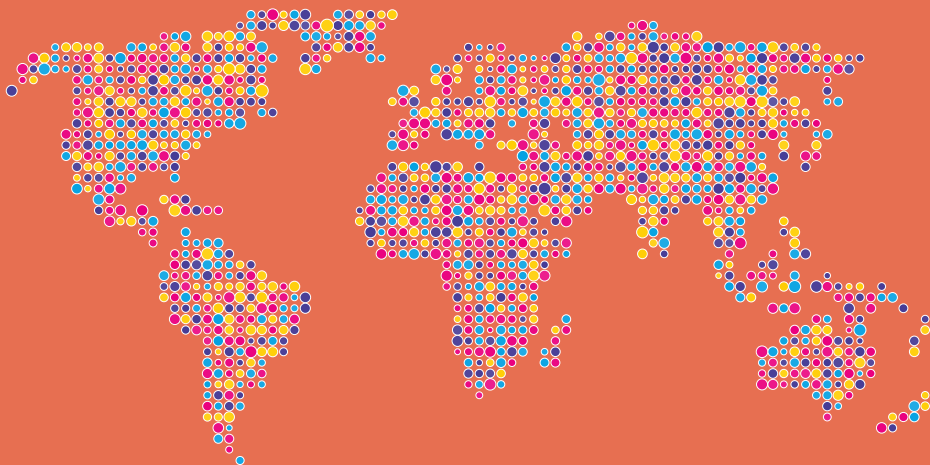




ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2025-26

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*CYC-Net is ... quite possibly ...
the most impactful social innovation
in the field for 30 years.*

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Dean of the Faculty of Community Services
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CYC-Net Board of Governors CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

It is hard to believe that another year has passed.

Our mission remains the same — to promote and facilitate reading, learning, information sharing, discussion, networking, support, and accountable practice amongst all who work with children, youth, and families in difficulty. To that end, we continue to provide the largest open-source library of child and youth care (and related) material in the world. The site is used daily by practitioners, managers, students, academics, and others, with thousands of visits each day. Our discussion groups also continues to be active, providing an important space for connection and discussion, and in the past year we brought back the original CYC-Net email discussion group.

The CYC-Net Press continues to publish new books, many of which are used as textbooks in post-secondary child and youth care programs. The CYC-Net Press also publishes Relational Child and Youth Care Practice (www.rcycp.com). These publications remain a valuable source of revenue for CYC-Net. In the past year, new publications included Supervision in Child and Youth Care Practice, 2nd Edition (Grant Charles, James Freeman, and Thom Garfat), and The Relational Thread: Mentoring in Child and Youth Care Practice (John Digney and Heather Modlin).

We are grateful to RCYCP editors Jaspreet Bal, Aurorra de Monte, James Freeman, and Werner van der Westhuizen, as well as the numerous contributors who continue to sustain this important quarterly publication.

The continuation of CYC-Net, and our online journal CYC-Online, has been made possible through the contributions of so many practitioners, educators, trainers, and others connected to the child and youth care field. We extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who has contributed to CYC-Online since its inception, and a special thank you to our editors and regular columnists who continue to share their knowledge, experience, and perspectives.

CYC-Net is a charitable organization overseen by volunteers. We rely heavily on donations and sponsorship for our survival. This year, we slowly recovered from the financial difficulties we experienced last year. While we will always be in need of additional revenue streams, the ongoing support of individuals, organizations, and post-secondary institutions has allowed us to remain solvent and continue our work. We are deeply grateful for that support.

I would like to thank the individuals who keep CYC-Net operational throughout the year: the editors of CYC-Online, Dr. Mark Smith, James Freeman, Janice Daley, Dr. Shemine Gulamhusein, Dr. Rika Swanzen, and Dr. Patricia Kostouros, as well as our regular columnists, Dr. Kiaras Gharabaghi, Dr. Hans Skott-Myhre, and Dr. Leon Fulcher. Their continued commitment to CYC-Net and to the field of child and youth care is greatly appreciated.

Thank you, as well, to all members of the Board of Governors for their continued contribution. We have a diverse international board that provides valuable guidance, perspective, and direction for CYC-Net. Their willingness to give their time and expertise is an important part of what allows CYC-Net to continue.

