



# LOWER FRASER VALLEY CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION

*operators of:*

- ◆ South Fraser Child Development Centre
- ◆ Lookout Preschool
- ◆ Residential Services



## 44TH ANNUAL REPORT 1996 - 1997



## President's Report

The past year has been a tumultuous one as the Ministry for Children and Families (previously the Ministry of Social Services) with portions of other Ministries began its meetings to plan the restructuring of services delivered to children in the Province of BC. As an organization, we have faced the uncertainty of future funding and have lobbied to remain a separate society serving the needs of our clients, families and community. We have put forth to the new Ministry the concerns and issues important to our clients, their families, our staff and the Centre.

As a Board, this has meant attendance at many meetings outside the Centre to give input to the new ministry and its representatives regarding what we do, how well we do it, and why certain principles of delivery of service to children must be respected in the new structure. All of these meetings have given the Ministry for Children and Families the information necessary to modify its plans to meet the needs of children. It has been an exhausting but necessary process to ensure the survival of this Centre and the services it provides. This major effort will continue until the restructuring plans are finalized by the Ministry and made public in the Fall.

The staff are to be commended for their continued hard work and dedicated service at a time when the energies of the Board and the Centre's Chief Executive Officer, Ian Moody, have been required outside the Centre so much of the time. Day-to-day activities of the Centre have continued at their usual high standard, but it has been difficult to chart our course and plan in such uncertain times.

The continued support of the Ministry of Health, former Ministry of Social Services, Ministry for Children and Families as well as the United Way is appreciated by the Board. Equally as important and appreciated is the support of the many donors and volunteers who have assisted us in this last year. Without this support we would not be able to provide the level of service that our clients require.



Marilyn Watts, President

The name of the Centre was changed this year. The Association appreciates the graciousness of the Variety Club in allowing their name to be moved to the Physiotherapy Wing of the Centre. The past generosity and continued support of the Variety Club is greatly appreciated by the Board, the staff, the clients and their families.

At times, this past year has been a difficult one for the Board. New members, Pattie Carmichael, Eve Wood, and Barb Hartevelde have had to become informed and helped, make weighty decisions after a very short period of time on the Board. I thank them for their efforts. A special thank you as well is extended from the Association to the retiring Board members who have given many hours to helping this organization. The retiring members are Amarjit Ghuman, Jack Klinkhamer, and Lucille Courchene. To those members whose names appear year after year thank you for your longevity. It brings history and continuity to the Board's decisions.

This is a unique organization providing a specialized service to very deserving and valuable members of our society, children with special needs. We, as a Board continue to be committed to the mission of the Centre even as outside forces buffet us. The coming year shows all the signs of being another challenging one. As a Board we will work to refocus energies within the Centre with a particular emphasis on a renewal of joint long-term and short-term planning. We will continue to work in conjunction with the staff to help them provide a special *Place for Kids* and their families.

Marilyn Watts, President  
Lower Fraser Valley Cerebral Palsy Association

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## Executive Director - Ian Moody

Like the past number of years, this year has been a time of considerable change. Unlike other years the outcome of change is less predictable. With the development of a new Ministry for Children and Families, there is a consolidation of a number of different elements of service for children that previously were distinct and apart. How the new system will eventually turn out has yet to be determined. It has required significant resource and involved representation of our agency at the local, regional and provincial levels to help guide the development of the new system. This is to ensure that the vital services to the vulnerable populations we serve not only continue to exist, but hopefully can be expanded and better integrated.

It has been a time-consuming experience. However, we appreciate the opportunity to sit with Ministry personnel and help in the evolutionary process. It is a welcome step and is forging new relationships between the Ministry and our agency. This new partnership with the Ministry will be of significance in the future range of services which the Centre will be able to offer.

Again we have been the recipients of many donations both large and small. We have been able to go that extra mile with this continuing help and with support from our volunteers. The Association is well served by a very committed Board of Directors and a very dedicated team of staff members who provide services in such a professional and caring way. We are indeed blessed. Without each of these resources we would not be able to deliver the services we do. Thank you one and all.

