



Children's
Ability Fund

2009-10 Annual Report



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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**

Volunteerism is an integral part and very much the lifeblood of any charitable organization. That certainly holds true for **Children's Ability Fund**.

It is the glue that holds our organization together.

In its barest form, it is the large number of individuals, organizations and professionals who spread the word about our organization and the contributions we make to the disabled community in Northern Alberta.

At the next level, it is all of you who come out and assist in our fund raising and community awareness activities.

The 2009/2010 fiscal year met a new high in volunteer hours for The Children's Ability Fund. During the year we logged a total of 767 hours of volunteer time. That's the equivalent of one-half a "person year" of commitment. Imagine how many high-tech mobility aids we would NOT be able to provide if we had to pay for that time. Imagine the number of fund raising events we would NOT be able to participate in if we had to pay for that time.

In the first two months of the current 2010/2011 fiscal year we have already logged a fantastic 557 hours of volunteer time.

Another group of volunteers are those individuals who lend their time and skills to sit on The Board of Directors.

These folks, as well as participating on various committees, meet at least four times a year to provide guidance and direction to the organization.

At all levels, it never ceases to amaze me how many volunteers participate year after year. There is a myriad of individuals who I recognize over and over. We also have many families who have passed on the "volunteer legacy" from parent to child.

It is because of all you wonderful and dedicated volunteers that we can continue to make the great contributions we do. I know the disabled community and their families greatly appreciate the contributions you all make. On behalf of them, I thank you all.

In closing, I would like to say that I have enjoyed my four years as Chairman of the Board and appreciate the support I have received from the volunteers and the staff of the Children's Ability Fund.

Of course, I will continue to support and volunteer my time to this great organization.

Jim Banks
Chairman



Message from the executive director

This year I will celebrate my 20th anniversary with the **Children's Ability Fund**. Years ago I made a choice to work in the charitable sector and I have stayed because of the satisfaction I get in seeing the difference a small group can make. It has enriched my life and continues to touch my heart.

As I look back over the years I have had the opportunity to meet many of our clients and their families.

Recently I was at Portia's home to take pictures of her new stroller to share with you. She was so excited and loved the camera and I was able to see first-hand the difference this stroller will make in Portia's life. Portia's Dad brought tears to the eyes of several donors when he came to share the impact of our donation at our annual golf tournament. It is comforting to know that our small contribution of this stroller will make a big impact on Portia's life.

I first met CJ and her Mom when we provided some equipment for her ages ago. CJ has grown up now but it is very gratifying to see her as a volunteer at many of our fundraising events.

This year we are proud to have a new community Ambassador in Parkland County. I first met Richard and his Mom 18 years ago. Since then we have helped Richard with two different pieces of equipment (a communication device and an overhead lift system) to help him lead a more independent life. He is now 26 and as our Ambassador, he represents us at various events in the community while continuing to participate in our fundraising activities to give back to the Children's Ability Fund and others in need.

The last 20 years have been memorable. Many of our clients have become like family - much like many of our loyal donors who continue to support us year after year. The staff I work with (all of whom have been here for a long time), the Board of Directors who continue to volunteer their time and energy and the myriad of sponsors and partners who continue to support our cause

make it truly rewarding.

I am very proud to be part of a small group **making a large difference** in the lives of people with disabilities, their families and ultimately the community at large.

Yours in community service

Carol Russ

2009/10 Board of Directors

- Jim Banks - Chairman
- Michelle Roy - Secretary
- Brian Alguire, CMA - Treasurer
- Sylvia Herman - Director
- Ken Gulevich - Director
- Francis Miller - Director
- Wayne Evansen - Director
- Linnie Tse, MEdes - Director
- David Dorward, CMA CA - Past Chairman

