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Lower Fraser Valley Cerebral Palsy Association,  
P.O. Box No. 309,  
Cloverdale, B.C.

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SURREY AND NEW WESTMINSTER UNITED GOOD NEIGHBOUR FUND.

CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

B.C. SOCIETY FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN.

CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION OF GREATER VANCOUVER.

SERVING CRIPPLED AND RETARDED CHILDREN IN:

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LOWER FRASER VALLEY CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION

#### General

This is the fifth annual report that I have been privileged to present as President of the Lower Fraser Valley Cerebral Palsy Association. It covers a year of continued progress, and one of financial crisis.

As in the past, the Association has concentrated its efforts in transporting crippled and retarded children in the area of Langley, Surrey, Delta, and New Westminster. To this end we have operated in 1957-58 four cars, three operated by professional drivers and one by volunteers. The total budget in the past year was in excess of \$6,400.

The success of the organization has been due to the support of the members, the co-operation received from our affiliated organizations, and the faithfulness of our employees.

During the year we have operated two cars from the White Rock-Cloverdale area, through New Westminster, carrying crippled children to the Vancouver Cerebral Palsy Clinic. A third car carried retarded children from Langley and White Rock to the Beacon School in New Westminster. Finally, in October of last year, a fourth car was put in operation, carrying cerebral palsied and other children from Ladner to Vancouver. All cars, except this latter one, are filled to capacity with a waiting list for each. The total amount spent on transportation by the Association in the year just past was slightly more than \$5,172.

#### Affiliations

Having no treatment facilities of our own, we lean heavily on the clinic of the Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Vancouver. To this organization we owe a great debt of gratitude, and particularly to its President, Mr. J. Baldwin; its Executive Secretary, Mr. J. Dewhurst; its Medical Director, Dr. Pinkerton; and all of its educational, treatment, and administrative staff. We endeavour to see that the Vancouver Association suffers no financial loss on children treated from our Society, by collecting all treatment fees from children in the area, and remitting to the Vancouver Association. Those accounts which are uncollectable are paid from our Association's funds.

Our parent body, the Cerebral Palsy Association of British Columbia, through the President, Mr. J.A. McLallen; its Vice-President, Dr. H. Dunn; and its Manager, Mr. W.H. Miller, has been most helpful. This help has

come in the nature of secretarial assistance, outright financial assistance, preparation of "briefs" for Government aid, and prompt guidance and advice on all matters. Your President and Vice-President both are members of the Board of Management of the Cerebral Palsy Association of British Columbia, and your President is one of three Directors for British Columbia of the Cerebral Palsy Section of the Canadian Council for Crippled Children and Adults.

Our associations, with the B.C. Society for Crippled Children- "The Easter Seal Society" - have been cordial and advantageous. The Society's President, Mr. H. Myers; and its Executive Director, Mr. G. MacDonald have always listened sympathetically to our troubles. All four of our cars have been supplied to us by the B.C. Society for Crippled Children, so it is easy to see how much we are indebted to this Society. Your President is a director of the B.C. Society for Crippled Children.

The major portion of our operating expenses is provided by the United Good Neighbour Fund of New Westminster and Surrey. Our grant last year was \$3,500. While this represents only a little better than half of our total budget, without this sum we would not be able to operate. It is of the utmost importance that all members of this Association who live in Surrey or New Westminster support the U.G.N. through financial assistance as well as canvassing assistance and publicity. Your President is a director of the United Good Neighbour Fund.

During the past year we have continued to serve the Boundary Society for Handicapped Children by transporting retarded children to the Beacon School operated by the B.C. Society for Handicapped Children. From this latter Society we have received during the year \$483 in transportation assistance.

We have received support during the year from the following organizational members: Court Pleasantdale; Canadian Order of Foresters; New Westminster J.C. Ettes; South Fraser Chapter Registered Nurses Association; and Canada Rice Mills Employees Association. *Delta & ...*

During the year we have maintained our long established contact with the Knights of Pythias, one of the original supporters of cerebral palsy in the province.

#### Easter Seals

Last year this Association, in co-operation with the B.C. Society for Crippled Children, sent out 2630 seal letters in Langley and 1400 in Ladner. The returns from Langley were \$1,043 and from Ladner were \$541, for a total of \$1,584 or an average return of 39¢ per mailing. Of this amount, \$792 was retained by our Association, and \$792 sent to the B.C. Society for Crippled Children.

