreed to take on the position of Co-Chairs for the upcoming board year.

Motion #1

The Nominating Committee moves that Alison Macdonald and Cathy Love be elected as Co-Chairs of the Board of Directors for the 2006-2007 board year.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Bernard
Nominating Committee member

Program and Services Report – 2005-2006

Three new programs have been added to the Program roster of Alice Housing this year.

- ✦ Alice Kids Healthy Eating Project
- ✦ Alice Kids Resource Library
- ✦ Healing the Bruises Children's Counselling

These programs are in addition to the various workshop cycles which are facilitated throughout the year including:

Asserting Yourself

Self Harm

Stages of Healing

Healing Touch

Stress Management

Addiction, Prevention and Treatment

Healthy Relationships and Boundaries

Employment Support Services

Self Care

Auricular Acupuncture

Dealing with Depression

Coping with Change

Women's Wellness Day

Statistics from April 1, 2005 – March 31, 2006

*Number of visits to Drop in Centre	1091
Housing direct service	1019
Individual counselling sessions	496
Family Counselling sessions	82
Programs conducted	72
Women Program Participants	483
Children Participants	134
Phone support	764
Intakes	105
Women Housed	41
Children Housed	39

*** The visits to the drop in centre include use of the reading resource library, food bank, internet access, childcare, and donations room**
Counselling

As women make the decision to leave abusive situations, individual and group counselling is provided by the Women's Counsellor of Alice Housing. Counselling issues include,

- One on one counselling
- Grief counselling
- Sexual assault counselling
- Defining healthy boundaries
- Identifying potential abusers
- Self care

Outcomes of Counselling Program

- Women address immediate mental and physical health needs.
- Women experience fewer crises in their lives.
- Women and feel safer.
- Women do not return to abusive household.

Support Services

Women are encouraged to attend weekly group programs in an effort for them to share openly their experiences in a women centered and supported environment. This process also encourages the establishment of their network of support both within Alice Housing and the community. Program modules include,

- Learning about the cycle of abuse
- Developing healthy coping skills
- Anger management
- Recapturing self esteem

Outcomes

- Women make better choices and healthier decisions in their lives.
- Women develop a sense of well being
- Women establish networks of support with each other and community resources

Housing/Homelessness

Women and children entering the 2nd stage housing component of Alice Housing are in a transition from either an emergency shelter or from other temporary shelter. Most have left the abusive household leaving everything behind. These families are in crisis and homeless when they enter the Alice Housing program.

Activities

- Interview with Women's counsellor and Housing Coordinator
- Viewing of available unit
- Development of leasing agreement
- Coordination of transition into unit
- Coordination of donations of furniture, food and other goods

Outcomes

- Women and children are safe in undisclosed locations with full in-unit alarm systems
- Children re-enter the school system
- Families are able to stabilize their immediate needs

Developmental Programs

Personal and professional development programs are available to women as they begin their recovery from family violence. These programs are crucial to women as they learn new skills and strategies for independent living in the community.

- Workshops on parenting, budgeting, credit counselling, personality and temperament types, self defence and self care.
- Continuing education counselling.
- Career and resume counselling.

Outcomes

- Women enrol in continuing education courses.
- Women become employed.
- Women are able to re-establish their credit status.
- Women employ successful and appropriate parenting techniques.

Outreach

As women leave Alice Housing to live independently in the community, their need for our support services are often increased. With the exception of housing all program services including the Drop-In centre and food bank are still available to ex-tenants. Advocacy, financial management and assistance with legal procedures are high in demand.

- Assist women with finding safe and affordable housing.
- Provide housing and/or work references if applicable
- Accompany women to legal and social assistance appointments
- Provide referrals to relevant community resources
- Assistance with child care services

Outcomes

- Women are able to find affordable and safe housing
- Women are able to navigate legal, child welfare and social assistance procedures.
- Women move from supported housing to independently living by utilizing more community resources.