## Medical Director - Dr. Mervyn Weir

Referrals of children with developmental disabilities continues at the same rate as in the past four years. In 1996 - 1997, 114 new children were seen. Of these, more than half were brought into the Centre's treatment program. The others were referred to other agencies or were followed here if their difficulties were resolving spontaneously. Follow up consultations are done with many of the children who are attending the Centre. As well a medical assessment is part of the Eating Skills Team involvement with children who have feeding difficulties. Liaison with Sunny Hill Feeding Resource Team continues and this relationship works well.

The valued orthopedic input from Dr. R. Beauchamp and now Dr. C. Reilly continues with regular clinics held at South Fraser Child Development Centre (SFCDC). Parents, therapists and children all benefit from the care and knowledge available at these clinics.

SFCDC continues to be committed to skilled and caring service to children with disabilities and their families.

### *Board of Directors 1996-1997*

*Pattie Carmichael  
Garry Cousins  
Dave Goodwin  
Anoop Khosla  
Dawn Proudlove  
Bill Symons  
Jenny Taylor  
Marilyn Watts  
Eve Wood*

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*Lucille Courchene  
Amarjit Ghuman  
Jack Klinkhamer*

### *Officers as of March 31, 1997*

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President*

*Dave Goodwin  
Past President*

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## Donations

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White Rock Peace Arch Monarch Lions*

## Financial Development

### Tom Markham - Director

In an effort to effectively maintain and improve the fundraising and stewardship programs, the Financial Development Department began the fiscal year by consulting the various segments of the Centre's community.

The process began with a market planning and feasibility study. A number of personal interviews with a cross section of the Centre's constituency took place. Recommendations resulting from this process were presented to the Board of Directors in September, 1996. The report gave a good perspective of our strengths and weaknesses in relation to fundraising and a new direction for the financial development and stewardship programs. One of the recommendations from the study was to change the name of the Centre to better reflect *who we are and what we do*.

A *Coming Out Party* or name change event took place in October, 1996. Lloyd Craig, President and Chief Executive Officer of Surrey Metro Savings was master of ceremonies. Marilyn Watts, President of the Board of Directors of the Association announced the name change of the Centre. During this party the physiotherapy area was renamed the Variety Club Wing. This was in recognition of the over three million dollars the Variety Club has contributed to the Centre over the past twenty five years.

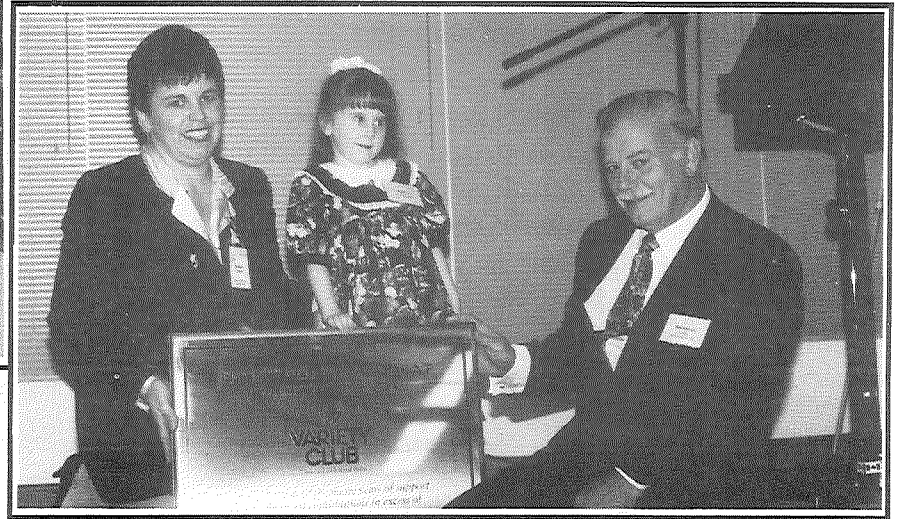
The study also recommended that the Centre needs to pursue personal means of communicating with its constituents. After the name changed, most of the service clubs in the Centre's catchment area hosted a speaker to present the Centre to the meetings. Keeping in touch with the Centre's diverse constituency is assisted by the publication of the quarterly newspaper *A Place for Kids*.