2009/10 Staff

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

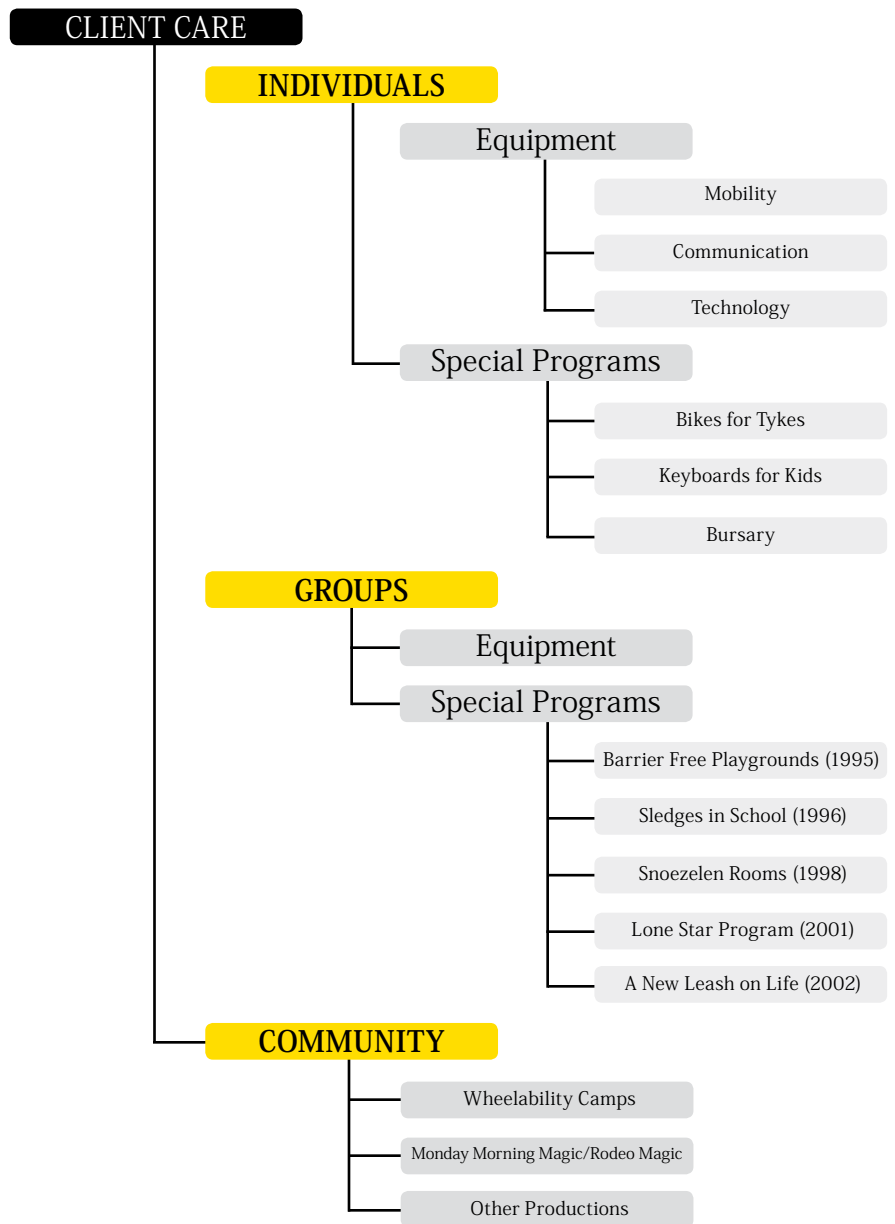
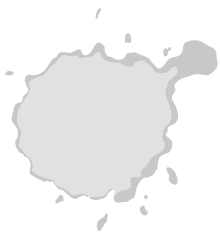
Client care

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
- Community



Individuals 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

Parents like us have enough to worry about without having to worry about finding the finances to buy necessary equipment for their child with a disability. It's such a great thing when you have organizations like the Children's Ability Fund working for us. We are grateful for their support.

Portia's dad

INDIVIDUALS – Summary		Edmonton		Northern Alberta
Mobility Aids / Devices	14	\$49,127	17	\$60,481
Communication / Signaling Devices	1	\$425	1	\$5,000
Computers / Educational Assistive Devices	2	\$589	0	\$0

New this year – The Children’s Ability Fund will consider funding to structurally modify an already-owned vehicle (work to be done by an accredited vendor) or to assist families to purchase new accessible vehicles.

