



Children's
Ability Fund

2008/09 Annual Report



our vision

... equal participation in our society
for all persons with disabilities

our mission

... to provide funding to enhance
the independence of people with
disabilities throughout northern Alberta



message from the chairman

Periodically we must reflect on our purpose in life. For an organization such as the **Children's Ability Fund**, that means we must often revisit and review our mandate.

During the past year your Board and Administrative staff held several meetings to do just that. Although this is an ongoing process and we have initiated several studies as a result of these meetings, we did make some major strides forward. Primary to our deliberations was the development of newly stated vision and mission statements.

Our revised vision statement is:

The Children's Ability Fund's vision is equal participation in our society of all persons with disabilities.

Our revised mission statement is:

The Children's Ability Fund provides funding to enhance the independence of persons with disabilities throughout Northern Alberta.

We hope that these reflect your view of why we exist and why you continue to provide support for **The Children's Ability Fund**.

While a great deal remains to be done in order to complete this review task, we are confident we are on the

right track.

If we reflect for a moment on our past achievements, we can see that we have, for over 60 years, delivered a valuable service by providing both funds for and awareness of the needs of Northern Alberta's disabled. We have assisted them to become more integrated and equal participants in our communities.

It is with the help of all our supporters that we can and will continue on this valuable and noble path.

This summer, one of our long time staff members left us for another opportunity. Marilyn Melnychuk, who probably had more direct contact with our clients than any other staff member, will be sorely missed. We wish Marilyn well in her future endeavours. This fall will also see the retirement of two members who have served their full ten-year terms on the Board of Directors. Bruce Geiger and Judy Pope have made tremendous contributions over the years and we thank them.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you who support **The Children's Ability Fund**.

Respectfully Yours'
Jim Banks, Chairman



message from the executive director

What an uplifting year . . . thanks to the generosity of our loyal donors, our corporate partners and sponsors, the outstanding community support of service clubs and other organizations, the commitment of our Board of Directors and the dedication of our staff.

We deal with such a diverse group of people with a myriad of different disabilities that it is often very difficult to portray to our donors the kinds of challenges that our clients are faced with each and every day.

So our goal this year was to focus on "lift" equipment. This equipment includes items such as an overhead lift, a standing lift, a porch lift, a stair lift and/or a vehicle lift. Each lift has a unique purpose just as each client has specialized needs. The type of equipment may change but the goal is the same – to provide a means of "freedom" for these individuals and their families, loved ones and caregivers.

Freedom has a different connotation for all of us but it was the theme that rang loud and clear in many of the thank-yous we received this year from our clients.

Imagine the freedom to leave your home with an exterior lift . . .

*"For a long time I lived in fear of not being able to exit my home or return safely. Just recently Children's Ability Fund has answered my prayers. I have just received an exterior lift that enables me to safely come and go. I am trying to understand this feeling of how **precious "freedom" is and how safe I feel.** This new lift has given me confidence to try harder."*

Sandra

The freedom and independence that an overhead track system can provide . . .

*"There aren't many words to describe the feeling a disabled person has when they can be a little more independent, the average person doesn't realize what that means to people like us. I have Muscular Dystrophy and without the overhead track system I would be lost – **it is an absolute godsend.**"*

Vincent

The freedom to go anywhere you choose . . .

I would like to thank you for the funding for the multi-lift for our son Aaron. It is a tremendous help to me to be able to get Aaron in and out of our van so easy. We now can go out places instead of being stuck at home wondering who I can get to help me lift Aaron into the van. Because of you, we are free to go anywhere we choose. You've really made our lives easier. With deepest thanks from the bottom of our hearts – we thank everyone.

Aaron's Gramma

We all know that times are a little tougher, we have had to tighten the purse strings and make some conscious decisions about spending, get rid of some "stuff" and get back to the basics. And what could be more basic than freedom?

Thank-you for you support and your trust in us to continue to provide the equipment to those most in need.

Yours in community service
Carol Russ, Executive Director

2008/09 Board of Directors

- Jim Banks - Chairman
- Bruce Geiger, LLB - Secretary*
- Brian Alguire, CMA - Treasurer
- Sylvia Herman - Director
- Ken Gulevich - Director
- Judy Pope - Director*
- Michelle Roy - Director
- Linnie Tse, MEdes - Director
- David Dorward, CMA CA - Past Chairman

**We would like to thank two retiring Board Members - Bruce Geiger and Judy Pope - who have served on the Children's Ability Fund for 10 years. Thank you for your guidance, your insight and your commitment to the organization.*

2008/09 Staff

- Carol Russ - Executive Director
- Marilyn Melnychuk - Client Care Coordinator
- Patricia Poohachoff - Communications and Special Events
- Joanne Rediron - Office Manager

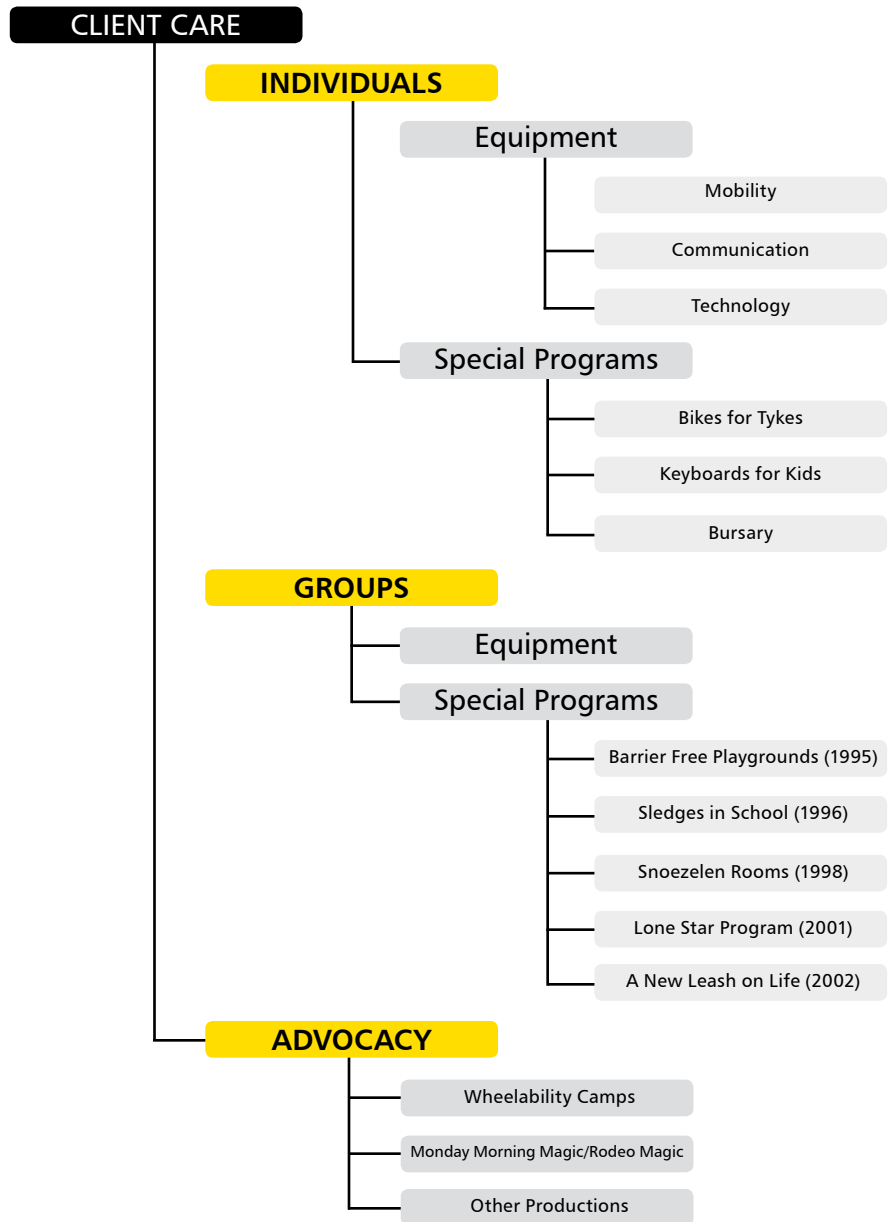
client care

The Children's Ability Fund goal is to create awareness and enhance independence by providing specialized equipment for people with disabilities.