Grant Waddell a professional photographer from Vancouver donated two days of his time taking pictures of children attending the Centre. The resulting photographs are both moving and exceptional in quality - putting faces as well as words into the description of the Centre.

Government contracts continue to provide almost two-thirds of the funding the Centre receives; the other third is raised



*The Honourable Penny Priddy, Minister for Children and Families (left) recognizing long term volunteer and former Board Member, Norm Sherritt at the name change ceremony.*



*Marilyn Watts, and Kaileen, presenting a plaque to Variety Club Chief Barker, Bob Stewart, during the name change ceremony.*

through donation and fees. The United Way of the Lower Mainland is the largest private sector donor to the Centre and the Centre lends its support to the United Way's annual campaign. Nesbitt Burns and *The Peace Arch News* helped develop and promote a most successful and original fundraising program - *Care Shares for Kids*. The program dramatically beat its financial goal and introduced many new investors.

The tenth annual slide-a-thon organized by a volunteer parents' committee was most successful. It took place on a beautiful sunny day at Splashdown Water Park in Tsawwassen. Applause and appreciation go out to this group of dedicated parents - Avril Cawthra, Shelley Gendron, Marie Richardson, Barb Harteveld, Marg Hewett, Minnie Stanton-Linder.

For the second year in a row the South Fraser Child Development Centre was the featured charity at the annual Cloverdale Rodeo. The Centre operated a wheelchair obstacle course allowing the public to experience what it is like moving around in a wheelchair and encountering every day obstacles. The event was successfully coordinated by therapist John Cumberbirch on a creative course designed by Occupational Therapy Director Mary-Ann Snell. A special publication entitled *Points to Ponder* was developed and distributed at the event to promote a better understanding of accessibility issues. Course participants were given a certificate for successfully navigating the course. Other Centre staff who provided leadership to the event included Judit Spence, John Maddalozzo, Lori Anderson, Art Newsham, Glen Franklyn and Linda O'Donovan. Special thanks to General Paints for their kind donation to the construction of the course. Another part of the Centre's activities at the rodeo was the dunk tank which featured John Cumberbirch and Tom Markham as the main participants.

On a sad note, the Centre closed its Cloverdale thrift shop because of insufficient financial returns. A special thank you to all the volunteers who staffed the shop.

The Langley bingo continues its operations with the continued support of volunteer Eunice Sawatsky. In the coming year the bingo hall will expand to two floors and the Centre will be expected to provide two volunteers for each bingo session.



## Programs

Administration Department  
Susan Lamey - Office Manager

The Administration Department provides a wide range of support services to over 80 people who work at the Centre. At the centre of this department is reception or front desk which must keep track of the comings and goings, phone calls and messages for everyone who uses the building including parents and visitors.

The Administration Department is staffed by eight dedicated and highly skilled staff members - each of whom bring their own special talents to the department. The length of service of these staff members speak highly of their commitment to the Centre and the people it serves. Many changes in the Administration Department have taken place over the last year. The most notable has been the set up and installation of the first phase of the Centre-wide local area network. The network has given the department the ability to share information on a larger scale, provide administration staff with access to common report templates, and access to reports or documents typed by others for updating and editing.

The second phase of the network installation will begin in late September. It will include networking the accounting and financial development offices to the main server. Computers and network access will be provided for all department managers.

As more initiatives are developed in the department combined with the increase in workload space planning becomes more of an issue. During the next year, the department will be looking at ideas and hopefully implementing some of them that will allow the department to use the space allotted in a more functional and efficient manner.