Recreational Services

In an effort to create a sense of normalcy, Alice Housing in coordination with Grace Chapel provide a family retreat for families once a year where families come together for outdoor activities and relaxation in a fun and safe atmosphere. Without this collaboration, these families would not have the opportunity for this type of activity primarily due to cost.

- Provision of a weekend retreat in a camping environment
- Coordination of supervised activities for children

Meals Programs/Services

For many women entering Alice Housing, the crisis they are experiencing includes financial strain and the provision of food through our Food Bank and Community Kitchen is essential to many families. Our program also includes instructional session on nutrition and cooking on a budget.

- Women access food stuffs as provided by the Feed Nova Scotia
- Women participate in and benefit from community kitchen meals on program nights.
- Women are able to access food gift certificates from Alice Housing staff.
- Women learn healthy cooking choices and nutritional values.

Outcomes

- Women and children have access to healthy food.
- Women are able to provide nutritious meals using the Basic Shelf concept.

Children' Programs

Over the past year, the number of children involved living with Alice Housing has doubled. This statistic holds true for the children of ex-tenants who still take advantage of our childcare program and resources. The Alice Kids Resource Library which will provide parents and their children with age appropriate resources to help them deal with the consequences of family violence. Healing the Bruises Counselling program provides one-on-one counselling support for children and parenting support for mothers by our dedicated child and youth counsellor

- Age appropriate reading materials for children who have experienced family violence.
- to increase positive coping skills in children who have witnessed violence within their families
- to decrease destructive behaviours and attitudes in children who have witnessed violence within their families
- To positively enhance the relationship between mothers and their children

Outcomes

- Children feel supported and safe
- Children are encouraged to discuss their experiences
- Children participate in recreational programs internally and externally of Alice Housing.
- Children exhibiting violent learned behaviours receive counselling and support
- Children attend school regularly.

Advocacy Services

For many women leaving domestic abuse situations, everyday tasks small and large are viewed as overwhelming and some cases hopeless. At Alice Housing, staff routinely accompanies women to legal appointments, Community Service meetings, court appearances and school meetings. In some cases, Alice Housing staff is involved with the local policing authorities, healthcare providers and Victim Services. The Housing Coordinator will also advocate on behalf of clients leaving Alice Housing in an effort to obtain affordable and safe housing. The staff actively advocate on behalf of the client both current and past on issues regarding Family benefits, mental health services, utilities, referrals to other community agencies, employment and continuing educational opportunities.

Activities

- Accompany clients on appointments when requested.
- Liaison with community resources
- Provide housing and employment references when relevant
- Advocate for financial assistance from relevant government department.

Outcomes

- Women keep commitments to appointments due to Alice Housing staff advocacy or presence.
- Women learn how to generate their own networks of support.
- Women become more empowered in addressing issues concerning custody, spousal support and legal action.

Personnel Committee Report for 2005-2006

The members of the personnel committee included Joanne Bernard, Cathy Love and Penny Harding.

The personnel committee reviewed and updated all of the job descriptions which were then approved by the Board in March.

Along with the job descriptions a new format for staff performance appraisals was completed and all reviews were brought up to date, including the Executive Directors.

The existing personnel and policy manual has been reviewed and revised to reflect current practice. This will be presented to the Board in the fall for review and approval.

Over the past year Alice Housing has seen some staff turn-over. Marilyn Barry left on sick leave and Susan MacPhee was hired in the women's counsellor position. A grant was received for a Child/Youth counsellor and Julie Dingwell was hired in April for a period of one year. In addition Susan Guidry joined staff for an 8-month term as the Program Coordinator and Thalia McRae completed a 6 month contract as the Art Auction Coordinator last fall. Both contracts were fully funded by Service Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Love

Staffing Component

Executive Director -	Joanne Bernard
Housing Coordinator -	Frances Blair Harper
Womens Counsellor -	Susan MacPhee
Administrative Assistant-	Tina Riley
Program Coordinator (contract)	Susan Guidry
Child/Youth Counsellor (contract)	Julie Dingwell

Financial Report - 2005-2006

As noted in the previous years Annual General Reports, challenges still exist in terms of the financial health of Alice Housing. Although revenues increased in the past year substantially due to success with grants and fundraising events, property and housing costs due to amenities such as heat and electricity continue to put a financial strain on the organization.