Our focus is on children but age or type of disability is not a consideration when reviewing an application. Applications are accepted from individuals residing in Edmonton and Northern Alberta and are prioritized depending on basic needs, immediacy of the request and financial need.

Funding is directed towards three basic areas:

- Individuals
- Groups
- Advocacy



INDIVIDUAL equipment

Specialized equipment includes such items as:

Mobility Devices – Wheelchairs, walkers, overhead lifts, porch lifts, vehicle lifts, ramps, lift chairs, hospital beds, tilt systems, standing frames, car seats, leg braces

Communication Devices – TTY's, signaling devices, Voice synthesizers, FM systems

Other Technology – Alphasmarts, Braille printers, zoom text, joysticks, keyboards



| INDIVIDUALS – Summary | | Edmonton | | Northern Alberta |
|---|----|----------|----|------------------|
| Mobility Aids / Devices | 21 | \$64,026 | 14 | \$31,904 |
| Computers / Educational Assistive Devices | 4 | \$1,131 | 0 | 0 |

Thank-you so very much for the stand up wheelchair for Todd

His new wheelchair has made a tremendous difference in Todd's life. "It has given him freedom of movement and such confidence that he beams from inside out. Words cannot even begin to express our gratitude

The Davison Family

We would like to send our thanks and appreciation to everyone who helps make the Children's Ability Fund work and also to the companies and people who donate funds and time to organizations such as this. If it wasn't for the funding we've received for the overhead lift my daughter, Trisha, would either be in an institution or be at home confined to her bed. When she was younger and smaller, she was used to being able to be around the family in whatever area of the house we were in. She went to school daily, she liked going shopping at the mall and she loved having her bath every day. Because of your generosity she is able to continue to enjoy this lifestyle. Trisha is both physically and mentally handicapped but she is generally a very happy and outgoing person, she would be devastated if she was not able to have the opportunity to be around others, especially family. We all enjoy the freedom that we have and it's nice to know that disabled people can enjoy some of this freedom too, all because you have made it possible. What a gift!
Trisha's mom

INDIVIDUAL special programs



5 NEW BIKES WERE
PURCHASED THROUGH
THE BIKES FOR TYKES
PROGRAM THIS YEAR
TOTALING \$4,114

BIKES FOR TYKES PROGRAM

The Bikes for Tykes program was introduced to provide funding for the adaptation of a bicycle for the individual needs of a child with a disability. Our goal is to provide a means for a child to participate in the everyday activities that all children enjoy; riding to the park, exploring unknown territory and spending time with friends. Bikes provide an independent mode of transportation that helps build self-esteem and gives a sense of freedom. Special adaptations to a bicycle help a child with disabilities "delight in being a child".

The scope of this project ranges from minor adaptations to a fully customized bicycle to provide the necessary support for a child's personal needs. Cost of adaptations can range from \$ 500 up to \$ 1,800 for a customized bicycle.

Thank you so much for the help in purchasing Alessia's car seat. I am a single parent of three small children and would not have been able to make the purchase on my own. The car seat gave Alessia inclusion on family trips. Before she had her car seat transporting her was dangerous for her and the other occupants of the car. This quite often meant either the whole family wasn't able to go on outings or Alessia was left behind with a babysitter.

