

ANNUAL REPORT

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Greater Vancouver Island Cerebral Palsy Association Victoria.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

to the Sixth Annual Meeting of the

LOWER FRASER VALLEY CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This is the sixth annual report that I have been privileged to present as President of the Lower Fraser Valley Cerebral Palsy Association. In looking for a word to describe the year 1958-59 as far as our organization is concerned, I think it would be safe to say that this year has been a year of consolidation.

During the past year we have made no tremendous advances, but at the same time we have not lost ground. We have consolidated our position as the major crippled children's organization serving the area of Langley, Surrey, Delta and New Westminster.

In the past year we have seen the business of the association handled by the Board of Directors which was set up at the last Annual Meeting. For a year now, the details of our business have been handled by our Executive-Director Mrs. Purdy. During the year we have proceeded with plans for our own Crippled Children's Clinic. It is also true that during the last year we lost money, but that is typical, so it seems, of all crippled children's organizations these times. To offset this, we have made some good contacts during the year, which, I am sure, will enable us to embark on a year of expansion and success.

While leaving the details of our operations for our Executive Director to report on, I would like to comment on two or three of the major developments during the year.

The major item, as I see it, is the fact that once again, day in and day out during the year, we had three cars transporting crippled children to treatment centres in Vancouver. If we did nothing more than this, we would be filling a big need in the Lower Fraser Valley.

Second in importance during the year has been the progress made on the plans for the Crippled Children's Clinic. A site has been allocated to us on the grounds of the Surrey Memorial Hospital, and plans have been drawn. It is expected that as soon as financial arrangements have been completed perhaps this summer, construction will begin.

An item of major importance that has plagued us during the year has been our weakening financial position. We have been forced to borrow from the B.C. Cerebral Palsy Association and from the bank to carry on for the last month or two of each quarter until the U.G.N. cheque arrives. The directors have approved of this rather than cut service.

Connected to the financial situation is the old problem of uncollectable treatment fees. When this association was first organized, we instituted a policy of providing free transportation, if the parents would pay the cost of treatment. Over the years we have found, however, that in many cases we are not only providing free transportation, but are having to pay the treatment fees as well. This has caused a severe drain on our finances.

A final item of importance during the past year has been the increasing interest taken in our association by P.T.A. groups and Service Clubs. We are particularly pleased with the contacts we have made with the Elks organization in this area. Perhaps we will be able to work together to improve the lot of crippled children.

In conclusion I must voice my appreciation for these who have worked so hard for the cause of Cerebral Palsy during the past year.

The list would naturally have to start with our drivers, Mr. Bebbington and Mr. Pearson and the volunteer drivers from Ladner. Then there would be the people at the "other end", the physiotherapists and teachers at the Centre, Mr. J. Dewhurst of the Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Vancouver; Mr. G. MacDonald of the B.C. Society for Crippled Children; and Mr. W. Miller of the Cerebral Palsy Association of B.C.

I would also like to voice my thanks to the United Good Neighbour organization, without which there would be no Cerebral Palsy Association in this district.

Special thanks go to the executive officers and directors of our association for their faithful attendance at the meetings in the past year. I would also like to thank the "faithful few" parents who attended our general meetings.

Thanks should go too, to Mrs. Payton for her efforts on the nominating committee during the last two years.

Personal thanks go to Mrs. Purdy for lightening the load with her attention to the details of our association.

Considerable thanks should go to Dr. Kennedy for his advise, guidance, and help in connection with the new clinic.

Finally, I would voice the hope that the year to come will see an end to our financial problems, and a successful start on the Crippled Children's Clinic.

N.A. Sherrit,
President.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

1958 was a year of becoming firmly established as an entity on behalf of the Lower Fraser Valley Cerebral Palsy Association. We had a very fine Board of Directors last year and anticipate a good Board for 1959.