During the year ended March 31, 2006, the Society had revenue of \$320,799 and expenses of \$349,331 which resulted in an excess of expenditures over revenue of \$28,532 (down from a deficit of \$86,122 in 2005).

Due to personal commitments, our treasurer Catharine Penney had to step down from the position and the Board of Directors in February and we are searching for her replacement.

**ALICE HOUSING
(W. WILLIAMS NON-PROFIT HOUSING ASSOCIATION)**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended March 31, 2006

LYLE TILLEY DAVIDSON
Chartered Accountants



AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Alice Housing (W. Williams Non-Profit Housing Association)

We have audited the balance sheet of **Alice Housing (W. Williams Non-Profit Housing Association)** as at March 31, 2006 and the statements of revenue and expenditures, changes in net assets and cash flow for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Association's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as noted in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In common with many non-profit organizations, not all sources of revenue, by their nature, are susceptible to complete verification by audit procedures. Accordingly, our examination of revenue was restricted to accounting for the amounts recorded in the books of the association and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to revenue, loss of expenditures over revenue for the year, assets and net assets.

In our opinion, except for the effects of adjustments, if any, which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves with respect to revenue as described in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at March 31, 2006 and the results of its operations and changes in its cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Lyle Tilley Davidson

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ALICE HOUSING
(W. WILLIAMS NON-PROFIT HOUSING ASSOCIATION)
BALANCE SHEET
as at March 31, 2006

	2006	2005
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash - unrestricted	\$ 10,778	\$ 48,648
Accounts receivable	15,074	18,525
Prepaid expenses	2,245	3,274
	28,097	70,447
CASH - RESTRICTED		
Replacement reserve	20,121	67
Capital and operations reserves	1,114	6,048
Security deposits	3,969	3,438
Community Mobilization Grant	14,335	-
	39,539	9,553
CAPITAL ASSETS (note 4)	815,067	863,283
	\$ 882,703	\$ 943,283
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 23,284	\$ 29,652
Deferred revenue - grants	14,323	-
Security deposits	3,954	4,179
Current portion of long-term debt (note 5)	18,037	16,977
	59,598	50,808
LONG-TERM DEBT (note 5)	170,290	188,337
LONG-TERM DEFERRED GOVERNMENT GRANT	654,560	683,246
	884,448	922,391
NET ASSETS		
NET ASSETS FOR REPLACEMENT RESERVE	20,121	67
NET ASSETS FOR CAPITAL RESERVE	1,114	2,924
NET ASSETS FOR OPERATIONS RESERVE	-	3,124
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	4,845	40,055
NET ASSETS INVESTED IN CAPITAL ASSETS	(27,825)	(25,278)
CASH - RESTRICTED	(1,745)	20,892
	\$ 882,703	\$ 943,283

Signed on behalf of the Board

_____ Director

_____ Director

ALICE HOUSING
(W. WILLIAMS NON-PROFIT HOUSING ASSOCIATION)
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
for the year ended March 31, 2006