Alessia's
Mom



Without your generous help I doubt we would have ever been able to give Katie such a wonderful gift. Katie was absolutely ecstatic to be able to have the same freedom that her friends and siblings have. Not only does the bike offer her huge amounts of joy it has also been a new link for her to connect with friends, and I never get tired of her frequent requests to go outside and ride her new bike. Katie's legs have gained new strength and I see a new confidence in her that I have never seen before, that in itself is enough to bring a tear or in this case a few to my eyes. How can we ever thank the Children's Ability Fund for all it has done for my little girl? I will simply say Thank you. God Bless,

Katie's Mom

INDIVIDUAL special programs

KEYBOARDS FOR KIDS PROGRAM

The Keyboards for Kids program was introduced to provide funding for a portable, battery-powered, word-processing keyboard (Alphasmarts and Neos) for a child with a disability. Our goal is to provide a learning tool for a child who lacks the ability to write by hand, or who may have nearly unintelligible penmanship. A keyboard enables production of more work with less energy expenditure, giving a greater sense of accomplishment and more enthusiasm for writing and learning. Cost of keyboards can range from \$350 up to \$500.



3 KEYBOARDS WERE
PURCHASED THROUGH
THE KEYBOARDS FOR KIDS
PROGRAM THIS YEAR
TOTALING \$888



CHILDREN'S ABILITY FUND BURSARY

The Bursary was established as the Dr. GRA Rice Bursary in 1987 to recognize the 40th anniversary of the NACCF and the commitment of Dr. Rice and his support of the disabled citizens of northern Alberta. In 2002 the name of the bursary was changed to the Children's Ability Fund Bursary. The bursary is awarded annually in amounts up to \$5,000 at the discretion of the Board of Directors and may be allocated to more than one individual. The selection committee bases its decision on personal accomplishments and financial need.



Griffin Luth was diagnosed with autism and is planning on attending the University of Alberta, specializing in computing science.



Jolan Brunner had her right leg amputated as a result of cancer at the age of 12 and plans on attending Grant MacEwan College to take the Bachelor of Physical Education degree.

THE CHILDREN'S
ABILITY FUND BURSARY
OF \$3,000 WAS SHARED
BY THREE (2) STUDENTS IN
EDMONTON AND
VERMILION

GROUPS special programs

LONE STAR PROGRAM

The **Loan Star Program** is a program that offers a grant annually in amounts up to \$2,500 to assist organizations that provide therapeutic riding and are recognized by the Canadian Therapeutic Riding Association (CanTRA). Therapeutic riding is a form of therapy using horses to benefit persons with various disabilities ranging from physical to emotional.

Benefits of therapeutic riding:

- Development of mobility, balance and co-ordination
- Improvement of muscle tone and strength
- Increased concentration and improved learning skills
- A challenging recreational activity
- Independence, integration and a sense of achievement
- Development of self confidence and motivation



PARDS (PEACE
AREA RIDING FOR THE
DISABLED SOCIETY) IN
GRANDE PRAIRIE WAS
AWARDED THE GRANT
FOR 2008



NATIONAL SERVICE
DOGS WAS AWARDED THE
GRANT FOR 2008

A NEW LEASH ON LIFE PROGRAM

A New Leash on Life is a program that awards funding to an accredited organization (member of Assistance Dogs International Inc.) to raise and train an assistance dog for people with disabilities who reside in northern Alberta. Grants are awarded annually up to \$2,500 at the discretion of the Board of Directors. This program provides funding for various types of assistance dogs including the following: Guide Dogs, Service Dogs, Service Dogs for Children with Autism and Hearing Dogs

GROUPS special programs



FUNDING WAS APPROVED FOR PLAY-GROUNDS IN BEAUMONT, LACOMBE, PROVOST, SHERWOOD PARK AND SPRUCE GROVE FOR A TOTAL OF \$25,000

BARRIER FREE PLAYGROUND GRANTS

The Barrier Free Playground program offers a grant in the amount of \$5,000 to groups constructing a new playground that meets the new Annex H standards. Annex H spells out the base level requirement for what constitutes an accessible playspace and will ensure that all playspaces are both safe and accessible so everyone in the community can participate.

