

THE NORTHERN ALBERTA
CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S FUND

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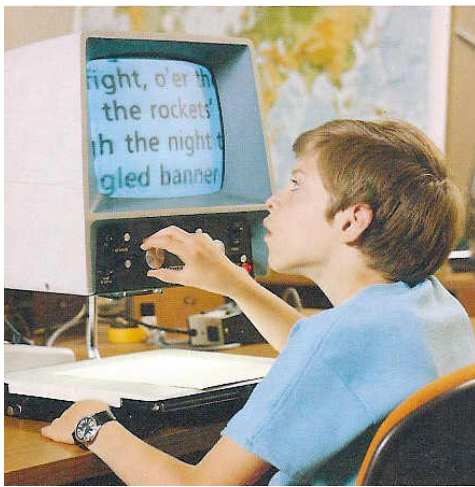


Children's
Ability Fund
of the Northern
Alberta Crippled
Children's Foundation

1947 — Celebrating 60 years of enhancing the independence of people with disabilities — 2007

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*This is the year
to reach out ... you can make a difference!*



Celebrating

60 years of giving



Annual Report 2006/2007



September 2007

2006/2007 Board of Directors

James Banks, Chairman
Bruce Geiger, Secretary
Sylvia Herman, Director
William (Bill) Humphrey, Director
Judy Pope, Director
Michelle Roy, Director
Shannon Alex, Past Chairman



Objects

- ★ To help create opportunities and enhance the independence for people with disabilities regardless of the type of disability
- ★ To promote awareness of the **Children's Ability Fund** of the Northern Alberta Crippled Children's Foundation
- ★ To raise funds to achieve the objects of the Society. This includes accepting gifts, donations, grants, legacies, bequests and inheritances
- ★ To promote legacies, bequests and inheritances in pursuit of the objects of the Society
- ★ To develop a liaison with other groups and agencies in similar work with the object of avoiding duplication and thereby using the funds to maximum benefit
- ★ To use funds of the Society only according to and in pursuit of these objects

April 1962



ANNUAL REPORT 2007

From the Chairman of the Board

60 Years Old or 60 Years Young?

A birthday can signify many things. When you turn 60 you can look back at a myriad of accomplishments. You can also look forward to the thrill and excitement of achieving much more, building on experience and hard earned knowledge.

The **Children's Ability Fund** is in that exact position. We were founded 60 years ago, in 1947 by the Associated Canadian Travelers (ACT). Over those 60 years we have assisted thousands of our fellow Northern Albertans, donating millions of dollars in equipment and support to help make their lives better and more fulfilled.

Today we face new challenges as the availability and technological sophistication of equipment continues to provide new opportunities for individuals of all ages. The variety and availability of equipment allows us to assist and support many more individuals than we have in the past. However, these advancements do have a significant increase in cost. The ability to reach many more people, both young and old, will only be achievable with your continued support.

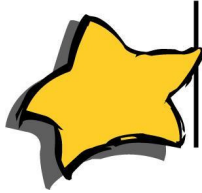
Our members and the general public support the **Children's Ability Fund** in many ways: financial donations, wills and estates, working at fund raising events, donations of stocks and bonds, and simply by "spreading the word" about our organization.

I invite you all to celebrate and feel proud in knowing that you have assisted The **Children's Ability Fund** in reaching this auspicious milestone.

I also urge you to remember that 60 years can be a lifetime, a lifetime we can make more pleasant for many. Your support and the support of individuals you introduce to CAF will enable us to continue for another 60 years.