### Acknowledgements

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who contributed to the success of the organization in the past year. Particular thanks should go to Mr. Etter for his faithful work on our finances; to our drivers Mr. Pearson, Mr. Bebbington, and Mrs. Langton for their devotion to duty, sometimes above and beyond the call of duty; to Mrs. Fayers for her daily trip to Vancouver as matron of car #1; and to Dr. Kennedy for his advise and assistance throughout the year.

### Finances

Obviously our most pressing concern is financial. Last year we operated on a deficit of nearly \$1,200. Already warning has been given parents that one car will have to be taken off the road. Some measure of relief is in sight through the facts that the parents of the retarded children presently being transported to New Westminster are setting up schools in White Rock and Langley, and will be undertaking their own transportation. Until this happens, probably in May, although no later than September, we should try to continue our transportation for those children.

Rather than cut down service to save money, I would suggest that each member of this Association become a publicity agent and let the public know of our financial plight. I would suggest that each member of this Association try to influence one other Association to donate \$20 to our cause, and we will be able to carry on our full service until June.

Last year this Association paid out \$830 in treatment fees which were uncollectable. Some of this represents parents who are unable to pay, but some also represents parents who are able to pay, but do not. Our treasurer, Mr. Etter, has made valiant attempts to recover this money. It seems rather harsh to suggest curtailing transportation and treatment to a child whose parents make no effort to pay their bills; but we have to consider the point that losing the amount of money may be jeopardizing this Association's service for several other children. Where the Association provides free transportation year in and year out, we feel that some effort should be made, at least to make token payments.

### Future Plans

This Association has grown to the point that it is impossible to carry on the burden of administration, finances, and public relations adequately with volunteer help. Accordingly, it was decided to hire an Executive-Secretary, at least on a part-time basis. We were exceedingly fortunate in being able to hire Mrs. L.B. Purdy, who has had many years experience in similar work with the Vancouver Society for Retarded Children. We were also fortunate in having the Cerebral Palsy Association of British

Columbia offer to pay her salary for the first three months. I feel that the appointment of Mrs. Purdy heralds a new period of progress and expansion for this Association.

Coupled with the appointment of an Executive-Secretary, as a step in re-organizing the Association, is the re-writing of the Constitution to provide for a Board of Directors. This step has been taken to give adequate representation to all areas covered by our service, and to open up the Association to people who are not necessarily parents of crippled children.

Looming largest in our future plans, is construction of our proposed "Fringe Clinic", or "Lower Fraser Valley Crippled Children's Clinic". The Cerebral Palsy Association of British Columbia has given us the lead in this project with a view to eliminating the long car trip for the children, and to ease the burden on the Vancouver clinic which will ultimately reach its saturation point. The present rapid growth of North Surrey, the impending growth of Langley and Ladner, and the need for proximity in New Westminster, has dictated that such a clinic should be located in the approximate center of those four areas which we serve. To this end, representations have been made, reasonably successfully, to the Surrey Memorial Hospital for approval to construct a clinic adjacent to the Hospital.

Following a three year plan, 1958 is the year of planning, 1959 the year of financing, and 1960 the year of building. Next year, then, will see your Board of Directors devoting a large amount of their time to the planning of the proposed clinic. To this end we have made provision in our new Constitution for a Medical Advisory Committee, to advise us on the special medical requirements of such a building.

It would seem, then, that my forecast one year ago holds true for the year to come also, "The problems of transportation, fringe clinic, and finances will require much thought and effort during the year."

N.A. Sherritt,  
President.

LOWER FRASER VALLEY CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION

Operating Statement

April 1st 1957 to March 31st 1958

Income:

Membership fees	58.00
Donations	279.09
Easter Seals	708.03
Misc. Income	50.00
(sale of old car)	
Government assistance	525.00
U.G.N.	3,750.00
Transportation assistance	605.00

Net operating loss  
(excess of expense over  
income)

318.67

6,293.79

Expenses:

Office supplies		18.06
and expenses		823.58
Treatment fees		
Auto expense	1,590.65	
Auto rental	124.00	
Total auto expenses		1,714.65
Salaries		3,625.00
Associate memberships		50.00
Misc. expenses		12.00

6,293.79

Balance Sheet

March 31st, 1958

Assets:

Accounts receivable	287.95
Bank	793.74
Cash on hand	3.15
Petty cash	10.00
Office equipment	69.78
Buildings	61.26

1,225.90

Liabilities and Capital:

Capital and surplus	1,225.90
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TREASURER'S REPORT

LOWER FRASER VALLEY CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION

The financial statements attached to this 5th Annual Report, show that our years activities resulted in expenses of \$318.67, more than income.