	2006	2005
REVENUE (schedule A)	\$ 137,987	\$ 117,617
EXPENDITURES (schedule A)	117,701	124,997
	<u>20,286</u>	<u>(7,380)</u>
OTHER INCOME		
Province of Nova Scotia	45,652	45,652
United Way	41,591	38,953
Donations and fundraising (net of related expenses)	80,668	31,801
Community Mobilization Program	3,000	-
Washers and dryers	1,733	1,771
Interest and other	168	1,775
HRM grant	10,000	-
Human Resources Development Canada	-	30,350
	<u>182,812</u>	<u>150,302</u>
INCOME BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER EXPENDITURES	<u>203,098</u>	<u>142,922</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER EXPENDITURES		
Administration	25,566	23,607
Professional fees	4,766	6,382
Program expenses	10,473	7,983
Promotional expenses	1,717	562
Rent	-	9,241
Repairs and maintenance	15,446	3,785
Salaries and benefits	158,178	153,902
Telephone	6,447	6,358
Travel	4,809	6,043
Property acquisition costs	-	7,436
Utilities	4,228	3,745
	<u>231,630</u>	<u>229,044</u>
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUE FOR THE YEAR	<u>\$ (28,532)</u>	<u>\$ (86,122)</u>

ALICE HOUSING
(W. WILLIAMS NON-PROFIT HOUSING ASSOCIATION)
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
for the year ended March 31, 2006

	Unrestricted Net Assets	Net Assets for Net Assets for			Net Assets Invested in Capital Assets	Total 2006	Total 2005
		Operation Reserve	Replacement Reserve	Capital Reserve			
Balance - beginning of year	\$ 40,055	\$ 3,124	\$ 67	\$ 2,924	\$ (25,278)	\$ 20,892	\$ 106,631
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	(34,022)	-	2,820	2,670	-	(28,532)	(86,122)
Amortization of capital assets	21,200	-	-	-	(21,200)	-	-
Interest Income	-	-	374	31	-	405	383
Capital asset additions	(1,668)	-	-	-	1,668	-	-
Repayment of mortgages	(16,985)	-	-	-	16,985	-	-
Interfund appropriations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rental properties funding of capital reserve	2,670	-	-	-	-	2,670	-
Rental properties funding of replacement reserve	2,820	-	-	-	-	2,820	-
Cash transfer from operation reserve	(9,225)	-	10,875	(1,650)	-	-	-
Transfer from operating reserve to capital reserve	-	(3,124)	-	3,124	-	-	-
Transfer from capital reserve to replacement reserve	-	-	5,985	(5,985)	-	-	-
Balance - end of year	\$ 4,845	\$ -	\$ 20,121	\$ 1,114	\$ (27,825)	\$ (1,745)	\$ 20,892

ALICE HOUSING
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW
for the year ended March 31, 2006

	2006	2005
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of expenditures over revenue for the year	\$ (28,532)	\$ (86,122)
Items not affecting cash -		
Amortization - property & equipment	49,885	41,634
Amortization - long-term deferred government grant	(28,686)	(20,671)
	(7,333)	(65,159)
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	3,451	4,665
Change in restricted cash	(29,986)	89,344
Prepaid expenses	1,029	2,712
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(6,371)	2,972
Security deposits	(225)	1,455
	(39,435)	35,989
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Repayment of long-term debt	(16,985)	(16,007)
Proceeds from long-term deferred government grant	14,323	459,000
	(2,662)	442,993
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of property and equipment	(1,668)	(459,818)
RESERVE ACTIVITIES		
Unrestricted net assets	(27,878)	73,577
Replacement reserve	20,054	(40,037)
Operations reserve	(3,124)	(20,685)
Capital reserve	(1,810)	(29,296)
Net assets invested in capital assets	18,653	16,824
	5,895	383
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN UNRESTRICTED CASH FOR THE YEAR	(37,870)	19,547
UNRESTRICTED CASH - BEGINNING OF YEAR	48,648	29,101
UNRESTRICTED CASH - END OF YEAR	\$ 10,778	\$ 48,648

ALICE HOUSING
(W. WILLIAMS NON-PROFIT HOUSING ASSOCIATION)
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended March 31, 2006

1. STATUS OF ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

Alice Housing (W. William Non-Profit Housing Association) was incorporated in November of 1982 to provide appropriate and affordable temporary second stage housing accommodations for women and children leaving abuse.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Financial instruments

Unless otherwise indicated, it is management's opinion that the Association is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from their various financial instruments. The fair value of these financial instruments approximates their carrying value, unless otherwise noted.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires the Association's management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and related notes to the financial statements. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Revenue recognition

Alice Housing follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Capital Assets

(a) Units A and B and Duplexes 1 and 2

Property, buildings and equipment are stated at cost. Amortization on the property and buildings is provided at an amount equal to the principal retirement on long-term debt. Amortization on equipment is at an annual rate of 20% starting in 2004.

