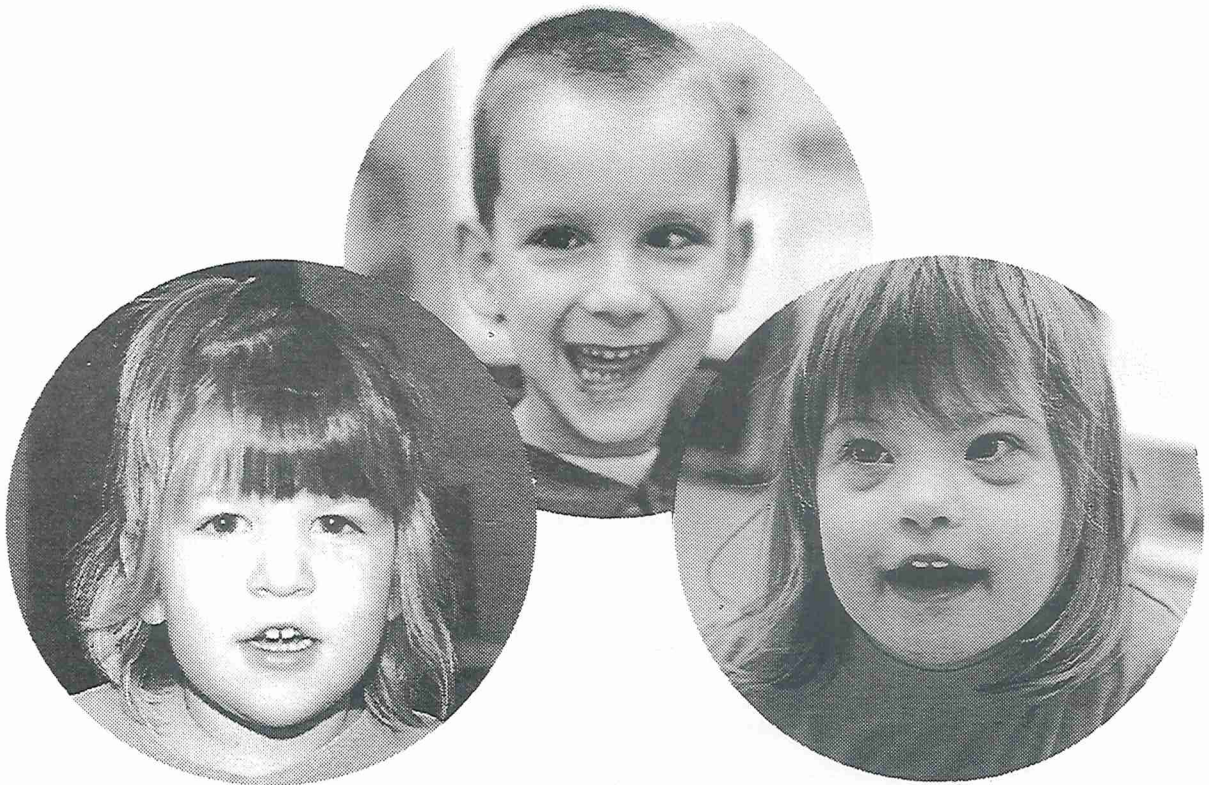




Lower Fraser Valley Cerebral Palsy Association

operators of:

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



45th Annual Report
1997 - 1998

**President's Report -
Marilyn Watts**



Marilyn Watts, President

This past year has been a challenging one. Restructuring by the Ministry for Children and Families as well as the supported child care initiative were the overwhelming focus for the year. The process of lobbying, meeting, drafting and redrafting in order to position the South Fraser Child Development Centre as an agency for continued ministry support under restructuring was our direction. Survival of the centre depended on it.

Through this process, time and energy for reflection, solving of issues and long-range planning was limited. The focus of restructuring seemed to alter with the prevailing wind from Victoria. It was a year of *hurry up, hurry up, hurry up . . . and wait* as the ministry required information or answers quickly and then took time in replying.