As programs and delivery of services change within the Centre, so do the services provided by the Administration Department that support the Centre as a whole. This is one of the many reasons that makes the department so dynamic. All staff in the department are committed to supporting the clients, families and staff of the Centre and look forward to another challenging year.

## Communication Therapy Marie Bremner - Director

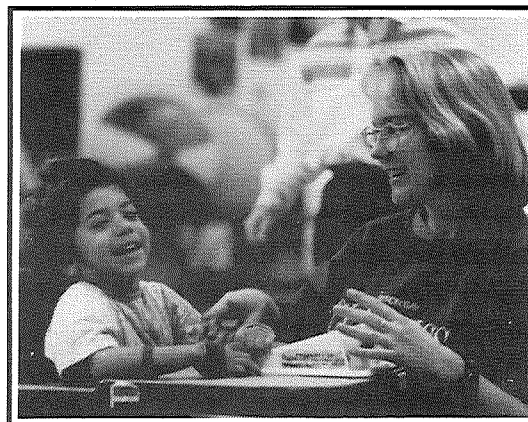


Photo by Grant Waddell

*Shadia with Janelle Sampson, Speech-Language Pathologist*

This year we added variety to the range of programs offered through our department.

- Additional services to children at Lookout preschool were provided through the Language Enhancement Program.
- Presenters from outside of our Centre were brought in for a six session sign language course and four sessions with a nutritionist. A total of 73 people attended these presentations.
- In January 1997, the Hanen Parent Program provided training to the parents of 12 children.
- Information on speech and language development and feeding young children was provided to groups of parents by our speech-language pathologists.
- Direct therapy and consultation with parents continues to be the major service provided.

In response to changes initiated by the government ministries that the department works with, members of the department have been involved with local committees for supported child care and a regional task group on speech services. Members also served as clinical instructors for a UBC speech pathology student who was here for a six week placement. Thanks to the Foundation Staff Development Fund, members of the department attended courses on computers and augmentative communication. Thank you to all those donors whose support has helped us maintain equipment, the assessment and therapy programs.

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## Family Services

Carolyn Marshall - Director

This past year has been full of changes and new directions for the Family Services Department. It has been a year of evaluation and planning by the department in an effort to re-design the services to be more family centered and more efficient.

Individual and family counselling, as well as advocacy on behalf of client families, continued to be a huge part of the service provision over the past year. Other direct services provided were:

- a summer respite program
- the parents' library
- parent education seminars
- an expanded parent resource system
- child minding services while families attend the Centre

The Family Services staff continued to facilitate three weekly parent support groups, a monthly grandparents' group, a siblings' group, and a monthly Indo-Canadian mothers' group. The parent support groups, in particular, have long been valued by those who attend as a crucial support network for parents to help each other.

The Special Skills Program provides in-home education and support for parents whose children attend the Centre. The parent support workers in this program help parents develop essential skills in child care and behaviour management that are specific to raising a child with special needs. This past year, the Special Skills Program expanded to provide a wider range of services to even more families in our community. With a referral from the Ministry for Children and Families, parents of children with mental handicaps are now offered a variety of support services through the Special Skills Program.

All in all, a year of change, continued service, and moving forward. In the year ahead, Family Services will continue to strive to provide service to families that is family centered, culturally responsive and community focused.

## Occupational Therapy

Mary-Ann Snell - Director

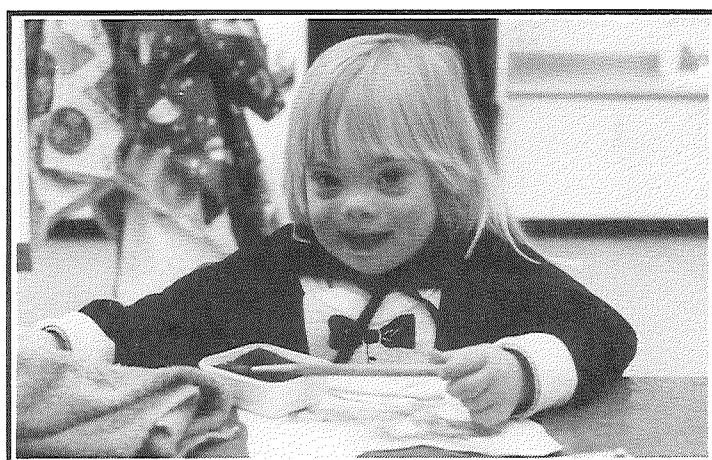
The Occupational Therapy Department continues to provide Centre, home and school based services as well as outreach services to ARCUS (formerly Rainbow Ridge). The speciality teams have steadily developed and increased their expertise and scope.