Our goal is three-fold:

- to “enhance the independence of children with disabilities”
- to encourage the inclusion of accessible playground equipment for children of all abilities
- to create awareness about the issue of accessibility for all children at the playground and within the community

Thanks for the smiles, laughter, the friendships and memories you have created through your generosity. Your contribution will last a lifetime.

Thank you for your financial support. You have helped us achieve the dream of building this spectacular playground for the children of our school and community.

The children of our community appreciate having this special place to play and have fun.

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Thank you for your support in building our playground, we couldn't have done it without you. This is the only accessible playground that our town has and it was greatly needed.

Thank you for the swings they are fun to swing on. They are the best in the universe.
Robyn

community



RODEO MAGIC

This year was the 13th annual **Rodeo Magic**, a pre-event to the Canadian Finals Rodeo. Competing cowboys, rodeo queens and other members of the rodeo community gave of their time to make Rodeo Magic an enthusiastic morning of "rodeo" activities at Northlands for children with disabilities. There were numerous activities for over 150 young Cowgirls and Cowboys– a stagecoach ride, calf roping, barrel riding, face painting, butter making and pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey.



MONDAY MORNING MAGIC

Monday Morning Magic is a special event that gives hundreds of children with disabilities the opportunity to enjoy Capital Ex away from the hustle and bustle of the crowds and this year over 100 children were able to enjoy the rides and a special program of entertainment and fun.

WHEELBASICS WHEELCHAIR SKILLS CAMP

Wheelbasics Wheelchair Skills Camp is a camp hosted by the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital for children with physical disabilities. This camp was designed to teach maneuvers and techniques to children ranging in age from 2 to 10. Stations focus on improving skills, including dealing with mock obstacles, transferring in and out of a wheelchair, managing outdoor barriers and everyday activities such as grocery shopping or going to see a movie. Exercises are geared towards specific functions such as opening doors, dealing with uneven ground and doing wheelies to get over curbs.



RODEO OF SMILES

Rodeo of Smiles is a special day for children with disabilities held every year at the Leduc Black Gold Rodeo. billy ability is on hand to meet with the participants as they enjoy a variety of rodeo activities.

fundraising

The Children's Ability Fund relies on the generosity of our loyal donors to provide the necessary dollars so we may continue to provide funding for specialized equipment to those most in need.



CAMPAIGN 2008 - AN UPLIFTING YEAR

Our theme was lifts... Lift equipment enables people with disabilities to safely and easily be moved around the house; into the tub, tucked into bed, up and down stairs and even into a vehicle. Unfortunately, this equipment that offers a simple freedom comes with a heavy price tag! One vehicle lift can cost \$3,000; one tilt system on average costs \$3,500; and a ramp can cost up to \$5,000!

Our goal was to raise awareness about lift equipment and revenue to assist with the purchase of more equipment. We achieved that with donations of more than \$80,000 from our annual newsletter, direct mail campaign and club campaign.

ENDOWMENT FUND

Each year the Endowment Fund provides funding to assist with the administration and overhead cost of the Children's Ability Fund ensuring that all donations received are used to purchase equipment. While this year was no exception, the Endowment Fund felt the volatility of the market and is continuing to recover.

Every year a percentage of all bequests are added to the Endowment Fund for continued growth and continuity. This year we were fortunate to receive funds from the Estate(s) of *Solange Dath* and *Emil Litzenberger*.

In addition we were honored to receive memorial gifts for the following loved ones:

| | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Dempsey Allen | Frank Rigney |
| Brain Burren | Marilynn Romanic |
| Charlie Fanthorpe | Wayne Rousell |
| Sid Gould | Robert "Bob" Sharp |
| Earl Grey | Greg Shute |
| Alex Krause | Hugh Stevens |
| Elsie Marr | Helen Warsaba |
| Phyllis McMahon | Milton Williams |
| Harry Perkins | Terry Wooldridge |

fundraising

SHINING STAR PROJECTS

It's easy to be a Children's Ability Fund Shining Star and to help make things a little brighter for someone with a disability.... Participants encourage customers, friends, students or colleagues to help give the gift of a voice, mobility and independence!