The power lift/recline chair that the Children's Ability Fund has so kindly funded for me has been an invaluable blessing! It is comfortable enough to sleep in on those occasions when I have had to get out of my own bed at night and have not been able to get back in. My self esteem is also being restored – please convey my deepest appreciation to the members of your organization for their generosity!

Janette M.



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 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.

**5 NEW BIKES WERE
PURCHASED THROUGH
THE BIKES FOR TYKES
PROGRAM THIS YEAR
TOTALING \$3,495**

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 (Alphasmart Neo) for children with unique learning needs. This device allows students to produce more work with less energy expenditure, giving a greater sense of accomplishment and more enthusiasm for writing and learning.

Although the original focus of our **Keyboards for Kids** program was on individuals, we realized that AlphaSmart Neos, a simple piece of equipment could be beneficial to schools and be a valuable tool to several special needs students year after year. In addition, working through the schools will raise awareness of the tools that are available to children with disabilities both at home and at school.

This year the **Children's Ability Fund** partnered with the Telus Edmonton Community Board to purchase Alphasmarts to be distributed to school districts in the Edmonton Capital Region.



100 KEYBOARDS WERE
PURCHASED THROUGH
THE KEYBOARDS FOR KIDS
PROGRAM THIS YEAR
TOTALING \$18,000.

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 \$3,000 was awarded to Jared Carbert of Edmonton. Jared was diagnosed with cerebral palsy at the age of 15. "I am working hard on my studies and enjoying being in the forestry program. I am very grateful to have been awarded this grant."

Groups
Special programs

LITTLE BITS
 THERAPEUTIC RIDING
 ASSOCIATION WAS
 AWARDED THIS GRANT
 FOR 2009



Lone Star Program

The **Lone Star Program** 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.

Camping Under the Star

The **Camping Under the Star** program offers a grant of \$5,000 to not-for-profit recreational facilities and organizations providing recreational opportunities to children with disabilities in northern Alberta.

CAMP TAMARACK IN
 GRANDE PRAIRIE, AND
 CAMP HE HO HA IN SEBA
 BEACH WERE AWARDED
 GRANTS FOR 2009

The **Children's Ability Fund** also considers requests from groups and organizations working for the betterment of people with disabilities within their community.

In 2009, the following groups received grants for equipment totaling \$9,944

- Dogs with Wings – accessible doorway
- Festival Place – hearing assistive devices
- Memorial CHS (Stony Plain) – lifting device

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



FUNDING WAS
 APPROVED FOR
 PLAYGROUNDS IN AMISK,
 BARRHEAD, GRANDE PRAIRIE
 AND ST. ALBERT FOR A
 TOTAL OF \$25,000

Groups Special programs



Sledges in School

In 1997, the **Children's Ability Fund** teamed up with the Paralympic Sports Association to provide funding for 12 new sledges to kick off a brand new program **Sledges in Schools**. Through the **Sledges in Schools** Program (operated by the PSA) sledges are loaned to schools throughout Edmonton and northern Alberta for use in physical education skating programs. The goal is to open doors and enhance the independence of school aged children and youths who are unable to participate in regular ice skating programs.

The **Sledges in Schools** Program continues to be a great opportunity for children with a disability to stay active and participate with their classmates in skating programs and activities at school. It has also created awareness for the sport of sledge hockey in Alberta.

**THIS YEAR WE ADDED
12 NEW SLEDGES TO
THE PROGRAM AT A
COST OF \$8,730**



On behalf of the Paralympic Sports Association we would like to thank you for your generous funding of \$8,730. Your continued support of the Sledges in School program assists us to make a positive impact in the lives of individuals with a disability. Positive impact is created in the community through teaching awareness of sports and recreation for individuals with a disability. Through the Sledges in School Program, individuals get the opportunity to try sledge hockey first hand, as they hop in the sledge and are lead through drills and into a scrimmage game situation. It is a great opportunity for everyone to see the sporting opportunities for persons with a disability – and to recognize the abilities of persons with disabilities.

With strong community support, from funders like the Children's Ability Fund, we have been able to play a significant role in the development and well being of persons with disabilities through sports and recreation. Your continued investment ensures these programs and services will be there for future generations.