Again this year, the occupational therapists have presented at many conferences and workshops. The emphasis of these presentations has been transporting children with special needs, eating skills, fine motor skills and handwriting.

Participation in PICRAC (Pacific Infant Child Restraint Advisory Committee) has increased the Centre's role and recognition as a Canadian resource for information and expertise on transporting children with special needs, both in car seats and in wheelchairs. The Centre's international profile is also developing.

Generous donations have made possible improvements and increases to the Centre's toy and equipment loan program as well as that of the department.

The Occupational Therapy Department will continue to develop innovative service delivery modes to meet the needs of the children and their families.



*Jennifer painting in Preschool.*



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**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Members of  
**LOWER FRASER VALLEY CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION**

I have audited the balance sheet of the Lower Fraser Valley Cerebral Palsy Association as at March 31, 1997 and the statement of capital surplus, statement of operations and deficit and the statement of changes in cash resources for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Association's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

Except as explained in the following paragraph, I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In common with many charitable organizations, the Association derives revenue from donations and fund-raising, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, my verification of these receipts was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Association and I was not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to donations or fundraising receipts, excess of revenue over expenses, assets and surplus.

In my opinion, except for the audit of the revenues noted above for donations and fundraising, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at March 31, 1997, and the results of its operations and changes in its cash resources for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles as explained in Note 1 to the financial statements. As required by the Society Act of British Columbia, I report that, in my opinion, these principles have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

LOWER & EDWARDS

Melvin M. Edwards  
Certified General Accountant

Langley, B.C.  
June 26, 1997



# Lower & Edwards

Statement 1

LOWER FRASER VALLEY CEREBRAL  
PALSY ASSOCIATION  
BALANCE SHEET  
MARCH 31, 1997

ASSETS		1997	1996
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>CURRENT</b>			
Cash		\$287,452	\$623,381
Term deposit		251,460	98,257
Accounts receivable		276,962	185,271
Prepaid expenses		5,805	5,921
		<u>821,679</u>	<u>912,830</u>
CAPITAL (Note 2)		<u>2,610,340</u>	<u>2,776,918</u>
		<u><u>\$3,432,019</u></u>	<u><u>\$3,689,748</u></u>
LIABILITIES			
<b>CURRENT</b>			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		\$601,168	\$613,054
Deferred revenue		51,482	750
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 3)		10,618	9,333
		<u>663,268</u>	<u>623,137</u>
LONG-TERM DEBT (Note 3)		<u>394,846</u>	<u>450,561</u>
CAPITAL GRANTS			
DEFERRED CAPITAL GRANTS		<u>1,024,851</u>	<u>1,093,198</u>
FUNDED RESERVE			
REPLACEMENT RESERVE (Note 4)		<u>31,967</u>	<u>34,175</u>
SURPLUS			
Capital		1,422,338	1,566,967
Operating deficit		(158,251)	(113,290)
Building replacement fund (Note 5)		53,000	35,000
		<u>1,317,087</u>	<u>1,488,677</u>
		<u><u>\$3,432,019</u></u>	<u><u>\$3,689,748</u></u>

Approved by the Directors:

W. D. Symons Director

Marilyn Neil Watts Director

# L FVCPA Programs . . . continued

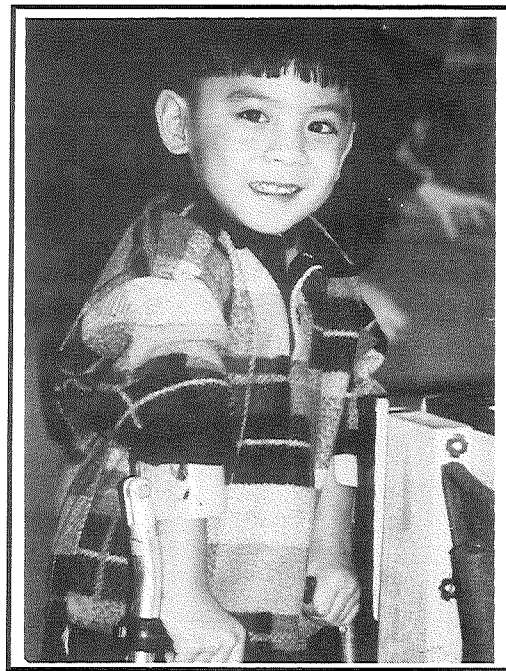
## Physiotherapy Judith Spence - Director

*All the right moves* was the theme for National Physiotherapy week in April, 1996 and clearly stated the aim of the Physiotherapy Department at South Fraser Child Development Centre (SFCDC). Every therapist strives to assist children to learn *all the right moves* in order to reach their maximum potential and at the same time teach parents *all the right moves* so that they can effectively assist their child while protecting their own health. This is the team work that leads to successes in the families' lives.

The Early Intervention Program continues to work closely with Rowan Kimball and Chris Smerdon, Surrey and Delta school consultants. The casting and splinting program continues to improve under the guidance of Sandy Armitage and Sandra Kudar along with the invaluable assistance provided by Linda Wieler. Thank you to Karen Edwards for sharing her knowledge and experience in the area of upper extremity work. The equipment team with Dianne Aikman continues to provide a high quality service to families and therapists in the selection of appropriate seating and mobility equipment and in home consultation. The Lookout Preschool physiotherapy program continues to be ably managed by Annette Galbraith.

Chris Smerdon, physiotherapist, Sharon Montgomery, occupational therapist, and Glen Franklyn, technician, assisted the ARCUS group (formerly known as Rainbow Ridge) to complete the successful transition from a single large facility to smaller co-located homes and they continue to provide consultation services. Thanks to Sandy Armitage for her cooperation in taking up the slack during an unprecedented vacancy and thanks to the parents for their kind understanding. In January, Dr. Chris Reilly was welcomed as a second orthopaedic consultant. Thank you to Dr. Reilly and Dr. Richard Beauchamp for their time and talent.

Therapists continue to provide a variety of opportunities and options for meeting therapeutic goals. During the past year this included the popular hippotherapy



*Calvin walking with his forearm crutches*

program with the kind assistance of the Pacific Riding for the Disabled Association; adapted karate program; summer programs of t-ball; half day camp and skating. The dance program started two years ago also continues to be popular.

The Centre enjoys a good reputation in the local community as well as in the professional community throughout the province. A close liaison is maintained with the University of BC, School of Rehabilitation Sciences. This is done by accepting students (from BC, the rest of Canada, and international students) for clinical placement and by participating on the admissions committee, interview teams and in the clinical review program. Chris Smerdon has served as a member of the Physiotherapy Association of BC's publicity committee. John Cumberbirch continues to work as a classifier for cerebral palsy sports. The Centre has representation on both the BC Paediatric Physiotherapist Supervisors' Group and the joint physiotherapy, occupational therapy supervisors group. Judith Spence was invited to present as a panel member at the 1996 Canadian Physiotherapy Association congress on the topic of *Retention and Motivation of Staff*. Additionally staff act as mentors on a regular basis for other paediatric therapists from around the province.

Thank you to the volunteers who have continued to play an important role in the department.