Children's Ability Fund Shining Stars have sold stars at their businesses, hosted garage sales, sold 50/50's and raised funds through their own community initiatives. These are ordinary people who have chosen to do something extraordinary. The sky is the limit! Here are the people that shone brightly this year:

THE EVENSON BUSINESS CENTER

Wayne Evenson, owner of the Evenson Business Centre held a giant office furniture garage sale at his warehouse and donated the proceeds to the Children's Ability Fund.

He was introduced to the Children's Ability Fund through "King Ken", volunteer and pledge raiser extraordinaire. Ken Gulevich won his prestigious title at the charity's fundraiser, Wing Ding. Unfortunately, Wing Ding has come to an end, but Ken's support of the Children's Ability Fund continues as he rounds up his friends and encourages them to give.

Wayne Evenson said that he was inspired by Ken's commitment to the Children's Ability Fund and it wanted to make him to give too. He has soft spot for children and senior citizens and was thrilled that we supported these groups.

The garage sale pulled in **\$3,000!** Wayne Evenson plans on supporting our charity again in years to come.

SILENT RIVER KUNG FU

Silent River Kung Fu, located in Stony Plain, celebrated their Annual Black Belt Promotion Ceremony and Chinese New Year Banquet on Saturday, February 7, 2009 with some very special charities this year.

In conjunction with "The Silent River Benevolent Foundation", their non-profit affiliate, they raised \$12,000 and distributed it to four different charities including the Children's Ability Fund at their event.

The Silent River Benevolent Foundation focuses on improving the world through community initiatives and global projects. Their membership chose these four charities because they all displayed a high level of dedication to improving the communities they live in and the world at large.

The Children's Ability Fund was thrilled to attend the event and receive a cheque for **\$3,000.**



SECOND CUP

Vinay Aggarwal and his team from the Second Cup (Calgary Trail) have been proud supporters of the Children's Ability Fund for many years. He is a committed community partner and an active business man, owning two local Second Cups.

Vinay supported the Children's Ability Fund this year by donating prizes to our annual **JOE FM Bowl for Children** at Gateway Entertainment Center. During the promotion of this event, he sold stars to his customers to help raise funds for our charity and raise awareness of the Bowl for Children event. Last year he added the "shining star" program during his busiest time of year – Christmas. He also supported our **Tee Fore Two Golf Tournament** with prizes and goodies for our participants. We are very grateful for his on going support

Although the monetary and in-kind gifts are commendable, it's the consistency of his gift and his genuine kind nature that makes him a true "superstar". His support of our charity and what we do is unwavering. We know we can depend on him if we need a gift, to fundraise for a campaign, to use his venue or just grab a simple great cup of coffee. With this in mind we were delighted to see Vinay recognized this year with the 2008 AAFRE Role of Honor Award.

fundraising

SPECIAL EVENTS

Children's Ability Fund special fundraising projects give us a unique opportunity to raise money in a fun and exciting environment. Although these events are not huge revenue earners, they help "friend raise" and create opportunities to pitch stories to the media about the event and our organization. We receive substantial coverage, both promotional and newsworthy, as well as recruit new donors along the way.

TEE FORE TWO GOLF TOURNAMENT AUGUST 2008

The 2008 golf tournament was a great success. Jack Broadfoot and Dynateam Realty continued their presenting sponsorship role and provided both monetary support as well as helped with prize donations and team recruitment.

We managed to increase sponsorships bringing in new supporters such as **Ptarmigan Engineering, Connor, Clark & Lund, Dorward and Company, All Sports Replay and the City of Leduc**. In 2007, our total proceeds were \$10,790 after expenses; this year the tournament earned \$16,456 after expenses.

We were able to recruit 25 teams. We are hoping in future years to increase participation through our sponsors and hopefully sell out this event.

CTV and **CHED** once again did a fabulous job of promoting the tournament. As always Daryl McIntyre from CTV was a hit at the banquet.



