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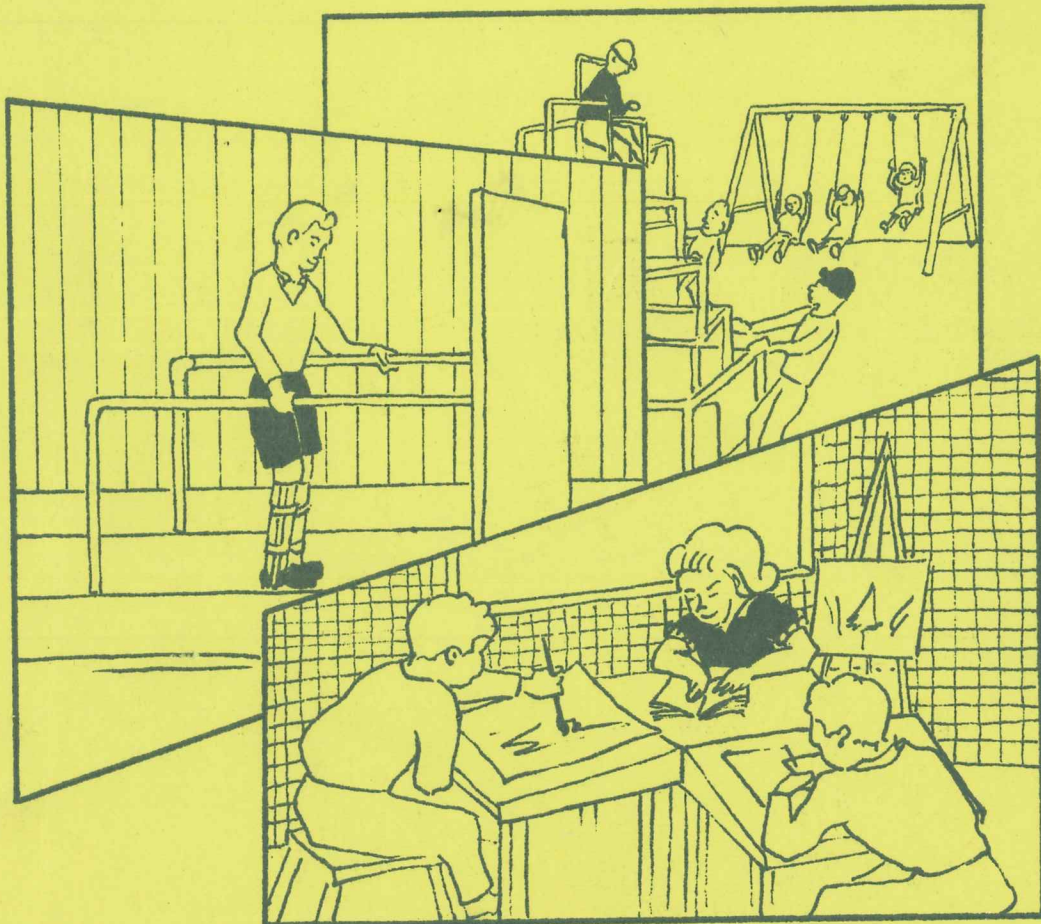
ANNUAL REPORT

Lower Fraser Valley Cerebral Palsy Association

CHILDREN'S TREATMENT CENTRE

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North Surrey B.C.



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THE TENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

LOWER FRASER VALLEY

CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION

CHILDREN'S TREATMENT CENTRE

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - 1962

It was with some trepidation that I accepted the Presidency at such a crucial time in the history of the Children's Treatment Centre. It is an accepted fact that the first year of operation in any business is crucial. The first full year of operation has been one of steady growth, both in demand and supply.

It is obvious from all reports and the increased demands for treatment, both physical and academic, that a fresh look will have to be taken into resources to meet the needs, as services in all areas will have to be curtailed immediately, which will be unfair, unless support can be obtained.

That we need additional space now is an accepted fact. The present building was built on faith by a few dedicated men and women and generous contributions from community.

We are most grateful to the Executive of the United Good Neighbour Fund and the Cerebral Palsy Association of British Columbia for their understanding of our problems, but they cannot be expected to subsidize the ever increasing costs incurred by the overwhelming need for expansion demanded by the children in need of treatment in the Lower Fraser Valley.

Application to the Federal Health Grants for contribution toward the salary of an additional Social Worker was refused on grounds of austerity programme (we were not alone in this disappointment, Vancouver and Victoria Centres were also refused.)