Thank you being a part of our success,
Kim McDonald
Executive Director

Community

The **Children's Ability Fund** has been working in communities in Northern Alberta since 1947. Part of our commitment to the community goal is active participation through sponsorship of events that promote awareness and provide opportunities for children with special needs to participate in fun activities.



Zippee Ki-Yay

This year was the 14th 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 (hosted by Northlands) 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. This year over 500 children along with their families and caregivers were able to enjoy the rides and a special program of entertainment and fun with help from the Edmonton Eskimos.



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.

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.

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 2010 Walkin' n' rollin' in our community

More than 90% of the requests we get for individual equipment are for some kind of mobility device. The majority are for BASIC needs to assist people to be more independent in their homes, at school or in the workplace and to be more active in their community. A walker can cost as much as \$3,000, a specialized stroller \$6,000, a power wheelchair with a tilt system, upwards of \$10,000 and modifications to make a vehicle accessible for a wheelchair - \$20,000 or more!

Just imagine the difference this piece of equipment has made for Faith and her Mom.

Faith says . . . "Thank you for my new tilt system – I love it! It makes it so much easier to breathe when I can tilt my chair."

Faith's Mom says . . . "Thank-you for your support – we really appreciate it. I believe that children with a disability should be a priority. This (and other kinds of equipment) helps build their self esteem, self confidence, makes them more independent and gives them an opportunity to be more like everyone else."

Thanks to the generosity of individuals, organizations, groups, clubs and corporations we were able to reach our goal of \$100,000 to help purchase new equipment just like Faith's tilt system.

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.

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 Estates of:

Brian Bennett
Gordon Finnenore
John Kerychuk
Emil Litzenberger
John Quick
Howard Scott
And disbursements from the Ralph Buttner and
Hughes Trust Funds

In addition we were honored to receive memorial gifts in memory of the following loved ones:

Flora Banks
Elmer Enzenhauer
Lloyd Gawley
Grace Hesby
Betty Kelly
Elsie Tillie Popowich
Ann Ross
Eric Salt
Katherine Tuckwell
Shirley Walker
John Willoughby



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 Snowmobile Club

After more than 40 years, the **Edmonton Snowmobile Club** decided to dissolve and their members chose to donate their surplus to 15 local charities working with people with disabilities and those less fortunate.

The Children's Ability Fund was one of the lucky charities and received a donation of over **\$21,000!**

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.

This year he once again sold stars during his busiest time of year – Christmas! As well, he continued to support us by donating prizes to our annual **JOE FM Bowl for Children** at Ed's Rec Room and the **Tee Fore Two Golf Tournament** with prizes and goodies for our participants.

Silent River Kung Fu

Silent River Kung Fu, located in Stony Plain once again invited the Children's Ability Fund to the Annual Black Belt Promotion Ceremony and Chinese New Year Banquet on February 21, 2010.

In conjunction with "**The Silent River Benevolent Foundation**", their non-profit affiliate, they gave the Children's Ability Fund a donation of **\$3,000**.

The **Silent River Benevolent Foundation** focuses on improving the world through community initiatives and global projects. Their membership chooses charities that display a high level of dedication to improving the communities they live in and the world at large.



Walmart Media Wheelchair Challenge and Fundraiser

On October 16th, the South Edmonton Common Walmart store hosted a very successful BBQ and star sales fundraiser. The event raised over **\$7,000** for the Children's Ability Fund!

The day began with the first ever **Walmart Media Wheelchair Challenge**. The goal of this pre-event was to demonstrate what it might be like to have a disability and how specialized equipment can increase the mobility and independence of persons with disabilities.

Media personalities who accepted the challenge were Su Ling Go from Global, Brent Boyd from Walmart, Gary James from JOE FM, Stephanie Raddatz from Shaw TV, Stephanie Barsby from CBC and Amanda Ferguson from Citytv. They were given a basic manual wheelchair, a basket and grocery list and asked to retrieve the items within a half hour. Competing along side and completing the same task were Children's Ability Fund clients Katt, Kuen and Faith using their specialized equipment funded by the charity. The event was a lot of fun, and left an impression on our participating celebrities as they huffed and puffed their way through Walmart – not to mention went home with very sore arms.