1958 was a year for the PLANNING OF OUR NEW CLINIC. This was accomplished and we feel very proud of the results. This has been mainly due to the efforts and ability of Dr. A.K. Kennedy who seemed to know who to go to and how to attain what was needed and without having to commit the association financially. We are deeply grateful to Dr. Kennedy for his good work as Chairman of the Planning Committee, for the clinic, and also to members of his committee.

ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS; which have loyally supported us are: L#1762 of the Canadian Order of Forresters; The Delta Women's Institute; Ladner Lions Club; Delta Timing Association and the Knights of Pythias. We are particularly pleased to report that the Elks Clubs throughout the Valley are showing genuine interest in Cerebral Palsy and some of our recent meetings have been well attended by their members. This is very encouraging to those carrying on and we sincerely hope that the interest of these people will grow and that we shall work along together for the welfare of the handicapped. People are important!... but today things are so big that it makes people feel very little. We have to fight so hard to do anything effective to change or guide destinies. This fact makes us realize Jamieson's famous quote. "By myself, with only my hands, there is not a great deal I can do but if we all put our hands together, we can do whatever needs to be done."

THE CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
We work very closely with the Provincial Association which has been of invaluable help to us. Mr. W.H. Miller, the manager, is constantly looking out for ways and means of helping us and has always been ready and willing to give us financial aid, scrounge a typewriter for an indefinite

period or whatever the need might be. He was also directly responsible for interesting the Elks Clubs in our work, and we do appreciate this interest.

THE UNITED GOOD NEIGHBOUR FUND has been our mainstay and we are very grateful for this wonderful help and for the pleasant co-operation which we always receive from their staff.

THE B.C. SOCIETY FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN, in providing Transportation service for our children has always been very pleasant and co-operative which means so much in working with people.

THE CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION OF GREATER VANCOUVER is also a very important body to us as they actually do the treating of our children in their clinic and the educating of them in their school.

We have been faced with financial difficulties from time to time and have had to borrow up to \$1,000.00 in the last quarter in order to continue to provide services to cerebral palsied children throughout the Fraser Valley. Our basic objective remains the same to-day as the day we began-- that of meeting our children's needs. We have managed some how to do this even if our funds have been down to dangerous levels.

THE FUTURE poses a few problems: Community responsibilities, what media should we use to tell our story to the general public, how best to keep our members informed, finding ways and means to finance our clinic.

EASTER SEAL REPORT. Last year, 1958, this association, in co-operation with the B.C. Society for Crippled Children sent out 3000 seal letters in Langley and 1580 in Ladner. The returns from Langley were \$935.00 and from Ladner \$700.00 making a total of \$1,635.00 or an average return of 36¢ per mailing. Of this amount \$817.50 was retained by our association and \$817.50 sent to the B.C. Society for Crippled Children.

This year, 1959, this association sent out 3342 seal letters in Langley and 1600 in Ladner. At the time of writing with the campaign still in progress \$984.00 has been received from Langley and \$655.00 from Ladner for a total of \$1,639.00

In closing I wish to express my personal thanks to Mr. Sherritt our President, who has been so helpful to me in this first year; to Mr. Etter our Hon. Treasurer for assisting me so generously during the year and also "thank you" to Mrs. Slater, our Hon. Secretary who has recorded minutes faithfully at every meeting. I would like to add that this year has been a pleasant experience in carrying out the business of the association.

Our membership has increased slightly over last year and we look forward to a big jump in this coming year.

Leola Purdy,
Executive Director.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The financial statements attached show that our years activities resulted in expenses of \$995.27 more than income. This was brought about mainly by the fact that we have been quite unsuccessful in collecting treatment fees from parents. Your President and I decided to write off the sum of \$767.37 from our accounts receivable, since parents have either been unable to, or have not seen fit to reimburse the association for money paid to the Greater Vancouver Cerebral Palsy Association on their behalf.

As treasurer I have seen that parents have been regularly billed for treatment fees unless social workers report indicated inability to pay.

