

What's the cost of potential?

What's the cost of someone not finishing high school? What's the cost of a youth continuing down the wrong path? Where can an at-risk youth find the help to make positive changes?

Not every student fits into the mainstream school system. The students who come to Take a Hike often struggle with issues such as drug and alcohol addiction, criminal activity, physical and mental abuse, low self-esteem, depression, unstable homes, poverty and/or trauma.

We create a safe learning environment that engages, encourages and empowers at-risk youth. The Take a Hike program is focused on enabling these youth to reach their full potential.

"I SEE MYSELF BETTER THAN I USED TO. I USED TO FEEL LIKE I WAS GOING NOWHERE, BUT NOW THERE'S A CHANCE FOR ME TO BE SUCCESSFUL."

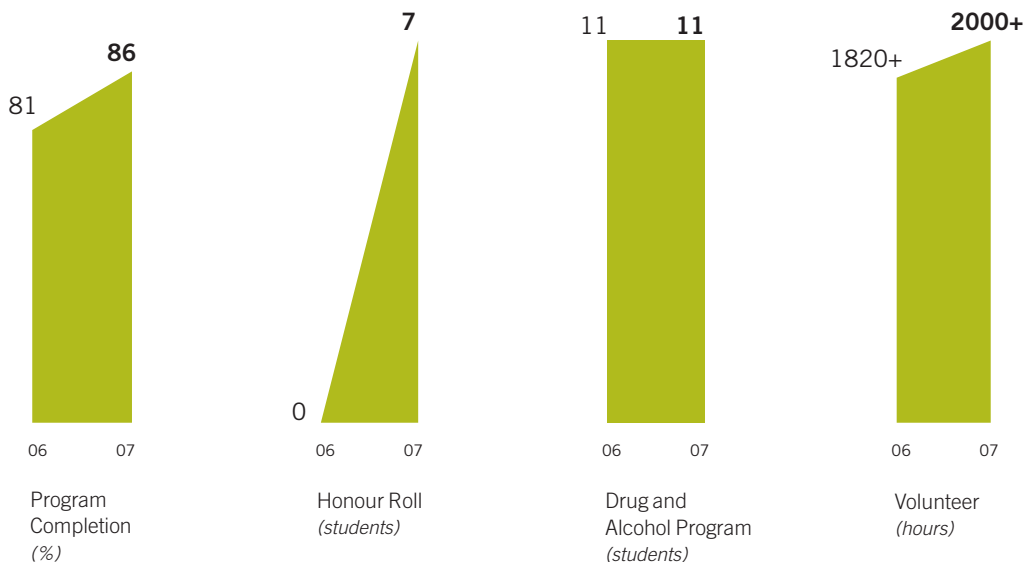


**“BEFORE TAKE A HIKE I NEVER WENT TO SCHOOL
BECAUSE IT WASN'T VERY APPEALING. BUT I THINK
THIS YEAR WAS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL.”**



342 km
number of kilometres paddled

Summits Reached



2006 / 2007 RESULTS:

7 students made the honour roll.
100% of Grade 12's graduated.
86% of Grade 11's completed the year.
83% of Grade 10's completed the year.

All students completed Wilderness First Aid, CPR "C" and Avalanche Training. They have also gained the skills necessary to complete four multi-day camping trips, including one 10-day expedition and a four day snowshoeing/snow cave trip.

Since joining the program, students have demonstrated a measurable improvement in their self-esteem, communication skills, connection to school and ability to manage stress.



“THE TEACHERS HERE REALLY BELIEVE IN FINDING THINGS OUT ON OUR OWN.[...] THEY TEACH US TO STEP UP TO THE PLATE AND TAKE CHARGE OF OUR LIVES, BECAUSE IN REALITY, IT’S OUR FUTURE AND WE NEED TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISIONS TO HAVE A GOOD FUTURE.”



Message from the Chair

I am pleased to report on one of Take a Hike's most successful academic years. Having a student on the honour roll (BC High School Standards) is a first for Take a Hike, and during the 2006/07 school year, there were seven. This is an amazing accomplishment, especially given the challenges the youth face every day. Take a Hike students have a history of struggling in traditional classrooms and our results have shown that they thrive in an experiential learning environment.

Fundraising Milestone

I am happy to announce that in September 2007, the Take a Hike Youth at Risk Foundation reached a milestone. Over the last seven years, individuals, companies and foundations have come together to support Take a Hike's at-risk youth for a total of \$1 million. A special thank you to my fellow board members, our donors, committee and program volunteers for reaching this milestone together. Each of you gives to Take a Hike in a different and significant way. Without your generosity, Take a Hike would not be able to continue changing the lives of at-risk youth and enhancing the social well being of our communities.