Respectfully Yours,

Jim Banks
Chairman



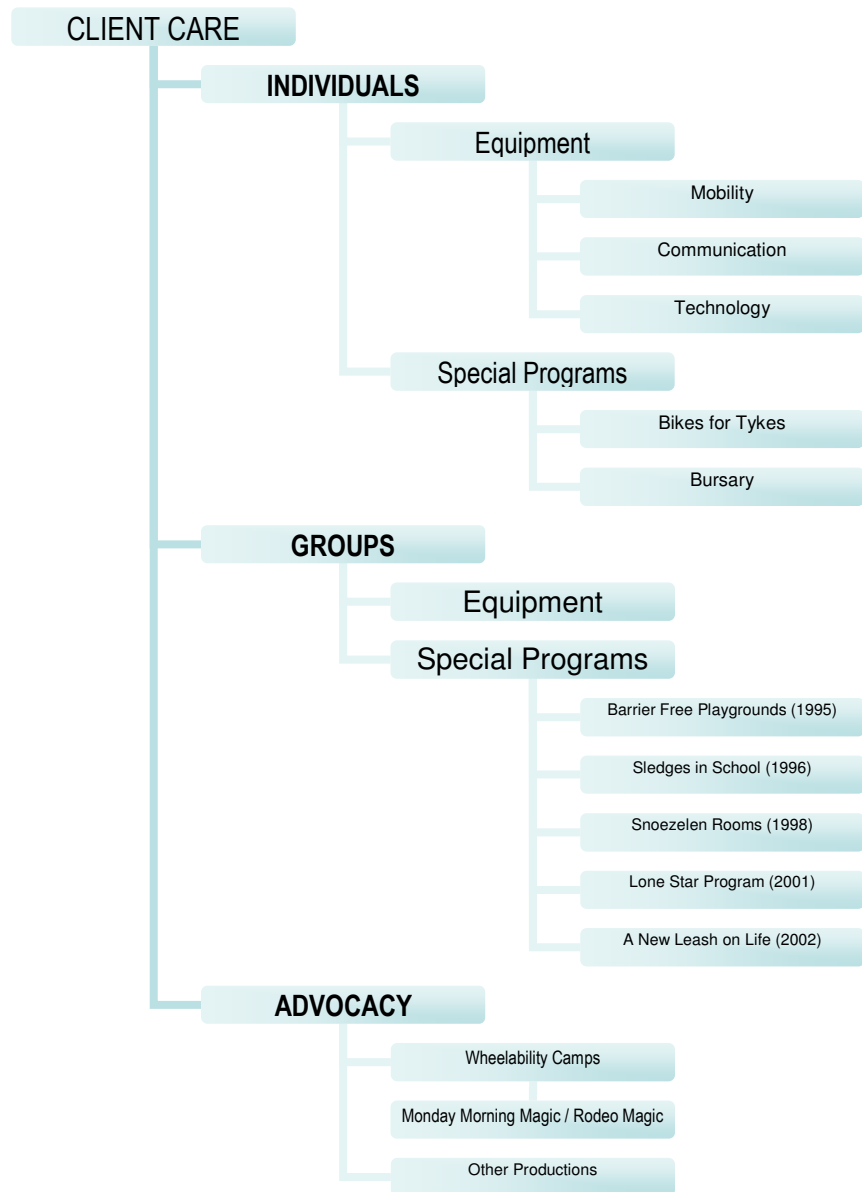
Children's Ability Fund

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



CLIENT CARE

Individuals – Equipment



Aaron and his lift

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	(28) \$ 60,426	(26) \$ 70,739
Communication / Signaling Devices	(12) \$ 21,429	(2) \$ 9,694
Computers / Educational Assistive Devices	(6) \$ 5,872	(1) \$ 349

CLIENT CARE - Thank-you's

I would like to thank the organization 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 grandmother

On behalf of Tim and also ourselves we wish to convey our sincere appreciation for the wonderful opportunity your organization has provided to Tim by providing \$5000 towards the purchase of a power wheelchair. Your generous offer came just before Christmas making this a very special Christmas gift for Tim. It is the best gift he could have ever received and one that he will be able to enjoy for several years. We cannot thank you enough for your kindness and generosity. The wheelchair will provide Tim with an independence and freedom he has not known for a very long time. We cannot put into words the tremendous satisfaction Tim will derive from all his new found opportunities.

Tim's parents

Thank you from our family for this gift. The alphasmart is wonderful technology which will assist Jordan and, in spite of his limitations, it will give him an opportunity to have greater success in school.