During the year we have had to borrow money from the bank as well as our parent organization, the Cerebral Palsy Association of British Columbia, and I wish to convey hereby my thanks to this organization for coming to our rescue twice to the amount of one thousand dollars.

During the coming year our U.G.N. grant has been increased so that it would now appear that we will be able to carry on our transportation services.

Our treasurer for the next year will have a much greater responsibility than this position has demanded in the past as our plans now include arranging finances for erection of our proposed treatment centre.

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

Balance March 31st, 1959 per bank statement	\$1,117.60
Add outstanding deposit	36.53
	<u>\$1,154.13</u>

Less outstanding cheques

#92	48.87	#104	41.11	
93	41.56	#105	73.50	
95	27.98	#106	3.55	
98	87.59	107	17.35	
100	150.00	108	19.96	
102	500.00	109	75.00	
103	41.62			
				<u>\$1,128.09</u>
True balance in agreement with General Ledger				<u>26.04</u>

L.C. Etter,
Treasurer.

LOWER FRASER VALLEY CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION

Operating Statement

April 1st, 1958 to March 31st, 1959

<u>Income:</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Membership fees	56.00	Office supplies	224.55
Donations	421.00	Treatment fees	1238.95
Easter Seals, net	717.50	Auto expenses	1307.62
Government assistance	50.00	Salaries	4666.41
U.G.N.	5014.00	Bank charges	3.53
Transportation assistance	210.69	Society expense	3.50
		Travel expenses, members	7.20
Net operating loss (excess of expenses over income)	995.27	Misc. expenses	12.70
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	\$7,464.46		\$7,464.46
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Balance Sheet

as at March 31st, 1959

<u>Assets</u>		<u>Liability and Capital</u>	
Accounts receivable	38.53	Capital and surplus	
Cash in bank	26.04		230.63
Petty cash	35.00		
Office equipment	69.78		
Buildings	61.28		
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	230.63		230.63
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TRANSPORTATION REPORT

April 1958 - April 1959

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

1. Total trips made from White Rock to Vancouver Rehabilitation Centre were 190, carrying an average of 5.2 children per trip.
2. Total mileage came to 15,475 miles, with an average of 90.5 miles per day.
3. Overall cost, exclusive of driver's salary was \$515.39.

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

1. Total trips made from Cloverdale to Vancouver were 174 carrying an average of 10 children per trip.
2. Total mileage came to 24,341 miles for an average of 131.6 miles per day.
3. Overall cost, exclusive of driver's salary came to \$648.07.

Annual Car Report - Car #3, - Mrs. Langton, driver.

1. Total trips made from White Rock to Vancouver Rehabilitation Centre were 57, carrying an average of 6 children per trip.
2. Total mileage came to 6734 for an average of 115 miles per day.
3. Overall cost, exclusive of driver's salary came to \$179.18.
4. Mrs. Langton finished driving for us at the end of June, 1958.

Annual Car Report - Car #4 - Volunteer drivers

1. Total trips made from Ladner to Vancouver Rehabilitation Centre were 176 carrying an average of 4.8 children per trip.
2. Total mileage came to 5,052 for an average of 54 miles per day.
3. Overall cost, exclusive of driver's salary came to \$444.46.
4. From the beginning of September 1958 to the end of February 1959, the Delta Association for Handicapped Children had the use of this Bus at a cost to them of five cents per mile. They now have their own bus.

Annual Car Report - Summary (including Car #4)

1.	Total miles travelled.	51,602 miles
2.	Average miles per day.	391.01 miles
3.	Number of trips made.	597 trips
4.	Average children carried.	26 per day
5.	Total cost: running expenses.	\$1,787.10
6.	Driver's salaries.	\$2,400.00
7.	Total transportation cost.	\$4,187.10
8.	Average car per car per month.	\$ 104.68
9.	Cost per average child per year.	\$ 163.50
10.	Average cost per child per trip.	\$ 2.72.

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