(b) Unit C, D and Drop-in Centre/Office

Property, building and equipment are stated at cost. Amortization on the property and building is at an annual rate of 4%. Equipment is amortized at an annual rate of 20%.

Amortization is calculated at one-half of the normal annual rate in the year of acquisition; no amortization is recorded in the year of disposal.

(c) Office furniture and equipment

Office furniture and equipment is expensed in the year it is purchased.

ALICE HOUSING
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended March 31, 2006

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Long-term deferred government grant

The long-term deferred government grants are recorded at the cost of the Unit C, D, and Drop-in Centre / Office, building and equipment, which were fully funded by an HRDC grant. Amortization is recorded at an amount equal to amortization of the related capital assets.

Contributed services and materials

Volunteers contribute many hours per year to assist the association in carrying out its activities. As well, the association accepts various household items, clothes and food as donations that the women are able to take. Due to the difficulty in determining their fair value, contributed services and materials are not recognized in the financial statements.

3. RESERVE DESCRIPTIONS

Replacement Reserve

The replacement reserve is an annual allocation of funds to be used to cover repairs and capital cost replacements for Unit A and Unit B. This reserve is required under the terms of a financing agreement with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the Minister of Housing of the Province of Nova Scotia and the Halifax Regional Municipality. In March 2004, the Board decided to maintain this at 10% to 15% of the value of the properties determined by the property tax assessments. As of March 31, 2006, the balance should be between \$47,390 and \$71,085. As of March 31, 2006, the balance is \$20,121 (2005 - \$67).

Capital Reserve

The capital reserve (previously named the renovation/emergency reserve) is an annual allocation of funds to be used to cover repairs and capital cost replacements for Unit C, Unit D, Duplex's 1 & 2 and the office / drop-in centre. In March 2004, the Board decided at its discretion to maintain this at 10% to 15% of the value of the properties determined by the property tax assessments when operating cash flow allows. As of March 31, 2006, the balance should be between \$78,530 and \$117,795. As of March 31, 2006, the balance is \$1,114 (2005 - \$2,924).

Operations Reserve

The operations reserve was established in March 2004 and is to be used to cover any emergencies in the operations of Alice Housing such as a loss of core funding. The Board has decided at its discretion to accumulate up to 3-5 months of operating expenses, from \$100,796 to \$167,993, when operating cash flow allows. Funds will be allocated to this reserve as they become available each year. As at March 31, 2006, the balance is \$- (2005 - \$3,124).

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4. CAPITAL ASSETS

	<u>2006</u>		<u>2005</u>	
	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Net	Net
Unit A	\$ 181,678	\$ 90,776	\$ 90,902	\$ 101,076
Unit B	97,528	59,458	38,070	43,322
Unit C	250,876	28,143	222,733	233,426
Unit D	225,668	13,428	212,240	219,520
Duplex 1	37,853	23,242	14,611	17,701
Duplex 2	35,450	20,027	15,423	17,938
Office / Drop-in Centre	235,000	13,912	221,088	230,300
	<u>\$1,064,053</u>	<u>\$ 248,986</u>	<u>\$ 815,067</u>	<u>\$ 863,283</u>

The units and duplexes are held for rental purposes.