It is essential that this appointment be made immediately to assure an adequate programme. May I point out that an increase in clerical staff will follow appointment of another Social Worker.

Steps have been taken through the Cerebral Palsy Association of British Columbia to obtain the support of both the Federal and Provincial Governments for the three Centres in British Columbia. The committees working on briefs have met frequently and it is expected definite information as to the reception of our combined requests will be known shortly. This joint approach has strengthened our position as a valuable member of the Cerebral Palsy Association of British Columbia. There is no doubt that Treatment Centres for physically handicapped children must receive Government support from both levels.

In conclusion, I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the Executive Director for her unfailing support, and to the entire staff whose unstinted devotion to the Centre have made this year such a success. They have given of themselves "beyond the line of duty".

Max Terrace,
President

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - 1962

1961's Annual Report prophecied growing pains after only four months of operation. The acute stage had been reached before the end of 1962. The forecast for 1963 is for continued growth and more "growing pains."

To offset the needs and unmet demands, is the continued interest of the community and their contributions toward the maintenance of the Centre. It is not only financial help that is essential, but without voluntary help and support of various kinds, 1962 would not have been so successful.

Volunteers laid the foundation of the Centre, and with the help of volunteers the programme has been kept going. Parents and Grandparents are amongst the most enthusiastic volunteers, but further participation is needed. Family participation was in evidence at the Bazaar and Western Carnival, the children felt the warmth of interest in their Centre and were so pleased to meet each other at the Bazaar. The Directors expect it to be an Annual affair. (This has been a year of getting to know each other better, which, while it sounds simple and not exactly a therapy or treatment actually is the corner stone on which rests the programme.)

The Staff has worked hard to create the warm happy atmosphere and as Executive Director, I claim the privilege of telling them publicly that they have done a marvellous job. The volunteers made excellent hostesses, and made every effort to welcome parents and visitors.

The reports of the various departments have been published separately and are incorporated in the Annual Report for perusal at your leisure. A few excerpts will illustrate future trends.

During the year, 73 assessment clinics were held by Dr. Cook, and a total number of 141 cases seen by him. Referrals of two to three new cases a month continue to be received for assessment and screening.

Statistics for the year 1962 show 1,151 treatments were given of these 70% were cerebral palsied children, while the remainder were to children with other disabilities.

The pre-school teacher reports, that one year ago the number of children attending stood at fourteen. By September 1962, there was an increase to twenty, necessitating a staggered schedule, as according to regulations only seven pupils can be accommodated at a time in the small area.

The school report was sent in from Quesnel where Mrs. Morris, now Mrs. A. McLelan resides with her new husband and her two little daughters. I quote in part: "This time last year eleven pupils were attending regular classroom, four have been transferred to regular school and one to a school for the Retarded, four new pupils have come in.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Cont'd - 2 -

We are pleased to report that the pupils who were transferred to regular schools last fall are all making satisfactory progress, both socially and academically. This encourages us to continue a policy of early rehabilitation wherever possible.

Our school continues to offer a good teaching situation:

the classroom, although small, is attractive and well equipped, good relations are maintained among the many adults concerned with the care of the pupils, and the children themselves compensate for their various handicaps by their eagerness to learn.

From the Social Worker's point of view, it would be impossible for a full time worker to cope with the number of active cases needing attention, let alone to meet the needs of two to three new cases per month that continue to be referred for the services of the Medical Director and Staff. It has only been possible to see a small percentage of the parents attending for clinics, and to pay a few house visits. Casework by telephone, is at its best, not ideal and barely to be tolerated except on an emergency basis. This is the position in which I find myself at present. It is well recognized by the President, and Board of Directors, as well as by the Cerebral Palsy Association of British Columbia that an additional Social Worker should be appointed immediately. Lack of funds for salary prohibit exploration of this need.

The president has outlined the urgent need for additional space to accommodate the present number of children enrolled in the total programme and as Executive Director I must stress the need for more adequate accommodation if the Staff is to do a thorough job.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors, the Medical Director, and my fellow staff members for their support during what has been a challenging year of operation.

(Miss) Margery C. Hardy
Executive Director

MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT 1962

The Lower Fraser Valley Cerebral Palsy Association started as a group of parents who arranged for transportation of children, to and from the Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Vancouver, who held clinics for treatment and diagnosis.

Now one sees in Surrey a building housing a school and pre-school together with some facilities for treatment of children and provision for clinical review and reassessment.