CORPORATE DONORS FLAMAN

After many discussions with Crystal Flaman, we were able to determine that her father's company, Flaman, was mostly interested in projects that would directly affect large groups of children. In 2008, we submitted a request to Flaman to support our accessible playground projects. We were happy to receive a cheque for \$10,000 and earmarked the amount for two playgrounds in 2009.

92.5 JOE FM BOWL FOR CHILDREN MAY 2009



The JOE FM Bowl for Children was a tremendous success selling out early and raising \$10,000 more than last year. The 2009 event with sponsors and pledges raised \$24,000!

JOE FM once again provided exceptional promotional support and **Gateway Entertainment Centre** and their staff continued to ensure the event ran smoothly at their venue.

New this year was the celebrity auction held prior to regular team recruitment. Several TV, radio and print media personalities put their names on the line as the public at large bid on line at campusauctionmarket.com for the opportunity to bowl with their favourite local celebrity. Every major media outlet was talking up our event!

Lane sponsorships increased with the addition of **Servus Credit Union** and **Dorward and Company** as well as the return of **Downhill Riders**.

Thanks to the generosity of **Double Diamond Electronics**, the grand prize this year was Toshiba, 37" HD LCD TV. We believe that the more expensive grand prize helped increase the money brought in by the pledge drive.

Both participants and sponsors indicated they enjoyed the event.

volunteers

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION

We like to recognize those individuals who so generously donate their time and energy to help us reach our goals. Over the past year the following individuals reached some milestones in volunteer commitment.

PLATINUM Star 250 + hours

Doug Melnychuk
Pam Russ

GOLD Star 100+ Hours

*Louise Bennett
*Mike Lynch
Judy Pope

SILVER Star 50+ Hours

Helen Banks
Shauna Forsyth
Ken Gulevich
Wes Herman
Wally Lesick
Michelle Roy
Tina Wood
Kevin Williamson

BRONZE Star 25 + hours

Brian Alguire
Pat Becker
Rhoda Lupaschuk
George Mah
Margaret Prociuk

VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

Over the last year we had a myriad of volunteers donate over 770 hours of their precious time to help us raise money and awareness

Our largest volunteer fundraising projects last year were:

| | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Palace Casino | 256 hours |
| ACT Golf Brick | 197 hours |
| Tee Fore Two Golf | 101 hours |

We couldn't do what we do without the help of our dedicated volunteers **THANK YOU ALL !**

GERRY HERMAN VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Each year we recognize special individuals who have made a significant contribution to the **Children's Ability Fund** through their volunteerism.

Mike Lynch and Louise Bennett

Mike and Louise have been active, giving volunteers for the Children's Ability Fund for more than 20 years. They have donated countless hours at events like Wing Ding, Silver Skate Festival, Winter Whoop-Up, River Valley Relay, Bowl for Children, Millwood's Towne Center Festival, Oilers 50/50, Safeway We Care and many of our casino's just to name a few. They are giving, friendly, willing to work and always ready to lend a hand when asked. They epitomize the dedicated volunteer and we feel privileged that

they have chosen the Children's Ability Fund to work with.

We are pleased to honor them with the 2009 Gerry Herman Volunteer of the Year Award.



Mike Lynch and Louise Bennett

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

~Winston Churchill

financial

Children's Ability Fund Statement of Financial Position As of June 30

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current Assets | 404,315 | 248,376 |
| Investments | 3,316,296 | 3,607,768 |
| Capital Assets(Net) | 2,693 | 4,108 |
| | 3,723,304 | 3,860,252 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Current Liabilities | 107,592 | 72,072 |
| EQUITY | | |
| Beckett Trust | 2,147,439 | 2,442,527 |
| Endowment Fund | 1,157,508 | 1,151,640 |
| Bursary Fund | 76,800 | 76,800 |
| General Fund | 233,965 | 117,213 |
| | 3,723,304 | 3,860,252 |