Adventure Series Events

The Take a Hike Foundation launched a new fundraising initiative in 2006/2007 – The Take a Hike Adventure Series events. Both events, snowshoeing in the spring and hiking in the fall, were very successful in raising funds for the program; increasing Take a Hike's profile in the community; and bringing together directors, donors, staff, and students to enjoy the beautiful outdoors. I hope you can join us at our snowshoeing event in March 2008, it would be a pleasure to meet some of our donors.

Supporting Take a Hike and the Pinnacle Club

As we begin our most active fundraising period this fall, we encourage you to consider supporting Take a Hike for the 2007-2008 school year and becoming members of the Pinnacle Club. The Pinnacle Club, launched in 2005, recognizes individuals that commit to making a gift to Take a Hike for three consecutive years. This commitment means a great deal to us and the sustainability of the organization. Please contact our Executive Director, Michelle Berry, for further details.

As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions. Thank you again for your interest and support.

Sincerely,

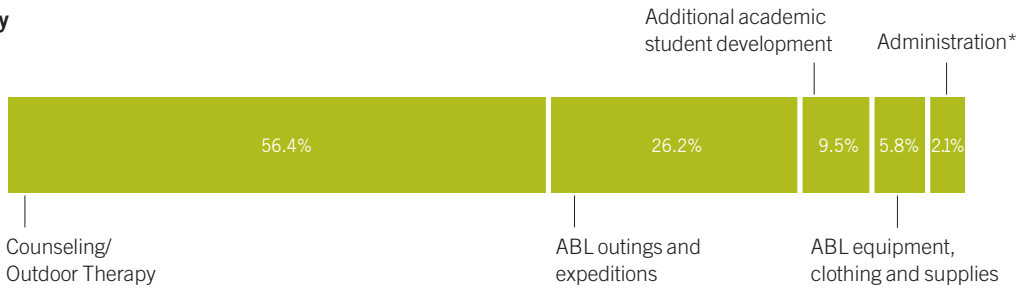


John Phillips

**“I LOOK AT MYSELF AS A MAJESTIC FOREST BUM NOW!
I FEEL BETTER ABOUT MYSELF BECAUSE MY SELF-IMAGE WENT UP.
I NEVER THOUGHT I COULD DO WHAT TAKE A HIKE HELPED ME TO ACHIEVE.”**



Financial Summary



About Take a Hike

Take a Hike is an alternative education program that engages at-risk youth through a unique combination of outdoor experiential learning, academics, counseling, and community involvement.

The program operates out of John Oliver Secondary School in Vancouver BC, where 40 at-risk youth in grades 10-12 attend full-time classes from September to June. In partnership with the Vancouver School Board, the Take a Hike program provides at-risk youth with the opportunity to make positive change in their lives through outdoor expeditions, working through their issues, building confidence and improving academic abilities.

The Take a Hike Model

ADVENTURE BASED LEARNING

Learn teamwork, problem solving skills, and build confidence through weekly adventure-based learning activities and multi-day camping trips.

ACADEMICS

Follow a regular academic curriculum through self-paced learning that will lead to graduation.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Volunteer in the community - 60 hours a year per student.

THERAPY

Spend regular one-on-one time with a clinical therapist to overcome barriers to personal growth and learning.

The Foundation

Each year, the Take a Hike Youth at Risk foundation aims to raise a minimum of \$255,000 per year in support of the Take a Hike program. The Foundation is comprised of 14 dedicated volunteer directors and one part-time Executive Director. The directors alone make an annual gift totaling 14% of Take a Hike's annual budget—a true testament to their belief in the program. The Foundation also plays a key role in developing the Take a Hike program by exploring potential avenues for growth, conducting research on the impact of Take a Hike, and implementing various programs such as the Mentor Program.

Pinnacle Giving Club

Donors who commit to making a gift for three consecutive years will become members of the Pinnacle Club. In making a three-year commitment to Take a Hike, donors are investing in the future of at-risk youth, providing students with support and opportunities they never thought possible; the impact is life-changing. Furthermore, multi-year pledges are essential to the sustainability of the Foundation and enables us to focus our valuable yet limited resources on youth and program development.