In name the Association carries the designation of cerebral palsy but within the organization one finds many different handicaps which do not arise out of cerebral palsy. This means that the structure of the Association has been elastic enough to include children with other handicaps. This has necessitated working with other Associations interested in different disabilities. This has been achieved relatively smoothly.

This Centre has demonstrated that it is possible to gather up a number of children of different handicaps and organize their education and treatment away from a large centre. At the same time the necessity for maintaining close contact with a larger central clinic with greater experience and diagnostic and treatment facilities is plainly seen. The trend for unification of services for children, locally, with obvious economies of finance and medical resources, has been set. There seems little doubt that this will eventually prove to be the most satisfactory answer in the care of handicapped children.

This brings one to the point of declaring the policy with regard to the acceptance of children by the Lower Fraser Valley Cerebral Palsy Association. In brief one can say that the Association would like to be in a position to offer help to any handicapped child whose care does not require the facilities and personnel of a larger diagnostic or treatment centre. Where continued attendance at a larger centre is no longer necessary one would like to be able to continue treatment and supervision here at the Surrey Treatment Centre nearer the child's home.

To a large extent this overall policy is already in effect. This is a tribute to the founders of the organization who worked for years before I joined the Clinic.

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If this all embracing programme is to continue and develop further additional working space and greater financial security must be provided. So far as additional staff is concerned there is general agreement that a social worker is the most pressing need.

As knowledge of the needs of handicapped children has increased so has the realization that it is frankly impossible to expect these needs to be met entirely or even largely by money raised by voluntary contributions.

As medical science advances one accepts the facts of longer life and better general health. One would like to state that the numbers of handicapped children will steadily diminish. This is by no means certain. Medical science saves many children without residual disability allowing them to lead full lives, but there must be others whose actual lives are saved but who are left with a permanent handicap. Premature infants may be quoted as a particular instance of this. In the future it is expected that more infants will be saved with a correspondingly greater number of children requiring special education and treatment in the general child population.

At the present time there exists a political and financial crisis in the affairs of handicapped children. One has to admit that care of these children could be improved, in the light of knowledge which is available today, if more facilities and money were provided. Common sense and simple humanity must eventually prevail but not before a great deal more hard work by those volunteers and associations who have done so much already.

I would like to thank my colleagues on the staff for their help and support.

E.G. Cook, M.B., M.R.C.P. (London)
MEDICAL DIRECTOR

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE REPORT 1962

The Ways and Means Committee is more than just a money raising committee, in fact, it functions in four areas: it sponsors area public relations chairmen, it does some public relations work, it raises funds, and it publishes a newsletter.

The idea of Area Public Relations Chairmen was set up at a meeting on January 31st, 1962. The idea was to have key people in different areas who could represent the Association, conduct minor money raising ventures in their own areas, and dispense Treatment Centre information in that area. The idea has not been completely successful, because it was not possible to establish contacts in all areas served by the Centre. However, the Area Public Relations Chairmen who have been appointed have served well, and have been instrumental in bringing considerable money into the fund.

The Committee combines public relations with its appeal for funds. A major effort in this respect was the sending out between June and October of 150 appeal letters to lower mainland organizations asking for help, and offering to send speakers to meetings. One problem in the sending out of these letters was the difficulty of obtaining names and addresses of club secretaries. The response to these letters has been interesting. A considerable amount of money came in, in response to the letters, including a great many donations from Old Age Pension Organizations. Several requests for speakers were filled by Miss Hardy, Mr. Sherritt and others. In most cases the speakers used the film, "A Place In The Sun," and all speakers reported a good reception.

A booth was set up at the Lower Fraser Valley Agricultural Exhibition in Cloverdale in September and operators reported considerable interest in and increasing knowledge of the Treatment Centre on the part of the public.

In straight fund-raising the Committee has not had outstanding success, although the results have been steady. On February 12, 1962 the Building Fund owed \$1,500. On April 12th the debt was down to \$800.00. On June 13th the building debt was completely paid off and there was \$500.00 on hand in the building fund. This had climbed to \$2000. on October 18th. At December 31st the building fund contained \$1,200.00 plus \$1,000.00 which had been loaned to the Directors to be applied against the transportation debt.

Minor amounts have been brought in by collecting blue bottles, the wishing well at the Surrey Diner, and the Match Box campaign. This last effort, ably organized by Mr. Piskorik, has been disappointing in the amount of money brought in for the amount of work involved, but has had tremendous public relations value.