A huge effort by staff, management, parents and the board was involved in writing the proposal submitted to the Ministry for Children and Families. We wanted to maintain all current programs given to current clients and their families and yet satisfy the ministry that we were going to do this in a streamlined, seamless and cost-effective fashion. The team cannot be thanked enough. The effort was more successful than we anticipated – and we became the special needs agency for Surrey, Delta and Langley. This was an *all or nothing* offer and so we began the planning to integrate smoothly all the programs new to us with all their services, staff and clients – a monumental task.

A new minister, Lois Boone was appointed at this time and all the effort was put in suspended animation as the new minister called for an evaluation of restructuring. We remain in a *wait* mode for the results of this evaluation at the time of this writing.

However, all in this process is not lost. Great parts of the time and energy may not be part of the final ministry solution, but we have learned from each other as partners in the process and we will continue to move South Fraser Child Development Centre forward in the necessary directions to keep programs for our clients.

Staff members have worked endless hours under anxious conditions during this year and for their efforts the board wishes to thank them. The management has endured long hours with the ministry and communicated back to the staff and board information that at times was not easy to convey. Board members have spent long evenings in meetings trying to sort out the latest edict from the ministry and the regional operating officer. It's been a long year of *hurry up and wait*.

I thank all board members for their time, efforts and patience. As a board, we thank management, staff, volunteers and clients/families for their efforts in keeping the centre operating with its high quality service while meeting to give input to the restructuring effort.

Goals for the coming year include smoother decision-making, long-range planning for the future of the centre, providing for a wider mandate of children while maintaining family-centered care, and helping to gather the necessary resources to keep the programs all funded. Our clients and their families are the reason **WHY** – we work to sort out the **HOW**.

**Executive Director's Report -
Ian Moody**

The past year has been a memorable one for our organization and for me personally. The creation of the new Ministry for Children and Families meant that 70 percent of my year was spent in meetings with ministry staff at local and provincial level which detracted from my availability to address other issues and be as available as I would have liked in the centre. Special thanks to John Maddalozzo for his support and advice over and above the call of duty in keeping things running at a critical time and in dealing with a wide variety of issues. My thanks also go out to the rest of the staff who despite the intrusions to get specific information or develop ideas, continued with their usual great dedication in the provision of services to children and families without interruption. There was a real feeling of ownership in the development of a response to the ministry's request for proposal for special needs services under their proposed re-organization. In particular, the members of the management team, the staff in administration who typed the proposals, the parents and board members who provided input and participated in the process are all commended for a tremendous effort which resulted in our designation for service provision to children with special needs for the whole of the South Fraser region.

Throughout the year as we moved into providing outreach supported child care services, we continued to have concerns about the ministry's perspective on the continued funding for our preschools. We have continued to take the position that the existing option for parents of children with special needs to enrol their child in integrated specialized preschools like Lookout and the one at the centre should not be taken away, and that those preschools continue to provide much needed support for children in our communities.

We continue to review our internal systems of operation and look forward to the opportunity to be of service to a greater number of children in the near future. In order to do this we need the support of government and the community. We appreciate the recognition given us through the funding from the Ministry for Children and Families and the Ministry of Health as well as the very significant support from the United Way, BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities and the many other service clubs, private individuals and companies without whom we would be unable to provide such a wide range of services to so many special children. I would like to pay tribute to our board of directors who have had a challenging year but through the very able leadership of Marilyn Watts, have provided sound direction and decision making in ensuring a bright future for the association.

***Board of Directors
1997-1998***

*Pattie Carmichael
Garry Cousins
Anoop Khosla
Ken McBain
Brian Moist
Dawn Proudlove
Bill Symons
Jenny Taylor
Marilyn Watts
Eve Wood*

***Retiring Member
Dave Goodwin***

***Officers as of
March 31, 1998***

*Marilyn Watts
President*

*Bill Symons
Treasurer*

*Pattie Carmichael
Secretary*

*Barb Hartevelde
Member-at-Large*

Honorary Members

*Mr. J. Barr
Mr. C. Coutts
Mr. H. Cuthbertson
Mr. E. Edwards
Mrs. W. Fayers
Mrs. R. Hougen
Dr. H. Kennedy
Mr. S. Piskorik
Mr. N. Sherritt
Mrs. D. Skelton
Mr. M. Terrace*



Financial Development - Tom Markham, Carolyn Abel-Grad

South Fraser Child Development Centre launched its first annual fundraising campaign under its new name during the spring of 1996. Under the enthusiastic leadership of Duane Geddes, Lloyd Craig, Bruce Derbyshire and Anoop Khosla, fundraising materials were developed and numerous calls to service clubs and businesses were made. Their efforts resulted in over \$150,000 raised in operating funds and many pledges for future support.

The BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities led the way during the campaign with a five year, \$125,000 commitment to fund the centre's technical services workshop. A ceremony was held to rename the workshop The Ken Spratt Workshop, to honour both Ken Spratt, a pioneering volunteer and the Lions Society. The ceremony was attended by Mr. Spratt's widow, Doris; daughter Diane Lewis; and granddaughters Amy and Jackie; Bill Townsend, executive director, BC Lions Society; Marilyn Watts, board president; Anoop Khosla, board member; Ian Moody, executive director.

A three-year, \$30,000 commitment was made by the Rotary Club of Surrey-Guildford. This pace setting contribution was a precedent as the funds were earmarked for operating funds. Members of this Rotary Club have assisted in promoting the centre to other organizations in the community. Special thanks to Bruce Derbyshire, Brenda McEachern, Charlie Molnar and Yvonne Sutton.

The Royal Canadian Legion, Whalley Branch 229, made a \$10,000 contribution. This legion has been a long time supporter and especially to the hydrotherapy pool. Van Zor Grotto, the volunteer group that built the first centre and also long time supporters, gave a gift of \$10,000. Another historic supporter, the North Surrey Lions, presented the centre with the proceeds from their annual charitable golf tournament. Significant support was also received from the CKNW Orphans' Fund, the Canadian Airlines Employees Charitable Fund and The Vancouver Sun Children's Fund.

The Hoskins Family Festival of Lights was held again in their backyard during December, with the proceeds to the centre and the Spina Bifida Association of BC. Mother Nature did not co-operate as expected - nine nights were closed because of snow. Nevertheless, the event raised almost \$10,000!

The eleventh annual slide-a-thon took place in June at Splashdown Water Park in Tsawwassen. It was organized by a volunteer parents committee of Avril Cawthra, Shelly Gendron, Marie Richardson, Barb Hartevelde, Marg Hewett and Minnie Stanton-Linder and was a great success.

The preschool walk-a-thon raised an impressive \$8,000 which purchased additional apparatus for the playground.

The Frederickson family established the Ingrid Frederickson Endowment Fund through The Vancouver Foundation. This endowment provides funds to assist in underwriting treatment fees. The legacy of the fund ensures that all families will have equal access to the centre's services.

The Surrey Rotary Club once again hosted the annual children's Christmas party held at the Fleetwood Community Centre.

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.



Tom Markham Photos

The Ken Spratt Workshop. Pictured left to right, Ken's daughter Diane Lewis, granddaughter Amy, Mrs. Doris Spratt and granddaughter Jackie.



Yvonne Sutton, president Guildford/Surrey Rotary Club with four year old Shadia in preschool

Platinum Donors

B.C. Lions Society for Children with Disabilities
 CKNW Orphans' Fund
 Royal Canadian Legion, Whalley Branch 229
 Surrey-Guildford Rotary Club
 United Way of the Lower Mainland
 Van Zor Grotto
 The Vancouver Sun Children's Fund

Gold Donors

North Surrey Lions Club
 Ms. Doris K. Skelton
 Surrey Metro Savings
 TD Bank and Trust
 VanCity Savings
 Westminster Savings Credit Union
 Employees of the South Fraser Child
 Development Centre

Silver Donors

Fraser Valley Credit Union
 Pythian Cerebral Palsy Committee
 Royal Bank of Canada
 Surrey Rotary Club
 Surrey Square Wheelers

Bronze Donors

Delta Cedar Products Ltd.
 Delta Credit Union
 Elks Lodge Cloverdale #335
 Fraserway RV Centre Ltd.
 General Paints
 Knights of Columbus
 Marpole Richmond Sportsman Association
 North Delta Dogwood Lions
 North Delta Lions Club
 ReMax Performance Realty
 Royal Canadian Legion, Tsawwassen Branch 289
 Seaboard Advertising
 West Coast Reduction Ltd.
 White Rock-Peace Arch Monarch Lions



Administration Department - Susan Lamey

As with other departments of the centre, the administration department has had its share of changes this year. This year the centre's dedicated receptionist Jay Steer, decided to take early retirement. Jay had a warm word for each child and family that came through the door, and bundles of patience for staff of the centre. Linda O'Donovan has been with the centre for a number of years in the fund-raising department and decided that it was time for a change. Linda joined the department as the centre's receptionist.