Shawna Y.

Individuals – Special Programs

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 can help a child with disabilities *“delight in being a child”*.

The **Bikes for Tykes** program has three criteria:

1. disability
2. financial need
3. ability to pedal independently

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.

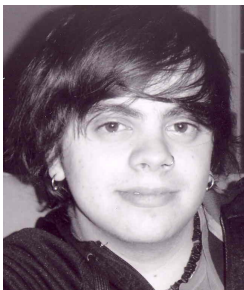


- ☆ **16 new bikes were purchased through the Bikes for Tykes program this year totaling \$ 17, 238.**

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.

- ☆ **The Children's Ability Fund Bursary of \$ 4,500 was shared by three (3) students from Lac La Biche, St. Albert and Edmonton. Following is a snapshot of one recipient:**



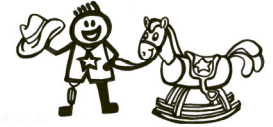
“From a young age I have wanted to be a doctor because after having so much contact with doctors during my life, I have found that the best doctors were the doctors who knew empathy rather than sympathy.”

William has osteogenesis imperfecta (brittle bones). He is pursuing his dream of a career in the medical field at the University of Alberta.

Groups

Transportation is one of the biggest issues for people with disabilities. In view of this, funding was approved for just over \$ 6,000 to the Robin Hood Association to equip their specially adapted vehicles with tie down assemblies.

Groups – Special Programs



The Loan 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

☆ ***Little Bits Therapeutic Riding Association for Persons with Disabilities was awarded the grant for 2006.***

Groups – Special Programs

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 includes a wheelchair accessible component. The accessible portion allows children with disabilities the opportunity to participate in an everyday activity that all children enjoy.



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

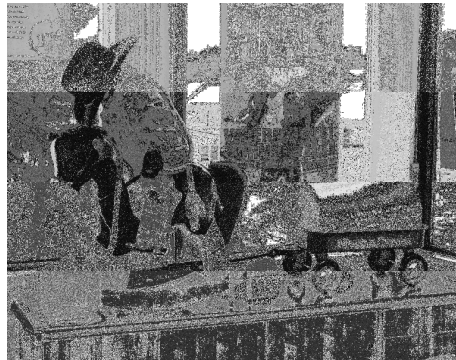
The grant is awarded based on the inclusion of the following items:

- wheelchair ramp and rails
- clubhouse or social deck

☆ ***Funding was approved for playgrounds in Falun, Ft. Chipewyan, Innisfree, Leduc, Morinville, Red Deer, Strome, Wabamun, Westeros & Winfield for a total of \$ 44,000.***

ADVOCACY

This year was the 11th 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.



Where the West Turns Wild
at the Children's Ability Fund office



Ferris Wheel Fun

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.



Famous PEOPLE Players Cast Members with
Children's Ability Fund Board Members

Famous PEOPLE Players at Festival Place Sherwood Park

With all the odds against them, when people who were once called ‘retarded’ were being institutionalized, a theatre company called Famous PEOPLE Players was founded; changing attitudes and bringing creativity and integration to the attention of the world. Using black-light techniques, the animated props pop out in brilliant, fluorescent colors that have to be seen to be believed, and move in a dazzling myriad of intricate motion, guided by the invisible Famous PEOPLE Players troupe.

FUNDRAISING

Campaigns

Donations topped \$ 40,000 this year with funds from our fall newsletter, the “Star” and the club campaign for the Bursary Fund.

Planned Giving & Memorials

The **Endowment Fund** continues to grow providing long term support for the **Children’s Ability Fund**.

