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Lower Fraser Valley Cerebral Palsy Association



Children's Treatment Centre

Annual Report 1966

LOWER FRASER VALLEY CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - 1966

to the

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LOWER FRASER VALLEY CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION CHILDREN'S TREATMENT CENTRE

It is my pleasure as President to present this fourteenth annual report of the Lower Fraser Valley Cerebral Palsy Association.

We encountered many difficulties in 1966, primarily due to:-

- 1. Lack of assured revenue.
- 2. The ever increasing number of children requiring our services.
- 3. Lack of space and staff.
- 4. Having to assume the financial burden of transportation.

Our financial statement reports a total operating deficit of \$5,491.75. The monthly operating cost increased 50% over 1965 to \$7,257.96 per month in 1966. Indications are, costs will continue to raise in the years ahead; something must be done to raise assured money that will increase with the demands placed on our services.

The year 1966 brought an increase of 27 children, resulting in a total of 118 active cases. The increase is double the number experienced in 1965; should this trend continue, and in every liklihood it will, the urgency to expand our quarters is imperative. It is impossible to accommodate more children with our existing facilities without impairing the service to all of the children.

Plans for a new building proposed on the property generously donated by Mr. & Mrs. A.S. Dainard, have been completed and presented to the Provincial Health Department. Immediate approval in principle has been requested, as it will take approximately two years to complete detailed drawings, call tenders and occupy the completed building. Meetings with the Provincial Departments of Health, Education and BCHIS have been encouraging. A favourable announcement is expected shortly.

In September, the Surrey School Board were able to provide an additional two classrooms for our children. We now have four classrooms in Simon Cunningham School and one in the Treatment Centre. Five school teachers and all classroom materials are provided by the Surrey School Board, who have the co-operation of the neighbouring School Boards.

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It has been a pleasure meeting with this Board, as they are providing all possible assistance.

The year began with encouragement when the Hon. Leslie Peterson Minister of Education, re-interpreted the School Act permitting our school age children to receive up to a maximum of \$1.00 per day each, for transportation. The elation was shortlived when the B.C. Society for Crippled Children (Easter Seals) due to their own financial difficulties were forced to withdraw the Bunny Buses. Easter Seals were only able to provide \$500. per month in lieu of transportation, a considerable reduction from their previous year's grant. Your Board of Directors had no alternative but to engage three vehicles from Mr. Ken Konopski who operates a transit firm. Mr. Konopski and his drivers have proven most efficient and courteous, and are appreciated by the staff, parents and children.

Adding the financial burden of operating the transportation on our already depressed budges was impossible, immediate assistance was required. My sincere appreciation to Mrs. Lamont, Executive Secretary, and Mr. McLoughlin, President of the B.C. Cerebral Palsy Association for the many hours they worked on our behalf in arranging temporary funds from the Department of Health. How this problem will be resolved in 1967 is unpredictable at this time.

My thank you also to Dr. Taylor, Deputy Minister of Health, for his sympathetic hearings.

Five members from our Treatment Centre attended the Western Regional Cerebral Palsy Conference in Calgary, Alta. in November. One point emphasized, was the need to encourage greater participation of parents in their Association's activities.

In conclusion, on behalf of the Directors and Members of this Association, I heartily thank all who have contributed to the support of the Children's Treatment Centre. Without the generosity of many individuals, groups and service clubs, this Centre would not have been able to operate.

The Auxiliary should be commended for their accomplishments, which compare with Auxiliaries of much larger institutions.

Miss Hardy and her staff are worthy of my warmest thanks for their devotion during one of the most challenging years' of this Association.

I am also grateful to the members of the Board of Directors for their support and guidance.

S. Piskorik, Fresident.

An annual audit is not necessarily only financial. An analysis of any programme provides important data on which to base future operation and needs for retrenchment and or expansion.

In reviewing the first five years of the Centre's programme there has been more need for expansion but due to inadequate financial aid retrenchment has, of necessity prevailed.

Expansion in the numbers of children referred in 1966 resulted in an increased number of cases from 85 to 118. (Waiting list of 9 as of January 1st 1967.)

Expansion of classroom facilities almost doubled, two classrooms in 1965 - two more in 1966. There are now five classrooms, accommodating 46 school age children with an additional 5 six year olds in kindergarten group.

Expansion of physic and occupational therapy staff and space has not increased in ratio to needs, in spite of appointment of a full time physiotherapist in June 1966 and two part time physiotherapists in February and May, there is need for at least one more full time staff member in that department. The out patient services have increased.