The staff of the department, Jessie, Katrina, Lori, May-Lyn, Linda, Darlene, far exceeded their job requirements this past year. Long hours were dedicated to processing drafts, re-drafts, and final versions of the centre's responses to the Ministry for Children and Families' request for proposals. The dedication and commitment each member of the staff has to the centre was displayed in their willingness to respond cheerfully and efficiently to the tight timelines and numerous edits. It has truly been a pleasure to work with such dedicated people.

The second phase of the computer network system was installed. Phase two incorporated additional workstations for all department managers. Implementation was smoother than phase one, but learning how to use the system has not been as smooth for everyone. Phase three includes discussion on the feasibility of connecting to the outside world via the Internet.

On behalf of the staff of the department, thank you to all the clients, families and volunteers of the centre who provide us with inspiration.

Communication Therapy Department - Marie Bremner

The theme of the communication therapy department over the past year seems to have been learning to live with change. As director of the department, I have appreciated immensely the ability of my fellow speech-language pathologists to remain focussed, flexible and dedicated throughout a period of such uncertainty about the future.

The department has continued with many activities designed to build the abilities of others in the community to include children who are unable to speak or unable to speak clearly.

- In November 1997 a workshop on computers and young children was presented in conjunction with the occupational therapy department at the centre. It was very well received by therapists and teachers from across the province.
- As in past years, the department organized and supported an evening sign language class, attended by parents and early childhood educators from throughout the region.
- Staff from the department taught classes in speech and language disorders to childcare providers in Kwantlen College's supported child care program.
- Support to Lookout Preschool's language enhancement program was continued with evening education sessions for parents and evaluation of the skills children were learning.

Through the regional speech-language pathology task group, links with other service providers in the community were strengthened in an effort to improve coordination and reduce gaps in service.

Direct service to children and families in their homes, through preschools and daycares, and at the centre continues. No matter what changes with the funding ministries, success will still be measured by those moments when a child first talks on the phone to granma, when a child tells his first joke, and when a child takes their turn in preschool to tell other children their news at circle time.

Family Services - Carolyn Marshall

Throughout the past year the family services has continued to make sure that the department's services become more efficient and family centered. As with other departments it has been a year full of changes and new directions.

Service provision has remained consistent. The department continues to provide individual and family counselling, advocacy for centre clients, summer respite, parents library, education seminars, child minding services, and parent resources. Three weekly parent support groups continue, as well as a monthly grandparent's group, a sibling's group, a monthly Indo-Canadian mother's group. This year a father's support group was initiated and was received with much enthusiasm. The special skills program, which provides in-home education and support for parents whose children attend the centre, expanded this past year to provide a wider range of services to even more families.

This has been a year of change and of moving forward for all the staff of family services. Family services will continue to strive to provide services to families that is family centered, culturally responsive and community focussed.

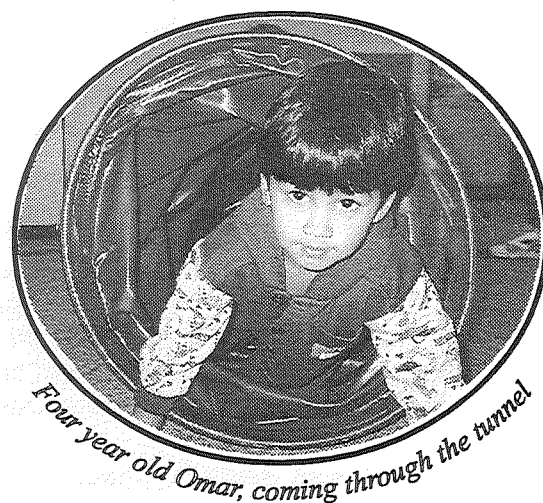


Tom Markham Photo

Gold donor, Mrs. Doris Skelton, is presented with flowers from the children in preschool at a recognition tea held in honour of her continuing support.