The **Fund** was fortunate to receive bequests from the following individuals:

- Thomas Rhatigan
- John Quick
- Hughes Trust
- Buttner Trust

Others were remembered with a memorial gift including dear friends:

- Mrs. Ruth Murland
- Mr. Howard Wilson
- Mr. (Willis) Frank Rigney

And many others:

- Anne Gulevich
- Ruth Detchon
- Lloyd Hines
- Bill Schwardt
- Emelia Young
- Mike Selby
- Dennis Bacon
- Desmond Ross

Shining Star Projects

*(These are projects and partnerships that are driven by outside groups with the proceeds coming directly to the **Children’s Ability Fund**)*

Ben Moss continues to be a champion for the **Children’s Ability Fund** with another corporate donation of \$ 2,123 this year from the Children’s Christmas Promotion. In addition, many of the local Ben Moss staff contribute on a monthly basis.



June this year was the **Children’s Ability Fund** 7-Eleven coin box program recipient. We received over \$ 5,820 from this project

Some other Shining Star Projects included;

- ★ Mill WoodsTown Centre – Carnival of Stars
- ★ Second Cup (Calgary Trail) – Star Sales
- ★ Gateway Entertainment Centre – Fathers Day Fun
- ★ Caesar’s School of Music - Concerts
- ★ City of Edmonton - Human Resources
- ★ RAH Neonatal Unit - “Synapse”
- ★ Colby’s 6th Birthday

Special Events

Special events managed by the Children's Ability Fund staff.



“Tee Fore Two”

The 4th annual tournament held in August 2006 raised almost \$ 10,000. Special thanks to all of the hole sponsors, prize sponsors and our media group **CFRN / CTV, The Edmonton Journal and Joe FM, and especially our event sponsor, Jack Broadfoot of Dynateam Realty.**

Wing Ding XVI - Ken's Event October 2006

The King – Ken G raised \$ 9,800 of the \$ 15,000 generated from this event. Along with his team, the Wing Knights, the whole area of Vegreville and surrounding communities get involved.

Thanks to our sponsors **Hooters, KRock, Labatts, Double Diamond Electronics & Dunn Rite Foods.**



Ken at Hooters and the Vegreville Parade

Silver Skate Festival / Edmonton Winter Triathlon February 2007

The 17th annual Silver Skate Festival expanded to a two day event this year with the introduction of a 25K Marathon skate and the move of the Edmonton Winter Triathlon to Sunday. A new Producer came on board to expand the programming for a bigger and better Festival. Over 4,000 came out to enjoy the activities of the day & help raise money & awareness for the **Children's Ability Fund.**

92.5 JOE FM & Friends Bowl for Children

May 2007



Another successful bowling event generated over \$ 12,000 for the charity. We continue to partner with terrific corporate sponsors like **92.5 Joe FM, Gateway Entertainment Center, Ben Moss Jewellers & Club Fit.**

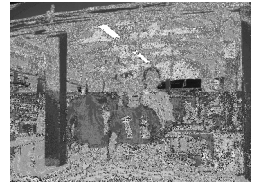
Volunteers

Total Volunteer hours for 2007 = 1004

Volunteer Projects

ACT Gold Brick ...Monday Morning Magic to ACT Gold Brick –
A Monday at the fair for our volunteers generated a donation of \$ 2,438 with 215
volunteer hours.

Oilers 50/50 ... volunteers assisted for an evening in the arena donating almost 240 volunteer hours
and generating \$ 10,100 for the **Children's Ability Fund**.



Volunteer Recognition and Appreciation

It takes a host of volunteers to assist us with our special events. We would 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.

GOLD STAR 100+ Hours	SILVER STAR 50+ Hours	BRONZE STAR 25 + hours
Diana Williamson	Stan Calder	Shauna Forsyth
	Bruce Geiger	Wally Ostafichuk
		Jean Stephens
		Michelle Roy
		Margaret Prociuk

Gerry Herman Volunteer of the Year Award

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

Gerry Herman Volunteer of the Year 2007 - Diana Williamson

Diana, a dedicated volunteer for the **Children's Ability Fund**, gives back to the community in a number of different ways. She can be seen at many of our special events and activities held to raise funds for specialized equipment for people with disabilities. Diana could be selling tickets at Gold Brick, or hot dogs at the Father's Day Fun or 50/50 at the Oilers game. You may find her dancing a jig, skating at the Silver Skate Festival, bowling with *billy's stars*, or handing out hugs and giving high fives to the children gathered round at Monday Morning Magic ~ although you may not recognize her as her alter ego ~ our mascot, **billy ability!**

Diana started volunteering at an early age by helping local seniors with their errands and she credits her Dad for instilling in her the compassion to help others. As well as volunteering as our mascot, she volunteers as a big sister and mentors children at a local school.