Finally, the Ways and Means Committee has published ten issues of the NEWSLETTER, the first appearing on January 23, 1962. This has proved valuable by printing appeals for different items, giving notice of coming events, keeping members informed of developments at the Centre and making members feel that they are part of the organization.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE REPORT - Cont'D - 2 -

Particularly valuable was a series of articles principally to give information for people who might be called upon to speak. The July 1962 issue contained information on Cerebral Palsy. The article in the October 1962 issue gave the history of the Lower Fraser Valley Cerebral Palsy Association and the Treatment Centre. In the November 1962 issue, the article covered the Services and Operation of the Treatment Centre.

The Ways and Means Committee makes the following recommendations to the Annual Meeting:

1. The Ways and Means Committee be continued
2. Area Public Relations Chairmen be continued
3. The Newsletter be continued

Mr. W. Cowland	Cloverdale
Mrs. W. Deans	White Rock
Mrs. P.G. Fayers	White Rock
Mr. W. Ledger	Coquitlam
Mrs. C.J. Downing	Coquitlam
Mrs. E. W. Scott	Coquitlam
Mr. S. Piskorik	North Surrey
Mr. F.B. Pearson	White Rock
Mr. C. Menunzio	North Surrey
Mrs. C.G. Brown	North Surrey

N.A. Sherritt,
CHAIRMAN

PHYSIOTHERAPY REPORT - 1962

Of 101 cases handled by the Children's Treatment Centre, approximately one-third of these require some form of physical treatment, (physical or occupational therapy). The majority of the children attending school and preschool are on a programme of intensive physical or occupational therapy, while a home management programme is provided for those not attending school or preschool.

The statistics for the year 1962, show 1,151 treatments were given. Of these 70% were to cerebral palsied children, while the remainder were to children with other disabilities (poliomyelitis, muscular dystrophy etc.)

During the year 73 assessment clinics were held by Dr. E.G. Cook, and a total of 141 cases seen by him.

In July and August a summer programme was initiated in an attempt to give concentrated treatment to children who attend schools outside the Centre, and are on a home management programme throughout the rest of the year. As well as actual treatments, several excursions were planned for these children.

During the last few months of the year an occupational therapy programme was started for a few of the children who require this mode of treatment. This is still very limited and will remain so, as long as space is limited.

Della Nordick, B.Sc., (P.& O.T).,M.Sc.
Physiotherapist

PRE-SCHOOL REPORT - 1962

PRE-SCHOOL 1962.

One year ago, the number of children attending pre-school stood at 14. From September 1961 until June 1962 a total of 21 children had attended Pre-school for at least a four month period. By the end of June 1962 arrangements had been made for ten of these children to transfer to more suitable programmes. These programmes included regular school, regular kindergarten, special classroom and retarded school.

In September 1962 the Pre-school opened both morning Nursery School and afternoon Kindergarten with a total of 13 children the numbers have now increased to 20 and further increase appears probable. Because only seven children are permitted to attend pre-school at one time and also because of limited transportation, these children are on a staggered schedule, attending only 2 or 3 times weekly.

The need for a playground has become more and more acute because of extremely limited floor space in the Pre-school, restricting a valuable large muscle programme for the children.

Ann Bullen,
Nursery Therapist

SCHOOLROOM REPORT 1962

At this time last year, eleven pupils were attending regularly in the classroom.

During the year four have been transferred to regular school.

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- good relations are maintained among the many adults concerned with the care of the pupils,
- and the children themselves compensate for their various handicaps by their eagerness to learn.

Alice C. McLelan,
Teacher.

AUXILIARY REPORT - 1962

The members of the Auxiliary feel, with all sincerity, that it was a very successful year. We have 20 individual and one group memberships.

The Annual Garden Party was held on July 11th, at the home of Mrs. C.G. Brown. We were ably assisted by the Ladies of Branch 229, Canadian Legion, Whalley, who looked after the Bake Sale, aided by generous contributions from members of the Cerebral Palsy Association and other friends. A pleasant surprise, that day, was the presentation of a cheque for \$40.00 from the men of the same Canadian Legion Branch, 229. The day's activities netted the sum of \$188.00.

The Cerebral Palsy Bazaar and Western Carnival, held at the Canadian Legion Hall at Whalley on October 16th, was an outstanding success due to the combined efforts of many people who so generously donated their time and talents. Our special thanks go to Mr. Edwards and his Committee for Publicity and enlisting the help of the men needed to carry through such a big undertaking. Just to name a few organizations who assisted us Canadian Legion, Branch 229, men and ladies; Ladies of the Royal Purple; Ladies of the Van Zor Grotto; Surrey Firemen; Job's Daughters; Junior Red Cross and many other generous groups and individuals. The amount raised was \$1,669.50. A cheque for that amount was given to the Treatment Centre.