* Part-time Executive Director service fees are funded by BC Technology Social Venture Partners; and the board of directors cover the 4.1% administration expenses, ensuring every dollar donated to Take a Hike goes to the at-risk youth in the program.

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Thank you to all our donors for their support. In celebration of reaching the \$1 million mark we would like to recognize the individuals that have given over \$5000 (cumulatively) since Take a Hike's inception seven years ago. We are truly thankful for your support and would not be here if it weren't for your generous gifts:

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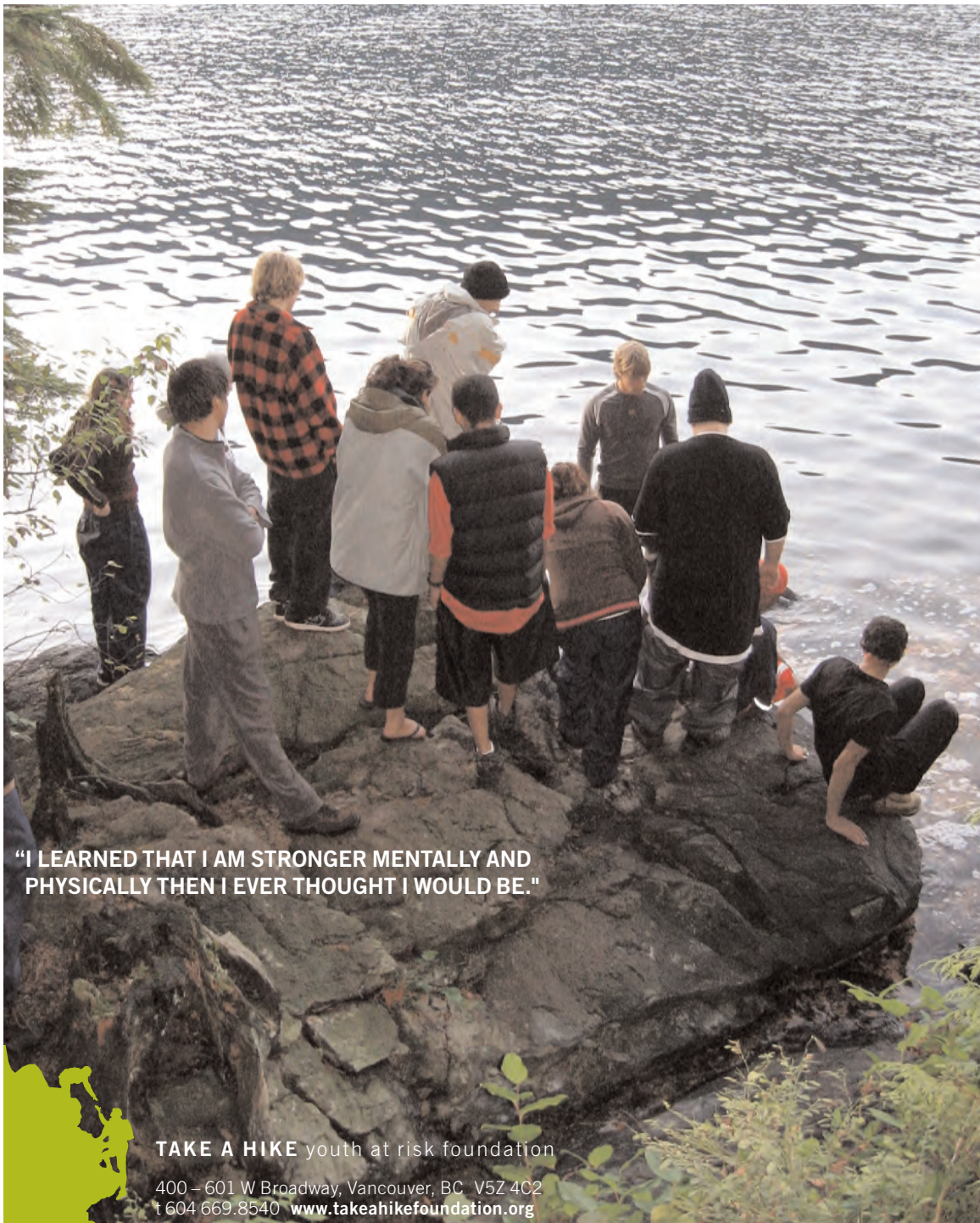
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Mark your calendars for our annual snowshoe event at Mount Seymour in March 2008.

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"I LEARNED THAT I AM STRONGER MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY THEN I EVER THOUGHT I WOULD BE."

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