Walmart's management and staff were thrilled with the event and look forward to hosting this fundraiser on an annual basis.

Fundraising Special events



*Bowl for Children
May 2010*

The **JOE FM Bowl for Children** was a tremendous success selling out early and raising over **\$18,000**.

JOE FM once again provided exceptional promotional support and our new venue **Ed's Rec Room in West Edmonton Mall** exceeded our expectations with their prize donations, helpful staff and desire to make this event a success. This new partnership has great potential in garnering new sponsorships, teams and prize donors for future events.

Several TV, radio and print media personalities put their names on the line once again during the Celebrity "Bid to Bowl" Auction as the public at large bid on line at joefm.ca for the opportunity to bowl with their favourite local celebrity.

Lane sponsorships were maintained with the addition of new sponsors including Miller Thomson, Evenson Business Centre and Secrest Resources.

New teams joined us from West Edmonton Mall attractions, the Edmonton Event Centre and Halliburton. Halliburton is continuing to join our events and are sending a team to the 2010 golf tournament!

Dozens of prizes were handed out to those bowlers who raised pledges and the grand prize – a 37" Panasonic TV (donated by **Double Diamond Electronics**) - was generously donated back to be used in another event.

Corporate Donors

TELUS – Keyboards for Kids in Schools

Although the original focus of our **Keyboards for Kids** program was on individuals, we realized that AlphaSmart Neos, a simple piece of equipment could be beneficial to schools and be a valuable tool to several special needs students year after year. In addition, working through the schools will raise awareness of the tools that are available to children with disabilities both at home and at school.

The Telus Community Board donated over **\$16,000** to purchase 100 AlphaSmarts that were distributed to the successful schools/school boards in the Edmonton Capital Region in May 2010.

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

The 2009 golf tournament was a great success. Over 100 golfers on 26 teams along with our sponsors helped raise over **\$15,000**.

Jack Broadfoot and Dynateam Realty continued their leadership role as presenting sponsor, providing monetary support as well as helping with prize donations and team recruitment.

In tough economic times we were happy to keep our loyal sponsors including Parker Dubrule, Reid Built Homes, Eco Medical, RBC Securities, ACT, Northern Alberta Prosthetics, Miller Thomson, City of Leduc, KRP, Dorward & Co, Shoppers Home Health Care, Second Cup and Gateway Entertainment in addition to adding new supporters such as Walmart, Silver Cross, MacDonald's, Harley Davidson (bike for hole in one prize) and OPM Asian Bistro. Walmart enjoyed this event so much that they continued their support by implementing their own event – The Walmart Media Wheelchair Challenge and Fundraiser.

Our media sponsors **CTV, CHED** and **Edmonton Journal** did a fabulous job of promoting the tournament and emcee **Daryl McIntyre** from CTV was a hit at the banquet.



Volunteers

Volunteer Projects

Over the last year we had a myriad of volunteers donate over 767 hours of their precious time to help us raise money and awareness.

Our largest volunteer fundraising projects last year were:

ACT Gold Brick	187 hours
Silver Skate Festival	118 hours
Tee Fore Two Golf	103 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 and this year we are delighted to acknowledge **Pam Russ**.

Pam has been a Children's Ability Fund volunteer for almost twenty years and although she often says she has been "voluntold" she has been a willing participant in just about every special event the Children's Ability Fund has been a part of.

As a shy pre-teen she started volunteering at the Kuder Christmas party for children with disabilities and Pam says her early experiences made an impact on her choices' in life. Her involvement with the Children's Ability Fund led to her work at Camp He Ho Ha as a counsellor for 6 years and led to many other opportunities to work with children with disabilities.

Her experiences have influenced her choice of a career in health care and her desire to help people. Pam is a Recreational Therapist at the Glenrose Hospital working with spinal cord injury patients and is also a certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor.

Pam's favourite events are ones where she gets to work with the Children's Ability Fund clients like Rodeo Magic -



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.