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## Psychology Department Dr. Glen Davies

The 1996-1997 year was in many respects business as usual for the Psychology Department. The three core programs were all busy and operating at levels equivalent to or slightly more than last year. Within the South Fraser Child Development Centre (SFCDC) psychology program, referrals were for varied reasons and the children ranged from toddlers to late teens. The trend for fewer assessments continued and was replaced by more referrals for counselling and consultation. The community outreach program provides consultation to preschools and daycares in Surrey who have children with special needs attending. The trend towards more general educational sessions rather than child specific consultations has continued. Contributing to this trend is that more options for support are now available through the supported child care initiative. The major change in the parent outreach program has been the volume of referrals.

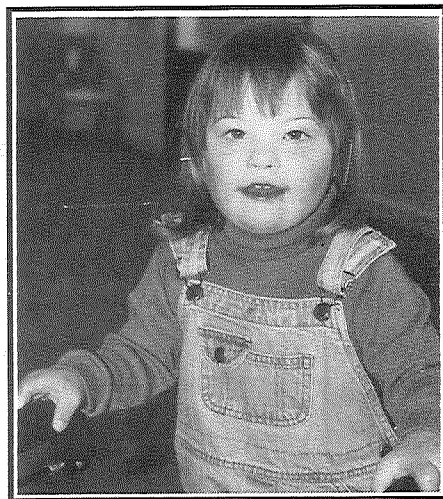
Ron, Brian and I have continued to be recognized as experts with children with disabilities. For me this recognition culminated in being asked to serve on a provincial Ministry of Education committee to develop resource materials for teachers on attention deficit disorders. For Brian this recognition led to being invited to present at major conferences on children with disabilities. For Ron this led to his participation on a provincial committee to develop resource materials on behaviour management as part of the supported child care initiative. Participation in the research project of healthy social development of children with cerebral palsy concluded during the year. Although this research was an exciting opportunity to collaborate with Sunny Hill Health Centre and contribute to our knowledge base, its conclusion is also welcome in that it permits me to return to my regular duties at full capacity.

## Parent Advisory Committee Karen Fitzpatrick - Member

The newly formed Parent Advisory Committee's first major project is nearing completion. The project was distribution and analysis of a questionnaire designed by McMaster University. The questionnaire was sent to all families who are clients of South Fraser Child Development and all service providers of the Centre. The goal was to determine if the delivery of services at the Centre reflect the philosophies and principles of family centred care. The formal, written report of the analysis will be available in September 1997.

Since this committee began, its role has expanded to become a communication link between families and the Centre and the Association's Board of Directors. The committee is able to problem solve specific issues, as well as forward recommendations to the Centre's Family Centered Care Committee. The Parent Advisory Committee acts as a sounding board when the Family Centered Care Committee wants parent input on development of ideas regarding service delivery. Parents have a valuable role in planning and ensuring the continuity of family centered delivery of services. The Parent Advisory Committee welcomes and appreciates input and feedback from families.

Past and present committee members include Mina Sall, Barb Hartevelde, Marie Richardson, Karen Fitzpatrick and Wendy Lamarre.



*Sierra "lookout world here I come"*

# L FVCPA } Preschools

South Fraser Child Development Centre  
Karen Whitelock - Director

This year the South Fraser Child Development Centre (SFCDC) Preschool was able to expand the half time supported child care position to a full time position. This process has been very successful giving the support to our families, children, community preschools, and day care centres.

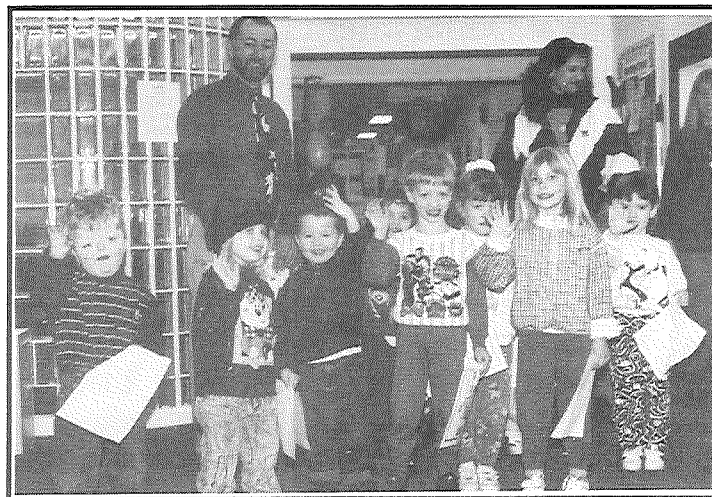
All the preschool staff at South Fraser believe in the five principles of supported child care - inclusion, family centered care, a community based service delivery model, individual program planning, and a shared responsibility. These principles are what gives our families in Surrey and White Rock the best care for their children.

Throughout the year, as early childhood educators, the staff of the preschool have attended seminars, courses, workshops and the annual BC Early Childhood Education Conference. Several staff members participated on committees at the local community level and the provincial level representing the early childhood educators from the Centre.

On an annual basis, the preschool sponsored events and had special guests over the school term - Orientation night, preschool Open House, Pumpkin Carving night, preschool Christmas Party with special guest Charlotte Diamond, Man of Your Life night, Summer Fun night, CKNW picnic, and the preschool family picnic with special guest Ronald McDonald.

The preschool provides tour opportunities for visitors of the Centre. Opportunities are also provided to students for observation, practicum placements from the local colleges and universities, and job experience. In March 1997 a special group of early childhood education students from Japan visited the preschool and the Centre.

Preschool is looking forward to another year of continued support for all our families and children.



*Preschool Annual Walk-a-Thon, March 1997*

Lookout  
Tracy Kugi - Director

This year was the first time the new language enhancement program was available at Lookout. This program was originally implemented to give children with speech or language needs who were not receiving any speech or language therapy some small group time to develop their skills. Throughout the year many changes were made to the group - adding new ideas, deleting things that did not work. Overall, the staff were pleased with the progress the program made and are planning to move ahead with the program again in the fall. Thank you to Marie Bremner, Director of Communication Therapy at South Fraser Child Development Centre (SFCDC) for her support of this program.

This year Lookout was able to accommodate more children with special needs than ever before. Spaces were provided for eighteen children in fifteen government funded spaces as well as to some children who remained in a typical placement and received services.

The school year ended with an occupational therapy workshop. Topics included - what is normal fine motor development and what is cause for concern. Staff found this an interesting workshop and hope to work on *Partnership in Occupational Therapy* with a therapist from South Fraser Child Development Centre.

## Volunteers

### A Lower Fraser Valley Cerebral Palsy Association Volunteer - Our Recipe

Take one individual who wants to make a difference; combine with an appreciation for the special needs of children and respect for differences in style, temperament, culture, religion, beliefs and values; add liberal doses of warmth, patience, tact, and common sense; provide some orientation and training, then mix in flexibility, dependability, realistic expectations and a wonderful sense of caring and there you have it . . . an individual ready to serve!

And service is what all our volunteers provide. Whether in a thrift store, on the Board of Directors, in the pool, at a bingo hall, on a committee, down in the loan cupboard or around the Centre. Each one of the following individuals has made a difference that matters.

Gerry Anderson	Brenda Henley
Lezlie Anderson	Julie Hennessy
Sarbjit Bamrah	Lisa Hynninen
Eloise Bodaly	Tom Itter
Jasbir Bola	Anita Kapralik
Teresa Bridgeman	Chris Kapralik
Eileen Burgen	Anoop Khosla
Ashley Burnham	Ronald Kinghorn
Cathy Cantelon	Jack Klinkhamer
Pattie Carmichael	Marsalie Lowenberger
Avril Cawthra	Bill Lush
Tracey Chan	Julie Markham
Anna Courchene	Lori Montgomery
Lucille Courchene	Ron Moore
Garry Cousins	Pat McCarthy
Heather Creagh	Diane Nimmo
John Cumberbirch	Jennifer Nowak
Bruce deBruyn	Dawn Proudlove
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