Along with her volunteer activities Diana finds time to drive a school bus, operate her own business, tend to her horses and spend family time with her new husband, Keven!

We feel very fortunate to have Diana as one of our precious gems. She is truly a treasure and we are very proud to name Diana Williamson our 2007 Gerry Herman Volunteer of the Year.

Financial

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

	2007	2006
ASSETS		
Current Assets	252,182	64,646
Investments	3,373,306	3,373,306
Capital Assets(Net)	7,604	7,604
	3,633,092	3,633,092

LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities	52,026	113,405
EQUITY		
Beckett Trust	2,154,754	2,154,754
Endowment Fund	1,026,916	1,018,552
Bursary Fund	66,100	63,100
General Fund	354,655	283,281
	3,654,451	3,633,092

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

	2007	2006
REVENUE		
Estates & Legacies	81,713	84,742
Donations	40,165	61,815
Fundraising Projects	63,960	73,533
Interest & Royalties (NET)	387,780	365,750
Casino	88,314	0
	661,932	585,840

EXPENDITURES		
Administration	186,943	175,442
Education & Public Awareness	39,242	44,519
Campaign Costs	5,445	6,070
Fundraising Projects	12,384	25,273
GST	2,923	3,016
	246,937	254,320

Donations Client Care		
Individual Client Requests	198,437	70,725
Playground Project	44,000	31,800
Camp Health Hope & Happiness	84,230	25,278
Bursary	5,500	2,578
	332,167	130,381
Surplus/Deficit	82,828	202,138

Children's Ability Fund - Financial Synopsis

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



*"enhancing the independence of people with disabilities"
for 60 years 1947 - 2007*

Clifford & Mabel Becket Trust Fund

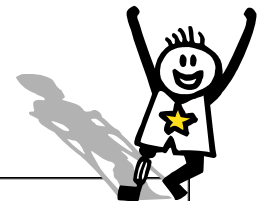
In 2000, the Beckett Foundation was disbanded and the Children's Ability received endowment proceeds of \$ 2,281,354. This has been placed in an internally restricted fund for future use.

Endowment Fund

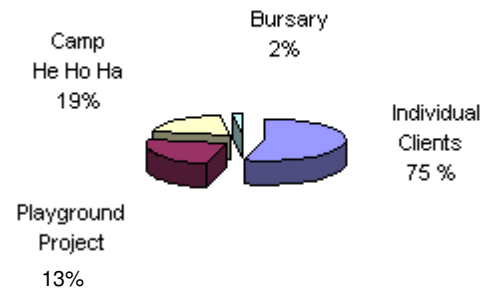
In 1987, the Board of Directors established the Endowment Fund to ensure that resources would be in place to meet the growing demand to provide the necessary funding for people with disabilities. Our goal is to reach \$10,000,000

Bursary Fund

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



Client Care Donations



From Robbie's Mom

We want to share with you a few precious words from a mother of a child with a disability.

Thank you all so very much for the Alphasmart Neo for our son, Robbie. Robbie has struggled through kindergarten and grade 1 with his fine motor skills (printing). His teachers have all expressed that with any assignment Robbie could only print a couple of words and then would become either very frustrated or fatigued. His anxiety in being in a classroom was largely due to his inability to keep up with his classmates in written work. Now, with the help of his Alphasmart, Robbie's confidence and pride has increased dramatically. He is now producing work from a couple of words to several sentences. But more importantly, it has helped in returning Robbie's love of learning.

We will always be grateful!!



Your donations help make this a reality- Thank-you