

## Financial Information

### Financial Summary

Year Beginning April 1, 2003, and  
Ending March 31, 2004

Balance Carried Over from 2002-2003	\$465.58
Donations to MBCBL	\$740.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1205.58</b>
Office Expenses	\$794.64
Travel Costs	\$204.37
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$999.01</b>
<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>\$206.57</b>

The MBCBL would like to thank the Canadian Landmine Foundation for its generous financial support of our organization during 2003-2004.



The Manitoba Campaign to Ban Landmines is a registered non-profit organization in the Province of Manitoba (Corporation #4525575).

The MBCBL is a member of Mines Action Canada and the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize co-laureate International Campaign to Ban Landmines. To learn more about these organizations, please visit their websites:

[www.minesactioncanada.org](http://www.minesactioncanada.org)  
[www.icbl.org](http://www.icbl.org)

## Advocacy

The MBCBL responded to Action Alert appeals by the ICBL. Letters were sent to the governments of Burundi, China, Nepal, São Tomé e Príncipe, Singapore, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam urging them to either accede to or ratify the Mine Ban Treaty. Burundi responded to the ICBL appeal and ratified the Mine Ban Treaty on October 22, 2003.

The MBCBL wrote to Canada's new Prime Minister Paul Martin to express our hope that the landmine issue would remain a priority for his government. A letter was also sent to U.S. President George W. Bush urging the United States to join the world community and accede to the Mine Ban Treaty.

In March 2003, the MBCBL urged the United States to not use mines during its military action in Iraq. The MBCBL also condemned Iraq for its use of mines in that conflict.

Following the February 27, 2004, announcement by the White House that the United States would not accede to the Mine Ban Treaty, and that it would continue to use anti-personnel landmines, the MBCBL issued a press statement denouncing the move. MBCBL Coordinator Darryl R. Toews said that:

*"the United States has failed to demonstrate leadership on this issue and continues to ignore an important multilateral agreement intended to protect the lives of innocent civilians. It's a disappointing announcement."*

In addition to local media, a copy of the press release was also sent to the United States Consulate in Winnipeg.



## A Message From The MBCBL Coordinators

The Manitoba Campaign to Ban Landmines (MBCBL) celebrated its first anniversary on March 1, 2003. During its second year, the MBCBL continued to raise awareness in Manitoba of the global landmine problem. Despite the announcement that the U.S. will not join the Mine Ban Treaty, it has been a year filled with positive developments.

Worldwide, progress is being made to rid the world of these indiscriminate weapons of terror. 150 nations have now signed, ratified, or acceded to the Mine Ban Treaty. Mines are being cleared. Stockpiles are being destroyed. And most importantly, survivors are receiving help to cope with the often horrific physical and psychological injuries caused by anti-personnel landmines and other Explosive Remnants of War (ERW).

We remain committed to supporting the work of Mines Action Canada (MAC) and the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL). Through collective action, the threat posed by landmines can and will be eliminated. We encourage all Manitobans to get involved and to take action to help solve this very solvable problem.

*Darryl R. Toews & Meredith Daun*  
MBCBL Coordinators

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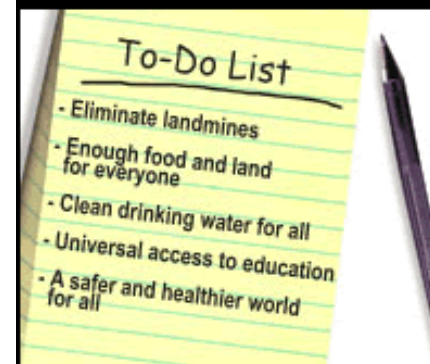
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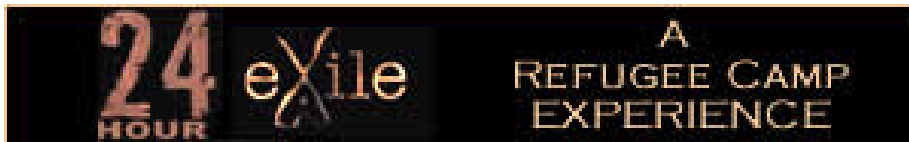
The MBCBL would like to thank the following organizations and businesses for their support of our activities during the past year:

*Canadian Landmine Foundation  
Mines Action Canada  
Youth Mine Action Ambassador Program  
DFAIT Mine Action Team  
Manitoba Council for International Cooperation  
Canadian International Demining Centre  
Photo Central*

A special thank you to volunteer Shawna Nelles for designing and maintaining the MBCBL website.

