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Albert Park/Radisson Heights Community Association, Calgary, AB  
Child and Adolescent Services Association, Edmonton, AB  
Program for Adult Learning, Lac La Biche, AB  
Wood's Homes, Calgary, AB  
John Maclure Community School Society, Abbotsford, BC  
Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society, Kelowna, BC  
Kiwassa Neighborhood House, Vancouver, BC  
Marlene Street Tenants' Association, Inc., Winnipeg, MB  
Winnipeg Boys and Girls Clubs, Inc., Winnipeg, MB  
New Brunswick Association for Community Living, Fredericton, NB  
Community Youth Network for Southwestern Newfoundland, Inc., Stephenville, NF  
Alexander Society for Special Needs, Wolfville, NS  
Ability Online, Toronto, ON  
Centre de sante communautaire Hamilton-Wentworth/Niagara, Hamilton, ON  
Christie Lake Community Centres, Ottawa, ON  
Christie Ossington Neighbourhood Centre, Toronto, ON  
Delta Family Resources Centre, Toronto, ON  
Doorsteps Neighbourhood Services, Toronto, ON  
Family Counselling Centre of Sarnia-Lambton, Sarnia, ON  
Family Services of Haliburton County, Haliburton, ON  
Frontier College (National Office) , Toronto, ON  
Haldimand-Norfolk Women's Services, Simcoe, ON  
House of Friendship, Kitchener, ON  
Learning Disabilities Association of Peterborough and Trent University, School of Education and Professional Learning, Peterborough, ON  
Lennox and Addington Interval House, Napanee, ON  
Kerry's Place Autism Services, Kingston, ON  
Lakeshore Area Multi-services Project, Toronto, ON  
North Hamilton Community Health Centre, Hamilton, ON  
Ottawa Carleton New Beginnings for Youth , Ottawa, ON  
Overbrook Forbes Community Resource Centre, Ottawa, ON  
St. Catharines Resource Service for Youth, St. Catharines, ON  
Toronto Children's Breakfast Club, Toronto, ON  
WoodGreen Community Centre of Toronto, Toronto, ON  
Wyndham House, Guelph, ON  
YES Employment Services and Volunteer Youth in the Millennium, Thunder Bay, ON  
Hillsborough River Area Development Corporation, Mount Stewart, PE  
Frontier College Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan