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VARIETY'S TREATMENT CENTRE

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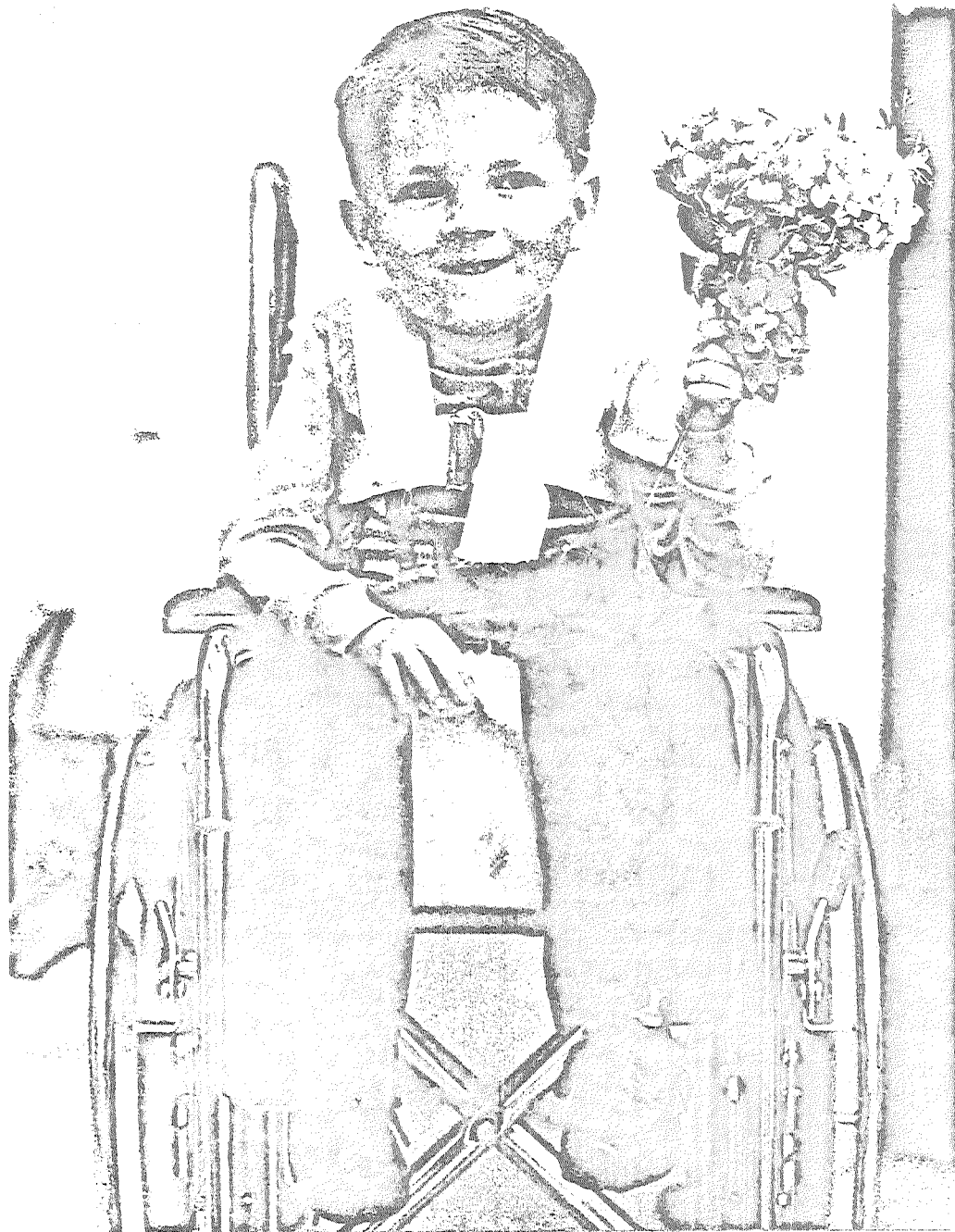
LOWER FRASER VALLEY

CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION

p.o. box 241

9460-140th. Street,

Surrey, B.C.



THE OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION ARE -

- (a) To plan, initiate and coordinate services which will promote treatment, education and the general welfare of all handicapped children including cerebral palsied.
- (b) To develop a better understanding of the problem of cerebral palsy by the general public.
- (c) To provide facilities for the treatment of cerebral palsied and other handicapped children.
- (d) To affiliate with other organizations having similar objectives.
- (e) To encourage specific research into the causes of cerebral palsy with a view to preventing it and to seek the cooperation of the medical authorities toward that end.
- (f) To work with and encourage continuing cooperation with Federal, Provincial, Municipal and other groups or organizations interested in the progress of this Association.
- (g) To create and continue a fund to be collected cooperatively through voluntary subscriptions, gifts, bequests or other means; to estimate budget and disperse funds for maintenance and expansion of new services to meet proven needs.

- Scott Town Billiards
- Nanaimo Telephone Employees Community Fund
- Ladies of Chelminar Grotto
- Westcoast Amusements Ltd.
- Mrs. Doris C. Skelton
- Surrey R.C.M.P. Auxiliary
- Woodcrest Charity Fund
- Active Bailiff Service Ltd.
- Knights of Pythias
- Sur-Del 4-Wheel Drive Club
- The Surrey Breakers
- Ladies Auxiliary Canadian Legion #175
- Viking Lodge #81 Sons of Norway
- B. C. Hydro Ladies Club
- Dieticians Food Service Supervisors, Surrey Memorial Hospital
- Gul Reazu Grotto, N.W. Grotto Association
- Beta Sigma Phi

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LOWER FRASER VALLEY CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION

will help children handicapped by neurological and neuromuscular disabilities such as cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, meningomyelocele, spina bifida. With adequate attention many will become self-sufficient adults. Others will be helped toward minimum dependency.

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SURREY, B.C. V3T 4W8

Our sincere gratitude to the following organizations -

- Aallinone Hobby Crafts
- Ladies of Van Zor
- North Surrey Lions Ladies League
- Vancouver General Hospital
- Grosvenor Road School
- Princess Margaret Senior Secondary School
- Trillium Rebekah Lodge No. 79
- Provincial Court Trust
- Edinborough Holdings
- Harvey Lodge No. 1195 L.O.B.A.
- Scott Town Billiards
- Gulf of Georgia Towing Company Ltd.
- B.P.O. Elks
- Cloverdale Elks Lodge
- Canadian Foresters, Court Dogwood #2000
- North Surrey Lions Club Activities Fund
- Bar X Enterprises
- B. C. Hydro Employees' Community Welfare Fund
- Order of the Royal Purple
- Cloverdale Lodge 135, Order of Royal Purple
- Kiwassa Club of Whalley
- Surrey Business and Professional Women's Club
- Job's Daughters Bethel #37
- Nurses N4 Avenue, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital
- 16th Sur-Del Beavers
- Canadian Order of Foresters - Court Lady Marian
- Surrey Provincial Court
- Riki's of Canada Ltd.
- Pythian Lodge Cerebral Palsy Committee
- Western Cablevision Ltd.
- Hudson's Bay One Appeal
- Royal Columbian Hospital
- Permanent Pole Ltd.
- Gatell Roofing
- Unity Lodge
- Wheelchair Wheelathon
- B. C. Lions Society
- Kennedy Community Hall Association
- Opti-Mrs. Club
- Flamingo Hotel
- Van Zor Grotto
- Centennial Management Class

LOWER FRASER VALLEY CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1976

ACCOUNTING METHOD:

The accounts of the association are kept on the accrual basis with respect to treatment fees, grants and related operating expenses. Donations and other receipts are recorded on the cash basis.

Donations are received by the operating fund except for memorial donations and others designated by donor for capital purposes.

1. LAND AND BUILDING

The Variety Club has erected a treatment centre building on land owned by the association at 9460 - 140th Street in Surrey, B.C. The cost of that building, as determined by the architect, has been reflected in the capital account of the association.

2. DONATIONS - CAPITAL FUND

The association was the major beneficiary of the estate of the late John H. Cross. \$38,000 is being held in trust by the executor, which will eventually be transferred to association as the residual beneficiary of the trust.

3. LOTS IN HUNTINGTON, at cost

A one-half interest on three lots in the Matsqui municipality was received from the Scott Estates in 1972. Conveyancing costs and property taxes are the only costs incurred in respect of this property.

4. DEPRECIATION

The acquisition of all capital assets has been from donations designated for that purpose; thereafter, no depreciation has been reflected in the operating statement.

STATEMENT II

	<u>1976</u>	<u>1975</u>
<u>SURPLUS</u>		
OPERATING FUNDS		
Balance, at beginning of the year	\$ 13,351	\$ 1,171
Net income for year	<u>11,399</u>	<u>12,180</u>
Balance, at end of the year	<u>24,750</u>	<u>13,351</u>
CAPITAL FUNDS (Note 2)		
Balance, at beginning of the year	825,788	805,932
Donations	38,279	18,180
Gain on sale of Huntington lots	<u>-</u>	<u>5,358</u>
	864,067	829,470
Depreciation	<u>4,817</u>	<u>3,682</u>
	<u>859,250</u>	<u>825,788</u>
TOTAL SURPLUS	<u>\$884,000</u>	<u>\$839,139</u>

LOWER FRASER VALLEY CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1976
(with comparative figures for 1975)

	<u>1976</u>	<u>1975</u>
<u>ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES</u>		
OPERATING FUNDS		
Cash on hand and in bank	\$ 20,717	\$ 38,352
Accounts receivable (less allowance for doubtful accounts: 1976 - \$1,070; 1975 - \$1,000)	27,300	14,542
Deposits and prepaids	1,182	267
Amounts due from capital fund	<u>7,818</u>	<u>-</u>
	57,017	53,161
Less: Accounts payable	<u>10,537</u>	<u>17,688</u>
Deferred revenue	13,616	5,454
Accrued holiday pay	8,114	5,360
Amounts due to capital fund	<u>-</u>	<u>11,308</u>
	<u>32,267</u>	<u>39,810</u>
NET ASSETS OF OPERATING FUND	<u>24,750</u>	<u>13,351</u>
 CAPITAL FUNDS		
Investments, at cost		
Term deposit	100,000	100,000
Savings account	17,351	24,938
Mortgages receivable	5,666	6,915
Lots in Huntington (Note 3)	<u>142</u>	<u>117</u>
	123,159	131,970
Treatment Centre, at cost		
Land and building (Note 1)	722,784	667,784
Clinic and school equipment	25,715	23,764
Office equipment	15,109	12,344
Automotive equipment	<u>6,500</u>	<u>-</u>
	770,108	703,892
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>26,199</u>	<u>21,382</u>
	<u>743,909</u>	<u>682,510</u>
Amount due (to) from operating fund	<u>(7,818)</u>	<u>11,308</u>
NET ASSETS OF CAPITAL FUND	<u>859,250</u>	<u>825,788</u>
 TOTAL NET ASSETS	 <u>\$884,000</u>	 <u>\$839,139</u>

STATEMENT I

LOWER FRASER VALLEY CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION
OPERATING STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976
(with comparative figures for 1975)

	<u>1976</u>	<u>1975</u>
REVENUE		
Treatment fees and day care	\$ 66,338	\$ 45,297
Speech therapy	1,899	1,120
Government grant	210,376	184,932
United Good Neighbour grant	48,550	46,000
B.C. Lion's Society for Crippled Children	2,919	5,410
Auxiliary	6,000	9,320
Interest from capital funds	13,186	9,416
Other donations and memberships	<u>2,982</u>	<u>3,441</u>
	<u>352,250</u>	<u>304,936</u>
EXPENSES		
Salaries and benefits	286,997	243,409
Transportation of patients	13,016	10,780
Bad debts	1,072	1,352
Clinic operating expenses	10,001	5,703
Administrative operating expenses	11,904	10,229
Building facilities	<u>17,861</u>	<u>21,283</u>
	<u>340,851</u>	<u>292,756</u>
NET INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	\$ 11,399	\$ 12,180
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AUDITORS' REPORT

The Members,
Lower Fraser Valley Cerebral Palsy Association

We have examined the balance sheet of the Lower Fraser Valley Cerebral Palsy Association as at December 31, 1976 and the operating statement for the year then ended. Our examination included a general review of the accounting procedures and such tests of accounting records and other supporting evidence as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

Our examination with respect to operating donations and membership fees, because of their nature, was limited to comparisons of recorded receipts with the bank deposits.

Subject to the limitation in our examination described above, in our opinion these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the association as at December 31, 1976 and the results of its operation for the year then ended, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Powell Street & McKave

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

February 10, 1977

LOWER FRASER VALLEY CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 1976

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- Heritage Village in Burnaby
- Habitat Display in Vancouver
- Burnaby Lake Nature Trail
- Stanley Park in Vancouver
- Shrine Circus in Vancouver
- Planetarium in Vancouver

During the year many special activities occurred. Some of these were -

- Puppet Show
- Music Quintette
- Visit by Mr. Bob McGee of CFUN Radio
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Hallowe'en Party
- Chinese Dinner at Christmas

Parents and visitors were invited to the school during the year for -

- Open House during Education Week
- Meet the Teachers in September
- Christmas Programme
- Visit from Santa Claus

Many visitors representing numerous organizations observed the classes in progress during the year. In-Service training was provided to Secondary Students who helped in some of the classrooms.

With the help of Parents, Variety's Treatment Staff, the Auxiliary, and the Volunteers, this has been a most profitable year for our pupils.

R. J. McKibbin
Principal

SIMON CUNNINGHAM SCHOOL REPORT

The Educational Programme for Variety's Treatment Centre at the two Simon Cunningham Schools was operated by the Surrey School Board with the help of Mr. G. Greenaway and Mr. F. Ansley.

The Educational Staff consisted of -

Mr. M. Johnson (Head Teacher)	Mrs. G. Rutherford
Mrs. M. Rowan	Mrs. L. Emerson
Mr. J. Catterall	Mrs. Evelyn Burgess
Mrs. H. Watson	Mrs. Edith Burgess
Mrs. D. Nemrava	Mrs. V. Clauson
Mrs. E. Peart	Mrs. D. Townsend (Sept. to Dec.)

Teachers Helpers -

Mrs. D. Smith	Miss A. Villeneuve (Jan. to June)
Mrs. F. Stoney	Mrs. S. Kiselich (Sept. to Dec.)
Mrs. N. Dakin	Mrs. V. Diack (Sept. to Dec.)
Mrs. G. Hosein (Jan. to June)	Mrs. R. Plain (Sept. to Dec.)

The year started with 68 pupils (24 girls and 44 boys). 18 pupils (9 girls and 9 boys) were added while 15 pupils (6 girls and 9 boys) transferred out during the year. The year ended with an enrollment of 71 pupils (28 girls and 43 boys).

During the year, education was provided for 33 girls and 53 boys in integrated and segregated classes. For their education, pupils were enrolled in classes from Kindergarten to Grade Twelve. Two of our pupils completed their Grade Twelve Programme in June, while four others enrolled in Grade Eleven.

Of the 86 pupils enrolled there were - 1 from Abbotsford; 1 from Burnaby; 7 from Coquitlam; 9 from Delta; 10 from Langley; 5 from New Westminster; 47 from Surrey and White Rock and 6 from Woodlands.

All pupils enjoyed field trips to -
- Playland in Vancouver
- Bear Creek Park for a School Picnic

Some pupils went on field trips to -
- Fountain Lake
- Vancouver Game Farm in Aldergrove
- Chinatown and Gas Town in Vancouver
- Moorecroft Camp on Vancouver Island

START provides Independent and Contemporary Living Management Programmes for mentally, emotionally and physically handicapped people, that they may gain a greater sense of independence in their personal lives. Thursday evenings' Contemporary Living Programme for the physically handicapped offers basic self-help skills, community awareness and leisure counselling, for twenty-five teens and young adults. Fifty mentally handicapped people, from six to fifty years old, attend Tuesday evenings' Independent Living Management Programme, a self-help and awareness programme. A Contemporary Living Programme, provides community and self awareness programmes that motivate and encourage the development of twenty-five emotionally handicapped adults. The swimming pool at the Treatment Centre is in use on alternate Saturdays for families and friends of the handicapped people in the Lower Fraser Valley area. With the coming completion of the new wing START will open a Toy Library. This Toy Library will be for community use and the opening date will be announced.

START aims for independence at home and in the community. Specialized programmes such as ours, have the potential to expand and brighten the worlds of many handicapped people, that they may help create a more complete society.

Carole Swinburne, L.I.P. Co-ordinator
June Hawkins, L.I.P. Assistant
Co-ordinator

SPINA BIFIDA PROGRAMME

On the average, twenty Spina Bifida children attend the Centre for treatment. As the number of cases have increased over the last year, more group treatments have been instituted.

In March of 1976, I was fortunate enough to be able to attend the Meningomyelocele Symposium in Cincinnati, Ohio. Orthopaedic Surgeons, Urologists, Neuro-Surgeons, Paediatricians and the allied Health professions of Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Social Work, Psychology and Education from all over the States and Canada were assembled to hear speakers from North America and England discuss the latest treatment for Spina Bifida. The entire team from the Vancouver Meningomyelocele Clinic also attended this Symposium. The Symposium, besides being a valuable learning experience, stimulated a great desire to try more group therapy and to begin therapy at a much earlier age. In September the Occupational Therapy Department and Physiotherapy Department formed a group of seven Spina Bifida babies from five months to eighteen months old. This group meets once a week for swimming and then a fine and gross motor programme; and at times joining the Developmental Encouragement Group for music. Then therapists and mothers meet over coffee for an informal education programme. This programme was very successful and enjoyable for all - meeting needs of therapy, education, and socialization.

Nadine Adam
Physiotherapist

START

START utilizes Variety's Treatment Centre for Children in the evenings and on Saturdays. Each week one hundred and thirty handicapped individuals in the community enjoy and benefit from the use of its many facilities. START, a L.I.P. funded project is sponsored by the Centre. Staff members are -

- Carole Swinburne
- June Hawkins
- Lynn Agar
- Ed Dobyns
- Harry Guttormson
- Harry Baxter
- David Dosanjh
- Pat Vanderboom
- Len Belisle
- Colleen Ginter
- Janice Sutherland
- Allen Cox

AUXILIARY FINANCIAL REPORT 1976

INCOME

Candy Wreaths	\$	1795.00
Bazaar		1619.46
Club Days		2446.36
Display Case		141.95
Interest		1147.11
Membership		29.00
Whalley Thrift		23,415.47
Newton Thrift		9938.74
Misc.		479.48
Hi-Low		<u>171.70</u>
	\$	41,184.27

EXPENSE

Treatment Centre	\$	16,045.45
Candy Wreath Supplies		1165.77
Simon Cunningham School		778.18
Group House		250.00
Club Days		-----
Misc.		350.43
Bazaar		<u>104.59</u>
	\$	18,649.42

Service Account Balance	\$	2,187.59
Term Deposit		23,000.00
O/s cheque		<u>9.85</u>

INCOME \$ 41,184.27

EXPENSES \$ 18,649.42

NET INCOME FOR 1976 \$ 22,534.85

NET INCOME \$ 22,534.85

RETAINED EARNINGS \$ 2,643.29

BANK BALANCE \$ 25,178.14

Last year we included a "Shopping Day" at High-Low Stores.

In June of 1976, the Auxiliary held a tea at the Centre to thank our volunteers and to invite all interested to join us at the Centre the first Monday in every month at 7:30.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the members of the Auxiliary for another wonderful effort put forth in 1976. Many thanks, also to the Staff, friends and groups who supported or worked along with us in our efforts.

Already we have embarked on many new ideas for 1977. If we all pull together, we can again hope to enrich and improve the lives of the children who come to Variety's Centre for Children.

Jean Bignell
President

AUXILIARY EXECUTIVE for 1976

Past President	Will Fayers
President	Jean Bignell
Vice President	Bev Piskorik
Recording Secretary	Linda Fehr
Corresponding Secretary	Rose Apolzer
Treasurer	Rochelle Paetkau
Thrift Shops - Whalley	Alice Crane Hazel Hall
Newton	Blanche Whitmore Evelyn Haberlach (Jan. to June 30) Maureen Sutherland (July to Dec.)
Candy Wreath Chairman	Bev Piskorik

government's assistance, living independently. We congratulate them. A lot of hard work has been done by them to achieve this independence.

The Vancouver Foundation has provided a grant to hire a Respite Care Worker. This person will be able to go into the homes of our children to relieve the parents for a day, afternoon or week-end.

In 1976 we have given a great deal of thought, and have made investigations as to the urgent need for a teenage and adolescent extended care unit in the vicinity of our Centre and the Simon Cunningham School. Many of our patients are in need of extensive nursing care which parents are not always able to provide at home. I would be pleased to hear from any parents, patients and interested persons who share this concern with me; and other concerns pertaining to the welfare of handicapped persons in our society.

Willy Payne
Social Worker

AUXILIARY REPORT

Our Auxiliary was extremely busy during 1976 and, we are happy to report, contributed \$16,045.45 to the Centre for the children's needs.

We also were able to give \$788.18 to the two Simon Cunningham Schools. The money was used to provide field trips, Christmas treats, and a freezer for the King George Highway School. A stretcher bed has also been ordered for the King George Highway School.

In August of last year, the Auxiliary donated \$250 to provide small appliances and other articles to the first group home for young handicapped adults in the Surrey area.

Fund raising methods included bazaar at Surrey Place, Seven Oaks in Clearbrook, and our annual "Mini" bazaar at the Centre itself. We again operated two Thrift Shops, one in the Whalley area and one in Newton. Other methods include Raffles, Tupperware Party, Candy Wreath Sales and display case sales.

Many activities here have to do with increasing attention span, developing functional use of hands, motivating spontaneous exploration of the environment, increasing social and sensory awareness and developing communication skills. Each of the therapy departments is involved in this programme. Therapists see the children both individually and in group sessions. Group activities include "Peto" with a physiotherapist, Blissymbolics and feeding therapy with the Speech Department and swimming with Frannie and Company. Much specialized equipment is needed for the child with severe motor problems. Our thanks to Mr. Barr and to the Occupational Therapy Department for their contributions.

Our enrollment has increased significantly and new referrals are awaiting evaluation. Staff has now been increased to two full-time positions and one four-fifths position. We welcome Glenys Lawson to our Staff. She has certainly added a bit of British bounce to the programme! Our classroom has been beautifully expanded and renovated. Our great thanks to the Lower Fraser Valley Cerebral Palsy Association's Auxiliary for the new sunshine in the room! Our new windows are wonderful and we are sure their light will reflect our warm hopes for the children's growth and development.

Nancy Webber
Pre-School Supervisor

SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

From April 1974 to December 31st 1976, we have received 195 new referrals. Approximately 85% of these are under the age of five years. We welcome all the new children and parents.

In the Social Service Department we are involved in counselling, giving assistance with education, finding funds for braces, shoes, wheelchairs, etc., and helping to find suitable training and possible employment for the older children, and last but not least, transportation. An important involvement of the Social Worker is to be the liaison between other Social Welfare Departments, School Boards and Hospitals. Families are visited as much as possible.

In the latter part of the summer, four of our older patients were able to find a suitable home and are now, with the

Our first trip was to transport the children to the Surrey Post Office to mail their Valentines. We are grateful to the volunteer driver, through the kindness of the L.I.P. Staff. We have plans for many more trips in the future, to take advantage of our own transportation.

We have held a Parent-Teacher evening. The topic was Art, everyone trying the various choices. It was enjoyable, with many requests to have a repeat session.

The staff were fortunate to have been able to attend a conference in Vancouver, of the Canadian Association for Young Children, on the theme "Piaget's Theory". It was an opportunity to meet with people from all the Provinces in their concern for children.

Douglas College, U.B.C., and Fraser Valley College have had our assistance in the training of their students. We have also given assistance with the In-Service Training of a student from the office of Canada Manpower.

Again there have been numerous groups observing the Pre-School, gaining in their knowledge of Early Childhood Development.

We look forward to the year ahead when we too learn by observing the children grow through their experiences and joy of discovery.

Gladys Holley
Pre-School Supervisor

DEVELOPMENTAL ENCOURAGEMENT PROGRAMME

The Developmental Encouragement Programme is an extension of the Pre-School. This programme places emphasis on a one to one relationship between the child and the teacher in the continuing stimulation and assessment of the child's developmental progress. Although standardized developmental profiles are used to assess the progress of each child, importance is focused on an ongoing evaluation of the child and not on the rigid administration of tests.

This programme can be regarded as pre-school readiness.

During the year we have given talks to Dental Assistants, Senior Secondary Schools, Volunteers, etc., about our work in the Centre generally and our own in particular.

From a further education standpoint we have attended seminars on Myofunctional Therapy, Language Sampling Analysis, Brigid Gillis's workshop on Early Treatment and visits to G. F. Strong, Children's Diagnostic Centre, and the Coquitlam School Board's new audiological facilities.

During this past year, two U.B.C. students, Christine Harrison and Geraldine Boretta, spent six weeks here as part of their clinical training in audiology and speech, while in addition, students observed therapy sessions throughout the Spring Semester.

In conclusion, I would like to add our thanks to the Auxiliary who donated money so that we might purchase test and work materials for use in our department.

Barbara M. Sahlgren
Speech Therapist

PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMME

During the past year the number of children enrolled into the Pre-School has increased and reached the extended number allowed by the Licencing Board. There are also new referrals that are due to have evaluations.

During the summer the pathway to the outside play area was 'blacktopped', which enabled the children to have easier access to the discoveries outdoors. Thanks to the Surrey Rotary Club for their effort and thoughtfulness. The therapists were requested that if possible, to schedule the children's therapy during the first session of class. Due to their co-operation and reliable follow through of this request, the children have been able to enjoy more group activities, e.g. Language Development programme with thanks to Barbara Sahlgren and Kate Wishart and group swim programme with Frances Cruise, Virginia Peacock, and volunteers.

We are fortunate and happy that the Centre is now the proud owner of a bus donated by the Variety Club of Western Canada.

waiting list for Speech Therapy were reassessed and taken on active case load.

In conjunction with the Public Health Department, a hearing screening assessment was made of all our children in Simon Cunningham schools with follow up where indicated. I might explain here that all children have their hearing tested every second year though those children at risk for hearing loss are tested yearly.

For a time we were able to fulfill our policy of assessing all new children referred to the Centre, particularly the younger age group, since we feel that by oral treatment, feeding therapy, babbling practise, etc., for those infants and toddlers who have pre-speech skills which are delayed or abnormal, we can avoid obvious speech difficulties later.

Gradually, as more and more children were referred to the Centre it became difficult to follow those children who were to be seen on an irregular basis so that it is hoped we can accommodate them at such time as Spring Break when some school age children do not attend the Centre for therapy.

Our emphasis for therapy remains for preschool children though we do try to accommodate school age children in addition.

In July we again held two summer groups, each running for three half-day sessions per week for four weeks. The children who were included in this had language and/or perceptual difficulties so that the programme was run jointly by the Occupational and Speech Therapy Departments. Mrs. Pedersen led gross motor activities and the Physiotherapy Department also advised us regarding the specific needs of some of the children. Summer and outdoor activities were stressed so that the children got a break from their usual therapy situation. In addition to these groups, five other preschool children attended with their mothers two mornings weekly for language stimulation, feeding therapy and for social reasons, and also receiving their regular physiotherapy.

Five of our preschool children are now working with Blissymbolics and are progressing well. Mrs. Wishart is particularly interested in Blissymbolics and is also working on an intensive programme at Sunny Hill Hospital. Unfortunately for us, Sunny Hill has created a full time speech therapy position and Mrs. Wishart had decided to leave us in March to fill it. She has been involved in setting up a resource committee for furthering Blissymbolics in B.C.

- The Summer Programme and programmes involving everyday skills have been revised during the year too.
- Besides the above, the Occupational Therapy Department is jointly involved with the physiotherapists in the Spina Bifida Group Programme for the young children.
- The Occupational Therapists have received assistance in the form of opportunities to attend refresher courses and seminars which have been helpful in setting realistic goals for the treatment programme.

During the year under review, we had the opportunity to attend the following events -

- March 1976 - a two day Neuropsychological Workshop organized by the University of Victoria.
- A two day workshop on learning disabilities at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver, organized by the Department of Continuing Education, U.B.C.
- A two day course about Competence in Rehabilitation, held in May 1976 at St. Paul's Hospital, also organized by the Department of Continuing Health Education, U.B.C.
- A five day workshop in July 1976 on Neurophysiological Techniques, at Alberta University Medical Building, jointly sponsored by the Alberta Occupational Therapists Association and Alberta University.

Our sincere thanks to the Auxiliary for their generous contribution of equipment provided during the year. Also, we thank the volunteers for their help in the form of the time they have devoted for the programme.

D. G. Kamath
Senior Occupational Therapist

SPEECH THERAPY REPORT

1976 was a most enjoyable one in the Speech Therapy Department since a part-time position was made available and ably filled by Mrs. Kate Wishart in May. Children who had been on the

their backgrounds may differ they are all interested in helping the kids.

Plans for the coming year include setting up some water-polo teams and developing a Small Craft Water Safety Programme. Hopefully, during the summer the Centre will be able to introduce some of the children to boating in a natural setting.

Frannie Cruise
Swim Therapist

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY REPORT

In recapturing the overall improvements in the Occupational Therapy Programme during 1976, we can appreciate considerable satisfaction and progress in spite of the fact that there were developmental delays in areas such as adapted equipment and technical aids. Programme improvements have been in the areas such as -

- Increase in Occupational Therapy staff. In July 1976, Carol Abelson joined our department which provided an incentive to revitalize and expand the programme.
- Updating of the developmental and perceptual motor testing system.
- The additional equipment and material have helped us to expand the Splinting Programme.
- The Vocational Training Programme which is in its infancy at the Simon Cunningham School Annex for their Senior Students has been helped and assisted by the Occupational Therapy Department.
- We were able to provide individual vocational programmes for three teenagers with the cooperation of the Surrey Rehabilitation Workshop.
- The above programmes were formulated after comprehensive survey of aptitude, interest and experience among the senior students of Simon Cunningham School Annex.

for her inspiring instruction. This programme and the ski one have been greatly facilitated by our new Variety Sunshine Coach.

Education

In January 1976 we had our first U.B.C. Physiotherapy student. Five students have been here throughout the year for work placements. We have enjoyed having these girls and have found their presence a stimulating experience. We had two sets of fifteen students in the Fall for an afternoon teaching session, so the Centre is doing its bit towards Education in the Cerebral Palsy field.

Dr. Simon and I had the marvellous opportunity of attending a two week course in Bern, Switzerland, on the early treatment of the High Risk Infant. We learned a lot and felt obliged to share this information with other professionals working in the field. We therefore put on a couple of two day workshops which were very well attended and much appreciated by both Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists from all over B.C.

Mrs. Brigid Gillis, M.C.S.P.

HYDROTHERAPY REPORT

This year's swim programme has seen many changes. Valerie Huva has been replaced by Frannie Cruise, and to complement the increased number of swimmers, Virginia Peacock has filled a part-time position in the pool. During a six month period beginning in August, the Centre was lucky to have the help of Dora Pereira, an exchange student from Bogota, Columbia, South America. Much of her time was spent in the pool area where her assistance was greatly appreciated.

As well as the children that come to the Centre for therapy, the pool programme has involved several special classes from schools in the area. These classes include retarded, deaf and socially maladjusted children. At the present time the pool is serving about 250 children a week.

As in past years, the success of the pool programme is largely due to the assistance of volunteers. Most of these helpers, now numbering about 45, come from the six high schools in the area, Simon Fraser University and Douglas College. Though

PHYSIOTHERAPY REPORT

The Physiotherapy Department has been trying to cope with the large number of new referrals. We have noticed an increasing awareness and appreciation of the Centre's role in the Community, especially from the Vancouver hospitals and assessment centres. We have a slight increase in staff from 4 1/10 positions to 4 3/5.

Staff

Judy Johnston left us in April 1976 to go back East and to get married. We were therefore able to increase Llaesa North's position to that of a full time therapist. Llaesa has continued her two monthly involvement with the Infant Stimulation Program. We are pleased with the cooperation with this group and have obtained several referrals from this source. In September, Susan Gaertner came to the Centre as a full-time therapist.

Programme

We are still restricted to a maximum number of two treatments a week and the majority of children are on a once a week programme.

Ski Programme

Nine children had individual instruction in the ski programme last winter and did very well indeed. We have prepared twelve children for the downhill ski programme this year but snow conditions so far have prevented them from ski-ing. We have started pre-ski exercises for cross country ski-ing for four of the children.