5. LONG-TERM DEBT

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
5.62% mortgage payable, repayable in blended monthly installments of \$1,290, renewable in June 2006, secured by land and building to which it relates	\$ 108,665	\$ 117,831
5.62% mortgage payable, repayable in blended monthly installments of \$524, renewable in June 2006, secured by land and building to which it relates	44,150	47,875
6.80% mortgage payable, repayable in blended monthly installments of \$295, renewable in October 2006, secured by land and building to which it relates	18,248	20,485
6.96% mortgage payable, repayable in blended monthly installments of \$262, renewable in December 2008, secured by land and building to which it relates	17,264	19,123
	<u>188,327</u>	<u>205,314</u>
Less: current portion	18,037	16,977
	<u>\$ 170,290</u>	<u>\$ 188,337</u>

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5. LONG TERM DEBT (continued)

The aggregate amount of principal payments required in each of the next five years to meet retirement provisions, assuming renewal of the mortgages on identical terms, is as follows:

Year ending March 31, 2007	\$ 18,037
2008	19,122
2009	20,273
2010	21,493
2011	22,788

6. COMMITMENTS

The aggregate annual payments under a equipment leases expiring in 2008 and 2010:

Year ending March 31, 2007	\$ 1,667
2008	1,667
2009	1,271
2010	479
2011	80

7. GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

Alice Housing receives shelter enhancement funding to cover the cost of the repairs on the rental properties. This funding is recorded in the year it is received and is offset against repairs expense. During the year \$54,056 was received (2005 - \$41,798).

Schedule A

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SCHEDULE OF EARNINGS FROM OPERATIONS
for the year ended March 31, 2006

	Unit A	Unit B	Unit C	Unit D	Duplex 1 & 2	2006	2005
REVENUE							
Rent	\$ 51,840	\$ 32,410	\$ 32,580	\$ 20,820	\$ 28,900	\$ 166,550	\$ 141,000
Vacancies	(8,135)	(7,383)	(7,098)	(3,470)	(2,498)	(28,584)	(20,565)
Subsidized	(2,146)	(2,077)	(540)	(690)	(1,200)	(6,653)	(7,893)
Bad debts	(1,519)	(2,502)	(1,893)	-	-	(5,914)	(7,513)
Net rentals	40,040	20,448	23,049	16,660	25,202	125,399	105,029
CMHC RENT SUBSIDY	4,771	7,817	-	-	-	12,588	12,588
	44,811	28,265	23,049	16,660	25,202	137,987	117,617
EXPENDITURES							
Amortization	10,174	5,253	-	167	5,606	21,200	20,964
Heat	7,842	5,056	5,792	5,273	8,391	32,354	27,119
Insurance	1,844	896	539	129	890	4,298	4,088
Miscellaneous	(58)	34	307	320	131	734	(304)
Mortgage interest	6,274	2,549	-	-	2,597	11,420	12,424
Power	3,473	2,415	1,598	813	3,078	11,377	9,579
Property taxes	788	726	617	586	869	3,586	6,300
Renovation reserve	-	-	890	890	890	2,670	-
Repairs, net of shelter enhancement grants	6,506	8,274	4,394	4,744	(2,392)	21,526	36,388
Replacement reserve	940	940	-	-	940	2,820	-
Security	376	-	-	-	-	376	3,609
Water	1,367	1,340	620	451	1,562	5,340	4,830
	39,526	27,483	14,757	13,373	22,562	117,701	124,997
EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ 5,285	\$ 782	\$ 8,292	\$ 3,287	\$ 2,640	\$ 20,286	\$ (7,380)
(EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUE)							

Fundraising Report - 2005/2006

The past year saw Alice Housing experience its most successful fundraising efforts with a 200 per cent increase from the previous year - almost \$140,000 in 2005/2006 compared to \$36,000 in 2004/2005.

To ensure Alice Housing can continue to offer and grow the services it provides to the women and their children that come to its doors Alice Housing must raise almost one-third of the annual budget. As a result we rely on various types of fundraising.

Solicited grants

Whether government, private organizations or foundations - grant money is often available for non-profit organizations if you know how and where to access those funds. The Executive Director of Alice Housing wrote a number of proposals last year for solicited grants equating close to \$80,000 in additional funds.