This nearly wipes out last years surplus of \$459.37.

The next year, from present indications will necessitate curtailment of some of our services, unless more income is found. It now appears that our income will be in the vicinity of \$5,500.00. This is considerably short of our expenditures of \$6,293.79, during the last fiscal year.

In presenting the financial statements, I have made no charge for depreciation on our two small fixed assets - the Filing Cabinet and Garage.

We have not been able to have the books audited. The two men contacted declined for the reason that they did not wish to make the Audit for us, as they have had to turn down several charitable organizations, request for an audit, and felt it would not be fair to do ours.

It is felt that this organization should make an effort to secure auditors at once, so we will not have to shop around at the year end to secure these services.

Your President will be asked to go over the books as soon as he has time.

In conjunction with the financial statements, the following bank reconciliation statement is presented for the information of members.

Balance March 31st, per Bank statement	\$ 433.25
Add outstanding deposit (U.G.N. March 31st payment)	<u>1,558.25</u>

Less outstanding cheques:

#253	125.00	
#254	125.00	
#255	100.00	
#256	9.25	
#257	46.13	
#262	47.77	
#263	64.91	
#264	136.00	
#269	<u>110.45</u>	<u>764.51</u>

Balance per general ledger	793.74
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I move the adoption of this report.

L.C. Etter  
Treasurer.



TRANSPORTATION REPORT

April 1957 - March 1958

Annual Car Report - Car #1 - Mr. Pearson, driver.

1. Total trips made from White Rock to the Vancouver Rehabilitation Center were 165, carrying an average of 5.7 children per trip.
2. Total mileage came to 14,471 miles, with an average of 92 miles per day.
3. Overall cost, exclusive of driver's salary was \$761.61.
4. This car is now so old, and has gone so many miles, that it is out of the question to expect it to continue in operation past this June.

Annual Car Report - Car #2 - Mrs. Bebbington, driver

1. Total trips made from Milner to New Westminster were 119, carrying an average of 13.7 children per trip.
2. Total mileage came to 15,235 miles for an average of 128 miles per day.
3. Overall cost, exclusive of driver's salary came to \$590.23.
4. As soon as schools for retarded children are established at Langley and White Rock, the need for this car will disappear and it will be used to replace Car #1.

Annual Car Report - Car #2 - Mrs. Langton, driver.

1. Total trips made from White Rock to the Vancouver Rehabilitation Center were 174, carrying an average of 6.2 children per trip.
2. Total mileage came to 20,586 for an average of 119 miles per day.
3. Overall cost, exclusive of driver's salary came to \$425.63.
4. Cost of operating this car is lower than the other two because of a cost sharing arrangement with the B.C. Society for Crippled Children, which uses the car while it is in Vancouver during the day.

Annual Car Report - Car #4 - Volunteer drivers.

This car was put into operation at the end of January and travels from Ladner to the Vancouver Rehabilitation Center. During the time it has been in operation it has travelled 2814 miles at a cost of \$100.36.

Annual Car Report - Summary (excluding Car #4)

1.	Total miles travelled	50,292 miles
2.	Average miles per day	339 miles
3.	Number of trips made	358 trips
4.	Average children carried	25.6 per day
5.	Total cost: running expenses	\$1,777.47
6.	Driver's salaries	\$3,500.00
7.	Total transportation cost	\$5,277.00
8.	Average cost per car per month	\$ 176.00
9.	Cost per average child per year	\$ 206.00
10.	Average cost per child per trip	\$ 1.73

( These figures are only for running expenses, maintenance, and driver's salaries only; and do not include cost of licences, insurance,, original purchase price of the vehicle, or depreciation. If these items were included, costs shown would be greatly increased.)