Expansion of referrals for Occupational therapy cannot be met by the one therapist presently on Staff and appointment of at least a half time therapist is urgently needed.

Expansion in the social service department is long overdue as each new case demands prompt and continuing services to child and parents who can profit from the help offered. These services have been provided at the expense of others equally demanding in follow up casework services. Overtime is not the answer although it is the order of the day in all departments. The need for a full time social worker as a realistic need is hereby made.

Expansion of the bookkeeping, medical records and clerical departments is a foregone conclusion if any sort of acceptable standard is to be met. Appointment of one additional staff is required.

The demands on the Medical Director and Executive Director have increased in proportion to the request for help in fact the demands have far exceeded our ability to keep pace.

Many crisis have been met and some overcome, but the problem of lack of sufficient staff and funds to meet the budget is perennial. The crisis reached in transportation continues to harass us, and without the support of the Cerebral Palsy Association of B.C. in presenting this

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vital need to the appropriate source we would indeed be in a worse dilemma than we are at present.

In any analysis it is wise to keep objectives firmly in view and to build up strength. By the appointment of a Professional Advisory Board in June 1966 our position as a unit of the University Paediatrics oriented team was most encouraging. It is comforting to note that the pioneering efforts of the founders of this Association has been recognized and that we are well established as the type of Centre with recognized improvements that hopefully will be made available to other areas of this vast province.

Those of us who have been privileged to help children to walk - to learn and to take their rightful places in society are truly thankful for the interest and cooperation of lay and professional groups.

This report would not be complete without an expression of thanks first to the Staff for their loyal devotion to the children, to the Volunteers and their able chairman, to the teachers and the School Boards and my own personal thanks to the Superintendent of School District #36 and his staff for their understanding of our problems large and small.

Without the help of the President of the Cerebral Palsy Association of B.C. and the Executive Secretary in taking our many problems to "higher levels" we could not have survived 1966.

The President & Board of Directors of our own Association have given of their time and effort in every emergency without which nothing could have been accomplished.

1967 will demand as much, if not more of all of us - the first 100 years is always the worst, but the most challenging.

(Miss) Margery C. Hardy, Executive Director

MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT - 1966

It seems that for the last few years we have been persistently requesting for more funds, more facilities and more accommodation to offer the children that have been using this Treatment Centre.

Meanwhile, we have been struggling for our survival in the hope for better days to come.

I am glad to say, however, that most of our demands have not fallen on deaf government ears.

Indeed for the first time in many years one can say that there is a beam of hope appearing in the horizon.

In fact the Bennett Government seems to agree in principle, to our needs, and under the constant pressure of our Board of Directors, recognizes righteously our present crisis.

This year we are going to adopt a more optimistic attitude in spite of all the adversities.

We will pledge to enter a year of resolution with the view to obtain an ideal Centre in the future set up.

In my short presentation, I feel that I should spare the audience about our problems, as you all have heard that song before.

Furthermore, one expects things to get worse before it gets better and until then we are going to make the most of our facilities.

It is my sincere hope that with the continuous vigilance of the Board of Directors, the excellent job of the present staff of the Treatment Centre, we will be able to carry our responsibilities towards the present community.

I must pay tribute to all those that have contributed and made possible the maintenance of this Treatment Centre, and hope for a better and bigger institution.

S.Y. Ekaireb, M.D. Medical Director

PHYSIOTHERAPY REPORT - 1966

The physiotherapy department continued to expand in 1966 and could not be handled by one physiotherapist. By July the department had one full time physiotherapist and two part time therapists, and still many children were only receiving minimal treatment.

The department is still divided and the pre-school children and Miss Steven's class (Senion Class) are receiving treatment at the Centre and the children at Simon Cunningham are treated in the school. In September the physiotherapy department at Simon Cunningham moved from the activity room into one of the classrooms which has been converted by curtaining into two physiotherapy rooms and one occupational therapy room. Also, in September we welcomed the addition of Mrs. Fayers at the school and she is a great asset to us in helping with the children and doing many "odd jobs" for us.

During July the department was open and as well as treatments the physiotherapists assisted on outings with the pre-school children. Also we accompanied many of the children to the Olympic Pool for individual swimming lessons.

In June Miss Klock and I attended a four day course given by Miss Margaret Hood on her techniques of treating cerebral palsied children, since which time we have been able to apply this specialized type of treatment to the benefit of some of the children.

Due to the shortage of staff not as many home visits were accomplished as might have been desirable but visits have been made with the children to the orthopaedic surgeons and the bracemakers.

Through the year we have had additional equipment donated, The C.K.N.W. Orhpan's Fund provided us with many pieces. Also the department, works in close cooperation with Miss Klock the occupational therapist in devising equipment for specific children.

Statistics for 1966

Total treatments - 2070 Cerebral Palsy Treatments.... - 1719 Other Treatments - 351

(Mrs.) Nadine Adam, M.C.S.P., M.C.P.A. Physiotherapist

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY REPORT - 1966

This has been an eventful year for the occupational therapy department. Firstly treatments proceed with fewer interruptions since Occupational Therapy is using part of a schoolroom and its all important storage space at Simon Cunningham School. The sole therapist continues to divide her time between the two schools.

New equipment including power woodworking tools, therapeutic toys and psychological testing materials were purchased this summer. These have enabled the therapist to build more durable adaptive equipment, to save time previously spent preparing crafts as treatment media, and to give treatment based on more detailed information about the child's abilities.

A highlight of the year was having cur first student from the School of Physical Medicine at University of B.C. intern with us for six weeks. This proved to be mutually worthwhile, she benefited from our experience while we gained from her more theoretical approach to treatment. We hope this student training will continue to be sponsored at the Centre.

During 1966 the therapist was also privileged to attend a conference on Perceptual Dysfunction in Seattle. This proved most beneficial in updating the Centre's perceptual training program. She also was able to attend a short course on methods of neuro-muscular facilitation. This too has proven valuable in several areas of treatment. The therapist also attended lectures and demonstrations by Dr. Frostig on methods of motor perceptual training.

Since writing the last Annual Report, 1747 occupational therapy treatments have been administered. Approximately 50 children have received treatment regularly and 17 others have had assessments or have been seen in group treatments only. An average of 35 children are treated per month. There were also three out-patients who attended regularly for treatment.

In short I feel this has been a productive year and the Centre continues to be an enriching place to work.

Judy Klock, O.T.R. Occupational Therapist

The year 1966 saw the school population of the Children's Treatment Centre increase from twenty-eight children in three classes to fifty-one children in five classes. In September Miss Stevens, Mrs. Ferry and Mrs. Emerson welcomed Mrs. Forsyth and Mrs. Burgess to the staff as teachers, and Mrs. Fayers as an aide for the physical needs of those requiring help.

It has been our endeavour to limit the size of the classes to ten pupils, however, the class size has been modified depending on the age of, and handicaps of the pupils.

The senior division of pupils is housed in the Children's Treatment Centre while the other four divisions are using rooms at the Simon Cunningham School Annex.

Two regular classrooms of the Simon Cunningham School were altered to make room for three class rooms and one physio-occupational room. A remainding room is used as a class room, lunch room, and rainy-day play room. It is also used as an auditorium for all calsses to assemble for singing and games period, showing of film strips and special day features such as the Christmas Party.

For administration and supervision purposes our classes are attached to the A.H.F. Matthew School, under the principalship of Mr. G. Headland. The classes are in a 'special' category and come under the direction of Mr. G. Greenaway, Supervisor of Special Education for Surrey Schools.

We are indebted to the Frincipal, Mr. Cordoni and his staff of the Simon Cunningham School for the good relationship existing between the units. The handicapped children are accepted, assisted and entertained, (through puppet shows, etc.) by the regular school children and in return we hope the regular school children gain from their experiences in compassion and understanding of others less fortunate than themselves. Our children now have friends amongst school children their own ages - who seek them out at recess and noon hour and who remember them on special days, - a tremendous point in the lives of our children. We, on the other hand, have been able to share the musical talents of our teacher Mrs. Ferry with the regular school as she practised with and later accompanied the Simon Cunningham School choir at the Surrey Schools' Musical Festival.

The co-operation between the Physio-therapists, Occupational Therapist and teachers has been remarkable. The work of the three different occupations overlap but each area can re-enforce and assist the other because of the good liaison between them.

Several of our children receive speech training from the speech therapist Mrs. Kokke of the Boundary Health Unit, and one from Mrs. Byran of the Simon Fraser Health Unit. The Boundary Health unit keeps a close watch on our school and are always quick to respond to a plea for assistance.