Lookout Preschool - Tracy Kugi

With ministry funding to the preschool changing, the preschool staff were faced with the challenge of redesigning the preschool program. These were difficult circumstances and the staff at Lookout are to be commended for maintaining their professionalism and integrity while working with the children and their families and for being innovative in continuing to keep the preschool operational.



In order to keep current in the field of early childhood education – several staff members attended various workshops hosted by the Temperament Project. Some staff also participated in *All About Aspergers* put on by the Autism Society of British Columbia.

Lookout Preschool was also able to provide four parent nights. Two parent evenings were presented by Marie Bremner on *Speech and Language Development* and *Talking with Books*. Two other evenings were presented by Dr. Jeanine Harper on *Managing Manageable Behaviour*. The language enhancement program is in its second year. The program continues to be a valuable and positive part of the preschool program.

Now that the funding is in place the staff at Lookout are looking forward to another year of working in partnership with the children, families and the community of Delta.



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AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of
LOWER FRASER VALLEY CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION,

I have audited the Statement of Financial Position of the Lower Fraser Valley Cerebral Palsy Association as at March 31, 1998 and the Statements of Changes in Net Assets, Operations and Cash Flows for the year then ended. These 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 fundraising, 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, 1998, 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 23, 1998

LOWER FRASER VALLEY CEREBRAL
PALSY ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
MARCH 31, 1998

ASSETS		
	1998	1997
CURRENT		
Cash	\$542,799	\$287,452
Term deposit	109,265	251,460
Accounts receivable	202,804	276,962
Prepaid expenses	13,294	5,805
	868,162	821,679
CAPITAL (Note 2)	2,363,530	2,610,340
	\$3,231,692	\$3,432,019
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$697,515	\$601,168
Deferred revenue	65,110	51,482
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 3)	5,356	10,618
	767,981	663,268
LONG-TERM DEBT (Note 3)	337,477	394,846
NET ASSETS		
Net assets invested in capital assets	1,065,191	1,211,149
Net assets externally restricted as a replacement reserve (Note 4)	26,408	31,967
Net assets internally restricted for Preschool reserve (Note 5)	63,500	53,000
Net assets internally restricted for Capital fund (Note 9)	1,195,698	1,171,586
Deficit in unrestricted net assets	(224,563)	(93,797)
	2,126,234	2,373,905
	3,231,692	3,432,019

Approved by the Directors:

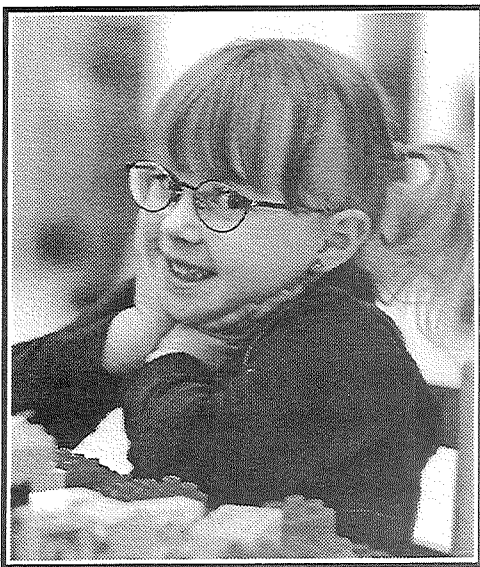
Marilyn Watts Director
W. D. Symon Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part
of these financial statements.

**Medical Department -
Dr. Mervyn Weir**

New referrals continue to be made to the centre at a rate of about 120 per year. Of these 48 percent have neuromotor abnormalities and are referred for South Fraser Child Development Centre based intervention. The others usually have developmental delays of a global type or other deviations from the usual developmental path. These children are referred for services such as supported child care and the parent outreach program. Many of the children seen initially are also seen for follow up to monitor progress, answer parent's questions or as part of an assessment of their eating and swallowing.

The orthopaedic clinics continue to be held here with two visiting orthopaedic surgeons. Their input is much appreciated by families and therapists – it contributes to co-ordinated and integrated care.



Grant Waddell Photo

Five year old Emily takes a moment to plan her next building project in preschool

**Occupational Therapy Department -
Mary-Ann Snell**

The occupational therapy department continues to provide services that are both centre-based and home or school-based. These programs provide services to children from Delta, Surrey and Langley. Outreach services have continued to Arcus, formally Rainbow Ridge, in Maple Ridge.

The speciality teams, which include the equipment team, eating skills team, upper limb splinting and casting team and computer and assistive technology, have continued to expand their knowledge, expertise and scope. The speciality teams have taken a leading role in all these areas and are considered provincial, national and international resources. In-services and workshops have been provided in a variety of areas to community groups, family groups, national and international conferences.

The continuing advances of the supported child care initiative have been changing the role and working location of the occupational therapists. More resources have been going directly into the community settings with education and workshops for preschool, daycare personnel and families.

The largest change in the department, for both the school-based therapy program as well as the early intervention program, has been the significant increase in the number of workshops and presentations that are being given at all levels – centre-based, community, provincial, national and international. As caseload demands increase and staffing levels continue to be the same, it has become increasingly more important and efficient to provide expertise through educational channels. As well, the increasing level of expertise in varying areas has promoted the occupational therapists at the centre as experts and much sought after for their knowledge.

The occupational therapy department continues to promote family centred services with the development and enhancement of independence, social and physical skills. Community resources and recreation activities provide support and transition to the community.

Parent Advisory Committee - Karen Fitzpatrick, Mina Sall, Barb Hartevelde

It has been a very busy and eventful year. As the parent advisory committee at South Fraser Child Development Centre, we could not have foreseen the demand on our time and resources that would be needed as the Ministry for Children and Families contract program restructuring initiative was started. As a result, the time frame for the completion of the Measure of Process of Care (MPOC) project was extended. The compilation and analysis of the MPOC questionnaire results have been completed. A report is now being prepared which includes a summary of the results and recommendations to South Fraser Child Development Centre from responses made by family and caregivers of the centre. These surveys have benchmarked the centre's performance prior to the ministry's restructuring and will provide the definition to measure performance in the future. Success could be determined by progress or output, but the true measure of success is in the opportunities that are provided for families and their children. The parent advisory committee is confident the results of this survey will demonstrate the value of family centered care.

Families who are clients of South Fraser Child Development Centre advocated strongly for the needs of families and their children during the contract program restructuring initiative of the Ministry for Children and Families. The parent advisory committee supported parent information meetings, participated in a provincial rally, petitions, letter writing and contacting the media. One of the major concerns of the ministry's initiative was that families were not being consulted throughout the process. After calls for the government to slow down and consult with clients and families, and conducting an independent review, the ministry cancelled the contract program restructuring. Congratulations are extended to Lois Boone, minister for the Ministry for Children and Families, for listening to families, initiating the review and acting on the findings of the

D.E. Allen report. However, families of South Fraser Child Development Centre remain reserved as the South Fraser region is still under review. The parent advisory committee will continue to support families and families must stand together and join their voices to guarantee the future for all children.

The parent advisory committee is expanding to be more representative of families of South Fraser Child Development Centre and input and feedback is welcomed.

John Maddalozzo photo



Slide-a-thon committee (left to right), Minnie Stanton-Linder, Marie Richardson, Shelley Gendron, Avril Cawthra, Sandra Succamore, Barb Hartevelde, Marj Hewett.



Tom Markham photo

Candy Hodson, editor of The Leader newspaper with four year old Jiwan in preschool

**Physiotherapy Department -
Judit Spence**

The 1997-98 year has been one of change for the department. A temporary good-bye was said to Dianne Aikman who was chosen by Dalhousie University, in Halifax to participate in a physiotherapy teaching project in Kuwait. She will be on a leave of absence for approximately three years. Welcomed in her place is Kim Warren, who has come from St. Vincent's hospital in Vancouver. Kim splits her time between the centre and the Surrey school district. Matthew Lee returned to the centre in September, replacing Christie Diamond who returned to Vancouver Island. Dr. Chris Reilly, orthopedic surgeon, has joined Dr. Beauchamp in delivering orthopaedic consultation services to clients at the centre.