Finally, the enormous contribution of our Chief Operating Officer, Martin Stabrey, must be acknowledged. As the only paid employee at CYC-Net, Martin fulfills multiple roles: Managing Editor of CYC-Online, Editor and Publisher of CYC-Net Press, Webmaster, Administrator, Fundraiser — the list goes on! His contribution to CYC-Net is immeasurable, and we are fortunate to have his ongoing commitment to the organization.

As another year comes to a close, we remain grateful to the many people who contribute to CYC-Net in multiple ways. It is this collective commitment that allows CYC-Net to continue to serve the child and youth care community around the world.

Dr. Heather Modlin





HIGHLIGHTS

Discussion Groups Membership
(as at 31 March 2026)

2 855

Web Site Page Views*

343 017

External web links to CYC-Net

15 940

CYC-Net App Users

361

Consecutive months CYC-Online journal published

Active users during the year*

136 391

325

* Google Analytics



Report of the OPERATIONS OFFICER

CYC-Net is fast approaching it's 30th year of operations.

Last year I reported on the loss of a quarter of our budgeted annual income. We have been fortunate that new funding received from two organisations has mitigated this shortfall to some extent. However, our income streams remain volatile and sporadic, and as such we are unable to commit to any large scale development initiatives until such time as regular, long-term income streams are secured. Being able to "keep the ship afloat" remains CYC-Net's priority, and with geopolitical and economic uncertainty increasing around the world, it is non-profit organisations that are often first in line during budget cuts as supporting agencies grapple with their own cost pressures.

Amid our ongoing financial uncertainty, there remains much hope and positivity for the organisation. The most exciting development this year has been the confirmation that CYC-Net will once again act as co-host (along with the Child and Youth Care Association of Newfoundland and Labrador) of the 5th CYC World Conference in St. John's, Newfoundland, in June 2026. This is a return "home" for the World Conference, with our first conference having been held in St. John's in 2013. The conference in June 2026 promises to be a hugely influential and successful event, with at least 500 delegates gathering for three days of learning and networking. And every November, CYC-Net continues to co-host the Unity Conference in Dublin, Ireland.

Our professional journal, CYC-Online, continues it's unbroken run of monthly releases, having been published for 325 consecutive months in March 2026. Our discussion group has expanded its offering as is once again available on email (as well as our usual Facebook platform). The CYC-Net Press has grown it's text book offering with three new titles during the year - The Relational Thread: Mentoring in Child and Youth Care Practice, Supervision in Child and Youth Care Practice (Second Edition) and Making Moments Meaningful in Child and Youth Care Practice (3rd Edition).

As is usual, I end with a tribute to the dedication of those who have voluntarily given freely of their time, expertise and funding during difficult period for the organisation. I am especially grateful to the support and direction of our Board Chair, Dr Heather Modlin, whose calm, reassuring presence in a storm of uncertainty has provided much needed clarity of purpose during extremely difficult operating conditions.

Thank you.

Martin Stabrey





INCOME STATEMENT

as at 31 March 2026

INCOME	ZAR* 1 432 167	EXPENDITURE	ZAR* 1 279 455
Academic subscriptions	171 145	Bank Charges	17 832
Association sponsorship	44 004	Cleaning and Consumables	20 400
CYC-Net Press (RCYCP)	287 110	Cloud Subscription services	107 955
CYC-Net Press (Books)	254 466	Coding and Server Management	327 830
Individual sponsors	140 549	Electricity	29 040
Organisational sponsors	451 329	Printing	2 844
Special Events (Unity Conference)	21 751	Rent Paid	132 000
Webinars	61 813	Staff costs	624 000
		Travel	17 554

BALANCE SHEET

for the year ended 31 March 2026

ASSETS	ZAR* 151 629
Goodwill	150 000
Stock of books	1 578
Cash and cash equivalents	51
RESERVES AND LIABILITIES	ZAR* 151 629
Reserves	102 479
Long Term Liability **	49 150

* ZAR = South African Rand. CYC-Net legal registration is held in South Africa, thus reporting currency is ZAR.
For US\$ equivalents, divide amounts by 18.8 (annual average ZAR/US\$ exchange rate).

** Long Term Loan (CAD\$4000) from Board of Governors Chair Dr. Heather Modlin.



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