Special events

Alice Housing differentiates itself in the market with its two headline fundraising events. In addition to adding funds to bottom line, almost as important is the fact that these events help raise the profile of Alice Housing in the community in which we serve.

Art Auction

Since its inception The Alice Housing Art Auction has become a signature event raising approximately \$18,000 in 2005. Held in October, pieces of art, which are generously donated by artists and artisans from around the province, are auctioned to the highest bidder. In 2005 Alice Housing received funding from Service Canada to hire a dedicated resource for six months to plan and manage this event.

Mothers Day campaign

Alice Housing is putting its name on Mother's Day with its fundraising campaign - the Mother's Day campaign. Just completing its second year the Mother's Day campaign has three components: a letter writing campaign - request for donation letters are sent to approximately 2000 people; spa gift certificates - the Summit Spa generously donates their spa services at a reduced rate and donates the proceeds to Alice Housing. The finale is a luncheon held just prior to Mothers Day. The total amount raised by the Mother's Day campaign is expected to exceed \$10,000.

Third party fundraising

Whether it's receiving the proceeds from the Mic Mac Mall fountain or the cash counter collection from a retail store, various organizations include Alice Housing as a benefactor of their fundraising efforts. Two notable organizations in the past year include the Aeolian Singers and the Vagina Monologues.

The Aeolian Singers, a 40-voice women's choir based in Halifax, Nova Scotia, selected Alice Housing as the recipient of the proceeds from the raffle of their 2005 concert series. Their generosity meant over \$1000 for Alice Housing.

The organizers of Halifax's performance of The Vagina Monologues, the play by Eve Ensler which has become a cultural phenomenon, selected Alice Housing as one of the two non-profit organizations to receive the proceeds from their ticket sales and raised approximately \$5,000 for Alice Housing.

While fundraising for Alice Housing has been tremendously successful there is always a need to do more. We will continue to build on the success of the current programs so we can continue to meet the critical services Alice Housing provides.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison MacDonald
Fundraising chairperson

**Alice Housing would like to thank the following friends
for their generosity and continued support.**

Feed Nova Scotia	Nova Scotia Department of Community Services
Sisters of Charity	Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation
Ricki's	Christ Church
Grace Chapel	Zellers Inc - Mic Mac Mall and Cole Harbour
Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness	Service Canada
Sobey's Queen Street	BMO Foundation of Hope
TD Canada Trust, Portland St	Flemming Foundation
Touchstone Design House	Wickwire Holm Barristers and Solicitors
East Coast Cine Services Inc	Summit Spa and Wellness Clinic
Metropolitan Housing Authority	Futura Club
Mom to Moms	Beta Sigma Phi
Aliant Pioneers	Kinsmen Club of Dartmouth
Emera Energy Inc	Clearwater Seafoods Ltd
Atlantic Lottery Commission	United Way of Halifax Region
Alice Housing Christmas Angels	Crossbow International
Pelham Electric	Carvery's
Lyle Tilley Davidson	World Trade Centre LTD
Jeffrey Cowling Designs	Aeolian Singers
Candian Womens Foundation	Invis Inc
Labatt Breweries of Canada	Kiwanis Club of Dartmouth
Prostitution Education Program	F.K. Morrow Foundation
Dartmouth Community health Board	Halifax Peninsula Community Health Board
Halifax Regional Municipality	Harrison McCain Foundation
IWK Health Centre Foundation	The Edwards Family Charitable Foundation
The Harold Crabtree Foundation	The Aeolian Singers
United Way of Greater Toronto	Saint Marys University
Zonta Club of Halifax	Mic Mac Mall Administration office

To protect privacy, we do not list donations made by individuals. If we have excluded anyone from this list, please know that your kindness has not been forgotten and is greatly appreciated.

Alice Housing also thanks the many people who drop off donations and in-kind contributions to us as well as those who support us through fundraising events.