Children's Ability Fund Statement of Operations For the Year Ended June 30

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| REVENUE | | |
| Interest & Royalties | 264,117 | 67,872 |
| Realized Gain (Loss) on Investments | (417,901) | 60,425 |
| Estates & Legacies | 198,496 | 51,451 |
| Fundraising Projects | 72,587 | 96,461 |
| Donations | 108,166 | 58,095 |
| Casino | 34,572 | 38,626 |
| | 260,037 | 372,930 |
| EXPENDITURES | | |
| Administration | 174,360 | 172,199 |
| Education & Public Awareness | 42,431 | 60,147 |
| Fundraising Projects | 51,498 | 32,891 |
| Campaign Costs | 9,396 | 18,506 |
| GST | 2,374 | 3,584 |
| | 280,059 | 287,327 |
| DONATIONS Client Care | | |
| Individual Client Requests | 109,446 | 131,596 |
| Playground Project | 25,000 | 14,000 |
| Camp Health Hope & Happiness | 15,000 | 20,000 |
| Bursary | 3,000 | 4,000 |
| | 152,446 | 169,596 |
| Surplus/Deficit | (172,468) | (83,993) |

Children's Ability Fund - Financial Synopsis

Audited Financial Statements have been prepared by independent external auditors Kingston Ross Pasnak and are available for review.



Children's
Ability Fund
of the Northern
Alberta Crippled
Children's Foundation

Clifford & Mabel Becket Trust Fund

In 2000, the Beckett Foundation was disbanded and the Children's Ability Fund received endowment proceeds of \$ 2,281,354. This has been placed in an internally restricted fund for future use.

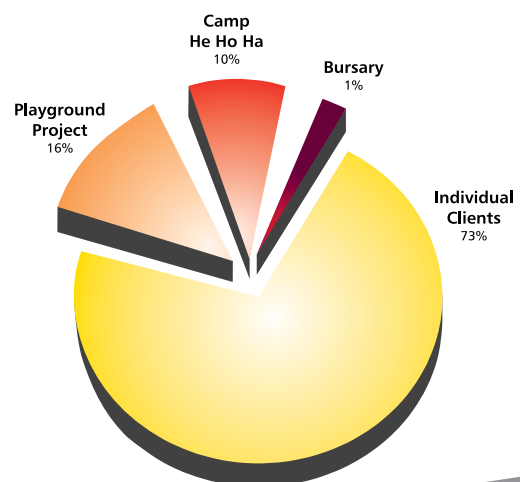
Endowment Fund

In 1987, the Board of Directors established the Endowment Fund to ensure that resources would be in place to meet the growing demand to provide the necessary funding for people with disabilities. Our goal is to reach \$10,000,000.

Bursary Fund

The Bursary Fund was established in 1998 to ensure a source of funds for the Children's Ability Fund Bursary awarded annually to a student(s) with a disability entering the first year of a post secondary program.

Client Care Donations



Dear Children's Ability Fund:

Lila is our beautiful 3 year old daughter who happens to have Down syndrome. She loves to be a part of the action sometimes appropriate, sometimes not. She is very active and very sensory driven. Before we got the chair we had her on one of our chairs and she was constantly climbing on the table and getting out of her seat. She refused booster seats and they were very hard to clean and I suspect not comfortable as they are designed for younger children. She was not seated at the right height at the table and had problems getting food and drinks in without a lot of spills. With out her feet planted somewhere she seemed very restless.

After we received the chair things have changed in our family. Mealtimes are not as stressful (Lila is one of my 4 daughters)! Lila seems to be more settled at the table. She is seated at right height to make it easier to use utensils and drink with a few less spills! When her feet have a place to rest she seems more grounded and she finds it easier to attend to what is placed before her whether it be puzzles, a game or food. She has a 1 year old sister and has been jealous of her having her own big chair and this made this a little easier.

Having a child with special needs can be overwhelming. Sometimes children need a bit of extra care to aid them in having great outcomes. I know when Lila is seated she is going to have the best chance of success and happiness at the table.

Thank you on behalf of my entire family for funding Lila for this chair.

Sincerely,

Marilyn (Lila's mom)