Physiotherapy programs did not change significantly. Both preschools run by the association continued to receive on site physiotherapy services. The contract with Arcus continues, as does the highly successful hippotherapy program at Pacific Riding for the Disabled Association. In home consulting continues to grow and with it the travel time needed to visit clients in their homes. The average waiting time from referral to initial family planning meeting or consultation service has been two months. The physiotherapy wait list varied from seven to 21 children. School services continue on a consulting only basis with a record 132 new referrals and an average caseload per therapist of over 90 students.

The staff of the department spent a great deal of time discussing and planning for the inevitability of a more open mandate and the implications of the Ministry for Children and Families planned contract program restructuring. I wish to extend my appreciation to all the staff of the physiotherapy department for their support in adjusting their workloads to allow me to participate fully in the necessary meetings. Even though restructuring did not come to pass, the discussions that took place forced an evaluation on how services are delivered and how improvements and changes can be made to meet growing demands.

**South Fraser Child Development Centre
Preschool - Karen Whitelock**



Annual childrens christmas party hosted by Surrey Rotary Club, Van Zor Grotto and North Surrey Lions held at Fleetwood Community Centre in Newton.

South Fraser Child Development Centre Preschool is making a difference in the community by providing support and choices for families of Surrey and White Rock. The preschool provides a centre-based program and community-based support for all children who require extra assistance.

Supported child care is here to stay and the preschool staff believe in the five main principles – inclusion, family centered care, community-based service delivery, individual program planning and a shared responsibility. These principles are what give families in Surrey and White Rock the best care for their child.

The preschool staff play an active role in organizing and participating in the annual professional BC Early Childhood Education Conference. Many staff sit on local community and provincial committees representing the preschool profession and the centre.

The preschool annually sponsors events which give families an opportunity to be part of the preschool and play a role in their child's preschool years. Special

guests at some of the events this past year were Charlotte Diamond at the Christmas party, and Ronald MacDonald at the year end family picnic.

Throughout the year the preschool provides community university colleges and high schools a place for practicum and job placement students to gain experience. Again, this year a group of early childhood educators from Japan visited the centre.

The staff at South Fraser Child Development Centre Preschool are looking forward to expanding services to the community supported child care program – giving more families and children choices.

Psychology Department - Dr. Glen Davies

This year has been an exciting one within the centre and within the psychology department. The biggest event of the year, clearly has been the Ministry for Children and Families initiative to restructure all of their contracted services. This led to a year of great anxiety about the future, a tremendous amount of teamwork to pull together an excellent proposal and ultimately the news that the agency was designated as the special needs agency for all children with special needs in Langley, Surrey, and Delta. This designation was a strong vote of confidence in the organization and there was a strong sense of satisfaction even though restructuring has since been put on hold.

Within the psychology department there have been changes as well. Dr. Jeanine Harper has joined the department. Jeanine has extensive experience with children with neuromotor and other developmental challenges through her work with Sunnyhill Health Centre for Children. She brings to the department new expertise and enthusiasm that have already have a positive impact. For the coming year, Jeanine will be taking over our community outreach program. This program provides consultation services to preschools and daycares in the community. This change allows Ron



Schmidt, the senior staff psychologist, to dedicate his time to the very successful parent outreach program. This home-based consultation service to parents with special needs children has been in high demand. It has been evaluated positively by both the parents and the referring agencies.

As in other years the department has been recognized for expertise in developmental problems. This recognition has led to several professional advisory positions with organizations representing children with disabilities and numerous requests for workshops and presentations. The department has been asked to provide input to the government in a variety of ways. For example, I was requested to serve on the committee that drafted the resource guide for teachers on attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder. It is now in all the schools in the province. Ron was asked to contribute to the behaviour management module, which became part of the provincial supported child care initiative.

**Volunteers -
Making a difference that matters . . .**

The South Fraser Child Development Centre wishes to extend its appreciation and thanks to those people who have given so selflessly over the past year and contributed their time and efforts to the centre. Whether it has been serving on the board of directors, on a committee, at a bingo hall, with the loan program, or fundraising - these volunteers *make a difference that matters* in the lives of children in our community.

On behalf of the children, their families, and the staff, thank you for the difference each of you has made this year.

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| Henry Aldridge | Wendy Lemarre |
| Gerry Anderson | Nancy Loree |
| Rita Assion | Marsalie Lowenberger |
| Nova Bannatyne-Eng | Ken McBain |
| Donata Basile | Brian Moist |
| Eloise Bodaly | Ron Moor |
| Cecile Bosard | Louise Ouellette |
| Tracy Brady | Dawn Proudlove |
| Andrea Canton | Judi Reid |
| Pattie Carmichael | Marie Richardson |
| Avril Cawthra | Denise Roberts |
| Garry Cousins | Sharon Ross |
| Maria Crossan | Mina Sall |
| Karen Edwards | Eunice Sawatsky |
| Karen Fitzpatrick | Bonnie Selig |
| Mary Fulton | Cathy Smith |
| D'Wayne Fulton | Minnie Stanton-Linder |
| Shelly Gendron | Nicole Stevenson |
| Dave Goodwin | Sandra Succamore |
| Barb Hartevelde | Bill Symons |
| Marj Hewett | Jenny Taylor |
| Anita Kapralik | Marilyn Watts |
| Chrissie Kapralik | Brenda Whitehouse |
| Anoop Khosla | Eve Wood |
| Ron Kinghorn | Jerry Wood |
| Ron Koyanagi | Leticia Zepedeo |
| Karen LaForge | Carter Zygmunt |

**Recreation Services -
Heidi Wagner**



South Fraser Stingrays, swim, boccia and track team

The recreation services department has again had a very active year. The specialized aquatic facility and equipment provides a range of services to clients and families as well as to others in the community.

Approximately 350 - 400 adults and children access the pool each week in a variety of aquatic programs. Staff of the centre provide an average of 50 individuals with adapted water safety and hydrotherapy instruction. Consultation to special needs school groups is also provided throughout the school year. The Surrey chapter of Learning Disabilities Association of BC continues to run the successful Aqua Percept program. Aquaventures offers an excellent learn to swim program in the evenings and on Saturdays.

The centre's team, *South Fraser Stingrays*, participated in the BC Games for Athletes with a Disability in a variety of areas - swimming, boccia to name a few - and were rewarded with medals of gold and silver being won.



Support Services - John Maddalozzo

Housekeeping and Maintenance:

With the centre starting to show signs of aging and the volume of people using the building for a variety of purposes increasing – Allister Riley, Allen Zwez-Lopez, Nova Bannatyne-Eng, and Christa Frizzi, have done an excellent job in keeping the inside of the centre both cleaned and well maintained. Whether it is Allister servicing the pool filtration system; Christa keeping the staff room clean and tidy and ready to use; Nova preparing the board room for a meeting; or Allen washing and vacuuming floors, their efforts add up to a job well done and appreciated by all.

Technical Services:

One of the highlights for technical services during the past year was the filming of a documentary on one of our technicians, Art Newsham. Art and the centre were featured in a documentary that was produced in cooperation with the Interfaith Broadcasting Commission for ABC Television, which aired on October 19, 1997.

In a cover story for *The Leader*, Sheila Reynolds wrote:

Down in the cool basement, there is genuine warmth. That's where Art and two other technicians manufacture and adapt equipment and toys for hundreds of special needs children . . . Whether it's a tricycle or a wheelchair, equipment is converted to suit individual needs. A stroller can be rigged so that a child with little upper body strength can sit upright safely and comfortably, or a wheelchair adapted for an individual who can only use one arm. Even the toys are fitted with large buttons and toggles so those with weak motor skills can play independently. Every item is specialized and it's often a challenge to come up with mechanical solutions . . .

Under the direction and guidance of senior technician, Glen Franklyn, technical services continues to provide a much needed, valued and appreciated service. Together - Glen, Art and workshop assistant Len Northrup – get the job done.

Residential Services - Claudia Mellis

The three adult group homes in operation include Bear Creek Villa, Guildford Glen, and Newton Place.

Highlights of the year for residents include a trip to Edmonton Mall, a series of ministry approvals on necessary equipment requests and home updating including painting, wallpapering and new furnishings.

The Ministry for Children and Families restructuring process would have meant a service provider for Newton Place. Families of residents had begun meeting with selected agencies to select the agency of choice. Since then the full review of the contract program review has put this process on hold – and look forward to continuing to operating Newton Place.



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