Riding Programme

This continued into a summer session for the same four children last year and we were very proud of their final achievements. They were all leading the horses totally independently and could manoeuvre in and out around barrels and over small jumps. The children were rightfully proud of themselves and our faithful volunteers were thrilled with their progress. Four more younger children have just started a new programme at the Delta Equestrian Centre. Our sincere thanks to Mr. and Mrs. McLaren for their generous provision of their facility. Again, thanks to Jo Kennedy

MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In the past year 54 children were assessed by the staff, an increase of approximately 15% over the previous year. New trends in our treatment approach place the major emphasis on early identification and management of the handicapped child. With regard to this, Mrs. Brigid Gillis and myself had an opportunity to take a course in the diagnosis and treatment of motor delays in infancy; and I would like to thank the Centre at this time for the financial help they gave us to attend it.

We are pleased to see the final phase of the Centre in progress and even more to realize that the end of it is near.

Dr. F. O. Simon
Medical Director

WORK VOLUME

STATISTICAL REPORT

JANUARY 1st 1976 to December 31st 1976

Active Treatment Caseload at December 31 1976	270
New referrals	86
Reopened	11
Transfers/Terminations	27
Active Treatment Caseload as of February 15 1977	273
Enrolled in Pre-School	37

- Working in conjunction with Surrey Rehabilitation Workshop Society to expand sheltered and competitive work programmes for handicapped persons. We were successful in getting the Municipality to approve our purchase of land north and adjacent to the Centre to build a workshop. Planning in this area is still taking place and we are hoping for more results in the near future.
- Assisting with the U.G.N. United Way Campaign in the Surrey area.
- Encouraging and emphasizing staff education to maintain professional competence and programme efficacy.
- Obtaining a Vancouver Foundation grant to fund a "Respite Care" worker to assist families of handicapped children.
- Signing a two year contract with B.C. Health Sciences Association
- Promoting community education about handicapping conditions and treatment.
- Receiving a Sunshine Bus from Variety to assist with transportation difficulties.

Special mention to the Auxiliary for their encouraging support by helping out with capital expenses incurred in the operations of our programme. The Auxiliary's efforts on behalf of the Centre are much appreciated by all of us.

We have many challenges ahead of us and it is hoped that with community involvement we will be able to help the handicapped with good programmes.

Elio A. Azzara
Executive Director

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

At the beginning of the year a great deal of effort was spent in assessing and costing out the programmes. We were faced once again with worries pertaining to maintaining qualitative programmes in light of overall escalating costs. Our initial budget deliberations left us in a precarious position in not knowing what our government grant would be. We were not to find this out until October. We consented with the moratorium in increasing staff, knowing full well that our expanding caseload was pressuring us into taking some action in order to maintain a qualitative level of service. We increased staff mid-year in two important areas, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy. We were still left with the problem of not serving our clients as intensively as required. Staff and parents were most cooperative in helping out as much as possible, their understanding is most encouraging and significant of the partnership essential in the extension of our services.

The following were highlights of 1976:

- Increased attendance in both the Pre-School and the Developmental Encouragement programme and therefore increased demands on usable programme space.
- Signing contract on Phase III of Building. Our sincere gratitude to Variety Clubs Tent 47 for their responsiveness to our needs. We are expecting that we will be able to move in at the end of February 1977.
- Increased referrals of younger children requiring services while at the same time not forgetting our commitment to the older ones.
- Continuation of the L.I.P. funded programmes started in 1975 and success in obtaining more L.I.P. funds to continue with evening programmes for older handicapped persons in the Fall of 1976 and Spring of 1977.
- Successfully sponsoring and supervising the "Spoke" newspaper project funded by the B.C. Ministry of Labour
- Developing, in conjunction with Simon Cunningham School, a Vocational Programme.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1976 marks the 24th year of work of the Lower Fraser Valley Cerebral Palsy Association which operates the Variety's Treatment Centre for Children. It was a busy year and one presenting uncertainties pertaining to having sufficient operating funds. Fortunately, we fared well, thanks to our sources for operating funds:

B.C. Ministry of Health
B.C. Cerebral Palsy Association
B.C. Ministry of Human Resources
United Good Neighbour-United Way Fund
District Municipality of Surrey
B.C. Lions Society for Crippled Children
Parent's fees

Our Auxiliary once again outdid itself by helping out for those capital expenditures that are very necessary when providing services. Each year the Auxiliary's efforts serve as an example for others to follow.

Individual and service club contributions from the community assisted in the maintenance of our services. Our sincere gratitude to the Van Zor Grotto - Ladies of Van Zor, Knights of Pythias - Cerebral Palsy Committee, Lions Clubs - Ladies Lions Clubs, Elks Clubs, Rotary Clubs and Opti-Mrs. Clubs of North Delta and Surrey and Variety Clubs Tent 47. To those individuals who have helped either by volunteering their time or financially, our most sincere thanks.

Many hours and efforts are required each year in order to keep providing necessary services to handicapped children. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank the staff and parents and our friends who worked hard to make 1976 a successful year.

M.R. Munro

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