



Board Activity Report August & September 2009 from Multiple Births Canada



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Wasaga Beach, ON: Multiple Births Canada (MBC) is pleased to provide ongoing updates to its members, chapters and colleagues. Your commitment to **Supporting Multiple Births Together** is of great importance to Canada's multiple-birth community.

Chapter Representatives: Please forward the information below to your Chapter Executive and members.

This **August & September** Board Activity Report is intended to inform MBC members of work performed by the Board of Directors on behalf of all multiple-births individuals, families and supporters in Canada. It does not include the many activities coordinated in the business office by our Business Services Manager or the many worthwhile projects currently being handled by our valuable national volunteers.

- Welcomed a new member to the MBC Board of Directors – Todd Ohman
- Attended and produced the minutes for three MSN Board Meetings
- Produced [Year 3 Review of 2006-2009 Strategic Plan – Building the Future](#)
- Prepared for the [2009 Chapter Development Retreat & AGM](#) – secured donations, fundraisers and sponsorships, finalized meals, requested resource materials to distributed to delegates, developed outlines for the four workshops and MBC and You sessions, liaised with speakers regarding their AV needs and handouts
- Produced a Quarterly Board of Directors Report for May-June-July
- Reviewed 1st Quarter Financial Report
- Produced six [Information Circulars](#)
- Began review of Chapter Handbook and developed a survey for Chapters to provide input
- Began discussions on theme for 2010 National Multiple Births Awareness Day
- Began discussions on standard multiple-birth terminology to be used by MBC national volunteers and Chapters
- Corresponded with Chapter newsletter editors to connect with other newsletter editors
- Assisted Chapters by suggesting member retention, volunteer recruitment, conflict resolution and public awareness strategies
- Followed up on funding application to the Social Development Partnership Program - no decisions
- Submitted application to Create-A-Thon and was accepted by Character Creative for pro bono marketing/layout work on MBC brochure and poster
- Liaised with CTV National News for a story on the public funding for in vitro fertilization
- Liaised with Christian Martin (father of twins) and Stephen Moreau (lawyer) preparing for the EI appeal by Christian on September 11th, produced two media releases, communicated the unanimous decision by the Board of Referees to award Christian parental leave, responded to media requests from a dozen media outlets and prepared for Federal Government's appeal of the decision
- Produced documents for the [2008-2009 Annual Report](#)
- Finalized the [results of the Relationship Survey](#), produced an analytical document reviewing the findings and requested the Health and Education committee develop a Fact Sheet to address the parental relationship issue for multiple-birth families
- Monitored A Perfect Party Fundraiser and discussed opportunities for Chapters to develop direct partnerships
- Reviewed new MBC Loss Fact Sheet—*Loss and Grief: Statement of Rights*
- Distributed the [COMBO newsletter](#) worldwide to national organizations
- Completed columns for the Fall RFN and Multiple Moments
- Liaised with [2010 National Conference](#) committee
- Contributed to a variety of ongoing discussions and handled all MBC correspondence

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