The Auxiliary had as their Christmas Project the making and selling of Candy wreaths. We must thank the Kiwassa Club of Vancouver for their kind permission to make the wreaths and their help in guiding us to the necessary supplies. 325 wreaths were made and sold. Cost of materials \$514.22, receipts \$1,137.50, giving us a profit of \$623.28. Receipts from other kinds of Handy Craft made by volunteers helped to swell our funds.

The Auxiliary supplies milk and cookies throughout the year to the Children's Treatment Centre on which we spent \$137.34.

Our total Bank deposit for 1962 was \$1040.07
Disbursements 749.57

BALANCE 1961 - \$204.96
BALANCE 1962 \$495.46

Mrs. W. Deans,
PRESIDENT

VOLUNTEER HELPERS REPORT - 1962

It gives me a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction, to report on the continuing help given by our Volunteers. Dollars and cents we know are badly needed to carry on the wonderful efforts performed by all members of the Staff, but the love and devotion given by our "Helpers" each in her own way is a very great asset to the Centre. I would like to thank each and every one for their support to me as Convenor, for their assistance every week, also to the Ladies who have made such lovely articles to be sold for one project or another, to be used at the Centre.

I was sorry to have to tender my resignation at the end of the Term, owing to other commitments but trust in the near future I will again be able to call myself a "Volunteer Helper".

(Mrs.A.) Elizabeth J. Dunn,
Chairman Volunteers.

Lower Fraser Valley Cerebral Palsy Association
Balance Sheet
December 31, 1962

Assets

Current Assets

Cash on hand and in bank		1,427.75	
Accounts receivable	4,193.89		
<u>Less</u> - allowance for doubtful accounts	<u>1,934.33</u>	<u>2,259.56</u>	\$ 3,687.31

Fixed Assets - at cost

Ground Improvements		908.76	
Building	9,962.72		
<u>Less</u> - accumulated depreciation	<u>836.64</u>	9,126.08	
Office equipment	1,299.79		
<u>Less</u> - accumulated depreciation	<u>302.15</u>	997.64	
General equipment	810.92		
<u>Less</u> - accumulated depreciation	<u>163.35</u>	<u>647.57</u>	<u>11,680.05</u>
			<u>\$15,367.36</u>

Liabilities and Surplus

Current Liabilities

Bank Loan		500.00	
Accounts payable		<u>2,961.46</u>	3,461.46

Surplus

Balance December 31, 1961		7,241.13	
Excess of Revenue over Expense for the Year		<u>4,664.77</u>	<u>11,905.90</u>
			<u>\$15,367.36</u>

Auditor's Report

I have examined the Balance Sheet of Lower Fraser Valley Cerebral Palsy Association as at December 31, 1962, and the Statement of Revenue and Expense for the year ended on that date. My examination included a general review of accounting procedures and such tests of accounting records and other evidence as I considered necessary.

In my opinion the above Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenue and Expense present fairly the financial position of the Association as at December 31, 1962, and the results of its operations for the year ended on that date in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

(Signed) A.F. (Frank) Radbourne
Public Accountant

Lower Fraser Valley Cerebral Palsy Association
Statement of Revenue and Expense
For the Year ended December 31, 1962

Revenue

Treatment fees	\$ 3,841.04	
Transportation fees	2,349.43	
Clinic fees	598.50	
Miscellaneous	216.04	
Membership fees	292.00	
Match boxes (net)	506.47	
Ladies Auxiliary Carnival	1,669.45	
Donations	1,996.17	
Provincial Association assistance	1,500.00	
Building fund donations	5,421.80	
Government assistance	5,997.58	
U.G.N. allotment	9,947.20	
		<u>\$34,335.68</u>

Expenses

Membership fee	\$ 10.00	
Interest and bank charges	36.30	
Insurance	112.06	
Supplies	184.00	
Heat, Light and Water	523.58	
Travel expense	546.82	
Medical appliances (net)	579.07	
Telephone	604.53	
Office supplies and postage	800.43	
Miscellaneous	52.79	
Depreciation	663.10	
Fees absorbed	1,845.42	
Bunny bus expense	2,335.51	
Salaries and wages	21,377.30	
		<u>29,670.91</u>

Excess of Revenue over Expense

\$ 4,664.77