GOLD Star 100+ Hours

Ken Gulevich

Dwayne Russ

Kevin Williamson

SILVER Star 50+ Hours

Brian Alguire

Maryann Rain

BRONZE Star 25 + hours

Glen Bye

Steven L'Hirondelle

Sarah Muon

Doug Orr

Andrew Thompson

where she can be found assisting a child with a disability onto a horse for their very first riding experience - and Monday Morning Magic where she sees first-hand the joy of a day at the fair giving hundreds of children an opportunity to enjoy these events away from the hustle and bustle of the crowds.

Pam believes that volunteering helps to see that you can make a difference - and in volunteering for an organization like the Children's Ability Fund you see some of the challenges people face.

"I volunteer because it reminds me how lucky I am. I have been given so much in life and believe it's important to give as well. In helping others, I am reminded that we are all in this together and we need to remember to support each other. Life has so much to offer if we

remember look beyond ourselves."

Over the years Pam has recruited many of her friends to help at Children's Ability Fund events and now is most often seen with her husband in tow - manning a booth, selling 50/50 tickets, blowing up balloons or a myriad of other activities - all to help the Children's Ability Fund raise funds and awareness for people with disabilities.

Financial

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

	2010	2009
ASSETS		
Current Assets	398,317	404,315
Investments	3,492,787	3,316,296
Capital Assets (Net)	673	2,693
	3,891,777	3,723,304
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities	93,730	107,592
EQUITY		
Beckett Trust	2,147,440	2,147,439
Endowment Fund	1,177,248	1,157,508
Bursary Fund	78,850	76,800
General Fund	394,509	233,965
	3,891,777	3,723,304

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

	2010	2009
REVENUE		
Estates & Legacies	228,980	198,496
Interest & Royalties	161,431	264,117
Donations	98,080	108,166
Fundraising Projects	66,420	72,587
Realized Gain (Loss) on Investments	51,319	-417,901
Gaming	44,636	34,572
	650,866	260,037
EXPENDITURES		
Administration	174,484	174,360
Fundraising Projects	45,157	51,498
Programs & Public Awareness	26,077	42,431
Campaign Costs	14,919	9,396
GST	2,528	2,374
	263,165	280,059
DONATIONS Client Care		
Individual Client Requests	119,630	109,446
Groups & Group Programs	57,737	15,000
Barrier Free Playspace Project	25,000	25,000
Children's Ability Fund Bursary	3,000	3,000
	205,367	152,446
Surplus/Deficit	182,334	(172,468)

Children's Ability Fund - Financial Synopsis

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



Clifford & Mabel Becket Trust Fund

In 2000, the **Children's Ability Fund** received endowment proceeds of \$2,281,354 from the Becket Trust. This has been placed in an internally restricted fund for future use.

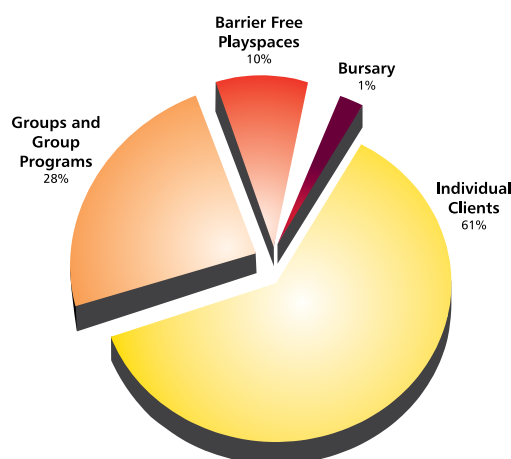
Endowment Fund

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,

Thank you very much for the funding needed for Portia's Otto Back stroller. Since Portia has received the stroller she has been quite happy. She is now able to have dinner at the table with the rest of the family instead of being in a high chair. In her art class she can interact with her Mother during projects instead of Mom strictly supporting her. And as she strolls around the mall she makes happy squeals as she can now see around her and reaches around for everything. This is all possible thanks to the generosity and support of the Children's Ability Fund and their generous donors.

Forever Thanks...
Portia's Mom and Dad