## What's on your to-do list?





On May 9 and 10, 2003, in Bird's Hill Park, Manitoba high school students experienced first-hand the realities of life as a refugee in the *24-Hour Exile*. They faced many of the dangers experienced by real refugees including ambushes by rebel soldiers, landmines, and a cold and rainy night spent in a refugee camp tent. MBCBL Coordinator Meredith Daun was part of the *Exile* organizing committee and helped organize the landmine awareness component of the event.



As the participants made their way to the refugee camp, a loud explosion rang out in the distance followed by frantic screams. They continued down the path and came upon "Danger Mine" signs and bright yellow mine-warning tape marking off a mine field near the refugee camp. There they encountered a bloodied young landmine victim played by MBCBL Youth Ambassador Sierra Noble. Equipped with a mine protection suit and a prod, Daun demonstrated how deminers reach and treat a mine victim. It was an effective demonstration of the threat that landmines pose to refugees every day.

The *24-Hour Exile* was organized by the Canadian Red Cross, the Youth Mine Action Ambassador Program (YMAAP), the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council, and the MBCBL.

**MBCBL Sends More Petitions to President Bush**

Dozens of petitions containing the signatures of 380 Manitobans and other Canadians were sent to U.S. President Bush in July 2003. The petitions demanded that the United States accede to the Mine Ban Treaty and cease using anti-personnel landmines. These signatures were in addition to the nearly 2,500 signatures delivered to the U.S. Consulate in Winnipeg on May 10, 2002, by the MBCBL. Unfortunately, President Bush continues to ignore the concerns that millions of people in the U.S.A. and around the world have about U.S. landmine policy.

**The Media**

The MBCBL thanks the following Manitoba media for their continued interest and coverage of the MBCBL. We also thank them for their coverage of the Youth Mine Action Ambassador Program and other landmine awareness events and activities in Manitoba:

*A-Channel, CBC Television Global Television, CKY Television, Winnipeg Free Press, Winnipeg Sun, CBC Radio, CFAM Radio Southern Manitoba, CKMW Radio, The Manitoban, The Morden Times, Southeast Agri-Post, Pembina Valley Online, Steinbach Online, and World Vision's Youth Action News Network.*

**Youth Mine Action Ambassador Program**

The MBCBL is proud to support the work of the Youth Mine Action Ambassador Program in Manitoba. In September 2003 we welcomed Manitoba's newest Youth Ambassador Paul Neudorf to Winnipeg where he is hosted by the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC). Paul is Manitoba's fifth Youth Ambassador since the program's inception in 1998.



For more information on YMAAP and its activities, visit their website at: [www.dangermines.ca](http://www.dangermines.ca).

**Photo Exhibit**

Winnipeg's Photo Central played host to campaign photographer John Rodstedt's *Afghanistan: Clearing A Path to Peace* photo exhibit from April 1 to 19, 2003. The exhibit was sponsored by the MBCBL and Mines Action Canada.

**Canadian Landmine Awareness Week (CLAW)**

Mines Action Canada and the Youth Mine Action Ambassador Program organized numerous fundraising and awareness events across the country to celebrate Canadian Landmine Awareness Week (March 1 to 7, 2004).

Manitoba's Youth Ambassador Paul Neudorf organized a variety of events in Winnipeg including the **Pauly Tickle Theatre Company's** production of the Canadian Red Cross play *BOOM!* at the University of Winnipeg. Paul also organized the *[un]silenced: Art & Photo Exhibit on War, Refugees and Landmine Survivors* at Fleet Galleries in the Exchange District.

Joining Paul were Shirish Pandey, a youth mine activist from Nepal and Father Freddy, coordinator of the Sri Lankan Campaign to Ban Landmines. They spoke to students in Winnipeg about peace initiatives in Nepal and Sri Lanka, the global landmine problem, and how students can take action.

**Mines Action Canada**

Mines Action Canada held its Annual General Meeting in January 2003 and elected MBCBL Coordinator Darryl R. Toews to serve a two-year term on its Board of Directors. The MBCBL is a full member of Mines Action Canada.

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Visit [www.clearlandmines.com](http://www.clearlandmines.com).

**International Events**

MBCBL Coordinator Meredith Daun and Youth Ambassador Sierra Noble will be attending the *Ban Landmines! International Children's Conference* in Japan in August 2004. Joining them is high school student Amani Saini of B.C. Sierra and Amani will represent Canadian youth at the conference and Meredith will be their chaperone and YMAAP's ambassador to the conference.