During the year the school children had a visit to Dairyland, a visit to Playland sponsored by the C.K.N. W. and a visit to see Santa Claus at the Guildford Woodward' Store. At the Christmas party they were entertained by Evan Kemp and the Trailriders, Mandrake the Magician, and Santa Claus. At the Sports day held at Bear Creek Park, they were entertained by Slim Edwards and his famous horse Trigger."

Finally I would like to thank Miss M. Hardy, our Executive Director and Dr. Ekaireb, our Medical Director for the help, advise and assistance given to the teachers throughout the year.

(Mrs.) Lillian Emerson, Senior Teacher.

KINDERGARTEN NURSERY REPORT 1966

Our year began with twenty three children on the Nursery-Kindergarten register. Of these, twelve were in the afternoon class, the remainder divided between two morning groups.

In September, eight of the twelve went to Simon Cunningham School. This by no means left the Kindergarten without a class, for in a short time we were back to the original count. In all thirtynine children have been on the roll in 1966.

At all times we try to keep in mind that every child has a unique pattern of development. So far as possible we try to characterize the individual differences among these children of preschool age.

We strive for a balance of ages, handicaps and equipment needed in all groups.

Regardless of planning, we find that we have several wheel-chairs, walkers etc. in one group of seven or eight children. This narrows considerably the free-play space needed for the more active children.

Again as in the past year my thanks and gratitude to all those who have given so freely of their time in helping the children and myself. Without their efforts our tasks might well be impossible.

(Mrs.)Vera Clauson, Pre-school teacher.

AUXILIARY REPORT - 1966

Once again it is time to look back and see what we accomplished in the past year.

Moneywise we did very well, but as far as membership is concerned we did not do well at all.

We had a very hard time filling the position of Secretary after Mrs. Crawford resigned. We were able to continue with three secretaries, one recording, corresponding and one telephoning secretary. It was quite a task for these ladies to come up to the standard we were used to while Mrs. Crawford was our Secretary. Mrs. Brown also left and although both these ladies gave us a hand whenever they were able, we definitely missed having them on a regular basis. This was not all, both our Vice-President and past-President left in September for six months. So you can well imagine that we had our troubles. We appointed Mrs. Reid as acting Vice-President.

Our activities for 1966 were as follows:

We started the year out as usual with serving coffee at the Annual Meeting of the Association in February. At this time we donated \$1,000, and \$100, from the 160th Branch to the Centre.

At our Tupperware party we made enough to obtain a lamp which was used in the Raffle at the November Bazaar. The Tupperware Raffle brought in \$25.05.

In March we had a Rummage Sale at Kennedy Heights for two weekends. \$324.23 was realized at this Sale.

On the 6th of April we had a High Low food shopping day and made \$60.88. In May we sold medallions at the Cloverdale Rodeo, also medallions and calendars were sold during 1966, together this netted \$259.20.

In June we donated another \$1,000. to the Centre.

The June Fair held at Bear Creek Park was quite successful, \$355.66 was made at this affair.

At this time we welcomed our new Branch of the Auxiliary, the South Burnaby Branch who had their own tables with decorated soap, Center pieces etc. They turned over \$200.00 to us at the September meeting.

We also assisted with selling raffle tickets at the Cloverdale Fair in August.

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In October we arranged for a cooking demonstration with the B.C. Hydro at Newton. The turnout was very poor due to bad weather etc. \$21.75 was made by selling tickets for this demonstration.

Another \$100 was received from the South Burnaby Branch. Another friend of the Auxiliary donated \$80.00 to be used to send two children to Camp.

Our Fall Bazaar which was held on the 4th of November in the Whalley Legion was again a big success, thanks to the Master of Ceremonies, groups, organizations, parents, relatives and friends. The help we receive every year is very gratifying and only through all this assistance were we able to donate another \$3,000. to the Centre. Our last effort but not the least was our Candy wreath project. In August we started making the wreaths and from then on making assembling and packing them was the order of the day.

By December 1109 wreaths were made and sold. Our net profit amounted to \$1,872.97 which makes it \$1.69 profit per wreath. We received a great deal of help from members and their friends with the making and selling of the wreaths. We are very grateful for all this help, as without their assistance we could not have made or sold this number.

I would like to close this report with thanks to everyone who helped us during 1966 in one way or another and I hope they will continue to lend a helping hand.

Mrs. P.G. Fayers, President

Auxiliary Executive - 1966

| Mrs. W. Deans | Past President | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Mrs. P.G. Fayers | President | |
| Miss Hazel Deans | Vice-President (Jan. to Sept. |) |
| Mrs. Reid | " (Sept. to Dec.) | |
| Mrs. W. Jackson | Treasurer | |
| Mrs. C.N. Crawford | Secretary (January to June) | |
| Mrs. McKinnon | Corresp. Sec. (June to Dec.) | |
| Mrs. S. Piskorik | Recording " (June to Dec.) | |
| Mrs. Reid | Telephone " (June to Dec.) | |
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| Mrs. A. Parry | Publicity | |
| Mrs. S. Piskorik | Membership | 3 |

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TREASURER'S REPORT (Auxiliary)

| Bank Balance as of Jan. 1st 1966 | \$ 2,930.59 |
|---|-------------|
| Deposits | 12,351.52 |
| Bank Interest | 40.29 |
| | \$15,322,40 |
| Disbursements 1966 | 10,821.02 |
| Leaving a Bank Balance at Dec. 31 1966 | \$ 4,501.38 |
| of which - Current Acct. \$3,155.62 | |
| Savings Acct. 1,002.82 | |
| Bazaar Acct. 342.94 | |
| CASH on hand at December 31st 1966 | 438,45 |
| Total cash on hand and in Bank as of Dec/66 | \$4,939.83 |

Mrs. W. Jackson, Treasurer - Auxiliary

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the Balance Sheet of the Lower Fraser Valley Cerebral Palsy Association as at December 31, 1966 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 following Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenue and Expense present fairly the financial position of the Association as at December 31, 1966, 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.

Sgn'd. A.J. Giles, Accredited Public Accountant

January 24, 1967

LOWER FRASER VALLEY CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1966

| CURRENT ASSETS: A S S E T S | 5 | | |
|--|------------|---|-------------|
| Petty Cash Cash on hand Bank - operating account Accounts receivable | \$2,176.51 | \$ 50.00 184.50 776,66 | |
| Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts | 800.00 | 1,376,51 | \$ 2,387.67 |
| CAPITAL ASSETS: | | | |
| Grounds, building, furniture, fix equipment - cost to Dec. 31, 1968 Additions to buildings and equipment | 5 | \$30,465.86 4,060.27 | _ |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation | | \$34,526.13 10,888.05 \$23,638.08 | - 27 (20 00 |
| Land (lot purchased) | | 4,000.00 | 27,638.08 |
| OTHER ASSETS: | | | |
| Building and equipment fund: Cash in bank Invested in B.C. Hydro bonds | | 821.02 5,000.00 | 5,821.02 |
| | | | \$35,846.77 |
| LIABILITIES A | ND SURPLUS | | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES: | | | |
| Bank overdraft - transportation Accounts payable | account | 670,99 975.07 | \$ 1,646.00 |
| Bank Loan - secured by B.C. Hydro bonds | | | 5,000.00 |
| SURPLUS: | | | |
| Balance at Dec. 31, 1965 Add: Donations to building fund | in 1966 | \$33,233.39 1,459.07 | |
| Less: Operating deficit for the | year | \$34,692.46 5,491.75 | 29,200.71 |
| | | | \$35,846.77 |
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LOWER FRASER VALLEY CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF OPERATING REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1966

OFERATING REVENUE:

| Treatment fees Salaries paid by School Board School Board rental Medical Appliances Membership fees Donations Match Boxes Government grant U.G.N. Allotment B.C. Society Crippled Children Donations to Memorial Fund Transportation fees and subsidies Clinic fees Carnival and bazaar Amounts recovered on accounts | \$ 5,687.00 16,128.00 2,000.00 835.37 173.00 7,769.32 927.99 15,738.00 10,927.00 6,000.00 258.80 14,316.02 328.00 3,000.00 | |
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| written off | 738,25 | \$84,826.75 |
| OPERATING EXPENSE: | | |
| Canada pension plan Clinic supplies and appliances Office supplies and expense Teachers salaries Salaries and professional fees Miscellaneous expense Travel expense Transportation of children Insurance Telephone | \$ 582.84 1,291.52 1,095.84 16,128.00 47,535.51 787.40 886.30 15,962.54 110.52 1,334.07 580.96 | |
| Heat and light Bad debt expense | 800.90 | \$87,095.50 |
| Dad dept expense | | |
| Operating deficit before depreciation: | | \$ (2,268.75) |
| Provision for depreciation: | | 3,223,00 |
| OPERATING DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR: | | \$ (5,491,75) |
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